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ALL CHANGE AT S.R.C.

Barton Elected President

THE epic struggles in the Students' Representative Council have at last, we hope, reached a conclusion. At the Council meeting held on Thursday night, the second such meeting in a week, the elections of the previous week were reversed, and Bob Barton was elected President in place of Noel Igoe, who had been appointed the week before. Similarly, a new Correspondence Secretary, Record Secretary, and External Relations Secretary were elected.

The first Council meeting had been conducted in such a manner that it was inevitable that new elections would have to be held. The Executive Committee which had been elected at the first meeting ruled that meeting out of order, and thus put an end to itself, and restored the situation to what it had been before that meeting. Thursday's meeting was far more restrained than the other, and there was some sort of adherence to Constitutional procedure. Noel Igoe took the chair at the beginning of the meeting, with Miss Frances-Jane French as pro-Record Secretary. Immediately after the minutes had been read there was an attempt to place Miss Heather Colhoun in the chair, but the motion did not receive a sufficient majority. Mr. Igoe's conduct as Chairman was rather uncertain, and he had to be prompted on several points.

The first business before the Council was, of course, the election of a President. But before proceeding to the stage of nominations, it was felt that a new chairman should be appointed, since Noel Igoe would probably be a candidate. Brian Clarke was elected to the chair, and nominations proceeded. Since the executive had effectively ruled itself out of existence, there could be no official nomination, and so all nominations came from the floor.

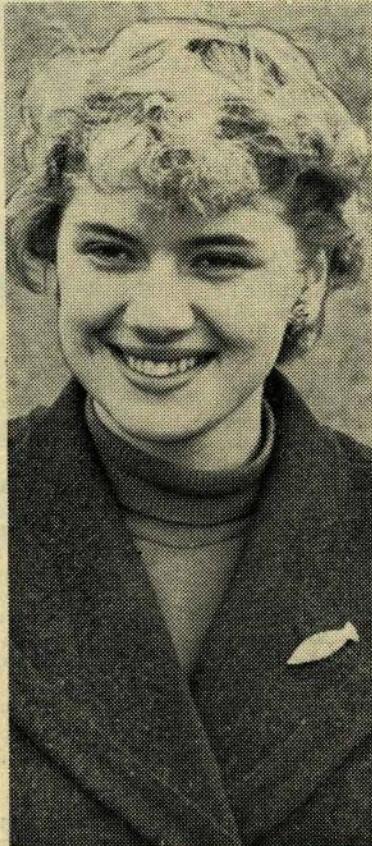
Four candidates were proposed, Noel Igoe, Frances-Jane French, Bob Barton and George Patrikios. Frances and George stood down, and left it a straight fight between Igoe and Barton. The question was then raised as to the eligibility of Barton to stand for President, since, it was claimed, he had not had a year's experience on the Council. The record book showed that he had attended only one meeting of the Council, and that as a visitor. A letter was presented to Mr. Clarke from the Photographic Association, which claimed

that R. C. Barton had, in fact, been their representative last year, but that due to the pressure of work, his place at Council meetings was normally taken by deputies. Mr. Clarke had little option but to declare that Mr. Barton was eligible to stand, when faced with this evidence. His ruling met with some vehement opposition, but was eventually accepted. When the vote was taken, Bob Barton was declared elected by 37 votes to 27, from a total valid poll of 60. However, as the four unaccounted for votes would not have affected the final outcome, Barton was declared elected, and took the chair.

Mr. Barton proved an authoritative and firm Chairman, emphasising his decisions with a hammer which he pulled from his pocket on taking the chair. Although Bob did not lose his head, the same cannot be said for the hammer. The remaining business went through smoothly enough, the main activity being caused by Miss French continually opening and shutting the door. Derek Waldron-Lynch was elected Correspondence Secretary; Neville Howard-Avison and D. J. Kerr were unopposed for the posts of External Relations Secretary and Record Secretary, respectively.

The Executive of the S.R.C. has, therefore, undergone another change in personnel, only Brian Harkness, Treasurer, and Frances-Jane French, Chairman of the Election Standing Committee, still remain of the officers elected in June. For a change, the Engineering and Economics School do not figure prominently on the Executive, though it seems that the latter certainly provided several promising election managers and string pullers. The new Executive, fresh and untried though it is, will probably instal some life into that rather lifeless body, the S.R.C. Certainly, the new President showed us last year that he lets few obstacles stand in his path. The Executive is, we understand, still split into factions which support various administrations. Noel

THE ENCHANTED



—Courtesy of Evening Herald.

JOCELYN SZELL,
Star of this term's Players' production, "The Enchanted," by Giraudoux, which opens on Monday in Players' Theatre, No. 3.

