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Lecturers Disagree with Board

*Fellows Suggest Shorter
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University Council will Decide

A SPLIT is likely to develop between Trinity College and Dublin University over a proposal from the Junior Fellows to change the structure of the academic year.

The proposal, which has already been passed by the Board, seeks to lengthen the Michaelmas and Hilary Arts lecture terms to eight weeks each, and to shorten the Trinity lecture term to five weeks. At the same time the full calendar terms would be lengthened by about forty days in the year for administrative reasons. It is argued that only five weeks of lectures in the Trinity term would make life easier for those sitting examinations in June. Trinity week would then invariably fall outside the new five-week lecture term. Trinity Monday itself might occasionally fall within the lecture term according to the exigencies of the calendar.

Chapter 8 section 13 of the Consolidated Statutes reads "Any proposed new rule . . . shall be passed by Board and Council." The University Council has still to consider the proposals. It is doubtful that it will find itself in agreement with the Board. A rival faction to the Junior Fellows has emerged among the Lecturers, who have already rejected the changes in strong terms.

The most important result to the undergraduate would seem to be the lengthening of the Summer vacation, at the cost of an increase in jeopardy if it were made to in the two Winter terms. Also Trinity week is thought by some to fall outside the lecture term.

If Dublin University and Trinity College can agree, the proposals

may come into force in the Autumn of 1963. Perhaps by then someone will have thought of consulting the students, who are, of course, members of both.

ACCESS FOR FIRE ENGINES

Fire precautions are to be stepped up in College. In an interview with the Agent our reporter was told that plans were being made to remove the cross-bar from the top of the Lincoln Place Gate to allow fire engines to come in. As readers will remember, when fire broke out in No. 5 at the beginning of last term, the Dublin Corporation fire engines were unable to pass under Front-Gate. This only leaves the Pearse Street Gate and there is no porter there at night.

The gate at the east end of the Museum Building is to be widened also. Printed cards are to be displayed at suitable points throughout College to remind staff and students of the danger of fire, and describing the action to be taken in the event of an outbreak. Key operated switches are to be installed at suitable points, particularly in College Park, to acquaint the Front Gate porters of an outbreak of fire at night, and a portable alarm to rouse sleepers is to be provided for use by the porters at Front Gate. With the renovation of the roofs around College suitable trap-doors are being made to allow escape to the adjoining houses.

However, it appears that at present there are some financial difficulties which for the present make some of these steps impossible.

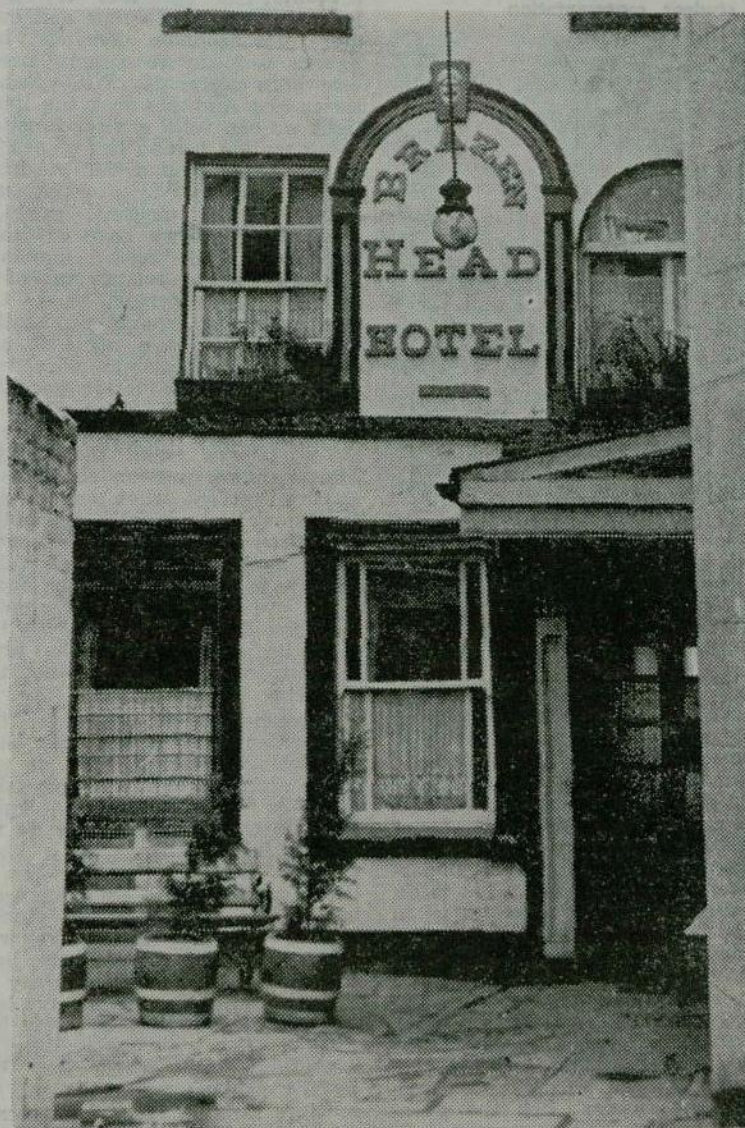


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STOUT ON COMMONS

New Developments

At the end of last term those who dine on Commons were surprised to find that they could no longer pour their own stout at any time during the meal but had to have their glass poured by a waiter at the beginning of the meal. Last week the jugs reappeared on the tables. What had happened?

