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TRINITY TO TAKE THREE HUNGARIANS

Board Offers to Help

At a meeting of the Board last week, it was decided that Trinity should officially join the number of those universities who are helping Hungarian refugees. Trinity will offer free tuition and board to three Hungarian students. The Board has made no stipulations as to the type of student they want. The task of finding suitable people will be left entirely to the Irish Red Cross.

The Board's resolution is in keeping with many similar offers made by Universities all over the British Isles. In Great Britain, arrangements have been made for some 200 refugee students to be admitted into various colleges and Universities. Trinity will accept whoever the Red Cross suggest and will not decide the age, sex and religion of the entrants. A "Trinity News" reporter went to the Irish Red Cross headquarters in Westland Row to see if anything definite had been decided. There was

furious activity there, gifts of clothing were still arriving, but the secretary could not as yet give much information. As yet, only family groups of workers have arrived in Ireland.

However, Aer Lingus are continually flying in groups from Vienna, and the number that arrived on Sunday may include some students. If so, and if they are considered suitable, the new entrants may well arrive next term. Each refugee is thoroughly investigated when he arrives, and at the moment there is nobody who would benefit from the offer. The Red Cross will notify College as soon as they find suitable candidates.

The exact cost of this offer cannot as yet be determined, but it will probably cost Trinity over £1,000 a year. This, together with the earlier collections, shows that Trinity has realised her

responsibility at a time of great need. If no students come to Ireland directly, the candidates will probably be found by the Red Cross in camps elsewhere. It is known that many hundreds have escaped to the west, and it is good to know that some of these young men and women will be able to continue their education.

There will probably be language difficulties, since most Hungarians do not speak English, and the change in the forms of education and behaviour will also, no doubt, be confusing. We hope that they will be treated sympathetically. The Hungarians, when they come, should have a lot to teach us on the value of liberty, which we tend to take too much for granted, for students were very much to the fore in the Hungarian Revolution.

International Affairs Contribution

Commencements Night Dance

THE Association for International Affairs are organising a fund-raising campaign. They hope to raise enough money to sponsor a fourth Hungarian student in College. If they fail to reach the large total necessary for this purpose, the funds collected will be used to provide those extras which the Board's offer does not cover, and to help Hungarian students generally.

The Association has already put £40 of its own funds aside for this purpose, and has two other projects on hand for raising money. They intend to hold a raffle, the first prize of which will be two return plane tickets to Paris, or their cash equivalent. Books of tickets should be available now. They will certainly be out by the end of the week. The Association for International Affairs hopes that everybody will either sell tickets or at least buy some themselves.

International Affairs have also organised a dance for Commencements Night, at very short notice. It is to be held in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, on Tuesday, the 11th of December; the proceeds are also to go to the Hungarian Students' Relief Fund. As Commencements fell outside term this year, it was feared that there would be no Commencements night dance, but now that one has been organised, we hope it receives the fullest possible support.

Already the bright and very distinctive posters have appeared all over College, and tickets should be on sale to-day. This will be the last College dance before petrol rationing, and it is to be hoped that people will make the best of it.

Mr. David, the Chairman of D.U.A.I.A., informed us that this scheme is being run entirely by Trinity students, and that he hopes for a generous response from undergraduates. Anyone who is interested in selling the raffle tickets should contact him, or any



C. A. DAVID
Chairman of International Affairs.

members of D.U.A.I.A., and he will also have dance tickets available. International Affairs are to be complimented on their energy; we wish them every success.

TRINITY MEN SECOND

The first round of the debating tournament was held in Galway on Tuesday night. Trinity were represented by the Phil. team of K. R. Johnson and D. R. D. Bell. The motion was that "The future of civilisation lies in the East." U.C.D. were the winners with 33 points, and the Phil. and U.C.G. were joint second with 32 points. All three teams go forward to the final in Queen's. We hope that the Hist. had equal luck in their round last night.

ICARUS

"Icarus" should be on sale at the week-end. Delays at the printers have held it up so long.

S.R.C. MEETING

Matters are still unsettled in the S.R.C. The dispute over who is, and who is not, fit to represent the student body seems to have one more round. The fight which has enlivened most of this term is still on.

A petition, signed by eighteen members of the Council, asking that a meeting be convened next Friday, has been received by the Record Secretary. While he has sent out cards informing members of the meeting, the present President, R. C. Barton, has said that the proposed meeting is unconstitutional (see "Letters to the Editor"). It is understood that the meeting has been called to re-investigate Barton's eligibility to stand as President, and that Professor Furlong has agreed to take the chair at 5 o'clock. What the outcome of the meeting will be is as yet uncertain. Since it seems likely that no meeting of the S.R.C. for some time past has been constitutional, what force this third meeting will have cannot be determined.

We understand that Mr. Barton and his merry men will not be attending the meeting. In this case it is conceivable that yet another S.R.C. President will be elected.

