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FAMINE RELIEF WEEK CHANGED THIS YEAR

Human Need Week, formerly Famine Relief Week, will take place between 21-28 February this year. There has been a radical departure from last year in that the students will not be in sole charge of organising the events. The Ecumenical Executive had applied to run it last summer as they felt that the previous Committee "though not dishonest was capable of arousing suspicion." The Laurentian Society and the Voluntary Social Work Society also applied, having been asked to do so by the Senior Dean, Professor Dawson. The matter was then referred to the Central Student/Staff Committee who decided that a combination of the three groups would provide the best results.

SUPERVISION

The societies concerned stressed that there would be more stringent security arrangements this year. A room will be provided by the Eliz and the collection boxes will be opened and counted there in the presence of a senior Committee member. Mr. Baker, an accountancy lecturer, has volunteered to supervise the financial organisation.

The reason for the change in the name of the week is because there will be much more emphasis on Irish charities—30% of the money raised will go to the following Irish charities: Tara Street Men's Shelter; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; the Salvation Army; Mary Aikenhead Social Service Council; Merrick House and the Simon Community. The other charities involved are Gorta and Christian Aid, each getting 30%, and Africa Concern getting 10%.

The money for Gorta will be used to finance an irrigation project in Southern India, which is being planned in conjunction with the Gandhi commemoration cele-



Prof. George Dawson,
Senior Dean.

Hearing Postponed

The Disciplinary Committee met on Monday, the 12th January, to consider charges against David Vipond, a leading member of the Academic Freedom Committee. The charges were that "on the 3rd December, 1969, he did act in a way detrimental to the honour and dignity of College in that he obstructed a Professor of the College in the proper execution of his duties and that further on that date he did physically obstruct that Professor from leaving a public meeting or lecture within the College, and were instrumental in causing that public meeting or lecture to be abandoned."

The College authorities did not officially state that it was Vipond against whom the charges were being brought, but a bulletin issued by the Academic Freedom Committee published the letters written by Mr. Duggan, the Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee, to Vipond, as well as the summary of the evidence which was to be presented against him.

The meeting considered the evidence but decided, since Vipond was not present, that they would adjourn until a later date to allow Vipond to speak in his own defence.

MITCHELL RESIGNS SENIOR POSTS

The Provost has accepted a request from Professor G. F. Mitchell, arising from his increasing personal commitment, to relinquish his appointments as Senior Lecturer and Senior Tutor. Professor Mitchell had been Senior Lecturer since July, 1967. He will continue to lecture in College and will remain Professor of Quaternary Studies in the Geology department. This position was created for him in 1965.

The Vice-Provost, Dr. Parkes, will become Senior Lecturer, and the Registrar, Dr. Howie, will assume the position of Senior Tutor. These appointments are for the rest of the academic year. Separate appointments for the two posts will be made for the coming academic year.

Professor Mitchell has accepted election to the Presidency of the International Union for Quaternary Research for the four year period 1969-1973.

Davey and Jonathan Wheeler were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, but their application was refused by the Senior Dean. Des MacCullagh, the last Chairman of Famine Relief Week, offered himself in an advisory capacity but was not accepted.

Jim Hughes, a member of last year's Committee, said: "I wish them all the best, but have they got the connections, for shows and for concerts? By this time last year we had all the advance publicity done."

Traditional links with the College of Surgeons may be broken this year as that College has objected to the new name and feels to some extent that all the organising is being done behind their backs.

Some of the people concerned in this year's organisation, including Dermot Grove-White, who refused a nomination to be Chairman of Human Need Week, feel that the old committee and its successors are being treated extremely unfairly and would have much practical advice to offer.

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ILL-FEELING

The practice in previous years has been for the outgoing Committee to elect a chairman and a vice-chairman for the next year's organisation. Last year Shaun



A novel sight outside Pearse Street Garda Station on a Monday morning. Since the introduction of the parking meter scheme to certain areas of Dublin, empty spaces, which in former days would have gladdened the heart of the undergraduate motorist, are now the order of the day.

The charge is 1/- for one hour's parking, with an automatic fine of £1 if the time limit is exceeded. The Gardai have the power to tow away those cars which are causing an obstruction or have been abandoned.

