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## BOMB ATTACK ON "T.C.D."

The printing works and offices used by "T.C.D. Miscellany" were severely damaged in two separate incidents last week. At 5 a.m. last Wednesday the premises of "T.C.D.s" printers were burnt out. This prevented the publication of last Friday's issue of the magazine. On Thursday the "T.C.D." offices in the basement of No. 6 were subjected to a bomb attack. An IBM electric typewriter, which was paid for by the College and which is essential to the production of the magazine, was completely destroyed. The typewriter, worth £250, was destroyed by a home-made bomb consisting of a six-inch copper tube filled with sodium chlorate and sugar.

A second unexploded bomb threatened the life of the Chief Steward, Mr. Alec McCartney. Nobody was in the "T.C.D." office at the time of the explosion, but Mr. McCartney and a porter were summoned to the scene by members of the staff of the magazine who had arrived to find their office in a shambles.

Mr. McCartney first thought that the typewriter had been wrecked by the copper tube he found lying in the office. He picked the tube up and was very lucky not to have been killed as it appears that this type of bomb can be activated by the heat of a person's hand. The explosion from the first bomb impregnated pieces of copper into the wooden beams in the office and it is almost certain that had anyone been in the office while either, or both, of the devices exploded, they would have been killed quite quickly.

### RED MONEY FOR U.S.I.

U.S.I. President Richard O'Toole negotiated a grant of \$1,500 from the International Union of Students while on a visit last week to Czechoslovakia. The money will be used towards financing a seminar in Belfast in on "The Democratisation of Education." U.S.I. have also written to U.N.E.S.C.O. protesting about the recent increase in university fees in this country. U.S.I. is co-ordinating the work of sub-committees in various colleges who are to make recommendations on the latest proposals on the re-organisation of higher education in Ireland. Trinity's S.R.C.'s Education Officer, Pedro Ribeiro, is at present compiling and formulating submissions for U.S.I. which will eventually form part of recommendations representative of the views of a nation-wide cross-section of students.

### Business Studies in Revolt

Students in first year Business Studies held a lightning strike on Thursday. They picketed an Economics test, and only one Business Studies student passed the picket. About half of the J.F. Social Studies and Economics students took the test, but this seems to have been more in ignorance of what the protest was about than a malicious attempt to upset it.

The protesters felt that the Business Studies School lacked an identity of its own, and that because of this there was no one who could negotiate with their interests solely at heart in any forthcoming talks on this issue.

They called for the appointment of a separate head of the Business Studies School. At the moment, Professor Ryan is head of both the Economics and the Business Studies Departments, and the students felt it was asking too much of the Professor to negotiate on behalf of both Schools.

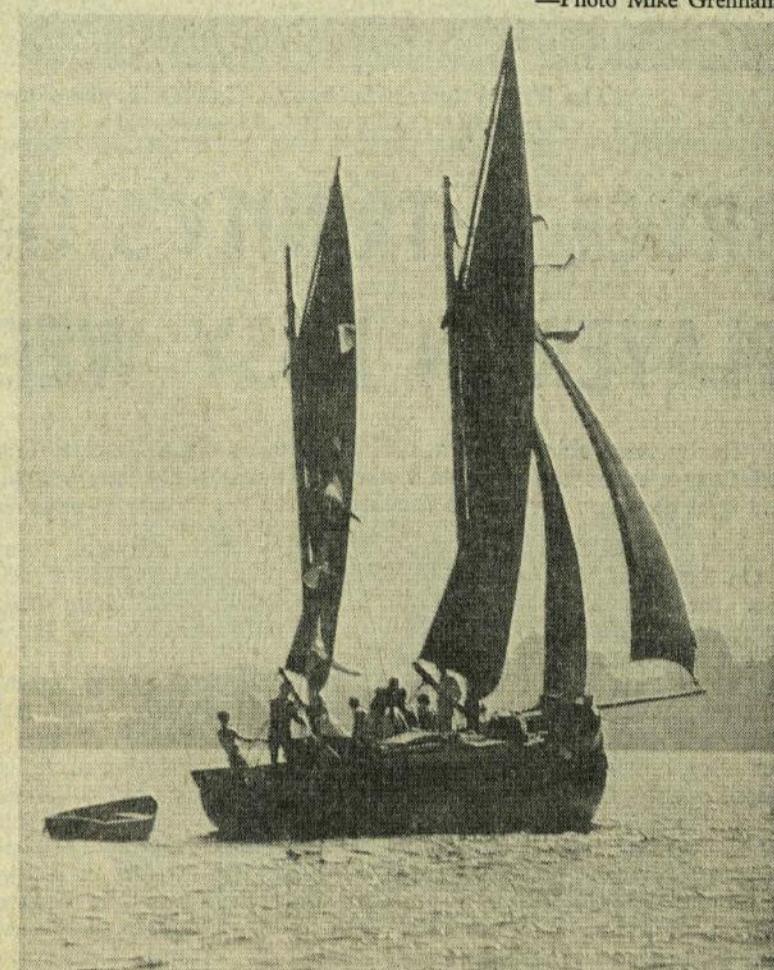
Gerry Connolly, one of the leaders of the protest, emphasised that the students were far more interested in ensuring that the