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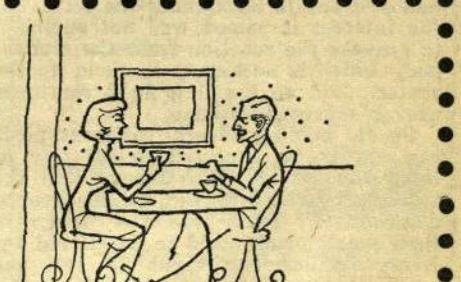
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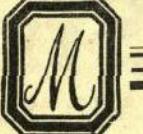
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THE FEW

ONE of the most noticeable features of our weekly College publications is the way in which certain names keep cropping up. They appear in a variety of connections, societies, news, parties and sport, and even the embroilments of the S.R.C. hustings. In part, this frequent reoccurrence of names is explained by the limited circle of friends and enemies of the editorial staff, but the main reason is the fact that various offices in College organisations tend to be shared between a small group of people. The Editor of "T.C.D." claimed that an unhealthy S.R.C. was the sign of a healthy student body; true enough, but a situation where a few people, because they are ambitious, or noisy, hard-working or officious, come to run a great part of our societies is not indicative of a healthy student body. A type seems to have developed who automatically gravitates on to various committees and into various offices. His path is made easy by the lack of interest of the ordinary undergraduate in the matters going on around him.

The average undergraduate passes through College receiving but scant attention from the press lords, and leaving little trace in College societies and clubs, with the exception of his name on their black-lists. He enjoys a life which is not disturbed by committees, council meetings and private business, and emerges after four years from the Reading Room or the pub with little idea of the hustle which goes on in the various societies, and which is reputedly made on his behalf.

One of the dangers of democracy is that since people are free to choose whether they will be interested in their government or not, many are likely to show no interest at all in it. So in Trinity, where freedom of choice is the order of the day, many people prefer to take no interest in the various student run organisations. They prefer to be "done to" rather than the "doers."

In part, their lack of interest in these matters can be explained by the fact that the various societies are not attractive enough in their services to persuade one to be interested. Too much is expected from the society, too little offered to it. It needs a deliberate effort to overlook the many shortcomings of these various bodies, and to ask the question "What can I put into it?" rather than "What am I going to get out of it?"

There are faults on both sides, the societies for not trying to improve their services, and the undergraduate who refuses for not looking further than his own self interest. The Phil. this term has shown that it can improve attendances by having rather different meetings; the Hist., slumbering in tradition, must make do with much smaller audiences. Next year, with increased finances, they may both be able to provide better services and provoke more interest. The S.R.C., whose one service this term seems to have been to provide news and comment for this paper and for "T.C.D.", has either amused or annoyed people throughout the term, but the interest it raised was not sufficient to provoke the reaction from the student body which is necessary to clean up the system, and so the dog fight continues over a marrowless bone.

People holding several different posts can hardly be expected to fill any of them adequately. This means that the services provided by the various groups deteriorate. These too few frogs in their small ponds need to be stirred up. Everyone has the right to try and control his environment. By letting this right lapse, people are overlooking the fact that one's best interest is often the group interest.

If the major societies, the S.R.C. and the various other bodies are going to claim to represent one, it is surely necessary to know what they're up to, and to ensure that one's representatives can be truly said to represent, and not to be in office because they were unopposed at society elections, as all too many are, or managed to rig the council meeting.

Profile

BOB BARTON—The Young Pretender

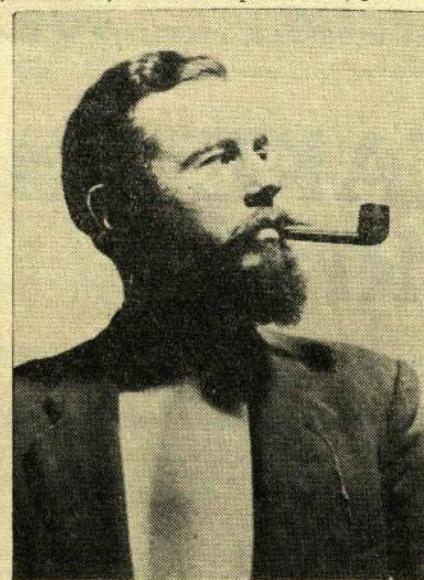
Robert Curwen Barton, third President of the S.R.C. this year, is a man of unexpected talents and wide experience. Both his parents are surgical specialists of some distinction, while his brother is a Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, and a barrister-at-law. Bob's career in Oxford was cut short by no more sensational an occurrence than a failure to pass exams. After two years in the R.A.F., he arrived at Trinity College a little over a year ago, without, we might add, the beard. This, however, he soon acquired, and the beard, allied with his height, make him one of the most noticeable inhabitants of Front Square.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that he should have acquired such notoriety with his axe last term; this allied to a notable proficiency for horse-play (horse-play?) led many to believe that he had the makings of a fine fire-man. But these are hardly typical. His most noticeable distinction is a not inconsiderable fund of knowledge on a host of subjects. While a singularly retentive mind enables him to recite any amount of verse of all kinds, he has a large collection of Edison phonographs and records. He is an expert on radar, of which he was an R.A.F. instructor; and he has succeeded in passing himself off as a professional watch mender. At the camp where he was stationed, he founded and operated a cinema, and was the co-founder of a camera club. A committee member of the D.U. Photographic Association, he won two first prizes in the recent exhibition. It is as last year's representative of this society to the S.R.C. that he claimed the right to stand as President

in the last electoral contest. In the field of sport, he is a member of the Boat Club; turning out regularly for practices, he usually achieves a place on one of the eights. The last example of his inventive powers is his idea of a device for three dimensional photography on which he is now working.