Thieves strike in College

The members of the men's 1st XI hockey team were the victims of a daring daylight robbery last Saturday afternoon. While playing in College Park against Three Rock Rovers, they were relieved of about £120 worth of money and watches.

The money was stolen from a bag placed near one of the goalposts. During the second half, while a large crowd was watching the match, a man succeeded in taking the bag and its contents. His description is being circulated amongst the various sports clubs.

In addition a smaller sum of money was stolen from a changing room during the match. This would seem to indicate that the thief had inside knowledge.

Normally teams leave their valuable in a locked changing room, but on Saturday the keys of the hockey team's changing room had been mislaid. Although some of the players handed in their valuables to the groundsman, most of them placed them in the bag which was later stolen, thinking that they would be safe in full view of the crowd in College Park. Gardai from Pearse Street are investigating the matter, but it is doubtful if they will find the stolen goods.

Saturday's theft is only part of a series. Last Wednesday thieves broke into the groundsman's office

in the pavilion, tried to force the safe and succeeded in emptying the coin box. Last year members of a visiting rugby team lost several hundred pounds.

There have also been numerous thefts in the Gym and from rooms and the porters say that they often have to chase young outsiders off the premises. In the early hours of Tuesday morning the "Trinity

News" offices in No. 6 were forcibly entered. Nothing appears to have been taken, but it is suspected that the prospective thieves were looking for cash or cheques.

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Representatives of Trinity and the National University held an informal discussion on the Merger and other problems facing the Universities in Ireland.

The meeting was on the 9th of January in U.C.D. and lasted all day. Dr. M. D. McCarthy, the President of U.C.C., was in the chair. Trinity's representatives were the Provost, Dr. A. J. McConnell; Professors Mitchell, Chubb, Otway-Ruthven, Watts and Dawson, and the Secretary to the College, Mr. Gerard Giltrap. No official statement was issued on any decisions or agreements which may have been taken, but it was announced that a further informal meeting would be held in Trinity on the 12th February.

NURSES UNREST**WHAT PRICE VOCATION?****A "Trinity News" Investigation**

"The nursing profession calls for a high standard of selflessness in service to others and devotion to duty, but it is very rewarding and satisfying."—Career Leaflet No. 76 of the Department of Labour entitled "The Nurse."

Sections of the nursing community are beginning to feel that the strong Irish tradition of young girls entering the nursing profession is being exploited.

The nurses in England after a long and militant struggle managed eventually to achieve a rise in salary of 22% to bring their earnings a little closer to that of girls of similar age but lesser ability and knowledge who work in industry or offices. Here in Ireland the conditions are worse.

Girls wishing to train as nurses must in many cases pay very high fees to enter the hospital of their choice—in one hospital these fees amount to £210 for the three-year course and in others 120 gns. or £100. A few hospitals, Sir Patrick Dun's and the Adelaide among them, do not charge fees, but choose to meet the high cost of providing educational facilities from their own funds.

No allowances are made by the Government to the hospitals for providing of essential facilities and it is because of this lack of financial assistance that certain hospitals find it necessary to charge in varying degrees for the tuition which they provide. Fees are not charged by training hospitals in England.

A student nurse in Ireland receives £465 19s. 6d. in her first year, rising to £535 19s. 6d. in her final year. Out of this there is a deduction of £136 for living expenses. The comparable figures in England in 1971, when the second stage of the salary rise is implemented, will be £516, rising to £603. Which means that after two years of experience in hospital wards and intensive study for her State registration an Irish student nurse will be earning only £20 more than a girl who is just beginning her course in a British hospital. Even at this, the comparison can still be more clearly drawn, since the English wage scheme is tied to age, while the Irish is gauged on the stage of training. If a woman of over 21 begins her training in Ireland she will receive the £465 19s. 6d., while a woman beginning at the same age in England will have £774 in 1971.

Student nurses work a 42-45 hour week, excluding meal hours; have to study for a State registration examination which is of a very demanding standard; have in many cases to buy their own uniforms and are in most hostels subject to restrictions which would make the average Botany Bay resident blanch. Yet for all this, as

Miss Ena Meegan, Secretary-General of the Irish Nurses' Association, says: "There is still no shortage of trainees pouring into the training schools." But now there is a difference because the young student nurses, as well as the staff nurses, the ward sisters and the specialist nurses, are beginning to realise that they are being taken advantage of, not by the individual hospitals but by the system as a whole. They have the example of a massive and successful campaign by their English counterparts—a campaign which they have, naturally enough, been watching closely and with great interest.

