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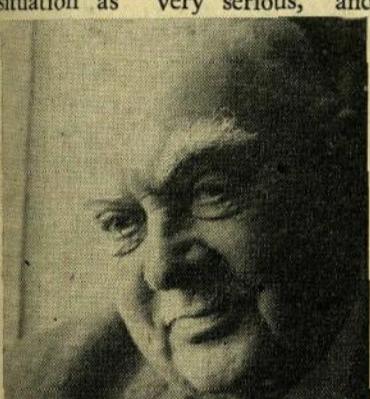
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HOUSING MARCHES BAN SAYS SENIOR DEAN

By NEIL HOLMAN

Following his refusal to allow the Internationalists to take part in a Vietnam Protest March, the Senior Dean has reasserted the rule that College clubs and societies cannot participate in public demonstrations. He said, however, that he was prepared to refer this matter back to the Board.

The Republicans' who hitherto have found no opposition to their housing marches, express deep concern at this. Their Chairman, Ronnie Lindsay, looks upon the situation as "very serious," and



added that he might take up the matter with the S.R.C. and the U.S.I. He is also considering lobbying, if this should prove necessary. The Republican Club feel that an official ban on its marches would be contrary to the

Security

This year Trinity Ball aims to stop the invasion of customary crashers. Robert Woods has instigated a system whereby each entrants is obliged to wear a badge for the duration of the evening as proof of his legitimate entry.

The old system of showing one's Ball programme has proved unsatisfactory and with the help of outside security specialists assisting the porters and possibly even hired Gardai, the badgeless will be evicted.

COMPETITION

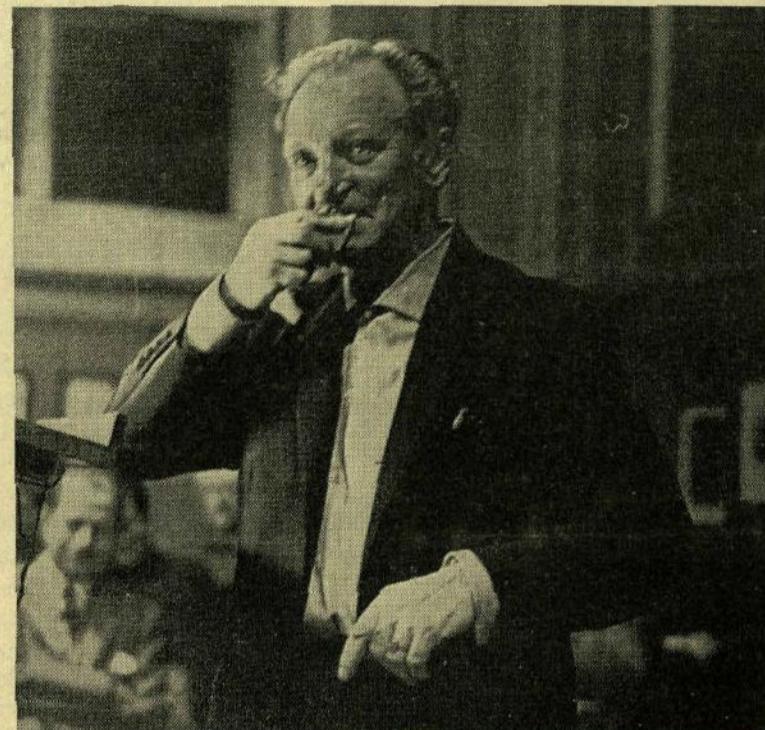
Robert Bolan, Secretary of the Photographic Association, and Dick Waterbury, Photographic Editor of "Trinity News," are organising the photographic section of the New Library Exhibition of Student Work. There are expected to be about fifty entries for the photography competition to be sponsored by Ilford and "Trinity News." There will be three categories—Abstract, Sport and Art. It will be judged by a Fellow of the Royal Society of Photography before the exhibition opens. Prizes of photographic equipment to the value of £10 and £5 will be awarded.

STOP PRESS

At the Hist., last night, an official, David Watson, Chairman of the Major Societies' Ball Committee, announced that in view of the fact that the Ball had consistently made a loss he was recommending that it should not be held in future.

Dash calls workers

—Dick Waterbury



JACK DASH AT THE PHIL

It was standing room only at the Phil last Thursday when Jack Dash spoke to Rex Coghlan's paper, "The Relevance of Marxism." Dash, speaking of the class-struggle, declared the working class to be the most creative class in the world.

Anyone who did anything creative, be they scientist or teacher, were really working-class, and ought to be proud of it. The so-called middle-class were failures since they belonged to neither the creative lower or the ruling upper-class. The middle-class concept was a by-product of snobbery.

Replying to criticisms of Soviet Russia made by Constantine Fitzgibbon, he pointed out that building a whole new society was a far more difficult task than, say, building a house, and which of us could say that we lived in a perfect house? The idea of Communism was: To each according to their needs, not according to their ability, as was the case in Capitalist countries. He urged students to find out what was happening in the country, and hammered home his point by asking if any of our societies had ever had an unemployed working-man as their guest speaker.

Mick O'Riordan said that al-

though the workers were not yet in power in Ireland, the defeat of anti-trade union legislation in the recent E.S.B. dispute demonstrated the power of the working-class.

The other speakers were Trevor Lawson, Sean Edwards, Elizabeth Adam and Tommy Murtagh.