It appears the Commons committee had complained that the jugs were being removed from the tables too early in the meal. It was decided that personal attention by a waiter was the answer; but another problem arose, for some like to drink late in the meal, and some like to drink the ration due to their T.T. friends. The Commons committee complained again, adding that it now seemed that the Board

was saving money on this new method of serving. However, the Board did not wish to save this particular money and the jugs are back on the tables (12½ pints per table).

Some have thought that the drink on Commons is provided by some benefactor of the past but we are assured this is not so. It is included in the price of the meal, and is bought by College like any other commodity.

Fall of the Dixon Hop

When the Boards announced the new rules concerning women students it made it clear that these rules should be strictly enforced. However few realised that the rules would have such far-reaching consequences. It now appears that Hops in the Dixon Hall have been "suspended" as these usually end at 11.30 and the new rules do not allow women in College after 11 o'clock.

As was mentioned at the S.R.C. last week some women have been unable to collect bicycles left in College after this hour. When the Senior Dean was asked the reason for this suspension he said the Board felt that if this rule was to be enforced it would mean that the Hops would have to end about 10.45, and the efforts of those concerned in organising the Hops would be out of all proportion to the amount of money made in return. He felt that if the Societies had to raise extra money by Hops they should apply to the Standing Committee for Clubs and Societies for a larger grant.

NEW AUDITOR FOR THE HIST.

J. Michael Newcombe won the narrowest election victory for many years in the Auditorial election of the Historical Society with a majority of 45 votes to 43 over Ian Blake, who is in Jerusalem. Michael Newcombe is at present Correspondence Secretary.

J. M. Craig was elected to the post of Censor with a comfortable majority as was Mr. Lowry to that of Librarian. The Treasurer, P. Warwick, the Record Secretary, W. S. Hegan, and the Correspondence Secretary, A. Walton Harrison, were elected unopposed.

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THE TRINITY APPROACH—2

DAVID BUTLER concludes, in this article, his description of Trinity S.R.C.'s approach to student representation during the past session.

In reply to the "traditionalist" attack it may be said (a) that in fact every College in Oxford and Cambridge does have a representative organisation in its "Junior Common Room," a system which would be quite impracticable here in view of the numbers of students involved, and (b) that while the Scholars' Committee and the Major Societies do indeed do a great deal of work on behalf of all students, such agencies—as they themselves would be the first to admit—would be wholly unsuited to perform all the functions of an S.R.C. These include not only the running of elaborate services (travel and vac. work), but also—and in my view far more important—the endless business of finding out what most students really want, and to what extent these wants are capable of fulfilment, and then negotiating with the College authorities to see how much can be got. Also, of course, as we have deliberately relinquished control of the student press, and as we have never yet taken up any point with the powers that has not been taken up with us by a reasonable number of students, it can hardly be fair to describe us as "agitators."

So much for the facts. But the problem remains: Is there a policy that the S.R.C. can pursue which can be active enough to satisfy any progressive without offending any reasonable traditionalist? I think there is, and it is that policy—which we have tried to follow in the past session—that I want to try and expound here.

True Sounding-Board

In other universities the S.R.C. is usually a small Council, elected directly by secret ballot, which controls facilities, newspapers, and often even the allocation of funds to student organisations. The result of all this usually is that its officers form a kind of "government."

Though elected by the students they usually regard themselves—often with unfortunate results—as the bosses, with all the attributes of power, importance, and infallibility that that implies. This is what makes them so objectionable to the casual glance of an observer, and this is what we must at all

costs avoid aspiring after in Trinity. But here the existence of such institutions as D.U.C.A.C. and the Major Societies, as well as the absence of an S.R.C. newspaper, means that not even the President can ever become, by virtue of his office, a person of first-rank importance in College life. This is an excellent thing, as it leaves us in a position to seek for ways of achieving something without the usually attendant danger of arousing resentment by becoming unduly self-important. Furthermore, although a large Council, very loosely constituted, should in theory be the reverse of democratic, it in fact has the great

advantage of acting as a really true sounding-board of student wants and ideas; and its very lack of cohesiveness preserves it from the danger of that narcissistic egoism which seems to affect smaller and more formal bodies. I have attended meetings of S.R.C.s in other universities where at least two-thirds of the evening has been taken up with the internal business of the Council, leaving very little time for the affairs of the students that Council was supposed to represent. At one of our meetings that would be unthinkable.