On January 30th the Irish Nurses' Organisation is holding an extraordinary general meeting at which, naturally enough, salary and conditions will be major topics of discussion. One purpose of this meeting is to gain publicity for their complaints, while the other is to complete business left over from their A.G.M. held in September.

One of the resolutions to be discussed is:

"That members of the Kerry branch feel that the organisation should apply for permission to strike due to the poor salary award."

Resolutions pertaining to salaries come from matrons, assistant matrons and home sisters, and the

Public Health nurses—indication indeed that dissatisfaction has permeated through all levels of the nursing hierarchy.

The campaign which the I.N.O. are organising will, like all comprehensive campaigns, be expensive and exhausting. For this reason they are hoping to gain money and support to help them achieve parity not only with nurses elsewhere but with people without their dedication and vocation who earn so much more without "the nurses' selflessness in service to others and devotion to duty."

Christmas Airlift to Biafra

On Friday, the 19th December, a chartered D.C. 7 aircraft, with a cargo of special Christmas relief supplies, took off from Dublin Airport. Its destination was Biafra, and by Christmas Day its cargo was being distributed in the refugee camps.

On board were some useful non-food items, assembled under the Operation Groundwork scheme of the charitable organisation called Mutual Economic and Technical Aid aimed at restoring something nearer to normal life in war damaged areas of Biafra. These included 10 industrial sewing machines to provide work in refugee camps, and also a new portable baby resuscitation kit designed by a doctor in a Dublin maternity hospital.

About £4,000 worth of goods were put on board the plane, including over £1,000 worth collected at three days' notice by META supporters in Belfast with the aid of the War on Want Committee there who donated £400.

Dangerous Sport in the Alps

At Christmas the Trinity Ski Club joined with the combined Oxford-Cambridge party to go to Klosters for a few days' skiing and socialising. Unlike last year, they managed to find some snow, although this addition does not seem to have softened the ground to receive the tumbling bodies of the Trinity skiers, 15% of whom returned home with broken limbs and but for the intervention of an extremely benevolent Providence on various occasions the casualty rate would have been much higher.

Mike Finch was forced to return home early suffering from a broken leg, and Jill Arnold was fortunate to be able to go home at all—she fell backwards over a cliff, but emerged with only a slightly damaged wrist to show for her exploits.

The ski-slopes were not the only scene of carnage. The hotel staff and the Swiss police seemed to take umbrage at the playful exploits of our off-duty skiers. One of the Trinity party was belaboured around the head and shoulders by an hotel porter armed with a large brass stair-rod and another student was fired at by a member of the Swiss police during an attempt to remove the Swiss national flag from a station.

The sum of £80 is all that is necessary to partake in this stimulating if rather perilous interlude in the Alps, so begin to put aside your pennies to pay for next year's play and plaster.

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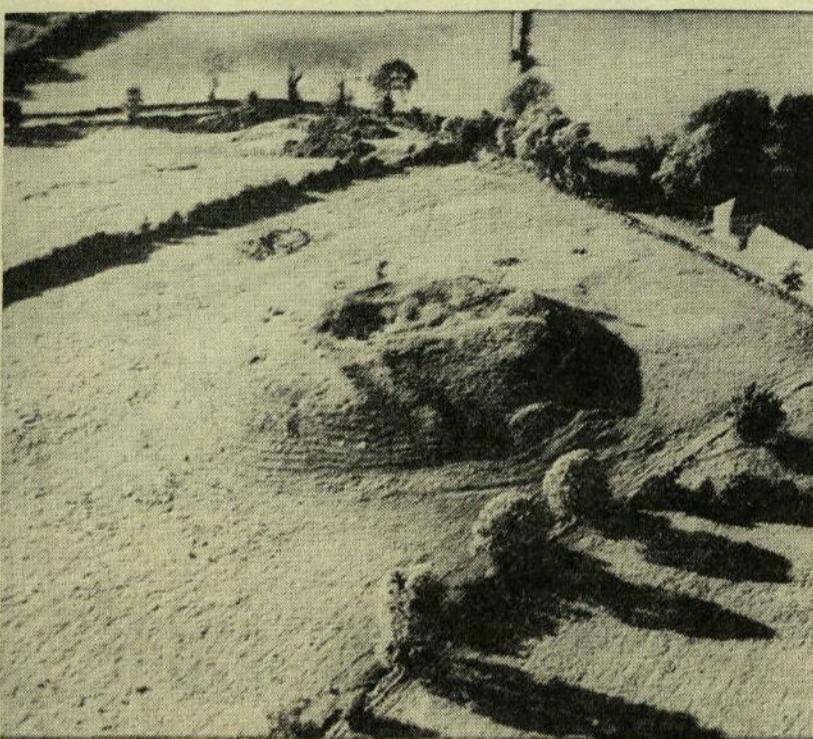