Igoe could still make some sort of case, but is unlikely to do so. Although the new President is not over popular with the Board, best reports seem to suggest that the authorities will not take direct action to displace him. The prospect of a fourth election would scare even the most hardened campaigners, and so we hope that this will not be called for, but that the S.R.C. be allowed to solve its own problems.

UNIQUE IRISH LAW

THE first Law Society inaugural meeting to be held for two years took place on Friday evening in the Regent House before a large audience of members of the legal profession, undergraduates and friends of the Temple Lang family. After a succession of rather dry legal speeches the slumbering audience was shaken from its stupor by the forthright remarks of the Chairman, the Hon. William B. Black, on the subject of the professional code of honour.

Referring to letters in the "Irish Times" concerning Sir Roger Casement, he said that it should be decided for once and for all whether members of the Bar were allowed to disclose to the public any statements to them in private by persons they had defended as it was a matter of vital consequence to the Bar and the public.

In his address entitled "The uniqueness of Irish Law," the Auditor, John Temple Lang, Sch., emphasised the effect of a written Constitution on Irish law, but stated that the Irish legal system had differed from its English parent even before 1922 in its elasticity and its distinctly Irish flavour, reflecting the country's social problems. He claimed that the Constitution was dominated by three main influences: nationalism, English parliamentary traditions and Roman Catholic philosophy.

Mr. Justice Budd, proposing the vote of thanks, outlined the main legal systems of the world and said that Ireland and England had a joint heritage of common and statute law, but differed because of problems and interests that were peculiar to Ireland.

Mr. Hector Hughes, Q.C., M.P., criticised the Auditor and Mr. Justice

Budd for confusing minor differences and uniqueness. Irish law, he claimed, would have been unique if the ancient Breton Laws had survived, but that they had been stamped out to permit the enforcement of the feudal English system.

Mr. Justice Murnaghan said that Irish law was unique because it derived all its authority from the written Constitution. Also, whereas the English courts system was completely independent, the Irish courts were no more than Government departments. Personally, he preferred the English system.

In a very short speech, Senator Arthur Cox pleaded for a codification of laws as statutes were becoming so numerous and varied that it was impossible for anyone to remember them all. He mentioned a few instances where he had been made aware of the differences in the systems of law.

The Chairman refused to sum up, saying that he was not a radio compère, but directed a few criticisms at the Auditor's address. He concluded with the plea for a decision on the question raised by Sergeant Sullivan's disclosures about Sir Roger Casement.

Record Performance

Yet another innovation was seen at the Phil. last Thursday. The occasion was the reading of a paper on Negroid American folk music by Mr. R. Stevens. As the essayist felt that the nature of his subject demanded illustration by gramophone records, the Council of the Society gave permission for a record player to be installed in the G.M.B.

Over sixty people heard Mr. Stevens' talk, which was comprehensive and entertaining. Mr. Stevens wisely restrained himself from using records too much, but the same could hardly be said of the Distinguished Visitor, Mr. C. Meredith, who had finally to be cut short by the Chairman while still in full spate after over an hour's discourse. Apart from this failing, however, Mr. Meredith's contribution was knowledgeable and well presented. Members of the Society who followed Mr. Meredith were at a seeming disadvantage in that they had not brought their entire record collections, but some oratorical fencing between Mr. Solomons and Mr. Spearman reminded some that words could be as effective as music.

The Chairman, Dr. A. J. Potter, summing up a novel, if slightly deafening evening's entertainment with a witty and authoritative speech, contrived to attack the supporters of both jazz and classical music, while pleading for tolerance in music circles.

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A LITTLE LEARNING

ONE of the results of a University education is supposed to be the development of an ability to think clearly. We are continually being told that prospective employers are interested, not in the subject of one's degree, but in one's powers of reasoning and thought. In the professions, of course, one must have a high degree of specialised knowledge, as well as an ability to think, but the Civil Service and industry in general want people with intelligence and breadth of mind, and they use one's degree as a measure of these faculties.

To what extent do the formal educational processes in Trinity develop, or attempt to develop, this faculty of thought? If we are honest, then we must admit that it is possible for someone to go through College, and emerge with quite a good degree at the end, without ever having had a constructive thought of his own.

The formal processes of education take two main forms, the lecture and the examination. Both, to be successful in this main object of developing the mind, need a certain approach from the undergraduate and the teaching staff.

Lectures are compulsory; to justify this compulsion, it is necessary that the lecture be of such a kind that it stimulates as well as informs. The whole point of the lecture is lost if it resolves itself into a dictatorial class, where for an hour a bored undergraduate laboriously takes down facts, which are easily found in a book, from a lecturer who has long since lost any interest in the effect he is having on his audience.