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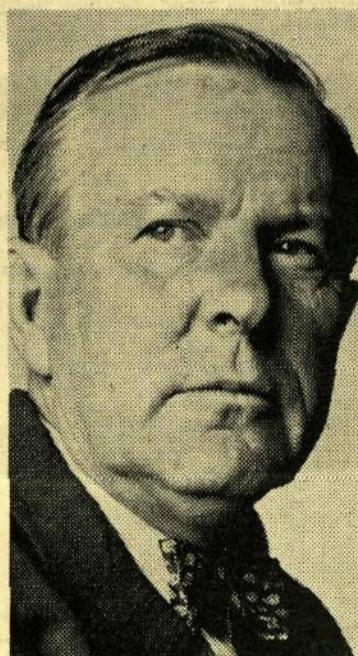
The Agent and the Treasurer have both stated that the facts and figures quoted in last week's Focus article on the recent rise in food prices in the College were incorrect. A sub-committee has been appointed by the S.R.C. to investigate College catering and this sub-committee has been promised the co-operation of the relevant College administrators.

PEARSON COMES SOON

Lester Pearson, the ex-Prime Minister of Canada, will receive honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at a special Commencement ceremony on May 9th.

Mr. Pearson would have been unable to attend the Commencements of July 12th, when honorary degrees are usually conferred. He will now come to Trinity in the course of a private visit to the British Isles.

The other recipients of honorary degrees are U Thant, Proinsias Mac Aogain, T.D., and Minister for External Affairs; An t-Uas Cearbhall Ó Dála, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Lieutenant-General Sean Mac Eoin, Chief of Staff, have all accepted the Commencements of July 12th.



TONIGHT AT THE PHIL

The Earl of Arran, John Crosby and Professor Jessop

will speak to

"DRUGS"

By DAN SHINE

Tea 7.45

8.15 GMB

STAFF RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

Miss Eavan Boland has decided to leave Trinity. The Secretary said that Miss Boland is leaving, "not because she is in any way unhappy here, but because she has insufficient time for her original work."

Miss Boland has already published four books of poetry, three of them written whilst still an undergraduate. Dr. Kennelly has described Miss Boland as "an excellent teacher, who exhibits vital

interest in all her students, and is always ready to discuss their personal problems."

Dr. Rickards, of the Geology Department, is also leaving at the end of this year. He is taking up the position of Curator of the Sedgwick Museum in Cambridge. The proposed merger is one of his chief reasons for leaving, although he has said that he is extremely happy in the present department.

BOOKTIQUE

It is generally possible to counter any aphorism with one equally as true but with an opposite meaning.

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SAILING CLUB

SAILING TEAM WIN UNIVERSITIES CUP

The British Universities' Sailing Association Championships were held this year on Leigh Flash, about 15 miles from Manchester, under the flag of Manchester University Yacht Club, being run by the members of Leigh and Lowtown Sailing Clubs.

The Trinity ladies raced in an American Tournament against five other ladies' teams on the Friday. Unfortunately, every time they took to the water the wind freshened considerably and they had to avail of the rescue facilities fairly often. But they did very well to finish second in their league, and thus go into the runners-up Repechage.

On Saturday morning the Championships proper began, the first two matches being Cambridge against Bristol, and Southampton against London. These two gave good displays of team racing tactics. Manchester were unfortunate in their match against Oxford.

Trinity had a relatively easy first match against an unknown Exeter team and would have emerged with maximum points had one of them not hit a mark and retired.

The fact that London went on to meet T.C.D. in the final speaks for itself. Manchester, having got back into the tournament through the Repechage, put out a good Leicester team, this being due to the latter's mistakes.

At the bottom of the table, United Hospitals beat Sheffield (runners-up in the Northern Championships) and thus went on to meet T.C.D. who had defeated Birmingham with maximum points. The third round saw London, Wales and Oxford through to the semi-finals. T.C.D. beat United Hospitals, but only after two close races. In the first, T.C.D. were 1st, 2nd and 5th, until the wind shifted and two of U.H.'s boats sailed through to steal 1st and 2nd place. Only after a lot of close racing did T.C.D. end up 2nd and 3rd. The second race gave T.C.D. the match.

In the semi-finals London beat the Welsh team who were rather fortunate to get as far as they did, and T.C.D. came up against Ox-

ford. Oxford had the better of T.C.D. at the starts, but T.C.D. sailed faster to recapture the places and thus go through to the final.

The final was one of the cleanest matches ever. London sailed faster but also made the mistakes. T.C.D. were the better tacticians and capitalised on London's errors. T.C.W. won, and in doing so set up a record by winning the Championships with only one protest being lodged.

TENNIS

UCG DEFEATED

The practice had on tour seems to have paid dividends as the tennis team put in a much improved performance to beat U.C.G., last year's Intervarsity runners up, 6-1 at Galway last Saturday. Clapp and Poustie both had singles victories, and a doubles win against the top two Galway players. Fazel and Hebert played well to win both their doubles matches, and Wadell and Holder won one and lost one of their matches.



The winning Trinity Sailing Team minus John Nixon, left to right: Delaney, Wallace, Lovegrove, Craig, Courtney.

GOLF

Third in Championship

The Golf Club were defending the Irish Universities' Championship having won it the last two years, but apart from two members of the team they played poorly and finished third behind U.C.D., the winners, and Queen's University. After two rounds they were second, 11 shots behind U.C.D., but on the second day some high scoring gave us no chance of catching them and eventually Queen's moved into second place.