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ARTS SPACE



MEGALITHIC ART

To-day is the final day of the New Library Exhibition displaying photographs of a primitive burial site at Knowth, Co. Meath, where excavations have been in progress since 1962.

In an ox-bow of the River Boyne, a few miles downstream from Slane, lies an extensive Neolithic cemetery. The method of burial is in passage graves which are distinctive of farming communities living in western or northern Europe between four and five thousand years ago.

On the summit of a low hill to the west of the cemetery is the Knowth Tumulus. The ordered layering of shale, sods, stone and clay indicates that considerable care must have been taken in constructing the mound—as do the massive boulders which delimit the site. These kerbstones are up to

four feet high and six feet in length and with a few exceptions have designs on their outer faces. Apart from rare attempts at portraying the human form the art is non-representational and may be religious symbolism rather than decoration. Similar "art" is to be found on stones that form the passages to the tomb chambers inside the mound. These discoveries can be counted among the finest examples of megalithic art known.

The exhibition touches photographically on comparable burial locations in Ireland and in France, and there are exhibits of pottery and other domestic objects dating from later times found on the site.

The guide pamphlet available was written by Dr. George Eogan who compiled the exhibition, and it is a comprehensive, informative and interesting survey of the Knowth excavation.

A Man and a Woman again

Francois Truffaut's film "Stolen Kisses" is now in its fifth week at the International. It traces the adventures of a young man, Antoine, who flits amusingly from one job to another and from woman to woman. The jobs he tackles with little success. Only one woman, Madame Tabard, threatens to break the hold that ex-girlfriend, ever-present Claudine has on his feelings. The affair with Tabard is superbly treated, persuasively portrayed, yet still with the same humour and delicacy which run through the film. Even at the end the light and mildly mocking moods triumphs when Claudine finally traps Antoine. A tender film as suggestive as the title and the haunting music at beginning and end.

BECKETT

McMaster University, in Hamilton, Ontario, has purchased a substantial archive of manuscripts and private papers of Nobel Prize-winning author and playwright Samuel Beckett. This Canadian university already has the Bertrand Russell archives which it bought for £100,000.

Perhaps in Ireland we are most fortunate to possess the watercolours of San Giorgio Maggiore in Venice, a poetic view of the basilica and the island, in soft rusty pink, silhouetted against a yellow light, and reflected palely in the water below, and that of the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Square reduced to a haze of pastel colours.

The exhibition lasts until the end of the month when the watercolours will be carefully stored in a special cabinet until next year.

FOCUS on FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN TIM BREENE

"You achieve nothing if you forsake yourself." That's how Tim Breene, Scholar, and Chairman of D.U.L.M.S., sums up his position in College, in work, as in life. Call it individualistic, call it presumptuous as you will, Tim is a self-critical, energetic, likeable person with a gift and a taste for organisation that seems to substantiate if not prove his pet maxim. His present big "challenge" is the Modern Language Drama Festival—sustaining the success it has earned in recent years, extending its scope and projecting photogenically the Mod. Lang. Society that runs it.

"Each of the plays needs its own set and costumes, but we're limited by money, time and space, so adaptability, co-operation and a scrupulously kept schedule are tantamount." His powers of coordination are already forging a quiet victory.