In the Sciences and Medicine, it is necessary to acquire a great amount of facts, and the lecture is usually allied with demonstrations. A lecturer has little time to worry about the minds of his hearers, but here, as elsewhere, bad presentation can rob even the most important facts of a lot of their significance. It is in the Arts schools, however, that the situation is more serious; here, the traditional place to develop a broad education. How often is all desire to think, killed by a flat presentation of unappetising facts? Some lecturers undoubtedly have the knack of stimulating interest, but many seem no longer to have an interest in so doing. A first-class degree does not mean a first-class lecturer. It is very necessary that some course in presentation and delivery be instituted for prospective lecturers. Only then can the best results be got from a system of compulsory lectures. Whether or not lectures should be compulsory is a debatable point, it is certainly not debatable that many of them should be improved.

Examinations, too, are likely to have a blunting rather than a broadening effect on the mind. This is in part the fault of the student, who all too often is involved in a mad flurry of activity during the last month, week, or day before the examination. The general rush, the necessity of wading through long book lists and the fact that the normal student tends to worry excessively about exams mean that little time is left for active thought. Examinations are still passed with memory and hard work rather than intelligence.

But already there are signs of improvement in the system. More and more seminars involving active participation, essays rather than lectures, term tests rather than examinations, and exams which explore breadth of mind as well as memory are coming into use. This system means more continuous work for the student, but if intelligent participation takes place, the overload of work immediately before the exam can be avoided. Certainly such a system when it has been fully developed will be a necessary supplement to the lecture and exam, and may even supplant them.

NEXT TERM

"Trinity News" welcomes new members of its staff for next term. Those interested in journalism or business should either contact one of the officials or drop a note to the Chairman, "Trinity News," No. 3 College, if possible by Saturday morning. It is advisable to include a contribution, such as a report on a meeting, with the application.

Profile

Graham Taylor — Captain of Rugby

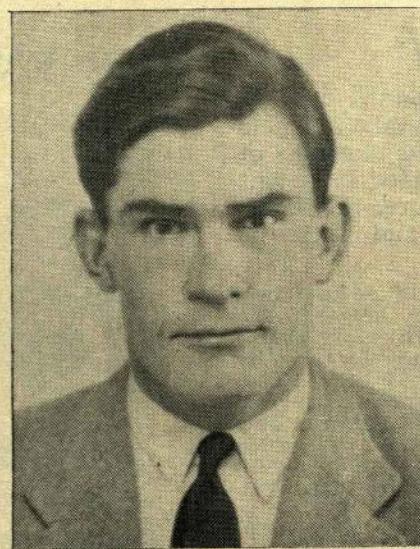
Next Saturday, the first XV will be making a bid to level results in their annual Colours match with U.C.D. at Lansdowne Road. U.C.D. have won two matches to Trinity's one, with one match drawn, in the present series. No one is better fitted to lead the side on this occasion than Walter Graham Taylor, who has missed only the second of the last four encounters.

Graham Taylor came to Trinity in 1952 from Haileybury, where he played an important rôle in his school's rugby

successes. Almost immediately he found a place in the team which inaugurated this series of Colours matches in December of that year. Ever since he has been one of the most loyal members of a club where there is a traditional competition in loyalty. It was no surprise when, last May, the colours elected Graham their captain for this season. The scores so far have not always been satisfactory, but if his leadership against the London-Irish twelve days ago is any indication, prospects now seem very encouraging for a good Colours match and a good year.

When he takes his place on the field on Saturday it will be the first time in three years that a captain is free of injuries and able to play in this match.

The Rugby Club is one of those institutions in College which produce "typical" members. Graham, or "The



Colonel" as he is known by his many friends, is typically typical, but with one exception: he can never make himself objectionable or make enemies.

To keep fit he is often seen enjoying a round of golf at the Grange, and he is a common figure in College Park, where he is continually training. The evenings find him at one of the pubs which are popular with his circle around College whenever training permits. Drinking is, incidentally, an activity which "The Colonel" can enjoy with decorum and enjoy it "immensely."

Late at night, when not listening to his new radiogram, he often obliges bridge addicts looking for a four. Women, too, occupy a not too excessive part in Graham's quota of time.

Like so many, many others, Taylor came to Trinity to study. He has managed to do so from time to time and hopes to get his B.Sc. Experimental Science next June. Naturally enough, he is now thinking of the future. He

does not, for the moment, intend to follow the current trend and go abroad, but he expects to get a job in London, where he was born 22 years ago, when he has finished National Service.

Literally a true Anglo-Irish (mother), Graham, looking further ahead, hopes to emulate his parents' example and retire to pleasant, easy-going Ireland.

ROUND THE SOCIETIES

Eisenhower and the Hist.

Last Wednesday the C.H.S. debated the motion "That this house welcomes the election of Mr. Eisenhower." In general, the Society was very critical of Eisenhower's administration and of Mr. Dulles's foreign policy.