Socially he has been seen dancing very sedately with Boo Baskin at the Boat Club Ball, a remarkable achievement, and he has been known to do a photographer's pub crawl, presenting his friends and acquaintances with records of their various stages of inebriation. Despite the multiplicity of his activities, his chief aim now is to get a good medical degree.

Although his position as President is uncertain, no one will deny that he possesses certain desirable qualities for the post. He is both a good speaker and writer, and has a commanding personality. He was a regular attender at Oxford Union meetings. The only academic distinction he has been heard to boast is a mark of 80 per cent. on a J.F. literature paper. Mr. Barton at 25 possesses a certain maturity and a large amount of mental energy. Whether he survives the political fray or not, he has made an impression on College, and, need we add, Bonar Law's door. Whatever his merits or demerits, and Miss French has a long list of the latter, he certainly provokes a reaction which, whether of like or dislike, is one of the surest signs of personality. Our judgment of him should perhaps be based on experience rather than rumour, but with both sides spreading the latter, it is little wonder if our picture is a little fogged.



Present President of the S.R.C.

College Observed

Home Cooking

IT seems that the political cooking-pots are still on the boil; and that yet another meeting of the Students' Representative Council will be held before the end of term. The various plots and counter-plots are taking on an almost culinary flavour. Frances-Jane is preparing more of her famous French fry, while Bonar Law, using a large issue of Mrs. Barton, is making some sort of gooseberry fool out of all and sundry. Brian Harkness still has his hands on the dough, while Noel Igoe would like to make another turnover. If the Board stop to read the menu, however, we may find that too many cooks have spoiled the broth. Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble.

Brrr!

SIX inches of water will be the maximum allowance in the bath house in future. The oil shortage is already making itself felt, the College furnaces will not be operating for so long as usual. Those of us who have been revelling in a term, when the water has been always hot, and who have grown accustomed to long, deep baths, are going to find that the international situation is going to strike even here. This is especially disheartening when all the signs indicate a cold, cold winter.

Happy Christmas

THE end of term brings the first signs of the festive season, and I can hardly finish without indicating the presents I would have liked to give to those who we have come to know and love, if the credit-squeeze had not got in the way. I'm a bit worried about giving Cole a book; they tell me he already has one, but still . . .

Frances-Jane French—"Mein Kampf."
Andrew Bonar Law—Enough rope, and a new front tooth.

Billy Porter—A Remark of the Week.
Jonathan Cole—"Gilbert Harding's Book of Manners."

Bob Barton—A "filly-shave."
Kate Lucy—A g-string.
George Hodnett—"What Katy Did Next."

Bambos David—A one-way ticket to the Seychelles.

Jan Kaminski—A Persian lamb.
The Editor of "T.C.D."—Fowler's English Usage.

Deirdre Mooney—A suitable retort.
Chairman of "Trinity News"—A pension.

Dr. McDowell—A muffler.
Editor of "Icarus"—Wings.

Junior Freshmen—Hope and a "Trinity Handbook." Petronius Arbiter.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Modern Languages Society, I should like to protest about several incorrect statements in your article "Mod. Lang.—Whither?" which appeared in last week's issue of "Trinity News."

Firstly, the lectures held in the Modern Languages Society's room in the afternoons were official Commerce lectures. Professor Liddell has now arranged that 35D will be free from 4-6 p.m. every day. Secondly, it is quite untrue that 35A is used only by the French Group. Although it is Professor Arnould's lecture-room, he has on several occasions kindly lent it for use of other groups. Nor are the group meetings, which throughout this term have been arranged by hard-working group leaders, "a pleasant innovation." In future, therefore, we would appreciate adherence to accuracy on the part of your reporter.—Yours, etc.,

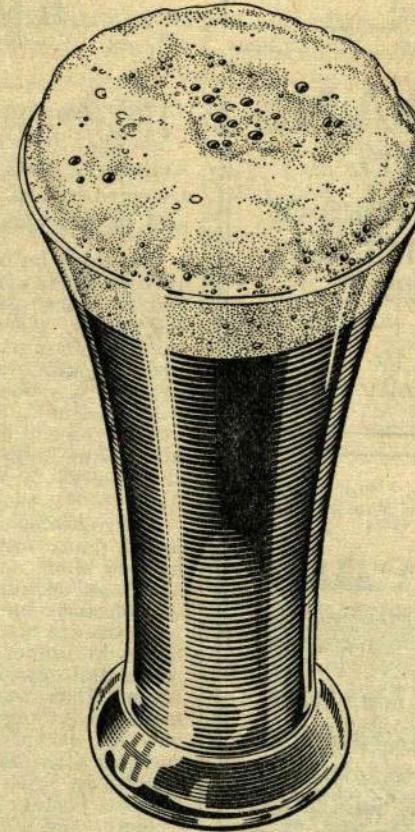
Henry Richmond, Chairman.
25 Trinity College, Dublin.