In the Individual Championships, R Pollin put in another fine

performance and tied with D. Nelson of Queen's with a total of 304 for 72 holes. D. Fleury was the second Trinity man and played well for a fine total of 309.

An Irish Universities' team was selected at the end of the championships and R. Pollin, I. Elliott, G. Caldwell and D. Fleury were selected on to a team of ten. Unfortunately, the Scottish Universities cancelled their visit this week but the team will stand if the match should be played at a later date.

C. B. Fry – Scholar and Athlete

Unlike the bishop's egg, C. B. Fry was good not in parts but in all parts. He went up to Oxford in 1891, beating the famous F. E. Smith, later Lord Chancellor, to a classical scholarship at Wadham. Three years later he captain of cricket, athletics and soccer.

In athletics he did his best in 1893 when he took a cigar from his mouth and jumped 23½ feet—a world record which stood for over 20 years.

He was a good rugger player—for Blackheath and the Barbarians—but better at soccer. He played in the F.A. Cup for Corinthian Casuals at the age of 16. Later he was full-back for Southampton

and for England in 1901. He played in the cup final of 1902 which Southampton lost to Sheffield United after a replay. That was on a Saturday. On the Monday Fry scored 78 v. Surrey at the Oval.

Cricket was, of course, his specialty. As a bowler he took two hat-tricks at Lord's. As a batsman he scored 30 thousand runs and averaged 50, and once hit six centuries in succession. He captained England in the triangular tests in 1912.

During the Boer War and immediately after, England, and particularly Sussex, were treated to the richest and loveliest batting imaginable — Fry in partnership with the magical Ranji. Ranji

became later the Jamsahib of Nawanagar—the 157th, in a line going back to B.C. times.

If Ranji's batting was plastic, Fry's was like steel. Runs oozed from them. Between 1900 and 1904 they scored 23 double centuries for Sussex. People said, Nothing succeeds like Sussex.

In the early 1920's he sat at the League of Nations, helping Ranji to represent India. He composed the speech which he claims turned Mussolini out of Corfu. In 1922, believe it or not, he was interviewed for the job of King of Albania.

Fry died, 84 years old, at the end of the 1956 season. He had called his autobiography "Life Worth Living."

Cottage Rake

This week the hunt continues for classic winners and, after the defeats of Lalibela, Kursaal and Hametus, it looks as though there is a lot of hunting still to be done. The first-named of these, together with stable companions Denosa and Alliance III, all well fancied for one or other of the English fillies' classics, are entered for the Athasi Stakes at the Curragh on Saturday. Paddy Prendergast's Baldy winner, Keadeen Hill, may also run, but the one I like most is Windy Gay, winner of both his races last year, including the "1500" at Phoenix Park.

In the following race two of the leading Irish contenders for the Derby, Furzebreck and Candy Cane, are due to make their seasonal debuts. The latter's trainer, Derby expert Mick Rogers, is known to think a great deal of Candy Cane. However, here again I doubt if either will get the better of the convincing Gladness Stakes winner, Signa Infesta, who has developed into a very good four-year-old.

With Dalry a probable non-runner in the Tetrach Stakes, I go for the consistent More Profit who, though slightly below top class, may be too good for Harry and Calder Wood, while Belitus looks a banker in the curtain-raiser.

Meanwhile in England a similar process of elimination will be going on with horses like Berber, Connaught, So Blessed, D'Urberville, Laureate and Sovereign all down to run. Following his easy Liverpool victory three weeks ago, I think Laureate should be supported in either Newbury or Thirsk classic Trial, whichever he goes for. On all known form, Sovereign has Friday's Fred Darling Stakes at her mercy and, in Laureate's absence, D'Urberville could be the safest proposition in Newbury's Greenham Stakes.

Other selections:

Newbury, Saturday, 3.30, Fortissimo. Ayr, Saturday, 3.10, Rondeletto; 3.45, Inyangana.

MOTOR CLUB

RALLY RESULTS

Results of the Castletown Closed Novice Rally held on 10 April over a 60-miles course in Co. Wicklow:
1st Experts — R. Gorman/W. Sandall, Fiat 1100, 62 miles lost.
1st Novices — O. Ross-Murphy/M. Buckley, Renault 4L, 125.0. 2nd Novices — L. Swan/T. Wealy-Smith, Anglia, 206.8. 3rd Novices — G. Gollier/B. Wallace, 1275 Midget, 215.3.



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TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT....

Rugby schoolboy makes good...

Nick Miller, the eminent Internationalist delivered a paper last Thursday on 'T.C.D. and Trinity News: the Fascist Newspapers'. Nick condemned the elitist circles in college who used the media of the College publications to further their racialist and anti-democratic views. By his historical analysis he demonstrated how the bourgeois students in College were both anti-Irish and concerned to prevent the expression of democratic thought and academic discussion.

Nick is a well-dressed Englishman and was educated at Rugby from which he ran away on two occasions during term time. He has had a colourful career in college; on two occasions he has brav-

ed authority by resorting to violence in defence of his beliefs and for the last two years has been one of the most prominent Internationalists. Nick is concerned with the ordinary students in college, like the ones who come every Friday to drink their beer and listen to the papers read out at the meetings in No. 4. Rightly he treated the comments on his paper by fascists like John Armstrong and racist-zionists like Andy Veitch with the scorn they deserved; similarly, the rhetoric and sophistry of bourgeois Gully Stafford was not allowed to detract from Nick's conclusive proofs of the insidious role of the college publications in Trinity life.