Carrying a cover of "Time," showing Eisenhower and Nixon, M. H. Proctor, speaking for the motion, felt that Eisenhower was a man of strong personality, with varied experience, who could settle international misunderstandings. V. S. Young made it known that Mr. Eisenhower stood for what the majority of the world wanted—peace on earth and amongst nations. Alex. Kuma honoured Eisenhower's attitude towards civic rights in the Deep South, and Chuku Emekekwe wished Eisenhower could have a third term.

Speaking for the negative, Albert Talalla was concerned about the dangers of Mr. Nixon as President. R. H. Bolster deplored the Eisenhower administration's attitude to Red China. The policy moulded by Mr. Dulles was often wobbling and confused. C. Sides and B. Jadeja were both critical of Dulles and Eisenhower, and the rest of the speakers felt that Adlai Stevenson should be President. When put to the house the motion was defeated.

Dr. McDowell summed up. He felt that while Mr. Stevenson may have appealed to the intellectuals, Mr. Eisenhower had the popularity of a great soldier.

The Religious Life at the Theo.

On Monday, Mr. W. J. Marshall (Sch.) read his paper on "The Religious Life" to the Theological Society. He showed us that the religious life was based on the Command of Christ—"Be perfect," the monk seeking to imitate the Life of Christ through his three-fold vow of poverty, chastity and obedience. He then made a brief survey of the various forms in which the monastic ideal has expressed itself in the Church's history, ending with a consideration of modern Anglican communities, and their value to the Church to-day.

Mr. C. R. J. Rudd proposed a vote of thanks to the essayist, and Mr. D. J. Kerr ably seconded it.

Many speakers in the ensuing discussion paid tribute to the high quality of the essay, which was considered one of the best read before the Society in recent years.

Gramophone Society

At a meeting of the Gramophone Society on Thursday last, Mr. Kenneth Jones presented a programme of keyboard music. He commented on each recording, which greatly added to the interest of the evening.

The recordings played linked the keyboard music of the pre-Mozart period with that of post 1900. Bach's Italian Concerto, played on the harpsichord by George Malcolm, and two Handel Organ Concertos, formed the backbone of the first part of the programme.

College Observed

LAST February, in response to a general request to residents by Dr. Pyle, the then J.D., "Trinity News" addressed to him an open letter putting forward a comprehensive list of suggestions to improve College residence. In all probability, individuals, too, did so privately. Nothing more, however, has been heard about the subject since. Is it still proposed to proceed with any, at least the most urgent, improvements? Or has the recent influx of new innocent residents made the authorities sit back with complacence?

What Arrangements!

ANOTHER deplorable example of the lack of co-operation and co-operation between the administration and undergraduate organisations was observed last week. The International Affairs, after going to so much trouble, hard work and considerable expense to organise the Exhibition of Education, was obliged to close it down on Thursday when it had remained open to the general public for only three days. This situation arose when the Law Society booked the Regent House for last Friday, much later than the D.U.A.I.A. had done so. Auditor John Temple Lang refused to move his meeting elsewhere, in spite of the fact that the Debating Hall, G.M.B., was made available and contrary to the recommendations of his committee, one of whom was overheard saying: "You are a pompous little —."

That Presidency

BOB BARTON has become President of the S.R.C. after all. The Harkness boys must be frustrated now that their dictatorial methods have come to nothing. While one should feel sorry for Noel Igoe, who was meant to be the beneficiary of these methods, he must also be congratulated for picking up enough courage to hold new elections, thus becoming the victim of his own innocence. But why on earth did he not get up at the time the ridiculous rulings were being made and protest? Instead he remained silent which made many councillors identify him with that undemocratic policy. It is to be hoped that the new administration will remain within their jurisdiction and not become as unpopular as the old—at least among those who take any notice of it. Now what the S.R.C. jurisdiction is, or what its use is, I could not tell you. Can anybody?

"Icarus" Flying Off?

WHEN is "Icarus" coming out this term? Having been asked this question last Monday, I decided to do some research to find out. The results have not been very encouraging, due to the refusal of members of the inner circle of the "literary magazine" to divulge anything except say: "Wait for a big surprise." Duncan Forson, however, who has held a number of positions on the committee in recent terms, hoped to have it out sometime soon—"It could even be out before the last day of term." It should be mentioned in this connection that "Icarus" is meant to be published early in term.

Active Recruits

MANY officers of College societies and clubs have expressed favourable comments about the enthusiasm shown by new members from the ranks of junior freshmen. The difficulty will arise when their interest will have to be kept alive in months to come. If this obstacle is by-passed, then we may soon have to give up talking about the prevailing apathy.

Sans Souci.