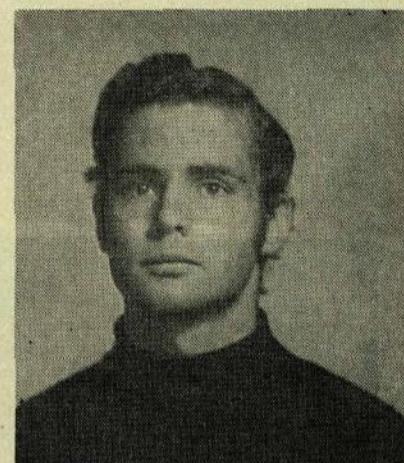
Advertising, programmes, tickets and broadsheets all have long since been seen to. He keeps an eye on his business assistants, but now he's back-stage all day long, painting props, removing flats, clearing and cleaning. If the Festival flops it will not be for lack of hard work.

The Festival, Tim believes, performs a unique University and extramural function. It's an opportunity for schools and language speakers outside to see competent

productions of plays unlikely to be seen elsewhere in Ireland; it gives the students themselves a chance to show their paces and improve their language, and it puts Mod. Lang. on the map.

Tim's ambitions tend towards an industrial rather than an academic career. He respects and enjoys the literatures he studies, but doubts their relevance to and their influence on modern society. Industry would provide the competition, the responsibilities, the bustle he needs. To feel active in sport, in study, as in the social rounds seems a basic drive in his character. So he plays hockey, studies early, and revels late. "For me the emphasis is on full participation."

He hates the vacuum of responsibility that College inevitably creates, but he admits it is a valuable vantage point from which to



Tim Breene.

criticise society. He hates the College gossip-mongers, but keeps his ears "close to the ground."

On matters of — and morals (here he adopts an amused and shocked expression) he is politic: "What I do is my business, what others do is theirs. I don't want to know about them and it's better if they don't know about me. I don't condemn anybody; basically I'm laissez-faire."

His banal and praiseworthy target is happiness; he is afraid of failure, not failure materially, but of this failure.

Crystal Glass Revival

Glass-cutting in Ireland declined when a glass-tax was levied back in 1825. The industry gradually re-established itself and Irish glass, particularly from Waterford, returned to the world market.

Now Mr. Eddie Taylor, relaxing after 21 years of life insurance, has started his own glass business at Blackrock. His Dublin Crystal Glass Co. Ltd. runs on a staff of five. Early in 1969 two Belgian experts acted provisionally as technical advisors. By the end of June, Dublin Crystal Glass was selling in major stores and jewellers throughout Ireland.

Although ashtrays have been exported to the U.S.A. and table-glass to the West Indies, Mr. Taylor wants to build up the home market before concentrating on the export trade. Next month a new suite—the "Yeats" suite—will be on sale. This will be the third suite on the market since June. The others are the "Joyce" and "Abbey" suites.

Mr. Taylor is introducing a new range of glassware to the Irish market. Described as "cased glass," it is made by incorporating a skin of coloured crystal glass on the outside of the glass being blown. The craftsman then cuts through the colour to reveal the clear crystal underneath. The finished product is superb and understandably expensive.

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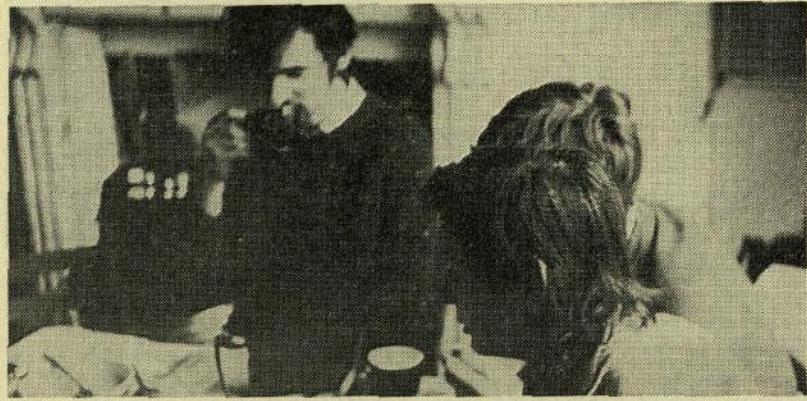
THE HUME STREET SITUATION

Students in Occupation

Roger Cole speaks as a squatter

Hume Street is part of that one per cent of Dublin which the Irish preservationist societies such as An Taisce, the Georgian Society and the Dublin Civic Group believe is worthy of preserving.

Since 1965 Green Property Ltd. (a British based firm of building speculators) have been trying to demolish it in order to build office blocks, in the middle of a housing shortage, and if the architectural students from U.C.D. and Bolton Street had not occupied it, they would have succeeded by now.