Nick's views are contained in a

variety of pamphlets obtainable from the Internationalists. He was therefore justified in preventing those present at the Thursday night meeting from taking notes on what he was saying.

Simon Stewart, mainspring of the weekly mass-circulation journal Irish Student was observed the other night, camera in hand outside the G.M.B. waiting to photograph Jack Dash. Most of Simon's time was spent asking passers-by if they were Jack Dash or if they knew what he looked like. Geoff Goolnik is believed to have been flattered.

Lost copy

Phil McMaster is endeavouring to buy up for posterity existing copies of 'Apathy', a magazine published a year ago. The publication, of which Phil was co-editor, had a considerable circulation despite the fact that all its sheets were blank apart from the editorial. So far only one of the original purchasers has come forward with the back-numbers; he is Steven Harris who sensibly bought up several copies when they were originally on sale in the expectation that their value would grow over the years. It is nice to see foresight have its reward.

At the GMB

The Hist have apparently so much trouble in securing audiences this term that they have had to fall back on the strong right arm of Malcom Crow. It has become this committee member's duty to bar the exit to those seeking to leave the G.M.B. while speeches are in progress. This has proved a source of considerable discomfort to at least one gentleman who has come to the meeting full of stout and has sought to lighten his burden.

U.C.D.'s mouthpiece, the L and H, recently carried a vote calling on Archbishop McQuaid to resign. If they are not careful there will not be a University in Dublin left open to Catholics.

TO EUROPE ON CADBURY'S AND SANDWICHES

The student migration every Summer has become an accepted part of European life and every Channel ferry sees the hordes with beds rolled under their arms and enough sandwiches and Cadburys to put off the necessity of eating foreign food for a few days at least. But for a girl, without brother or lover, to join in the long trek South demands either nerve or a black belt for judo, and if she's going to jump into the cab of some randy long-distance lorry driver as well, then she needs an anti-rape device too.

Protecting one's interest doesn't necessarily mean joining a typing pool in a "package deal" or a bunch of American matrons on a coach trip. For a start if Trinity week and the exams haven't damped that youthful energy, then a camping and minibus ride through Greece, Russia, Turkey and Rumania won't decrease the term accumulated sleep deficiency but could be very interesting. Mini-trek and Brian Hughes run what they call "treks" at about the £45-£60 mark, with the warning that these trips are to be considered more in the nature of expeditions rather than luxury tours and a certain amount of resilience is needed to get the maximum enjoyment out of them. But the very fact that the tour is a rough one may make the male/female ratio more tolerable than in the overwhelming female prone coach tour.

If, however, your idea of a strenuous holiday is a struggle to the death with the Entero Viiform tablets and the hotel meals, then

Woman's Feature

two weeks in a holiday village could be yours for £30-£50 (travel included). The Club Méditerranée is about the best known and reported to be good for sun and sex, but if Gallic good humour is not up your street, then you might be attracted to the international student camp in Costinesti on the Black Sea (22 days, £59 15s.) where somebody is sure to be prepared to talk with you on the higher and more serious things of life. These holidays, like the treks, are rough enough to discourage the "mature" of the omni-penetrating "wet."

The advantage of an educational holiday is the possibility of someone being prepared to foot the bill. Also for the English still among

us a genuine educational course is not affected by the £50 allowance, provided a letter of sponsorship from your tutor is proffered well in advance. The National Union of Students in England are running four trips to language schools which work out slightly cheaper than going alone: Italian at the University of Florence, 35 days, £94 5s.; German, at Vienna, 29 days, £87 10s.; French, in Lausanne, 23 days, £79, and Russian, at either Minsk, Moscow or Leningrad, 33 days, at roughly £80. A small knowledge of the language would be a help, but only the Russian course will not cater for beginners and all the courses start around the end of July.

These holidays all assume no gigantic overdraft at the bank. Well if there is, it is always possible to get a job abroad if you really try. Most governments are very strict about work permits, but an Au Pair job doesn't need one. The best country to apply for is probably France since most people have a smattering of French and since French families have a pleasant habit of disappearing off to the sea for a month at least in the summer. And Au Pair jobs are not all as horrific as are generally supposed.

And if you are really stuck, then there's grape-picking. As one wit said: there's always a good bunch at the wine harvest.

Ambassador

"VALLEY OF THE DOLLS"

Profound look at Hollywood

Hollywood's hundredth technicolor attempt to show its own seamy side of "The Oscar", "Gipsy" is in result a far more profound film than its director, actors, or writers ever knew. The theme is outwardly that "show biz" is a tough racket. The illustration is standard: a young and talented girl from the woods who begins to smoke cigarettes after a thousand feet of film, reveals herself in her underwear after two thousand, and ends up a pill-taking star, hard yet pathetic, after the usual Hollywood manner.