Servants—Not Prefects

All this leaves a new role for our Executive. Where other S.R.C.s aim to be masters we must be servants; not "agitators" trying to lead students on to new and ever more unreasonable demands, but agents anxious to supply needs elsewhere expressed. While Secretaries and Auditors seek the lime-light we can fulfil a vital function—but mainly behind the scenes. It is with this in mind that we have aimed, last year, at the unglamorous and original goal of efficiency; that we have attached importance to such mundane matters as the setting up of a proper filing system and the preparation of reports and statistics; that we have made it our proud boast that our office will reply fully to a letter received sooner than any other office in College—and our correspondence is by no means small these days. Thus can we answer charges of apathy; we act when our constituents ask us to, quietly, efficiently, and often effectively; and we provide numerous services which nobody in College possibly could—but we try to do it without excessive fuss or publicity. We try to be, in fact, the humble, but able, servants of the students—not the prefects.

Correspondingly, with the authorities our approach has been calculatingly Fabian. We do not strike attitudes and make excessive demands in the wild hope of gaining something, and neither do we declare our wants like a shop steward, threatening calamities if they are not met in every respect; but we have kept up a steady stream of memoranda, reports, tables—even a map (to help fathom the bottomless mystery of why the milkman was always late in the Bay). And this policy has worked—not always gaining us everything we asked for, but usually achieving a good deal. On matters ranging from fire precautions to rent concessions, from examinations to bath hours we have succeeded in making and winning our points—and winning them without, we think, laying ourselves open at any time to accusations of redbrickery or tendentiousness. Trinity and its S.R.C. should be able to live together after all.

(Concluded)

Interludes...

At 2 p.m. this afternoon at the First Summer Commencements degrees will be conferred with appropriate ceremony. The Ad Man Cometh to the Phil. to-night when David Challen will be reading a paper on "Advertising" in the G.M.B. at 8 p.m. Philosophical ladies are, as always, welcome.

The delights of Friday include a Public Lecture, G.M.B., 4.30, by Prof. Matthew Russell on the "Law of Arrest." In the evening Rock Climbing classicists will be torn torn between Frank Cochrane's illustrated lecture on the Andean Expedition in the G.M.B. at 8 p.m. and a paper by Tim Webb to be read to the Classical Society on T. S. Eliot and Sophocles in No. 40, at 8 p.m. To complete your pleasure, Paul O'Grady will read you his paper "Erasmus: Reformer and Occumencialist," at the History Society in Regent House at 8 p.m., followed by a trio of speakers, Dr. Hay, Dr. Strauss and Mr. Fuge, and a Reception in No. 6.

Tuesday, the 22nd, will see the Mod. Lang. Society and fellow travellers dancing and dining at Downshire House, Blessington, as they while away the hours until the Honorary Members' Debate at the Hist. on Wednesday, G.M.B., at 8.30 p.m. The motion will be "That Life Begins at 35." Perhaps those of us too young for Life will be living it up at the Carnival of Nations which begins that evening, in St. Anthony's Theatre, Merchants' Quay. Festivities will include song and dance from Malaya, Nigeria, India, Greece and Arabia and will last until Saturday.

Carnival of Nations

Preparations for the Carnival of Nations have been going on since the middle of last vacation but for most people the efforts only became obvious when a colourful table appeared at the Front Gate last week, to act as the main box-office. This is the twelfth annual Carnival, and although the work of organisation is being done by the D.U.A.I.A. committee under Rosemary May, quite a number of other students are also connected with the show. The production is by Laurie Howes of Players and the Jazz club is helping out with some of the music.

As well as all the international groups we saw last year, there are newcomers from Mauritius, India, Uganda and Nigeria. The West Indians and the Mauritians are both using the theme of Saturday night in a pub as an excuse to sing many of their national melodies while the Arabs have decided on some scenes from the Arabian Nights. An all female Swedish cast

hopes to relieve the Viking invasion. Hugh Gibbons is the compere, and will, no doubt, provide a rare selection from his accumulation of wit.

The Carnival runs for four nights starting on 23rd May, and on 22nd a C.I.E. lorry is being used as a cavalcade to tour the city and advertise the Carnival. The lorry will be decorated in the Parade Grounds and anyone who cares to help is welcome to join in from about 2 o'clock.

Although the committee is made up of Trinity people many others from U.C.D. and Surgeons are both helping and taking part. It is entirely a student effort.

Another innovation this year is a reception for diplomats and other persons of note. In other words, no efforts are being lost to collect as much money as possible to send to the International Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Last year the Cinema strike helped to swell the numbers who went and it is hoped that this year all students will go to pack the St. Anthony's Theatre to the doors.

FILM MAKING

COLM O'LAOGHAIRE, Alf McLochlainn and Kevin O'Kelly were this year once again the adjudicators for the D.U. Film Society's Film Script competition. Ten scripts were entered and "The Crossing," by Roland Brinton, was selected as the best. "The Twain," by Deborah de Vere White, was placed second.

Roughly, the story of the film concerns the struggle of a boy to attract the attention of a girl he meets casually on the street. Summed up, one could describe the film as "a study in coincidence and

perseverance." Following the initial meeting the two main characters constantly meet by chance in various situations—outside a cinema and at a dance hall. The denouement comes when the girl finally accepts the boy, but only after his complete degradation by her boy-friend.