On the Ball

The smoke of battle has cleared from the meetings of the S.R.C., and the new red revolutionary committee is meeting to discuss novel methods of rendering the Commencements Ball exciting. The Ball is to be held this year on Thursday, 6th December, and the attention of all members is concentrated on perfecting the organisation of the novelties, which, it is intended, should be even more original and entertaining than in previous years. Suggestions by extremists that spot prizes and novelties should be of an explosive character have, however, been ruled out of order.

The Commencements Ball is traditionally the gayest College function of the year; discreet enquiries by our reporter have revealed that attendance this year is not likely, in spite of reports current in certain circles, to involve actual danger to life and limb; but those who go looking for excitement should not be disappointed.

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There are two main types of women who enter the G.M.B., that hallowed sanctum of the male—those who work there, and keep it clean, and those who visit it for meetings of various sorts. We doubt if anyone has ever met one of the first kind. It is easier to find someone who can describe the ghost in the Rubrics, especially after a hard Saturday night than to find someone who has seen these ethereal creatures. There are, however, indications of their presence. The piece of lino cleverly covering the worn patch on the Phil. carpet, occasionally glistens like ice, and even members of long-standing have been known to lose their status. These invisible beings also brush the cobwebs from Eoin O'Mahony, when he lies slumbering in the Hist. for weeks on end.

The ladies who visit the G.M.B. during the afternoon for such things as the Donelan lectures usually pass straight into the Debating Hall, causing little stir, although there are rumours that one young lady stumbled down the stairs on the right as you go in, and has never been seen since. But it is on Thursday evening, when the Phil. opens its august portals and invites ladies to cross its threshold, "do watch out for the lino," and welcomes them to partake not only of the nectar brewed in the Hist. workroom but also of the instruction and entertainment provided by the speakers of the Society, that the most interesting influx of ladies is to be seen. The ladies appear out of the night in large groups, turn one of the sofas into a barricade and ward off over-keen Phil. officers with vicious-looking umbrellas whilst they wait for the meeting to begin. The only exception to the group principle is the occasional glamorous young lady, the current inamorata of one of the senior officers who can "look after herself very nicely, thank you," and who usually so disturbs the waiter that half one's tea is spilt in the cup.

The reason for the solidarity of the intrepid few is seen as the evening proceeds. If a member of the Society, carried away by his own oratorical brilliance, utters a slightly risqué remark, the ladies are observed nervously glancing at each other to decide what the approved reaction is to be: if innocence is the generally accepted attitude, a suitable demeanour is quickly assumed. Of course, occasionally, a split in the ranks occurs when the ladies on one side of the house do not know what the other side is doing, frenzied approval and calm composure being sharply contrasted. One remembers, too, one particular occasion when one young lady bravely supported the Society alone, but retired before the end of the meeting, the seventh "Lady and Gentlemen" having proved too much for her. She has never been seen again, either.

Generally, the ladies come to see what the weaker sex are up to, sometimes they stay to speak; their presence may not improve the speeches, very often the contrary happens, but they certainly relieve the tedium for bored Council members.

DEBATABLE

On Tuesday, December the 4th, a round of the Irish Students' Debating Tournament will be held in Galway, where the Phil. debating team will represent Trinity. Next Wednesday the Hist. team will be fighting on home ground, as they are sponsoring a round in Trinity. The Northern round has already been decided, and the winners, Queen's and Stranmillis, will meet the winners of the other rounds in the final in Queen's. The winners of this final will participate in "The Observer" debating competition. Last year the Hist. team were very narrowly defeated in the British Isles final. We hope Trinity's representatives will be as successful as last year's.

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Sherry for the Ladies

Last Saturday, as ever was, the Wicklow hills were simply crawling with odd characters dressed in the kind of attire which, I am told, is definitely "out" with serious hikers. The prize for the grand marathon was sherry and Players at Chris. Fitzsimon's stately home. Pope O'Mahony arrived in time for one for the road, having walked the road from Stepaside. Gillian Ackroyd was still walking round the Junior Dean, and John Molloy was still carrying the baby (this time in a Moses basket). Denise, a very unlikely lecturer, was fascinated by lank-locks Moriarty, who showed her how to kiss a burning candle.

Anthony Tatlow, the doyen of littérateurs, was elaborating on the theme of why the Tatlows came to Ireland. Well, why? And everybody remarked how like dear Christopher was to his umpteenth great grandfather, whose portrait brooded over the candle-lit scene disgustedly. Kate Lucy, without her guitar, but with Hoddy (her one-string instrument) was chattering to Eithne Dunne, who was not impressed by anyone either.

Charity Begins at Home

Jocelyn Charity, Miss Szell that was, was the guest of honour at a quiet dinner party held by Brunhild Achilles last Thursday. Brunhild, tamer of wild poodles, had some difficulty in keeping Rudi and Ria out of the meat-balls, but Louis and Jill got thoroughly mixed up in the spaghetti, and were quickly knitted together by Sarah Esgate. Sarah couldn't make Nick Westby understand why she prefers Pye to birthday cake.