The plot, however, is so stereotyped that one becomes aware of the clichés as sociological phenomena. When this transition of thought is made the film takes on a totally different character, and we see before us the American myth, the puritanism and the insatiable, the sentimentality and violence. The world in which the characters move contributes to this documentary effect. The interiors are filled with ornate swimming pools, the rooms, like comfortable jungles, seem to have too much assembled too quickly. The exteriors are filled with a sunshine that never seems to remove the unhealthiness of a plethora of shapes, sounds, and colors. At the end of the film the girl goes back to the virgin forests, back to the frontier which has always been

America's symbol of health. Yet the feeling of America which comes across is of today, when it is a three-day drive coast to coast, when there is no more escape into the frontier. "Valley of the Dolls" has, of course, a good-hearted "art film" actress (i.e. stripper—we all know what "art film" really means) who lives by the breast and dies by the breast (she gets cancer of it in the final ten minutes). Yet here it is not the puritan moral which compels us, but the symbolic aspect of the character. The American female ideal: Naive, warm-hearted, sexy, incontinent, and dumb.

"Valley of the Dolls" should be seen by anyone interested in American life and by anyone interested in seeing a film which says so much more than it was meant to.

IN THE KEY OF K

New trend

An interesting if somewhat surprising new trend has been the resurgence of the blues as a force in pop. With this encouraging new interest has come a much greater knowledge and experimentation on the part of performers and audiences of the originals and meaning of the blues. Three main directions emerge — the first exemplified by the Chicago Blues Band of Paul Butterfield. His first L.P. contained mainly well known city blues numbers played in a straight Chicago style, while the second, "East-West," was more experimental. On his third L.P., recently released, he moves naturally to a jazzier instrumentation. The second major direction has been sparked off by the Cream ("Disraeli Gears" is their latest L.P.) who use blues as a basis for avant-garde pop without ever really losing sight of its roots. The third direction, strangely, is backwards — backwards to the very basis of blues. Canned Heat's first L.P. is a particularly fine example of this. By foregoing echo and other studio devices they manage to achieve a very original and basic sound. Lastly, anyone who feels up to the trip will find danceable blues and late drinking every Friday night at the Boot Inn Blues from about 10.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

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THE MERGER—A Joint

Campus and Trinity News are today, the anniversary of the original merger announcement, publishing these pages jointly. Since April 18th, 1967, there have been plans and counter plans; the negotiating teams are in deadlock and

LENIHAN SAYS ‘TWO COLLEGES’



Brian Lenihan, Minister for Education.

"Higher education must be approached on a nationwide basis; many people up to now have seen this merger as merely a Dublin concern." This comment by Mr. Lenihan in the course of his exclusive interview with "Campus" and "Trinity News" summed up the basis of his approach to the merger. For him the Dublin University problem was merely one problem within his plans to re-structure Irish education.

When questioned about the danger of loss of identity as regards the existing Universities, the Minister affirmed his intention to maintain the college struc-

ture and impose no limitation on academic independence. He commented: "There can be no question of the identity of Trinity, or U.C.D. for that matter, being submerged. The new University will embody two colleges and while I am fully confident of co-operation, there must be overall direction." He went on: "Neither tradition will be lost, but arising out of the new structure I can also see a very worthwhile new tradition."

Behind Mr. Lenihan's comments there lay the inevitable motive of economy. Promoting the merger were what he called "irrefutable arguments of finance." How-

ever, these were largely long term in nature, being "not so much the economics of the present as the economics of the future." What the Minister obviously feared were "two huge University empires arising in an uncomplementary and wasteful way.

Faculty distribution was one of the key problems in the proposed new University. Although he wished to retain the teaching of major arts subjects in each college, he believed better teaching facilities and efficiency would be produced by amalgamating faculties like Medicine, Engineering and Law. He accepted each existing college may lose a little with joint arrangements; for instance, Trinity enjoys a staff/student ratio of 1-16 as opposed to 1-21 in U.C.D. However, he felt that in the long term the new University would be able to enjoy better facilities and staff and would in time be able to improve the general student/lecturer ratio to compare favourably with those in Britain and the U.S.A.

The Minister hoped to have the final arrangements for the merger made by the end of the year. He volunteered, perhaps optimistically, "I can see the end of the road ahead." Consequently there is obviously no chance of the plans being shelved or permanently stalled by opposition from the Universities. There is no doubt that the merger is, if not a fait accompli, certainly one of the primary aims of Mr. Lenihan's policy for higher education which he is committed to pushing through as soon as possible.

Fitzgerald—‘Merger gains exaggerated’

One of the chief figures in the merger negotiations on the proposed new University of Dublin is the well-known economist and U.C.D. lecturer, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald. In an interview with *Campus and Trinity News* he said: "The fact that the authorities of the two colleges are not agreed on whether the new university should be treated as a two or one college institution is the principle obstacle involved." Dr. Fitzgerald is in favour of the creation of a new university of Dublin with two colleges, "on condition, of course, that this can be achieved on a basis acceptable to the two colleges and their staffs, and likely to provide a satisfactory academic environment for their students."

"No clear pattern has yet begun to emerge from the negotiations; there are a number of proposals, all of them in my personal view defective in one way or another. Dr. Fitzgerald emphasises however that any plan which was felt by T.C.D. as likely to swamp that college would be out of the question. He is very much against the forceful imposition of a merger by the government.

With regard to the economics of the new University, Dr. Fitzgerald agreed that, 'the economic gains to be secured by the two colleges in a new university of Dublin have been greatly exaggerated.' This compares rather startlingly with Mr. O'Malley's original announcement that it would save 'millions and millions.' Dr. Fitzgerald went on, 'However apart from the financial argument, the decisive character of the present university situation in Dublin to which the late minister referred in such strong terms must be an important political consideration, quite properly so. Another strong argument for the proposal however, and one reason why I have supported it, is the benefit it could bring to students by offering them a much wider range of teaching expertise than is available to them at present in two independent colleges.'