The film will be shot in Dublin and it is hoped to complete it by the end of this term. So far the production team is as follows:—Director, Roland Brinton; assistant, Mike Dorin; producer, Anthony Collins. The company has not yet found a suitable cameraman.

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LETTER to the Editor

6, T.C.D.,
11th May, 1962

Dear Sir,

I feel I must point out that Mr. Butler is misinformed about the circumstances in which "Trinity News" was set up.

To say "that the S.R.C. originally set and financed 'Trinity News' is a considerable distortion of the true facts, which are as follows:—A group of undergraduates from different faculties decided that there was a place for a College newspaper. It so happened that several of these people, including the first Chairman of "Trinity News," Mr. Anthony Bolsover, were connected with the S.R.C.

Since there was not a Standing Committee for Clubs and Societies in 1953, and since it was necessary to have a certain amount of financial backing before launching the paper, Mr. Bolsover persuaded the S.R.C. to underwrite the venture to the extent of £50 from their funds. In those days the then S.R.C.

possessed considerable idle funds, chiefly derived from the Michaelmas Commencements Ball. However the amount underwritten by the S.R.C. was by no means sufficient for their purposes and the Founder members were obliged to sink their own money in the project as well.

It should also be remembered that the S.R.C. which provided this money in 1953 was itself dissolved in 1956 and that a new body was set up in its place in 1957, which, incidentally, is also known as the S.R.C., but it might equally well have been called anything else.

Whatever rights or powers, real or imagined, that the previous S.R.C. might have claimed from "Trinity News" were terminated when that body was dissolved and so for Mr. Butler to write as he did on the subject last week is completely meaningless.

Yours, etc.,

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Petronius

It always seems strange to me that people used Chapel Steps for sitting in congregation, perhaps indicative that the sun-worshipper point of reverence is posterior. But to use the Campanile as a hat stand is literally wonderful and a thing to boggle the minutest imagination. Is this the act of an ageing punster . . . maybe our last week's gaping profile . . . to try and cap it all in a final burst of roseate glory? This thought and others of equal bewilderment swirled in my mind when with awe and admiration I saw the topper on the tower. Straightway I got the urge and leaving apathy, the Reading Room, an assignation with a bird and two compulsory lectures lying discarded in my trail, I pounded off like any cub to seek the mother's milk of all reporters . . . a scoop.

All those who think that inside sources are parts of a newsman's

stomach like an appendix or gall bladder will be sadly disillusioned by my tale. All I could glean from the gaping crowd was that it was a bowler. I cleaned my spectacles and checked . . . item; one top hat, red, the Campanile awearing of. Foiled, I retired to that ornithologist's paradise, the Coffee Bar, and oblivious of the twittering of some prize specimens of the Greater and Lesser Tits, applied my rigorous logic to the proposition.

Red? flamboyant, left wing, politics . . . could it be? . . . the Fabian Society. Elections had just taken place, I think, and the new praesidium were inaugurating their pogrom with a dramatic gesture. Definite symbolism or possibly a subliminal advertisement, the left is a leading wing of the establishment, respectable bourgeoisie beware, you may be one of us! Inspired I ran to ground a prominent socialist who was taken aback by my deductive reasoning and assured me that the Fabians had nothing to do with it.

Then I had a brainwave; the

climbing club, victors of Patagonian peaks, conditioned to getting to the top, found life without savour in this pimply island, mountainously speaking. And I remember its former president offering a silver ice axe and crampons to the man who hung Frances Jane French from the Campanile. To vent frustration they had made a nocturnal perambulation and placed a Patagonian sunhat on the top as a reminder of better days, since F.J.F. presented problems of such enormity. However a few words with the climbing clan produced only a suggestion that I should go away and attempt the physically impossible, they knew nothing and would probably have to get the sanguine object down.

Baffled at every turn I can produce only conjecture. Was it an ill-timed product of the forthcoming magicians conference, a juggling of both time and space in Einstein fashion? Maybe a U.S. tourist overcome at such tradition threw his hat into the air? Or perhaps, like Topsy, it just grew.

VILE BODIES

Half College was at Chris James' on Tuesday. Historians proliferated, were suitably entertained by Dr. R. B. McDowell, attracted by Rosemary Fisher, and observed by residents Patrick Wynne Jones, Chris Rye and Dick Benson-Gyles who had to watch that nobody spilt benedictine on first editions. Meriel Lyon-Bowie took time off from les marins to drop in for a quick one. Anybody else? Apart from the usual, there was Jimmy Murphy, trying not to look like a socialite, Jim Kennedy, Ursula Staines and, nearly forgotten, Robin Bury who had far too many over the eight

than is good for a youngster. Wednesday at Punchestown. Anthony Collins, Bernard Whelan, Mike Walsh-Kemmis, Mike Church, Ian Scott, John West swelled the ranks of the regulars. Camille Acheson, Maddy Langford, Jackie Seex, Gita Plunkett all were gorgeously attired to steal the day. Who, wonders your column, was the femme with bottle-green umbrella.