Blue Jay

A select party gathered at John Jay's flat for theatrical stimulation and to celebrate his forthcoming production of Lorca's "Blood Wedding." Most of the people who have already starred in "Sherry for the Ladies" were there, and we needn't go into the details again, except to note that Jay's flat is not as stately as the Fitzsimon mansion.

SON OF HORRORSCOPE

Bob Barton (third President of the S.R.C. this year)

"There will be an unexpected call on your services."—"News of the World."

"You must keep your wits about you all this week for it looks as though you are going to be involved in a dispute which will occupy your time."—"Woman."

Professor David Greene

"This will be a week of close shaves."—"Financial Times."

Any Freshman Who Goes to the Dixon

"A week-end outing will prove something of a disappointment."—"Woman."

Jill Robbins

"You will be able to display your talent this week and will surprise your friends and relatives by the things you do."—"She."

Letters to the Editor

has but a small part to play, though future developments may be interesting.

Dear Sir,—As an inquisitive Freshwoman, I would like a comprehensive explanation of the S.R.C. This is, I gather, a period of crisis in its history; perhaps that is what has raised in me a keen interest and a desire to read and attempt to understand what this paper and "T.C.D." have to say about it. My imperfect understanding of the matter has left me dissatisfied and I feel that other Freshers might be as grateful as I would for the explanation I seek.

Perhaps, too, in the future more could be done about advertising the position of the S.R.C. in College life, and the lines on which I suggest this advertisement are the production and distribution or sale of pamphlets which would define concisely the object and purpose of the S.R.C., and also briefly outline its activities and how it is intended to help the students.

I would also like to make a suggestion which I readily expect will not be popular. Seeing the S.R.C. is not running smoothly on its present lines, it is possible that there is something seriously wrong with it internally; in this case it might be necessary to change the whole ensemble, which could be done to advantage by seeking the advice of similar student bodies in other universities. No doubt the presidents of such organisations would be willing to help us.—Yours faithfully,

E. M. Christine Delap.

6 Trinity College. 24/11/56.

Editorial Comment: The S.R.C. was established in 1937 to represent the Student body with the Board, and various national student organisations. Its main weakness lies in the fact that very few Trinity students consider themselves, in fact, to be represented by this body. It provides various services, which were detailed in a pamphlet distributed at the S.R.C.'s freshers' reception and which is probably still available. S.R.C.s in other Universities usually control all student activity. Here by tradition such activity is split between many bodies, and so the S.R.C.

Editorial Comment.—We must apologise to Mr. Doherty for the over-strong terms of our correspondent last week, which we now know to be totally undeserved.

Dear Sir,—As one who has received many invitations to Opening Meetings and answered few, may I make a suggestion to those who will be sending out the invitations next year? It would save trouble for some and qualms of conscience for others among the invited if secretaries would write: "Please reply, if accepting," instead of "R.S.V.P."—Yours, etc.

A Junior Fellow.

Mod. Lang.-Whither?

Last term the Mod. Lang. Society showed great energy by entertaining College with a fortnight of European Drama, in which four of its groups each produced a play. The proceeds from the Festival enabled the Society to start the new scholastic year with a handsome bank balance and a resultingly confident outlook for the future. At last it appeared that Mod. Lang had emerged from its slough of despond, at last it could boast enthusiasm and activity within its ranks.

Unfortunately, this confidence is ill-founded. The basic causes of the Society's former lethargy still exist without anything effective having been accomplished to remove them. While many of its members were willing to collaborate in a special drama festival (principally, one suspects, to prove to themselves if not to anyone else that there were actors outside Players), this enthusiasm has not increased the attendance or participation in normal group meetings to any considerable extent. Group leaders have had to provide entertainment in preference to discussions and debates, in order to draw the public. The "entertainment stunts" have been successful, but debates would probably have attracted only a handful. In short, where participation and activity in group meetings are involved, the society still remains one of the laziest in College, its enthusiasm being pitied rather than supported. The comparatively few who read French with German have always been, and still are, the most active; while the majority of indolent and indifferent members are still to be found in the English school, members who have not contributed one iota of their time or intelligence towards the Society.

This unhopeful state of affairs, however, has an origin other than sheer laziness. The second cause is the non-existence of a Mod. Lang. Room. While nearly every other College society has a special room in which to hold its activities, Mod. Lang.—numerically one of the largest—has to make do with a lecture room. Not only this, Mod. Lang. can never be sure of always being able to use this room, 35D, for evidently the staff also fancy it for divers unofficial lectures. While Prof. Liddell, the Society's President, is doing all he can to obtain a room, the Society limps around beggar-like in search of meeting places.