The question of student participation in the planning of the new university drew little comment from Dr. Fitzgerald. However he did agree that there had been 'imperfect communication between the government and the colleges.'

Dr. Fitzgerald would not agree that there had been a breakdown in communications'. The late minister's initial statement and its subsequent development in his address to the governing bodies of the two colleges has been quite differently interpreted by the two sides—each of which has put forward a plan which it believes is consistent with Mr. O'Malley's thinking. "... some of the present confusion thus derives from the



Garret Fitzgerald,
Lecturer in Economics, U.C.D.

definite limit on the extent to which the two colleges can be merged into two complementary units without serious academic loss and without injury to the possibility of a satisfactory university community life for the students—and these must be our principle long term considerations.' He concluded, 'A university structure that did not fulfil these requirements could prejudice even our present lip-service to the Newman ideal.'

Campus' Trinity News View

their proposals have been rejected by their own College Staff Associations. With the death of Mr. O'Malley the merger has taken a new course. In these interviews and articles we attempt to show the merger in a new light.

Merger brings ties

By GEORGE DAWSON, Professor of Genetics, T.C.D.
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I welcome the initiative of Campus and Trinity News in their jointly producing these pages on the merger. This is only one of many expressions of the closer co-operation between members of the two colleges which has developed since the merger proposal was announced. Recently the two Academic Staff Associations arranged a successful conference for national and local representatives on University Education. Within the wider context of the Irish Federation of University Teachers there has been a growing realisation of the value of joint discussions and decisions on a wide range of university matters. While the heads of many parallel departments in the two colleges have closely co-operated over many years to achieve complementary developments, since the merger was proposed they have been exploring the possibilities of joint courses.

A year ago, few would have predicted that the academic staff of both colleges would be prepared to accept the amalgamation of most of their professional faculties of medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, agriculture, engineering, law, social studies and business studies (commerce), and the location of each in one or other college, as they are now prepared to do. It is to Mr. O'Malley's credit that he initiated a discussion which has led to this great change in attitudes. Indeed, many see in this discussion the germ of an even wider scheme—a national policy for the location and development of professional faculties embracing the colleges in Cork and Galway as well as those in Dublin.

There is a reasonable possibility of ensuring that most professional faculties are not duplicated in the Dublin colleges in the future. There also seems to be general agreement that faculties of arts and sciences should continue in each college. The interdependence of the departments in each of these faculties in providing the combinations of subjects which students study makes almost any distribution of different arts and different science subjects to the two colleges unsatisfactory.

The fragmentation of these faculties in the proposals of the Trinity College negotiators was the main reason why they received little support in either college. The proposals of the University College negotiators for a college of science and technology and a college of arts, although unacceptable on elementary educational grounds, recognised the difficulty of separating different arts and different sciences into different colleges. This



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faculties and agreed professional faculties. Personally I would welcome a central admissions office organised along the lines of that for United Kingdom universities. The closeness of the two Dublin colleges presents the possibility of their jointly organising graduate courses, and some senior undergraduate courses, in those faculties they have in common. There are advantages of arranging these within the context of a single university. However they could be jointly arranged by separate universities if there were a joint finance and development board to ensure the necessary cooperation.

Whatever the outcome of the present discussions the academic staff of both colleges want to be rid for ever of the isolation and competition which present status and regulations enforce on them. At present, the University College authorities, following their statutes, do not allow a professor or lecturer of Trinity College to give a course of lectures to their students. There is no satisfactory way, under the statutes of either college, by which joint graduate courses can be arranged. Thankfully, it is unlikely that such restrictions as these will continue whatever form of association is agreed.

USI's verdict on Merger

"There could be no meaningful merger for a decade." This is the view of Howard Kinlay, President of U.S.I. "Only the cloakrooms could possibly be merged by the end of the year."

Kinlay, who graduated from Trinity last year, said the role of U.S.I. was to define a new framework for modern education. "Merger proposals have so far been based on outdated principles and it would be dangerous if such proposals were to solidify." He said the Commission on Higher Education had shown the necessity of re-defining the structure of Irish University education, but it had been insufficiently specific about the answers. Official U.S.I. policy on the merger was "that national complexion was paramount." More specifically it was vital that there should be a broad spread of faculties in the colleges. Kinlay emphasised, however, that U.S.I.'s job was not to dictate a particular line. "That is for the S.R.C.s of the colleges." U.S.I., however, would give specific help if both S.R.C.s request it. He was unhappy about the involvement of both Trinity's and U.C.D.'s S.R.C. "I would like to see the Councils doing more work exploring alternative proposals, though I recognise their limited facilities for doing this."

He felt though that direct student participation in merger negotiations was unrealistic. "They are too out of touch," he said. He was pleased about the T.C.D. Provost's new sub-committee on student opinion. "The chief problem of university education is to get students to take a proper part in it."

EDITORIAL: Student talks needed

The primary concern in the negotiations over the new University of Dublin is academic—to produce in Dublin the best possible University facilities from existing resources, be they economic or scholastic. But on the outcome of the issue hangs the teaching and future of 12,000 existing students and their successors. The merger is about "students."