Same day, hours later, Pembroke Street again, Ian Bayley and Fergus O'Shea celebrated nothing-in-particular on bananas in Kirsch (or sardines on toast). Jacques Chuto and Michel Furic were not present—where did they get to? Instead we met vivacious Gina

Tillett, lovely Mary Lascelles, some unforgettable Swedes with unpronounceable names, Paddy Lyons, Patrick Fitzjohn (who could only have been a crasher) and Harden Longfucher who swears he was invited. Hours later we departed, still not knowing who had given the party, for what and for whom.

Those ever-popular young ladies, Valerie Townsend and Meryl Lucas, took over Number 23 to the delight of their friends, and here it was we met Paul Marland and Archie Orr-Ewing as well as Edward Holding who made the long trek from the Bay to be present. Mark Agnew was there of course—why shouldn't he? We couldn't miss Jonathan Story or Tiles Thal Larsen, or Helen McCandless or Jenny Lade for that matter. But where was

Profile:

Paddy Strawbridge

Ballymena born and bred, Paddy Strawbridge came to Trinity four years ago to read Mod. Lang. and immediately found herself absorbed in numerous activities. Being essentially generous and energetic she has given of her very best all the time. She likes to be everywhere and know everyone, and consequently is well known as a mine of information both in College and in Trinity Hall.

She was last year's Secretary of the Choral Society which was carried along by her good humour, tact and genuine affection for music. Paddy does not rhapsodise over music, although she was a

College singer, but in a conversation an eager smile and slight frown betray her enthusiasm, whether it be for the organ, which she plays herself, or the Opera Festival or the Winter Proms.

Concern for world problems made her an invaluable member of S.C.M. committee and last summer, as the guest of the S.R.C. of the Free University, Berlin, she saw the difficulties of the Berlin situation for herself. Germany intrigues her; France leaves her speechless.

Paddy likes to live elegantly. Her love of bright colour reflects her effervescent personality, yet at the same time she seeks security in homely but well-ordered surroundings. China, flowers and even Mod. Lang. books are arranged with an eye for detail.

Her plans for the future are settled. Having taken Mod. in October she hopes to do a Dip. Ed. at Queen's, whilst looking forward to 1963, when she will be married and settled in Rhodesia, where her fiancé, a Trinity graduate, is now working.

Everyday in Paddy's College career is precious to her; every day is exciting—" . . . But wait till I tell you, it was absolutely killing . . . "



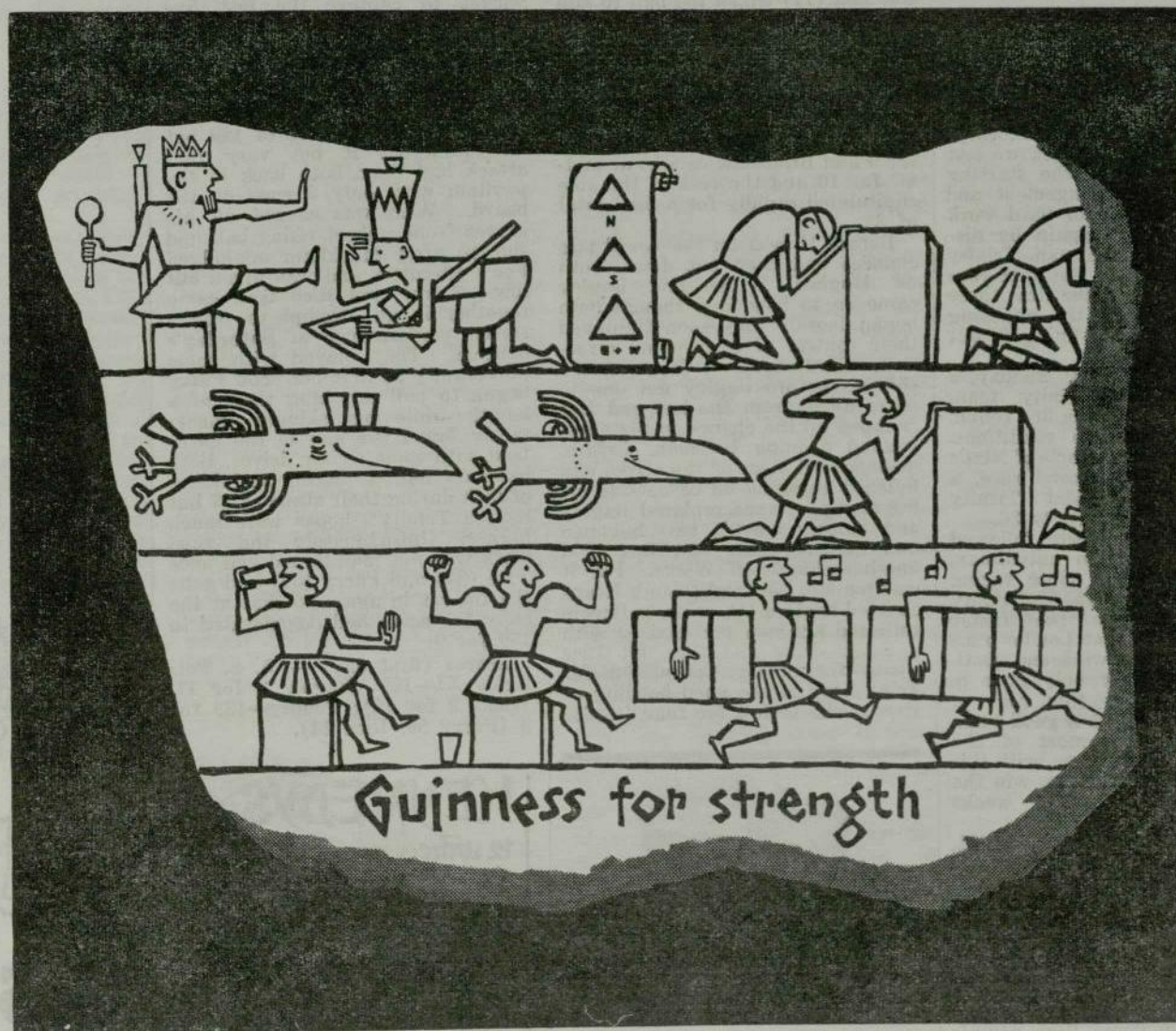
every girls' secret dream—Newman Stevens? Working, you say?