Gardai were called in to investigate the explosion because of the damage to College property and the threat to human life involved. Several students involved in the earlier picketing of "T.C.D." last Friday have been questioned, but it is not known how far the Gardai have succeeded in their enquiries.

"T.C.D." has been the centre of controversy since its publication of a "Paki Poem" in its last issue. Meetings were held between students who object to the racist tone of the poem, the staff of "T.C.D." and Dr. Kennelly, the Junior Dean in an attempt to avoid any further trouble over the magazine. Quite apart from the poem, many students object to

what is called the cliquishness and reactionary nature of a publication which uses the same title as the College. It is understood that moves may be made on the Capitalisation Committee to stop any subsidy from the College to the magazine.

The S.R.C. last Monday passed two motions on "T.C.D."



A Galway hooker at the 200th anniversary celebrations of the oldest yacht club in the world, the Royal Munster Yacht Club.

### REVINGTON BOWS OUT

At last Thursday's joint meeting of last year's and this year's S.R.C. the only contested position for the new Executive was that of Vacation Work Officer. Ronnie Ferguson beat Peter Joyce by 25 votes to 21 for this position. Both are new councillors. Pat Murphy, a beaten Vice-Presidential candidate, was returned unopposed as Travel Officer. All the members of the new Executive supported Paul Tansey in his Presidential campaign and it would appear that the new President has a clear, if somewhat uncertain, majority on Council.

The rest of the new Executive is: Welfare Officer: Tommy Hamilton; Education Officer: Pedro Ribeiro; External Relations Officer: Derek Moran; Secretary: Willie Hamill; Public Relations Officer: David Giles; Editor of "Liaison": Ken O'Brien.

Political affiliations were thrown to the winds in the election for Chairman between Rickard Deasy, a former Presidential candidate, and Mark Oxley, a former P.R.O. and "Liaison" Editor. Deasy won comfortably, thanks to strong right-wing support together with the support of some of the more radical left-wing of council.

In an informal report, the outgoing President, Joe Revington, told Council that the S.R.C. financially had "doubled business and halved the money." He mentioned the General Studies strike as being the first occasion on which the S.R.C. had taken militant action. He said that only two out of 22 members of the Academic Council favour student representation on that body and

asked that nevertheless, this year's S.R.C. should campaign firmly for representation of students and junior staff. Mr. Revington also detailed achievements on the services side and explained how his plans for a laundrette and free legal aid were not realised due to circumstances beyond his control.

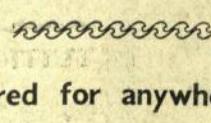
Motions were passed condemning American aggression in Cambodia and supporting the Business Studies students in their campaign for a separate identity for their department.

### FLATS RULE TO CHANGE?

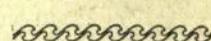
The Disciplinary Committee proceedings are now public unless decided otherwise by the Committee in specific cases. At a recent meeting a memorandum was received from the Dean of Women Students about the revival of rules covering the distribution of printed matter in the Buttery. It appears that costs are not helped by the additional labour entailed in the clearing up of such material. The age limit in the rules governing residence were referred to the appropriate committee when a request was made for the limit to be dropped from 21 to 18.