When the Provost of Trinity was asked why students had not been consulted from the beginning, he replied that his predecessors had not found it necessary to do

Staff consent vital

By JOHN GASKIN
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The original argument for merger was that it would reduce the expense to the State of sustaining two independent universities. To a public used to thinking in terms of industrial economics, this argument looks good, but in the present case detailed examination has shown it to be largely fallacious.

There is no wasteful duplication of staff (no lecturer is under-worked!) and wasteful duplication of equipment could be avoided by the amalgamation of certain professional schools and by the sifting of capital development grants by a form or University Grants Commission.

However the idea of a merger now seems to have developed enough steam to run on by itself regardless of possible alternatives. If it runs on regardless also of the views of the vast majority of those who teach and learn in the present Colleges, great and irreparable damage may be done to Irish university education.

And what of the steam which drives on the merger in a form which disregards specific economies or educational advantages? Is it the desire to liberalise a centre of conservative thought or could it be a desire to eliminate a more radical tradition and with it the possibility of choice between types of university education in Ireland?

DUPLICATION

It is said that the merger will create a central university authority which would co-ordinate the activities of the two Colleges. But this implies that duplication of subjects will continue. If it does not, there is nothing for the university authority to co-ordinate. But the U.C.D. negotiators have proposed (and the T.C.D. negotiator's proposals are only a sophisticated version of the same idea) that faculties x, y and z should be on the old site of Trinity College and everything else at Belfield. Under these arrangements the ab-

surd situation could arise whereby once the merger were carried out, two distinct territorial units would result having almost nothing in common which needed the co-ordinating machinery of a university.

GOOD WILL

Recent Government pronouncements have given some grounds for the suspicion that a merger may be legislated over the heads of the disputing parties. All who believe in the judgement of the new Minister of Education, or who are concerned with academic freedom, will hope that such a suspicion has no reality behind it.

There can however be little doubt that the Government wishes to appear impatient with protracted negotiations. But a delay which leads to willing co-operation is infinitely preferable to a hasty solution imposed without good will. Universities are not machine run production lines. They are places where people co-operate for the purposes of teaching and learning, and any arrangement which is imposed on the lecturing staff of the two colleges without their general consent is fraught with dangers: not the least of which is the ease with which good university teachers can find congenial appointments elsewhere.

being passed on the proposals from either side. However, we from U.C.D. and T.C.D. do assert that this is as much our problem as it is that of Mr. Lenihan or the present University governing bodies. As such we should be entitled to a fair say in its destruction or construction. It is not unrealistic to ask that a genuine effort be made to take student opinions into consideration. To date this concept has been ignored.

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DUBLIN

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Fate of TCD Miscellany

Due to a financial crisis in the company, "TCD Miscellany" will not appear this week. The fate of the magazine will be decided at a Standing Committee meeting today. Instead of our usual editorial we are giving over this space to the editor of "TCD", so that he may put forward the case for the continued survival of the magazine.

"Trinity News" is published weekly, six times a term. Editor: Eamonn Fingleton; Assistant Editor: Nick Sharman. Staff: Mary McCutchan (News Ed.), Barry Parker (Asst. News Ed.), Muir Morton (Features Ed.), Leigh Murray (Asst. Features Ed.), Dan Shine (Reviews), Sue Wright (Woman's Feature), Geoff Pack (Sport Ed.), Trevor Sowerby (Asst. Sports Ed.), Dick Waterbury (Photography Ed.), Roger Glass (Business Manager), Mick O'Gorman (Advertising Manager), Ricky Gray (Asst. Advertising Manager), Garry Collier (Circulation Manager), Colin Butler (Treasurer), Calla Graves-Johnston (Secretary), Robin Verso, Kevin Pritchard, Judy Wiksten, Francis Ahern, Jim Starkey, Colin Wright, Andy De Mille, Jacques De Rosée, John Rawlings.

"Last Exit" found in Library

Oxford: The Union Library is running the risk of prosecution under the Obscene Publications Act for possessing the controversial sex novel "Last Exit to Brooklyn." Quote from Geraldine Jones, the Union's librarian, was: "Good God I haven't even read it yet."

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Kent: The President of the Union resigned last term for personal reasons and a by-election was held. One candidate was a member of the Establishment, a Union figure. The other candidate stood on the premise of "I don't believe in Union politicking" and promised solemnly that, if elected, he would immediately resign. Kent students must have that Jack Dash streak in them: the "Vote for Apathy" man got the majority and promptly resigned.

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Birmingham: A cartoonist in the college magazine suggested that the only safe way to elect a new Union President is to have a doughnut-eating competition. No manifesto, no personality cults, no smears in the college newspaper, no underhand fighting, no posters—in fact no unpleasantness at all and the results would be exactly the same with the candidate with the biggest mouth getting in.

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Leeds: A party of Russian students were staying with the university in February. As part of the entertainment laid on for them was the visit to see a genuine Western strip show. The Russian Embassy has since expressed its grim disapproval.

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For one of the very few times in its history, *T.C.D. Miscellany* will fail to appear on the scheduled date of publication.

Since 1964 every effort possible has been made to put the magazine on a firm financial footing. The company's financial crisis has now reached an impasse. *T.C.D.* is directly affected by the national economic situation: in mid-year 1967, to compensate for a 25% increase in the price of TV advertising, firms drastically reduced the amount of their budget available to mediums such as *T.C.D.* This virtually decimated our source of revenue and the forced price increase to one shilling provided small compensation.