The occupation occurred on the 15th of December and the occupiers are still there and intend to remain.

The occupiers are mainly students and come from most of the colleges in Dublin. They have

themselves in the movement to ease the housing shortage while ensuring that Dublin's architectural heritage is not destroyed.

REPAIRS

So far the occupiers, among

other projects, have put a temporary covering on the roof, where the demolition experts had torn all the slates off, replaced all the floor boards, re-assembled and fixed a Georgian marble fireplace (£500) which they found in a bad state of repair in the house, fixed up a toilet, painted the front of the houses and rooms on the lower floor.

There is a great deal of work still to be done and it is far beyond the capacity of the present occupiers to put the place into first class condition. They can, however, make it temporarily habitable for themselves and one or two families as they have plenty of free labour, as well as £500 or so which has been donated to them. Slates, fuel and paint have been promised to them free of charge.

On Wednesday, January 14th, Green Property Ltd. said that they would sell their property at the modest sum of "£200,000." They also admit that they made a mistake in getting involved in Hume Street in the first place.

The managing director of the company said: "It has caused us more trouble than all our other projects put together. It has become a thorn in our side. It was a defeat for our company to have been involved at all, and if we can get rid of these houses we will be very happy."



In other words they expect Irish citizens to pay for the mistakes of British speculators.

I was there when the occupiers were discussing what to do and although it was decided not to do anything until more of our hardcore friends were present, it was thought that to pay £200,000 was absolutely ridiculous and it was suggested that we ask an independent auctioneer to assess the cost of the houses in their present condition, realising that they would be preserved as living accommodation and offer the speculators this assessed price.

Everyone is welcome to come up and give whatever assistance they can. A new sign will be joining the "We Will Resist." It is "The Fight Goes On."

Bloodthirsty

College will be invaded this week by a collection of individuals unashamedly seeking the blood of the students. These bloodthirsty invaders will remain for a week with the full permission and indeed the blessing of the University authorities. Every week of the year the Blood Bank of Ireland needs 1,500 pints of blood, and their last visit to Trinity yielded only 627 which was slightly below their expectations. Rewards for donations are a glass of Guinness or a cup of tea, plus the knowledge that you have done something definite to save lives.

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GIVE LIFE

HOCKEY

Injury-hit Trinity lose to champions

Trinity, 2; Three Rock Rovers, 4

On a sudden, rain-soaked pitch Trinity and Three Rock Rovers, the Leinster champions, presented the stalwart enthusiasts prepared to brave the elements with a sparkling display of attacking hockey.

Trinity started off at a great pace and went into the lead after only one minute when Tim Breene deflected a shot into the corner of the goal. Rovers came back into the reckoning only minutes later when H. Fry scored from a short-corner, with the Trinity defence completely wrong-footed.

The first-half continued at a very fast pace, but Trinity were weakened when Dave Barber, who had looked very penetrating in the early stages, was injured and played for the remainder of the game as a virtual passenger. Nevertheless, Trinity went ahead again five minutes before half-time through Bowd de Wit, who gave a superb stickwork display throughout the match in sticky conditions. The score at half-time was: Trinity, 2; Rovers, 1.

With the Trinity half-back line pushing forward all the time, Trinity retained control until midway through the second half, when the experience of Rovers eventually took its toll on the weakened College side, and after a period of sustained pressure Rovers were awarded a penalty flick from which Hennessy scored. Further injuries to Henry and

Breene left the defence struggling and despite valiant play by Eddie Fry and John Douglas the oncoming tide could not be stemmed. Rovers dominated the final few minutes and notched two more goals to their tally through Fitzsimons.

This was a good performance by Trinity who must be counted unlucky not to have shared the points, but once again Rovers showed that fighting spirit which has twice robbed Trinity of victory this season.

Sports — Hockey - Soccer - Rugby



Bowd de Wit spearheads a concentrated attack on the Three Rock Rovers' goal during Saturday's exciting match in College Park.

UNLUCKY NOT TO WIN

Trinity, 0; Belgrave, 0

Watched by a large crowd in College Park on Sunday, the 1st XI did well to take a point from the strongly fancied Belgrave team.