Dear Sir,—My attention has been called to the fact that certain persons intend to call a meeting, purporting to be a meeting of the S.R.C., on Friday afternoon next at 5 p.m. The petition requesting that this meeting be called was not received by the Records Secretary seven days in advance, as laid down in the constitution; nor was it signed by a sufficient number of S.R.C. members. Further, the statutory six days' notice of meeting has not been given to members. As this automatically prevents representatives from giving statutory notice of any motions they may wish to raise, any such meeting must be regarded as illegal, and a definite contravention of the constitution of the S.R.C. Should such a meeting assemble it will, therefore, have no standing whatever. — I am, sir, your obedient servant,

R. C. Barton, President.
Students' Representative Council.

Dear Sir,—In case any misunderstanding should arise, may I point out that the divers' unofficial lectures at present held in 35D are to be re-organised during the next academic year so as to constitute the Deeploma in Divers' Studies, on the lines laid down recently by the Royal College of Surgeons.—Yours, etc.,

The Editor of the Calendar.



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FOUR & SIX**TriniDADian**

It was a sad and surprising occasion last Friday when it was learned that the Grand Old Man of Trinity, Arthur Horace M. Tarbarrel-Tosh-Mike, had qualified as a practitioner of the noble art of healing.

Well-known to many past and present generations of students, publicans and Gardai, this wonderful old character is now pushing the half-hundred (from the far side). The strain of 20th century life, however, is taking its toll of his mop of grey hair. On warm days, though, he is still fit enough to have his bath-chair moved to the open window where he can sit with his binoculars and peer dimly at the latest belles parading across Front Square.

Several decades ago, when Doc. Tosh was a youngish man, he was considered a weedier version of Don Juan, and when he sailed post-haste from the sunny shores of the penal colony where he spent his childhood, proudly clutching his copy of a genuinely forged British passport, he left many a broken heart and many more wreaths behind him.

A.H.M.T.-M (as he is affectionately called) used to be an ardent marathon walker, his safaris often occupying the whole week-end. Among his other hobbies were angling with blonde bait round Limerick, and he was also an enthusiastic and generous poker player.

This frail old man will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him (valette in pace).

All Colours

After Saturday's excitement, the Colours Ball was rather sedate, at least from the Trinity point of view. The U.C.D. contingent, rather less "U," raised their war cry more often than was really necessary. The Rugby Club were there in force, Beatty, Kirwan, Wilson and the boys were scrummaging on and off the floor. Graham Taylor and Co. relaxed happily, and Saturday faded away into the mists; of oblivion, of course, while Billy Porter and Deirdre faded into the bar. Vernon Young "wriggled in anticipation" while waiting for Noragh Bennett. Tom Bennett picked up a few tips on running a dance with Loretta Brown; yes, kiddies, they're together again. Phil. Wall Morris wanted to go on the air, but fell into the cymbals instead, what a crashing bore. Betsy Dillon, of the En-

chanted little girls, and John Gibson from Dunmore East went west together, and were rather alarmed when Paddy Burgess Watson tried to throw his partner off the balcony. Derek Bell brought Clodagh in a gold lamé slink, which brought a look of appreciation from the Rugby Club. Kevan Johnson, without his lucky Heather, was bouncing with someone from the S.R.C. Jimmy Christou had a girl, we think her name was Kay, at least when we asked who she was, he said "Oh, Kay."

Very Fresh

On Saturday night we went to a party out in Sandymount. Freshmen were out in force. Heather Laskey, a White Russian from the East End, wanted to play games with the lights out. "Murder gives me such a thrill," she claimed. Jan Kaminski forgot the rock, but rolled all over the floor, and was objectionable to (with?) Jill Robbins. I couldn't quite make out. Frances Gibbs and Mick Mahood disappeared for lengthy periods, so many Junior Freshmen must have proved too much for them. Tolstoi, a blue-blooded, side-whiskered gent burst into the kitchen shouting out something about "reactionary reds." Is it true that he sang "The Red Flag" at a party last week, or was it merely "Maryland, My Maryland" with a Russian accent? Margaret Keating met Noel Swanick and probably wished she hadn't; he tried to keep two going at the same time. Ian Foster brewed hot lemon, and added Hock, Gin and Guinness to take the taste away. The last we remember before we passed into the night is Kaminski being locked in a cupboard, and doused with water. About time, too.

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The Misses Prudence Flower (it's all right, boys, they're genuine) want two blind dates for Commencements Ball. Apply No. 6. Query: Why don't they go doe?

Thoughts for the Vacation

Billy Porter is the only man to get plastered up in the Coffee Inn. If Jonathan Cole loves Jonathan Cole, who then loves Frances-Jane? What did Horwood want with balloons in Front Square on Tuesday, anyway? Could he have missed the Historical Society's balloon debate.

ROUND THE SOCIETIES**Upheaval in the Phil.**

"Klimasturz" was the rather enigmatical title of Mr. C. B. Warren's paper to the Phil. on Thursday last. Mr. Warren's long, but interesting discourse dealt with the theories of Mr. Immanuel Velikovsky, and supported his view that at some stage in the history of the world, vast upheavals took place in the universe, and that these cataclysms would account for various geological features of the present-day world. Mr. G. F. Mitchell, M.A., the Registrar, proposing the vote of thanks to the essayist, offered much destructive criticism, pointing out that Mr. Velikovsky had carefully selected facts to bolster up preconceived ideas. Mr. A. G. Lucas agreed with Mr. Mitchell, and enlarged upon the highly unscientific nature of Velikovsky's researches. The majority of speakers were critical of the matter, if not of the presentation. But Mr. Dunlop supported the essayist's theories and claimed that recent discoveries tended to give added weight to Velikovsky's claims. Mr. Spearman, too, was unwilling to give a definite opinion. Mr. C. A. David, naturally, talked about Cyprus, and the President summed up a stimulating discussion.