Phenomenal rises in printing costs were countered by adopting offset-litho, the cheapest possible production method. This meant an increase from twelve to sixty man-hours in production time.

The past two terms show that *T.C.D.* can reasonably be expected to break even if printing costs remain static.

Merged with U.C.D., Trinity must struggle to maintain her identity. *T.C.D. Miscellany* provides a distinct and independent voice for Trinity students. To-day the Standing Committee meets to discuss the future of our magazine. We admit we are a luxury, but we are one that Trinity College can ill afford to lose.

BEV BLOCKS S.R.C. DRAFT

Rush to pass new constitution

In a meeting held by the S.R.C. on Tuesday night the proposed new constitution failed to secure a two-thirds majority. The basic point at issue throughout the debate was that Council were not being given the opportunity to consider the constitution article by article, but were being asked to pass it as a whole.

Alan Matthews, who headed the constitutional sub-committee, presented the draft and late amendments to the meeting, saying that it was basically "uncontroversial." He claimed that the main points of the present constitution had been re-phrased in more explicit

—Dick Waterbury

and other officers. The date of the election of counsellors was to be changed from the Michaelmas term to the Trinity term so that the executive could be chosen by both incoming and outgoing counsellors. The reason for the rush to get the constitution through was so that elections could be held this term.

It was on this point that the deadlock was reached. Beverly Vaughan led the group in favour of examining the constitution point by point, whilst William Russell made an impassioned plea for the council to pass the resolution as fast as possible, as the S.R.C. had "far more important things to do this term." The meeting broke up in considerable confusion.

NOMINATIONS

Alan Matthews is standing for President in this year's S.R.C. elections. He was on the S.R.C. in his first year and in this, his second year, he has been on its executive and on the executive body of U.S.I. He favours the idea of the merger, but realises the practical difficulties. One of his ideas is the introduction of a broad lecture course with lecturers from all faculties participating.

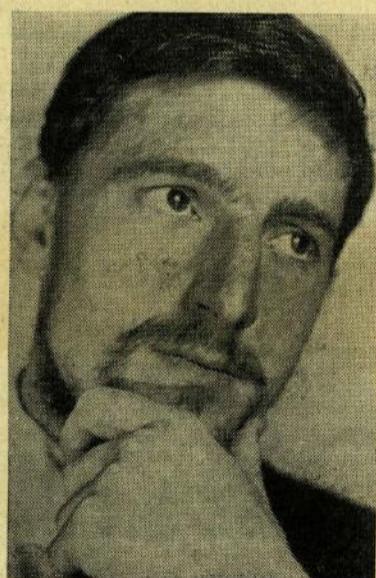
John Grindle will be standing for Vice-Presidency. He would like

to see changes in the lodging regulations of the College on the lines of the suggestions in the S.R.C. manifesto. He would also like to see more facts released on the catering arrangements and sup-



Alan Matthews

ports the idea of voluntary Commons. He is a third year Economics student and has been on the S.R.C. two years.



John Grindle

terms. The innovations included the setting up of the new posts of Education Officer and Public Relations Officer, and a clearer statement of the duties of the President

Non-Fascist newspaper By Internationalists

The International paper, "Words and Comment," which sets itself the task of smashing anti-academicism, democratising education and serving the people of Ireland, has appeared in newspaper format this term with sixteen gestetnered pages. Included in the first issue is a full account of the correspondence that passed between the Junior Dean and Nick Miller subsequent to his having

administered a blow to Mr. Naisby-Smith in the defence of "Democracy against Fascism." According to the Internationalist's interpretation of the affair, the Dean has been engaged in "supporting the arch reactionaries" and "Obscurantism" (doing things behind closed doors, "a basic disease in Trinity College"). Miss Carole Reakes would not discuss the journal's aims with a reporter from a "Fascist" publication.

TRINITY RING FROM S.R.C.

Trinity is to get its own College ring. Though similar to a "fraternity" ring, it is rather heavier than its American counterpart. College rings have been selling well in Cork and Galway, and to a lesser extent in U.C.D.

The rings are marketed through the S.R.C., so that only those entitled to wear them are allowed to guineas for the gentleman's ring and eight guineas for the lady's purchase them. Prices are ten

Each ring has a stone with the words "Trinity College, Dublin" embossed around it. On one side is the College crest, and on the other the Campanile. It is expected that these rings will be ready for sale by the fourth week of term.

Whither Ireland?

"The number of entries for the 'Independent' newspaper essay competition has been disappointingly low," says Beverly Vaughan, S.R.C. President. There is still time to enter, however, as the closing date is not until ?? ??

The competition is organised through the S.R.C. and the essay title is "Whither Ireland."

The overall winner gets £100 and there are second and third prizes of £50 and £30.

INVESTIGATION INTO T.C.D. FINANCES

"*T.C.D. Miscellany*" will not be published this week and the date of its next issue is uncertain. The company is believed to be in acute financial difficulties, with a long-standing debt of several hundred pounds. The publication sub-committee (Chairman, Mr. Gaskin) is investigating the state of the finances of "*T.C.D.*" A meeting of the Standing Committee will take place on Thursday at which the matter will be discussed and a decision as to whether to pay off "*T.C.D.*'s" debts will be taken.

"*T.C.D.*" was to have published the S.R.C. newsheet, due out next Tuesday, for £5 per £100 copies. No advertising has yet been obtained, so the cost of printing will have to be borne by the S.R.C. for this issue.

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