The Athletics and ladies' Tennis Clubs combined forces to hold a dance at the Gresham a week ago, and though the attendance was rather small that's not to say it wasn't good. Algy Rice with Wendy D'Arcy, Bob Francis with Yvonne Milsom (of course) and Martin Bagley with Rosemary Fisher (see above) looked as if they were enjoying themselves. But then again, that's not to say that Peter Hunt with Suzanne Jackson and David Dobbs with Vickie Sinclair didn't.

Post Script

The Campanile lost its raffish red top hat at about 9.30 on Tuesday morning. A Dublin steeplejack brought it down, and it has since been destroyed by the Department of the Clerk of Works. It was covered in red cellophane, and was not, as originally supposed, simply painted. This fact might indicate that the owner intended to retrieve it in time for Trinity Wednesday.

And it is told how King Guinn of Ess did instruct his Royal Architects to erect a Pyramid II And how when the long drought had made his slaves weak and unwilling to toil the sky was suddenly filled with Toucan Birds bearing on their beaks nectar for the thirsty people and how this refreshment came to be called Guinn Ess in honour of the Great King II And how Guinn Ess gave to the men great strength so they were able to build a huge Pryamid II And as they laboured they sang a happy song which being translated means Guinn Ess is Good For You.



Sporting Briefs

Tennis Club

John Horn kindly organised a team to play Trinity last Sunday which was in fact a conglomeration of the best eight players in Ireland under eighteen. Although superior in technique these promising youngsters lacked match experience and the whole match was very even, with equal success for both sides. P. Hunt, the captain, succumbed to the grandson of the Irish president after a gruelling match, but the other players in the top five won convincingly to clinch a draw. The feature of the doubles was Swerling's confidence-sapping lobs inspired by Lea Pericoli's performance in the recent Rome championships.

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Badminton Club

The annual general meeting of the Badminton Club was held on Friday, 11th May. Mr. L. Collen was elected president. The officers for the coming season are: Mr. H. A. Tan, captain; Mr. R. Craig, treasurer; Miss A. Lowe, correspondence secretary, and Miss M. Balding, match secretary. Mr. Y. Y. Teh, Mr. V. Rasmidatta and Mr. T. Dundas were also elected to the committee. In the coming season the club will have the use of the gym, which will provide excellent facilities for play.

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Sailing Club

The new look first team surpassed all expectations last weekend in fighting their way through the toughest competition in these islands, with an entry of 32 to the semi-finals at West Kirby. Having been drawn against the Royal Thames Y.C. whose team included an Olympic Medalist and many other noted yachtsmen, the Trinity crew were all but resigned to taking a back seat after the first round. However, starting at a considerable disadvantage the team combined extremely well and were obviously more at home in the Fireflies than their better known opponents. They emerged victorious by 40½ points to 38½ pts. This was a tremendous morale booster for the side and was obviously a great help in the following match versus Cambridge University. In this match we lost one of our boats on the starting line through an infringement and it took a great deal of hard work to even the teams again by dismissing a Cambridge man. Trinity came clear ahead in the next race and managed to fill the first three places with two of the opposing team retired, and finished 42½ points to 34½.

On the following day, Sunday, a suitably refreshed Trinity team met Midland S.C. in the 3rd round, and in very variable conditions. Mainly through the efforts of Nixon at the end of the second race, a slightly more confident Trinity team won by 42½ points to 36.

The semi-final which followed was something of an anticlimax, for while there was close racing at times, the London University team were always the faster sailors. The fact that London race practically every week-end both winter and summer only goes to show that without this sort of practice we still have a good team that combines well most of the time and should certainly, with this new wealth of experience, win the Colours Match in a few weeks time.

Team: D. McSweeney (capt.), M. Hare, J. Vernon, P. Branigan, J. Nixon, F. Williams.