Elizabethan Society

On Monday, the members of the Elizabethan Society were privileged to visit the Provost's House, by kind permission of Mrs. McConnell. We saw the various reception rooms, including Provost Andrew's room and the grand salon on the first floor overlooking Grafton St. We admired, nay, were impressed by the fine proportions of the house, the beautiful decoration throughout, some magnificently wood-carved mantel-pieces in the main reception rooms, the exquisite chandeliers and the lovely furnishings.

Professor Otway-Ruthven, who very ably conducted the tour, gave an interesting dissertation on each room and on the paintings in it. After this unusual but very enjoyable meeting we adjourned to No. 6 for tea.

Law Society

The few old stalwarts who attended the Law Society Impromptu Debate last Friday might have managed to have a good time in spite of the wide, empty spaces. Most of the speeches were witty and the Auditor's was short. Miss H. E. Colhoun poked her friends with her umbrella and imitated "Madame Butter-a most enjoyable meeting to an end, fly." The Chairman, Eoin O'Mahony, Barrister-at-law, having identified the parents of most of the speakers, brought

Any Questions

The Commerce and Economics Society and Association for International Affairs held a joint "Any Questions" on Monday. While the panel were almost all economists, the audience were largely from International Affairs. A wide variety of questions on matters national, international and personal were put by the audience. Mr. Lowry, an American legal eagle, was pleasant and informative; Mr. David and Mr. Kaminski were likewise pleasant, but less informative; Miss French was "succinct" and Mr. Poynton polished. Professor Crawford was an admirable chairman who ensured the success of the evening.

Magee Lecturer in Mod. Lang. School

Last Thursday and Friday, Mr. Woodland, German lecturer at Magee College, Derry, gave two lectures, one on Ernst Jünger and the other on Henri Frédéric Amiel, in 35C. This was part of the recently innovated system whereby lecturers from other universities are invited to lecture here, and our teaching staff visit them. Mr. Woodland considered Jünger a very controversial writer, whose evolution was worth watching both from a political and literary point of view. Amiel was French speaking, but loved everything German, and this combination gave him uniqueness as a French writer.

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S.C.M. REVUE

Christians on Tour

Despite the fact that only two weeks were spent on rehearsals, the S.C.M. revue, which ran at Monkstown (twice), Dalkey, Bertrand and Rutland High School, and Carrickmines, during last week and Monday and Wednesday of this week, was very well received. Apart from Monkstown, audiences were good.

While acting improved with time, the scripts were mediocre, and remained so, seldom reaching Players' revue standards. Too much free play was given to "slap-stick," but perhaps this was cleverly contrived to suit the audiences. The opening chorus was very trying.

Was the revue a revue or a series of variety "turns" compèred (albeit very ably) by Kevan Johnson. The compère did more than remove awkward gaps, but this was achieved only at the expense of continuity. As one would expect, Kevan performed his task admirably. Vernon Young was quite adequate as a "drunk," and suitably irritable as the intellect in "Intellect's Dinner." Connie Chandler gave her usual polished performance as vocalist and actress. Beulah McCabe, Winnie McIvor, Mike Middleton and Denzil Stewart were great stalwarts. "Nought for Your Comfort" came up to expectation. "The Shadow of Elizabeth" was well written and well performed, the latter fact largely due to Charles Allen and Connie Chandler. The chorus-work, led by Jim Miller, was good on the whole, though "Hole in the Bucket" was an outstanding exception.

Through the many trials and tribulations of amateurs on tour, the company came out surprisingly well. The producers were Denzil Stewart and Winnie McIvor, and Janet Smiley was stage manager. The pianist was Jean Raite. The omnibus Rachel received the biggest laugh and produced the loudest bang.

Women's Column

"CREATION"

At long last a tastefully produced ladies' fashion magazine has arrived. "Creation"—"the magazine of fashion and decor"—is well designed, and with photographs of excellent quality, rates highly on the list of "glossy" magazines. A balance is maintained between photographs and articles, and I notice among the contributors such names as "Myles na Gopaleen" and Monica Sheridan. Its coverage is wide, and bringing flashes from the salons of Rome, London, Paris and Berlin, it does not stint the Dublin couturiers. While being cosmopolitan in outlook, "Creation" is still delightfully Irish. Altogether the magazine is very pleasing indeed and well worth its price (2/-).

You Lucky People

This week (by kind permission of the Warden) Trinity Hall opens wide its doors to the privileged few for its annual dance—scorned by many males as being "stuffy." It is surprising to notice—during the first two weeks of term—how suddenly friendly these same male acquaintances become. I say "the first two weeks of term," as partners' names must be given in at an extraordinarily early date. From the male point of view, this is fortunate, for, having received his invitation, he can once more relapse into his old ways of complete indifference towards his partner—the big effort of being pleasant having by now got on his nerves.