There is yet another reason for discontent. The use of the only room in No. 35 where gramophone plugs can be fixed is permitted only to the French group. Others must, if you please, crawl elsewhere, or, better still, go to blazes! In fact, the French group has all the best of No. 35 while the others make do with the scraps.

Thus it is to be feared that, with no room, little enthusiasm and an outrageous unfairness, Mod. Lang., despite all its activity in drama festivals, will continue to be one of the lazy, homeless and discontented societies in College.

NO PLAYERS, PLEASE

There was a great deal of annoyance and irritation in Players last week when it was found to be impossible to enter this term's production, "The Enchanted" by Giraudoux, in the National Union of Students' Drama Festival in London. The closing date for entries was the 27th of October, but Players received no information about the Festival until well after this date, and then only indirectly. Despite long 'phone calls to the organisers in London, Trinity were unable to enter their witty and unusual play in the Festival.

Apparently, all information about the Festival was sent to the Irish Students' Association, but they seemingly only informed U.C.D., and so the only entry from I.S.A. will be the U.C.D. term production, "She Stoops to Conquer." We hardly feel that this can be called representative of I.S.A. when no other University theatre group was approached. Part of the mix-up may be caused by the fact that I.S.A. is in a state of disorganisation at the moment.

The producer of the U.C.D. play, Pat Fay, did not know that his play was entered for the Festival when asked, but had to check with the President of his society. One feels that it is a great pity that the Trinity production, which, incidentally, has its opening on Monday, should be thus excluded from the Festival, despite all the efforts of the producer and others to get it entered.

FRICASSEED

Women in College were feeling somewhat tired of life last Thursday night—or those at least who had eaten fricassée of mutton for lunch in No. 6 that day; 11.0 to 12.0 p.m. was an hour spent in agony by all unfortunate gastronomes, for it was then that the plague struck.

Accident to College Graduate

Allan McMillan Buchanan, Trinity graduate and Irish Rugby International, was killed in a motor accident last week. An outstanding athlete, Mr. Buchanan was captain of Dublin University Rugby Club in 1927, and played for Ireland from 1926 to 1928.

When he left College he joined Leys School, Cambridge, where he was first games-teacher, then housemaster and, at the time of his death, bursar.

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SPORTS NEWS

Rugby

Colours Match GOOD PROSPECTS

LOCAL rugby interest will once again be centred on the colours match between Trinity and U.C.D. at Lansdowne Road next Saturday.

Since the series began in 1952, U.C.D. have won two matches, and Trinity one, last year's having been drawn. It could be said that both Universities this year will be fielding a stronger team than they have done for at least the last three seasons. Out of seven games this term, Trinity have won five, and U.C.D. four out of eight. However, U.C.D. look a stronger team on paper, as they have in Fitzsimons and Brophy two of the finest wing three-quarters in the country. Their full-back, Gibney, has now returned to his previous good form, while their pack, which includes the international player Lydon, gave a magnificent display in their last match against Aldershot.

Although Trinity cannot boast of any internationals, their record this season shows that outstanding individuals are not vital to the success of a team and if they can repeat the performance they gave in the London-Irish game they should bring the score of colours wins to two-all.

TRINITY TEAM

J. R. FULLERTON (Portora R.S.)—First colours 1950, pink, played for Connaught. First-rate attacking full-back. Height 5-11. Weight 12-6. Age 24. Studies Medicine.
C. G. MOSTERT (Diocesan College, S.A.)—Colours in 1952, pink for cricket. An experienced winger. Height 5-11. Weight 12-4. Age 26. Medicine.
J. C. FITZSIMON (Portora R.S.)—Colours in 1955; Leinster trialist; a fine attacking centre. Height 6-1. Weight 12-4. Age 23. Medicine.
T. P. SMYTH (Campbell College)—Colours in 1954. Pink for cricket. Changed from out-half to centre. "Every inch a footballer." Height 5-5. Weight 9-4. Age 21. Economics.
A. REID-SMITH (St. Peter's School, York)—Fast winger with many tries to his credit. New colour, but played in last year's match. Height 5-10. Weight 12-4. Age 21. Medicine.
P. SANG (St. George's College, Rhodesia)—Out-half, new colour, played on the 1st XV in previous seasons. Junior Leinster Interpro. Height 5-10. Weight 12-6. Age 22. Medicine.
M. NISBETT (Wesley College)—Scrum-half, new colour; played for Old Wesley last year; very promising. Height 5-9. Weight 11-0. Age 18. Natural Science.
D. FITZPATRICK (High School, Dublin)—New colour; Leinster Schools' Inter-provincial; played for seconds last year. Height 5-10. Weight 13-0. Age 19. Medicine.
L. PROZESKY (Pietermaritzburg College, S.A.)—Hooker; colours 1954; took over from Robin Roe and filled the position adequately. Height 5-10. Weight 12-4. Age 24. Medicine.
R. CHESNEY (Dungannon R.S.)—New colour; experienced player; played for the seconds in 1950. Height 6-0. Weight 13-0. Age 26. Medicine.