From the kick-off Trinity played some attractive football and while looking strong at the back they seemed capable of overcoming the opposition's defence. However, some fine shots by Fitzsimons, McAuley and McCombe were unlucky not to find the net. Belgrave also had their chances, but the Trinity defence displayed

a confidence and solidity which have been sadly lacking in previous performances. Near the end, Jackson substituted for the injured Bleakley, after the latter had been involved in an incident which resulted in the sending off of the Belgrave left-back, a decision which seemed rather unfair.

Despite a poor record in the Leinster Senior League, Trinity must be considered to have a fair chance in the Collingwood Cup starting in Galway on the 12th February. The squad have started a rigorous training programme

under the expert supervision of John Colrain, ex-Celtic player and now player-manager of St. Patrick's Athletic.

The team has been strengthened by the arrival of centre-half Keith Christie from Magee and Don Shields, while the inclusion of Billy McCombe adds a lot of punch to the forward line.

Sunday's team was: S. Hamilton; S. Millen, A. Burke; D. Shields, K. Christie, M. Smyth; P. Wherry, M. Bleakley, J. Fitzsimons, W. McCombe, T. McAuley. Sub.: D. Jackson.

BASKETBALL

Trinity's "A" team starts the term with three important games in four days. To-morrow there is a league game at home against St. John Bosco. The following day the team travels to Belfast to play Belfast Celtic in a vital match of the National Club Championship Challenge Round. Then on Monday comes a game in the same competition, against Corinthians of Dublin. All three games will be difficult, but will provide just the right sort of opposition before next week's intervarsity tournament in Galway.

CAPTAIN KEANE BREAKS LEG IN COMEBACK

Frank Keane, captain of the 1st XV, broke his left leg while trying to make a comeback with the 2nd XV at Santry last Saturday. He first broke his leg playing for the Irish Universities against the French Army last April, and having missed the Colours match in December was determined to be back to full fitness for the start of Trinity's Leinster Senior Cup campaign. Unfortunately he will now be out for the rest of the season.

RESULTS

Rugby

2nd XV., 11; Greystones, 11.

Soccer

2nd XI., 3; St. Mark's Athletic, 4.

Hockey

1st XI., 2; Three Rock Rovers, 4.

NEWS

All sports news should be handed into John Kirby's rooms (16.01) before 8 p.m. on Sunday. Results and scorers should be included. Scores of junior teams will also be welcome.

BOAT CLUB VICTORY

The Boat Club's term of hard land training was rewarded when the prospective Senior VIII scored an easy victory in the College "At Home" Regatta at the end of last term. The crew raced four times to retain the King George V Cup, scoring exciting wins over old rivals Garda in the semi-final and U.C.D. in the final.

Other College crews fared less well, going out in the first round, although Lady Elizabeth Boat Club, a crew comprised of ex-Trinity oarsmen, survived until the semi-final.

The winning crew was: T. Freeman (bow), R. V. O'Farrell, G. Dahl, N. Rea, T. S. Deane, R. Robinson, J. G. Payne, A. J. Guinness, N. Graham.

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TRINITY CUMANN STIRS FIANNA FAIL

Among the 3,000 delegates that crowded the Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis last week-end in the Mansion House were many members of the Trinity College Cumann. While the central theme of the meeting was the confrontation between the Blaney and the Lynch wings of the party, with the latter seemingly winning the day, the College Cumann caused quite a stir.

The Cumann circularised the delegates to the conference complaining that their motions had been ignored. These motions included one calling for the State purchase of housing land around Dublin and in other areas at reasonable prices to prevent speculation in land prices. This unusual step caused much discussion among delegates—so much so that an editorial in the "Irish Press" on Saturday referred to "the militant Trinity College Cumann."

Gerry O'Connor spoke on the Criminal Justice Bill. He accused the Minister, Mr. O Morain, and Senator Mullins, the Party Secretary, of grossly misrepresenting the party spirit and ideals. He then opposed the re-introduction of the Bill on the grounds that it was an arrogant attempt to curtail democracy. To the party's shame the motion was carried and the Bill is to be re-introduced.

The Chairman of the Cumann, John Duncan, proposed the adoption of the controversial Buchanan Report. He regretted the tendency in the Government to put the short-sighted fear of losing votes before the general

welfare of the people. The delegates passed the resolution. Members also tried to discuss the housing situation and the reform of the Constitution, but were ruled out of order.