In order to provide instruction for those who, so far, have not been receiving any, new lists will go up to-day, taking effect next Monday, 21st May. Any vacancies will first be filled by those who worked on the boats first winter. Any queries to P. H. Wesley Smith as soon as possible, please.

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ATHLETES GO DOWN IN BELFAST

LAST Saturday the Athletics Club travelled to Belfast to defend the Londonderry Trophy, which Trinity have won for the last four years. This meeting is open to graduates, and takes the form of relay races, with a mile team race. In spite of the fact that the Trinity team was stronger than last year, the Queen's athletes were even better, and they won the match by 51 points to 47, with the Cheshire Regiment coming third with 19.

The match, as always, was very closely contested (last year Trinity won by 2 points, and the year before by 1 point) and, indeed, it all depended on the final event, before which both teams were equal. The Trinity men did not perform badly at all; the result was deserved, for Queen's had the better team. Once again, the essential depth of our runners was apparent, for we easily won the 4 x 880 yards, and the 4 x 440 yards. In these two events, F. Quinlan was particularly noticeable, as was P. Toomey, who

ran the first leg of both races, and handed over the baton with a comfortable lead for Trinity. Colin Shillington, one of our graduates, came in a comfortable winner in the mile team race, in which T.C.D. captured the first three places, as was the situation in the javelin, which we won by over 50 ft. Trinity broke the meeting record in the 120 yards hurdles (Scott, Tyler, Middleton) but still only managed to secure second place to Queen's, and in the 4 x 110 yards (Mason, Snow, Kirkham, Francis),

Trinity did their fastest time this year, but were beaten again by the merest fraction. Ovbiagele, Hart and Snow easily won the shot, by 6 feet, and once again Lunde performed well in the high, long and triple jumps, the javelin and the pole vault.

On the Wednesday before the Londonderry Trophy, D.U.H.A.C. held its Club and Freshmen's Championships in the pouring rain. The inclemency of the weather, however, did not prevent some good performances from being returned, notably Whittome's (4m.—26.1 secs.), Shillington's (4m.—30 secs.) mile, and Middleton's high jump (5 ft. 10 ins.) and 120 yards hurdles (16.2 secs.). Shillington also sprang a surprise in the 440 yards hurdles, which he won in 60.7 secs.—his first outing in this event.

The Athletics tour to England has been cancelled, owing to the excessive pressure of fixtures. Instead, six athletes (Lunde, Ovbiagele, Whittome, Russell, Middleton and Shillington) are being sent to represent the Club in the U.A.U. The rest of the Club are going to Galway on Thursday, May 17th to take part in the Irish Universities Championships with U.C.G., U.C.C. and U.C.D.—the first time for 25 years that Trinity has had official permission to take part in such a meeting.

Bloodstock

Several impromptu meetings have been held on various Irish tracks. The standard of discussion has always been high and members have been particularly interested in the success of Solonoway and Abernant in siring the Classic winners.

Colonel May

The Colonel is delighted that both sides in the Stable Boys' row at the Curragh have reached an agreement and thus guaranteed a very full and interesting week's racing in Ireland. A stoppage at this stage of the season would have seriously interfered with the chances of some of our "Classic" contenders.

The two outstanding colts in Ireland appear to be the O'Brien pair, Sebring and Larkspur. Sebring has won twice in very soft going and his trainer has said that this handsome Aureole colt prefers it on top. Larkspur, a chestnut colt by Never Say Die out of Skylarking who is by Precipitation, fully demonstrated at Leopardstown recently that Sebring will not receive all the attention from the pundits. He won well within himself and Sicilian Prince has advertised that form at Phoenix Park winning in a canter. Stuart Murless' charge T.V., by Darius, hammered quite a few horses at Limerick Junction which have been seen on Metropolitan courses in recent days. This colt won by six lengths and must not be left out of any "classic" discussion.

The Colonel hears that there are approximately 140 acceptors still engaged in the Irish Derby. This is a remarkably high number and it really does look as though there might well be upwards of 50 final acceptors. It looks as though spectators won't be the only people who will find "space" a difficult commodity to come by on June 30.

After missing a Punchestown engagement Quatch would appear to be a "good thing" at Clonmel to-day. Finally, French Plea should certainly run into a place at Sandown Park on Saturday.

Cricket...

BLACK WEEK

After a run of four successive victories the 1st XI ran into troubled waters on Saturday against Pembroke and, as a result of poor batting and chances going astray, lost by four wickets. Rice won the toss for the first time this year and chose to bat on a slow, turning wicket. Guthrie and Markham looked assured against the Pembroke opening bowlers for a few overs before Markham, hooking injudiciously, was lbw Guthrie and Parry were both caught in the covers and Trinity were 21 for 3. Then Rice and Lea came together to bring the score up to more respectable proportions. A swash-buckling 4 through the covers by Rice and a pull to the square-leg boundary by Lea raised the hopes of the Trinity supporters and brought about a change of bowling. But Lea (11) edged the ball to slip off the leg-spinner and Rice was caught in the deep for 13, and it was 47 for 5. While Minns and Bradshaw were at the crease Trinity could still have come back into the game but Minns was bowled without offering a stroke for 9 and Bradshaw caught at mid-off for 10 and the rest of the side capitulated rapidly for a final total of 88.