From the female "point de vue," this early invitation is not at all fortunate. It is extremely possible that between receiving the invitation and the actual dance, she and "boy-friend" may break off diplomatic relations—in which case the evening proves to be embarrassing, to put it mildly! Such people may be distinguished at Hall Dance by the set expressions of their faces and the slight though distinct clenching of teeth—somewhat reminiscent of one's expression before a visit to the dentist.

On his arrival chez "les Girls," "Partner" will, I have no doubt, notice the battalion of maids drawn up at the bottom of the hall. He need have no illusions as to what they are thinking! Each man is scrutinised from head to foot—and taped off as being "Miss So-and-So's 'Young Man'" or "Not a regular." This, I might add, is one of the few publishable thoughts which pass through their minds.

For those who have an eye for colour and artistry, Hall should prove a pleasant sight with its floral decorations cascading down the stairs. The atmosphere is slightly reminiscent of a quiet and select funeral—but at least you have the pleasant sensation of feeling alive. With regard to beverages, you need not be (as one College don put it) "unduly optimistic." If you are a glutton for orange-squash you are going to have an exciting time! By the time you reach your sixth you will be in a really dangerous mood!

I expect you just cannot wait to get to Dartry Road to sample the delights which await you. And by the way, you are given half-an-hour's grace after the dance, so when you step outside to say "thank you," make the best of it . . .!

Miranda

SNIPPETS

The editor of "T.C.D." was observed in a car at the back of the Iveagh Baths eating chips out of a grimy piece of paper. Has he at last found a use for his product?

Christopher Moriarty is broadcasting on Radio Eireann next Monday at 7.15 on "Winter Birds."

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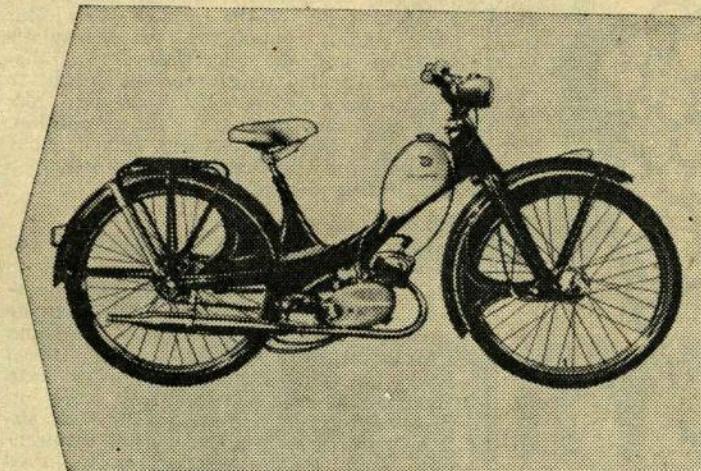
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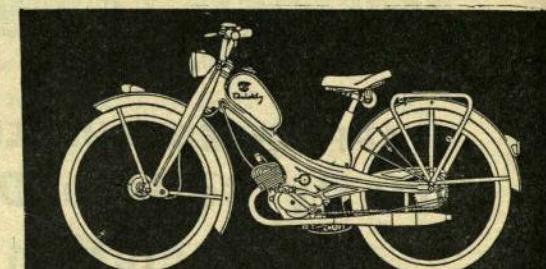
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Players' current production is, I believe, the second presentation of Giraudoux's "Intermezzo" in Dublin. This choice, though certainly unusual, is not altogether wise. Less exciting and interesting than "La Guerre de Troie N'Aura Pas Lieu," "The Enchanted" (as the English translation unsuitably entitles "Intermezzo") is a pleasant affair about nothing very important.

The girl Isobel is disgusted with the mediocrity of modern life and seeks a solution by consulting a ghost on the mysteries of existence and death. The phantom, when he finally gets round to solving the problem, shows us he has read his Wordsworth, and that if only the "little girl" in Isabel, which is in touch with the infinite, would not contaminate and imprison herself by growing up in the conventions and hypocrisies of this adult world, but join him in the phantom realm, there would be hope for her. Giraudoux liberally supplies us with seven "little girls," all in touch with the infinite, by way of illustrating his point. But Isabel is fought for by a government employee, and finally accepts the very mediocrities she originally scorned, deciding that poetry can be found after all in weights and measures without having to become a phantom to enjoy it. This decision at the end of the play repulses the wave of happiness which has engulfed the town since the ghost's first appearance. To this tiresome twaddle, however, Giraudoux brings a wealth of humour and a brilliant imagination, which can transform cold, plain facts and objects into fantasy. The humour, if sometimes bordering on Oscar Wilde, is always fresh, while Giraudoux provides little gems of characterisation in many minor parts. The ultimate effect, like an intermezzo, pleases, even enchants, but does not sound any serious chords within us.

The production is a triumph for Mr. Louis Lentin. The sets are beautifully designed, the lighting handled intelligently, and the cast trained in every word and gesture. Mr. Lentin evidently has worked extremely hard, and can be justly proud of an enchanting and tasteful production.