Dan O'Connor, the Cumann's Treasurer, was unsuccessful in the election for the National Executive of the party. However, he finished well up in the poll which was no mean achievement on his first attempt.

While the Cumann didn't influence party policy to any great extent, it did, however, make an impression ranging from damning to favourable among the delegates to what is still the most representative of all political parties in the country.

TECHNOLOGICAL SIT-IN

A "sit-in" in the library was held by about 150 students at the College of Technology, Kevin St. The students were protesting about the library facilities, and complained that because their college is run by Dublin Corporation the library was open only during the Public Library hours. The college authorities have refused to keep it open any longer.

John Harrington, President of the S.R.C. in Kevin Street, said that he was generally dissatisfied with the college authorities. The shortage of teaching staff and the lack of a "college atmosphere" were also criticised.

Richard O'Toole, President of U.S.I., also addressed the students and said that their grievances were indicative of a more important issue—the way in which the Government was discriminating between university and technical education. He pledged U.S.I. support for the students' action.



President Eamon de Valera, the father of modern Irish politics. Are his party and his ideas being destroyed by dissension in the ranks?

S.R.C. DAMAGE COSTS £40

At the S.R.C. meeting on Monday night, the Vice-President of U.S.I., Jim Hamilton, presented the Council with a bill for £40. This represented the damage done to the Yeats County Hotel in Sligo during the U.S.I. Congress. Joe Revington, the S.R.C. President, commented: "I believe most of the breakages were accidental."

A motion calling for an investigation into the activities of the delegation was passed overwhelmingly. The following were appointed to report on the investigation: Tommy Hamilton (Chairman), Peter Heseltine and Alan Baxter.

THIS TERM'S EDITOR

This term's editor is Ted Oliver, a final year solo English student from Northern Ireland. He hopes to put "Trinity News" on a more professional basis in the journalistic sense, thus providing a more comprehensive coverage of events from all the parts and the societies of College. All pieces of information will be welcome, especially those from the Science end of College and from the minor and faculty societies who have in the past been rather neglected in the paper due to lack of communication.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Another of the old English-Anglo-Irish upper-class traditions has died in Trinity. Famine Relief Week has passed away and few people outside those actively concerned in the organisation of it are grieving at its demise. What is perturbing, however, is the manner in which the new Human Need Week has been born—not by natural childbirth but by Caesarean section under the scalpel of the Senior Dean.

The adverse publicity which certain members of last year's Trinity Famine Relief Week Committee received in the national press through their connection with other charity organisations under extreme suspicion alarmed the Senior Dean. These investigations implicated the College by association, despite the efforts of everyone connected with Trinity to avoid this.

The accounts of last year's events were a long time in the arrival and even now, with this new Human Need Week almost upon us, they have still not been generally circulated, although they have been in the hands of the Senior Dean since the middle of last term. The earlier publication of these financial details would have cleared the air to a very large extent, and if they were to be immediately put on public display the allegations and the smears would be settled once and for all.

These are the facts which have influenced the Senior Dean in decision to be the master-mind behind the radical re-organisation of this charitable happening, the control of which has been effectively and peremptorily taken far away from a student dominance. By doing this without issuing any accompanying statement he has branded the students involved in Famine Relief Week and provided grounds for fears that all events in College can be influenced by deeds done behind the scenes and well out of sight.

OMBUDSMAN

Senator Neville Keery, the assistant to the Secretary of the College, in a letter to the national press called for a press council of Ireland, stating that he had already brought the matter up in the Senate. The basic idea is sound, but it must be realised that conditions here with regard to journalism and censorship are vastly different from those in England. Here all the large national papers are tied to a particular line and to superimpose on this inherent restriction would be wrong.

What is required is, as one journalist has termed it, "an ombudsman" to whom complaints would be made and those deemed just referred to the papers concerned. This will be effective only if all sections of the mass media accept it voluntarily and agree to accept decisions and print suitable and prominent retractions. The ombudsman would, therefore, have to be completely independent and impervious to influence—such a man would be impossible to find in Ireland. I suggest that some prominent journalist from elsewhere should be offered the post at an attractive salary paid in equal proportions by the major newspapers, television and the Government, to ensure no particular bias towards or against one of them.

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