Before 15 was on the board two chances had been put down, both off Hughes. Wicks and Bagley came on to bowl and though both began loosely they soon tightened their control of length and direction. Both suffered from missed chances before Bagley got one to move away from the bat and Lea snapped up the chance in the slips. Ireland opening batsman, Bergin, monopolised most of the strike and finished anything on or outside his leg stump. Evans replaced Bagley and quickly bowled two batsmen and at the other end Lea held another chance off Wicks. But it was too late now and though Evans claimed another two wickets Bergin collected his own personal 50 with a cover drive and then hit Rice square for victory. Consolation for Trinity lay in the good bowling of Evans who took 4 for four (a pity

he was not used earlier) and the fine fielding of Lea.

After a very disappointing display last Saturday the Trinity 1st XI entertained J. S. Pollack's XI in College Park with a slightly changed side to the one we are used to: West, Labbett and Anderson replaced Guthrie, Evans and Bradshaw who were not available because of lectures. The visitors batted first but had an early loss when a wicket fell with the score still at naught. Opening bat Rose made the most of some slack fielding to push his score towards fifty but failed when only two runs short. Although the occasional ball did rise the pace bowlers got little or no help from the pitch and they did not help themselves by generally erratic performances. Slowbowlers Bagley and Wicks made the most of the turning wicket to capture the last five wickets and they were aided by yet another fine catch by Lea and a quick stumping by Anderson.

Markham and West made a cautious start in their bid to overhaul the visitors' score of 129 but an intelligent if not very fast attack had them both back in the pavilion with only 5 runs on the board. West was caught off his gloves from a short rising ball and shortly after Markham misjudged Fee's off-cutter and was given out lbw. Parry and Rice then came together in an attempt to stop a repeat performance of Saturday's debacle. They played with some uncertainty at first but soon Parry began to pull anything short of a length while his skipper consistently found the gap in the cover field with some wristy drives. Both batsmen had a liberal sprinkling of luck during their stand of 87 but by tea Trinity's hopes were much higher. Unfortunately the good work was not maintained and once Rice (34) and Parry (59) had gone the rot set in again so that at the close the score had degenerated to 139 for 9.

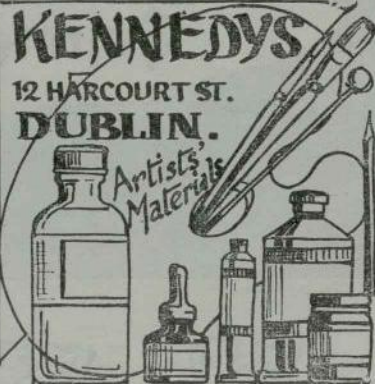
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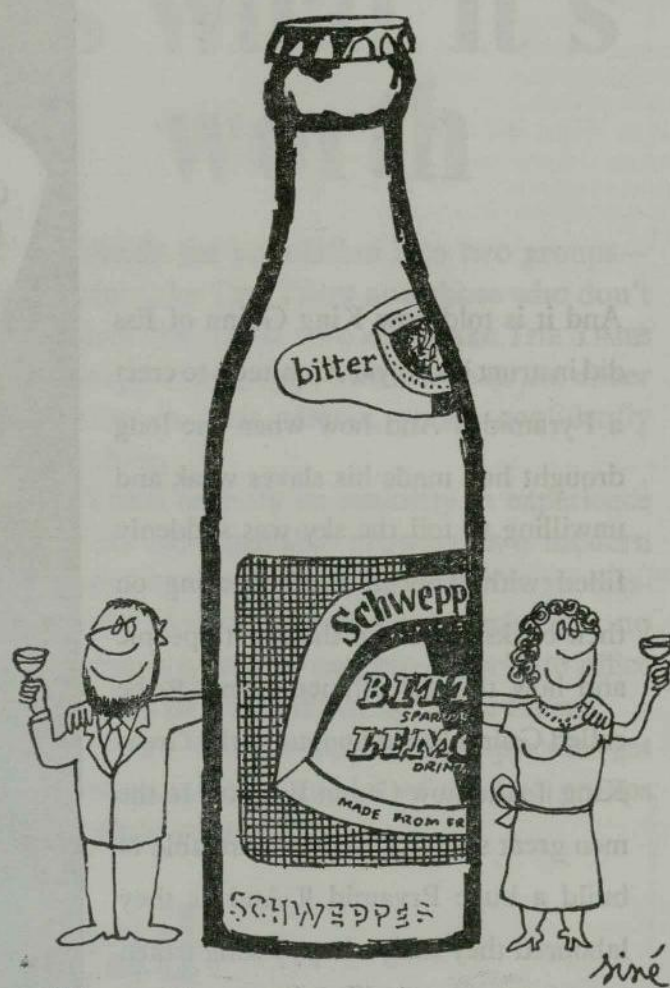
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