Of the cast, Miss Jocelyn Szell nearly succeeded in making us interested in the probings of her Isabel; Mr. Billy Porter's government employee, though always suave and assured, really blossoms out only in the third act (his marriage proposal was quite brilliantly delivered); but Louis Lentin's Inspector was unfortunately limited to a few mannerisms. It was pleasant to hear Bill Meek speaking quietly and melodiously, having discarded a bebop style of acting to give his Ghost dignity. This is not the first time Donald Keegan and David Nowlan have played comedy roles together and succeeded, but it is the first time Frances Gibbs and Heather Lasky have shown their ability to excel in caricature. Their scenes provided the most hilarious minutes of the evening.

With seven charming "little girls" and Joanna Woods' exciting costumes to complete the attractions, Players have indeed an enchanting evening to offer visitors this week. No undergraduate should allow himself to miss such a treat.

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Girls in No. 6

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T.C.D.

"Friday will bring a disappointment."—"Woman."

Kevan Johnson

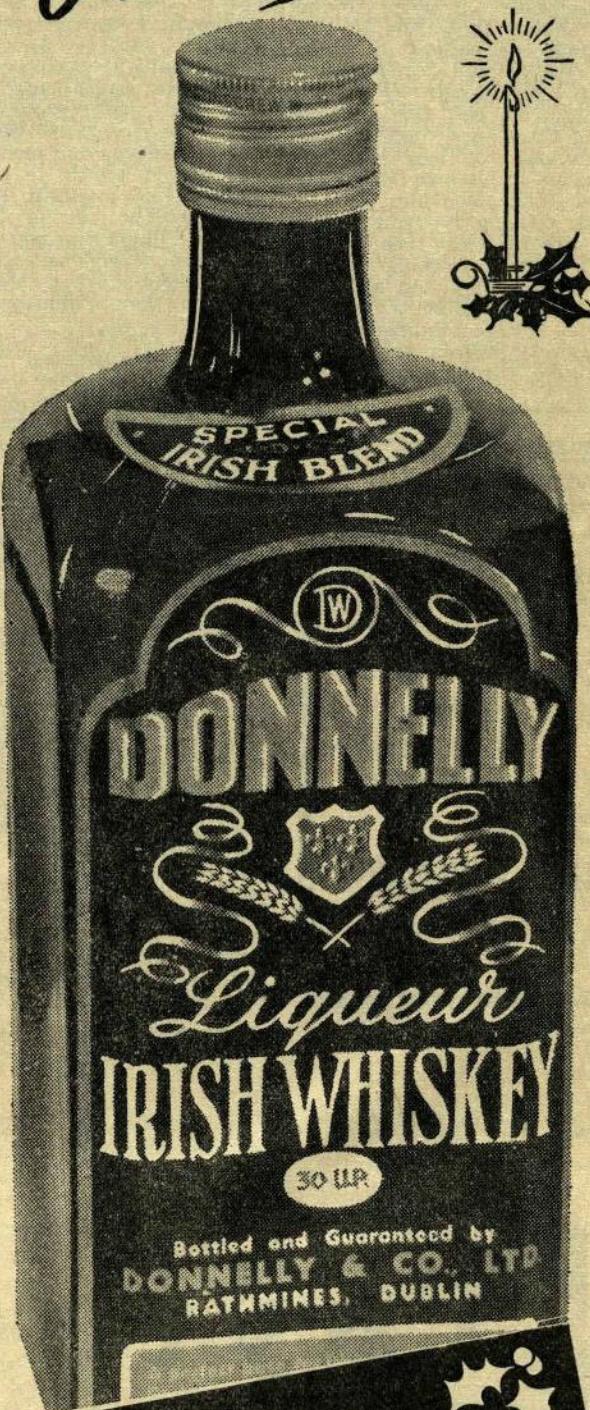
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SWIMMING CLUB

At the Fresher Intervarsity Championships, Trinity made a clean sweep, winning all the events. M. O'Brien Kelly scored a double with wins in the backstroke and freestyle, and B. Pielka won the breaststroke with the time of 1 min. 22 secs., only 2-5 of a second outside the Irish record. Results:

110 Yards Breaststroke—1st, B. Pielka (D.U.); 2nd, U.C.D.; 3rd, Queen's.

110 Yards Backstroke—1st, M. O'Brien Kelly (D.U.); 2nd, U.C.D.; 3rd, Queen's.

Time: 1 min. 22.8 secs.

110 Yards Medley Squad—1st, D.U. (M. O'Brien Kelly, J. Gibson, B. Pielka, J. Sharpe); 2nd, U.C.D.; 3rd, U.C.C.

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Rugby

COLOURS DEFEAT

Sang Injured

Trinity, 3; U.C.D., 11.

In a hard-fought colours match at Lansdowne Road last Saturday, U.C.D., having to contend with only fourteen opponents for most of the second half, had little difficulty in maintaining their early lead and beat Trinity by 11 points to 3.

For the first ten minutes, Trinity were on the attack and very nearly scored a try when Prozeski was tackled three yards from the line. During that period, Fitzsimon made two good runs and gained a lot of ground, showing that the U.C.D. defence was not so formidable as the score suggests. The play was moving at a terrific pace, apparently too fast for the forwards, for one could already see them gasping for breath. Rather unexpectedly Trinity found themselves defending their line in two set scrums, from the second of which U.C.D. heeled cleanly and scored with a clever run by scrum-half O'Farrell. Gibney failed with the kick, but compensated by adding three more points when Sutton, too anxious to clear the ball from a loose scrum in his own "25," was penalised. From the place kick, U.C.D. started a quick passing movement, the ball went to Brophy, who beat three men, caught Fullerton running in the wrong direction and completed a forty-yard run for a magnificent try which Gibney converted. Five minutes before the interval Trinity scored their only try. Smyth broke through and crossed

kicked to the left, where Reid-Smith gathered the ball beautifully to run over the line.