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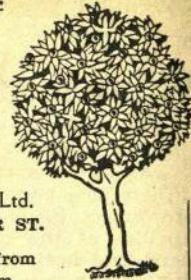
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Soccer

TRINITY'S POOR WIN

Trinity, 3; Magee, 1.

THE Soccer 1st XI, though they recorded their second win since the beginning of the season, were sadly lacking in the finest arts of the game at College Park on Monday against Magee University. It says very little for the standard of football shown by the opposition that they were beaten by the substantial margin of 3-1, especially since Trinity were playing with only ten men for most of the time.

The game, though played in unfavourable conditions, was an uninteresting exhibition of misplaced passes, aimless kicking and misconceived ideas. Whatever little constructive play there was, stemmed from the play of A. Stewart at centre-half who took over this position from H. O'Connor who retired early with an injury. Elder, playing at outside right, was rather neglected in the second half; he put in some good passes. The goals were scored by Prole, Elder and Ryan, the first of which Magee replied to through their centre-forward. This was the team's last match this term. They have had two wins, three defeats and a draw, and unless great improvements are made in almost every position their chances of a Collingwood Cup win in February are extremely remote. However, it would be fair to mention that they have been unfortunate so far in that their leading

players were unable to play, while D. Wheeler missed the last three matches.

Last Week's Tour

During the Galway-Cork tour the team played two matches, losing one and drawing the other. U.C.G. won by 3-1 because they adapted themselves better to the freak conditions under which the game was played—a very light ball, a gale and a bumpy pitch.

The match against U.C.C. was a much more serious affair and the large number of spectators watched some good football from both teams. Trinity were lucky to be only one goal down two minutes before the end, when Ryan equalised, as Cork had a great territorial advantage throughout the game. The defence, with Stewart, Gibbons and Rigby outstanding, gave their best display of the season, but the hero of the match was goalkeeper McCabe who among his many saves included a penalty kick.

Hockey

GOOD START TO TOUR

Guildford, 4; Trinity, 5.

IN the first match of their English tour, the Trinity hockey team gave an excellent second-half display to beat Guildford by 5-4 after being down 4-1 at the interval. The defence failed to settle down at first, due probably to some positional changes, Wheeler, normally a forward, playing at right-half, Webb, usually a centre-half, playing left-half.

The Guildford forwards were allowed plenty of room to work in and they scored a goal in the first five minutes. The Trinity forwards made some attacks and many chances were wasted before Lavan equalised. Thereafter, the Guildford forwards were rampant and scored three more goals against a hesitant Trinity defence.

In the second half, the whole team, realising the seriousness of the situation, started to play better hockey and inside ten minutes Lavan scored a second goal, following some good interpassing between the inside forwards. Trinity's defence now tightened up considerably, and with the half-back line of Webb, Pratt and Wheeler commanding the centre of the field, the forwards made

LADIES' HOCKEY

Pembroke Wanderers B 1

Dublin University 3

The Trinity forwards took command of play from the start and Aileen Redmond shot a goal within the first two minutes. After this, the forward line settled down to play really good hockey, but the second goal, scored by Jill Kirwan, came only shortly before half-time. In the second half Pembroke revived and got a snap goal, aided by the lethargy of the Trinity defence. Ruth Harris scored the third goal for Trinity after a scramble in the Pembroke goal-mouth, which by this time resembled a quagmire.

Trinity's defence seemed leaden-footed and were far from relishing the muddy pitch, but if they recover their usual form and if the forwards play as they did on Saturday, Trinity should meet Queen's in the final of the Chilean Cup. If they do, it should be a very close game.

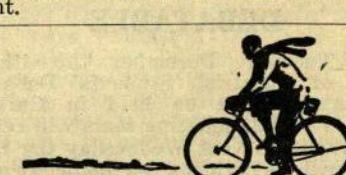
D.U. Gaelic Football Club

The annual general meeting of the above club will take place in No. 5, T.C.D., at 7.45 p.m., on December 7th. The club is anxious to contact new members to fill the gaps caused by the departure of some of their stalwarts. Anyone interested can contact M. J. Walsh, 84 Grove Park, Rathmines, before that date if they want further information.

D.U. HARRIERS

There was a race on Saturday between D.U.H., Clonliffe, Donore and Crusaders. It was held from Islandbridge over the 4½-mile course. The three Dublin clubs all beat Trinity, who were without four of their scoring six. Donore won, with Clonliffe second. In the individual placings, however, third place was gained by Connolly for D.U.H.

Next week D.U.H. run in the Novice Championships.



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