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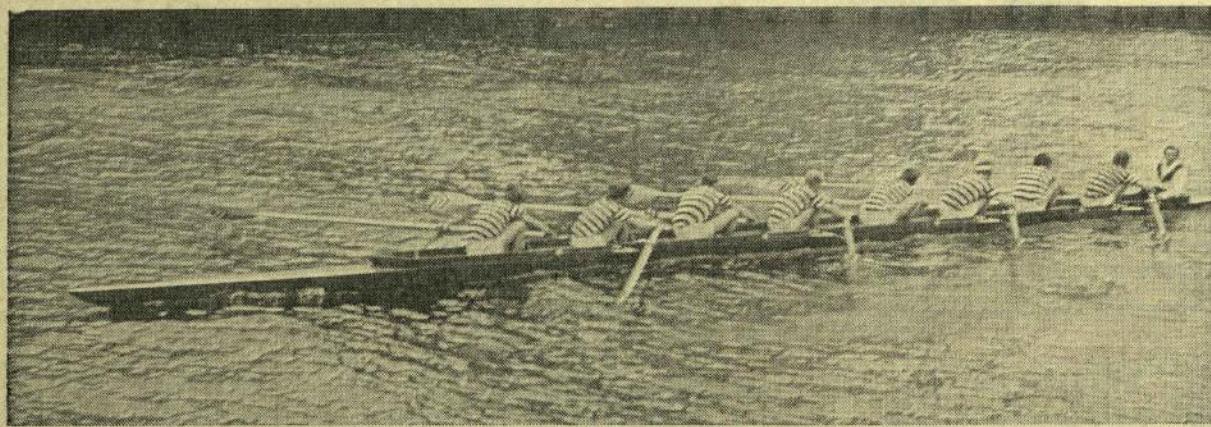
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The Trinity team who lost to U.C.D. in the Gannon Cup last Saturday.

## BRYCE IS TRINITY'S OUTSTANDING PLAYER IN BUSY WEEK'S CRICKET

Trinity came off the field at 5.25 on Tuesday afternoon after four days of cricket, in which they gained two League draws and a 59-run victory. Both matches at the week-end were played in very cold weather, with bad light playing a big part in denying Trinity any chance to press for a win.

### Y.M.C.A.

On Saturday, Halliday won the toss for the third match in succession, and once again elected to bat on a rather lifeless wicket, in College Park against Y.M.C.A. The innings started badly, Silverstone and McKenna going early, but Bryce again came to the rescue, scoring a very valuable 50, his second half-century in as many weeks. Unfortunately, he found little support from the other end, and only Halliday, whose splendidly controlled aggression brought him 48, managed to take his score above the teens. Having battled after tea, Trinity then declared at 161 for 9.

The light was getting rapidly worse throughout the Y.M.C.A. innings, and if the visiting side had ever looked in real danger of losing, an appeal would have been immediately upheld. In these circumstances, Y.M.C.A. had nothing to lose in going for the runs, and Ridgeway's hard-hitting 84 proved their intention of going for a win.

Frankland again bowled very well for his figure of 4-61, and it was unfortunate that McCarey was hampered by a broken finger in his left hand. In a very close finish, Y.M.C.A. reached 158 for 8, just four runs short of victory.

### PHOENIX

The game at Phoenix Park on Sunday marked the 125th anniversary of the first recorded match between Trinity and Phoenix, and a tankard was presented by the Phoenix Club to be played for in the annual league fixture. A problem was posed, however, when, in another exciting finish, the match ended in a draw.

Trinity batted first on a near-perfect wicket, and after losing two early wickets, Bryce and Cox pulled the batting together with 37 and 42, respectively. Both were rather foolishly run out when

### GOLF

### World Record

A new world record (as yet unratified) was set up at 3.0 a.m. last Saturday when an anonymous College "sportsman" reached the pavilion in College Park from No. 9 in Front Square in the amazing total of four shots. It took him only two shots to reach the corner of No. 40 and the Museum Building, from where he had no difficulty in reaching his targets in another two. College's new star has left the country for a few weeks to avoid the attentions of eager reporters.

beginning to dominate, and Trinity struggled to 158-9 dec., with a stubborn 23 from Harte and a few lusty blows by Frankland.