The second half was dull and featureless. Whatever play there was between interruptions for injuries was mainly confined to the area between the ten-yard lines. Trinity's hopes for a win went with Sang's departure from the field with a shoulder injury. O'Connor moved to full-back and Fullerton to out-half. This was a tactical error, for although it is the custom to fill up a position with a forward, this policy should have been changed later on when it became obvious that the U.C.D. pack was far too strong for seven men. From then onwards U.C.D. won all but two set scrums and most of the line-outs, yet they made little ground. In fact, Trinity had a slight territorial advantage in the second half, but rarely looked like scoring as the three-quarters rarely saw the ball. Smyth was surely more suited to the out-half position than Fullerton.

When Fullerton failed to convert an easy penalty kick every chance for a recovery had gone. On the whole, Trinity were disappointing, although allowances must be made for Sang's injury. Dick Fullerton (from whom we, unfairly, expected too much) had his worst game this season, due partly to the fact that medical duties had allowed him little sleep. As full-back he was shaky at first, becoming safer as the game progressed, but at out-half he lacked the proper pace off the mark. Prozeski, too, was not hooking as well as we expect. In the second half he was at a great disadvantage as U.C.D. always gained a couple of yards from the push, but even in the first half O'Gorman had the better of the duel. The rest of the forwards worked extremely hard and had enough pace and stamina to the end to win their share of the mauls. Sutton, Taylor and Dowse did some good tackling. Among the backs, Reid-Smith deserves praise, and Nisbet gave a very accurate service. Reid-Smith not only scored a good try but also had Fitzsimons, his opposing winger, well subdued. On the other wing, Brophy did as he pleased. However, U.C.D. should consider themselves a little fortunate in winning this match.

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Hockey

ENGLISH TOUR

Trinity 2
Royal Artillery 1

The Hockey Club's second match of their English tour was against the Royal Artillery at Woolwich. Trinity won 2-1 after a hard and fast match. In the first half Trinity dominated the proceedings, playing some very good hockey. Fitzsimon opened the scoring for Trinity, beating several men before scoring with a good shot. Ten minutes later he scored again from a pass from Lavan.

In the second half, Trinity's half-backs seemed to relax and allowed the Royal Artillery forwards to gain the upper hand. It came as no surprise when the "Gunners" scored their first goal. From then on Trinity attacked strongly and only some good saves by the "Gunners" England "B" goalkeeper prevented Trinity from scoring any further goals.

Outstanding for Trinity were D. Judge at full-back, who gave another sterling display; Fitzsimon, too, at inside forward, scored two well-taken goals.

Trinity 1
Oxford University 3

The Hockey Club gave a disappointing display against the full varsity side on Thursday. Apart from 10 minutes during the second half, they never looked like scoring against the well-coached Oxford side.

In the first half Trinity never settled down and were unable to penetrate the Oxford defence. The Oxford forward line, with a strong right flank of G. Tenby and M. Eager, the Irish international, provided the Trinity defence with many anxious moments. Judge at full-back covered acres of ground and often found time to make lone sallies up the wing.

Oxford's first goal came from a short corner. Trinity's reply was a goal from Findlater. In the second half, Trinity attacked strongly for ten minutes, but could not maintain the pressure. Oxford scored two more goals, one from a short corner, the other an unsavable shot from Eager, which gave Stewart no chance.

Trinity 2
London University 1

On a pitch which was hard, due to frost, Trinity took some time to settle

LADIES' HOCKEY
D.U., 2; U.C.D., 1.
Queen's, 3; D.U., 1.

The Trinity team arrived in Galway on Wednesday to play their second round match against U.C.D. that afternoon.

Trinity soon led from a goal by Jill Kirwan and at half-time looked like winning easily. U.C.D., however, were far from beaten and after securing a rather lucky goal, played out time without giving Trinity another opportunity to draw ahead. Forty minutes from the end of extra time, Irene Hurst scored off a pass from Ellen Pritchard-Jones. Trinity had won 2-1.

The final against Queen's was a much closer match than the score 3-1 in Queen's favour would suggest. Queen's scored all their goals in the first half and two of them came off weak shots. The third was a fine goal by Moira Hopkins. In the second half Trinity settled down and dominated play. The halves and forwards played well mid-field and the backs had little to do. Unfortunately, Trinity's shooting was not in keeping with the rest of their play and a good goal by Irene Hurst was the only score.

After the match the Irish Universities' team was selected. We offer our congratulations to Ruth Harris and Rhoda Ritchie who were chosen to play, and to Irene Hurst who is the first reserve.

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Muckross, 10; D.U., 0

Saturday, 1st December.

Trinity, without Ruth Harris who was playing for Dublin v. Lancashire, and Aileen Redmond, was beaten decisively by Muckross, the League leaders. The 10-0 score was a fair reflection of Muckross supremacy.

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