With the light failing quickly, Trinity again had very little chance of winning, and after a solid start Phoenix began to get on top. A fine partnership between Mullen (32) and ex-Trinity captain Gerry Murphy (51) put the home side in sight of victory, but when these two were dismissed and a short shower intervened, their task became almost impossible and they ended up 15 runs short of victory when stumps were drawn at 7.45.

### H. C. McCALL'S XI

On Monday and Tuesday, Trinity entertained Con McCall's XI in a two-day friendly in College Park. Con himself was, unfortunately, unable to travel, but Michael Rea captained a strong side of Ulster Senior League players, and in the absence of McCarey, Hewson and McKenna, Trinity did well to

gain a 59-run victory in a two innings match. Silverstone and Bryce were top scorers in Trinity's first innings total of 110, and with Halliday taking five wickets, the visitors were dismissed for 92.

The second day's play provided 295 runs in less than 5½ hours, and entertained a large, scantily-clad crowd on a hot, sunny afternoon. Bryce, Harte and Silverstone gave the innings a good foundation, and a stand of 51 in under 40 minutes between Kirk and Kirby enabled Halliday to declare at 168 for 8.

McCall's XI, needing 187 to win in 160 minutes, never really looked like getting the runs, and only a stand between Rea and McQuilken saved them from a heavier defeat. Halliday repeated his first innings feat in claiming five wickets, while Harte, in his first season behind the stumps, took three stumpings. Bryce demonstrated his all-round ability by taking four wickets in the match with his leg-breaks, and the Trinity fielding was of a very high standard overall.

### ATHLETICS

## Inter-Varsity Athletics

This year's Inter-Varsity Athletics Championships were held on Belfield's grass track last week-end. For the first time it was necessary to split the events into two sessions. The slowish nature of the track, coupled with very unfavourable weather conditions, did not allow any fast times, although the star of the Championships, B. O'Regan (U.C.C.), did register relatively good times in the sprints.

Trinity's performance in the Championships was much as expected, although individually some of our athletes did very well, notably John Dillon who won the 400 metres and was second in the 220, being our only male track winner.

Jane McNicholl was the outstanding member of Trinity's ladies' team, winning the 800 and 1,500 metres events. We can expect a lot from these two promising athletes in the near future.

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On Sunday, 24th May, the annual Trinity Week "sevens" will be held at Santry. This event has always been a tremendous success and has attracted a huge entry. As usual, three separate tournaments will be run simultaneously, the rugby seven-a-side, the soccer five-a-side, and the mixed hockey six-a-side. Entries should be written up on the rugby/cricket notice board at Front Gate as soon as possible.

### ROWING

## U.C.D. Win Gannon Cup

Trinity were caught napping at the Four Courts in the 23rd race for the Gannon Cup on Saturday, and a tough U.C.D. crew went past to win by 1½ lengths.

Trinity had looked very fast in the first half of the race, going ahead with a fast spurt just off the start, but they never managed to settle properly and get clear of their eager opponents, and were unable to reply efficiently to their powerful rally. Once behind, they tended to fall to pieces and failed to regain their form and get back on terms. U.C.D. can be well pleased with their win, but it is too early in the season yet to judge the true speed of the Trinity crew.

It was a bad day for Trinity rowing in general. The Junior VIII were unlucky to lose their race against U.C.D. when a pleasure cruiser swamped them in its wash after they had led off the start. The Maiden "B" crew also went down fighting by half a length in the most exciting race of the day. Some consolation was gained, however, when the Maiden IV won at Queen's Regatta in Belfast.

### SQUASH EXHIBITION

## World Champion in T.C.D. Exhibition

Jonah Barrington, the world's leading professional squash player, will give an exhibition match in the Trinity squash courts on Thursday, 28th May. The exhibition will open with one of his well-known "clinics," in which he examines the various aspects of the game and reveals its finer points. He will follow this up by playing against some of the top Irish players.

To squash enthusiasts, the name of Barrington has become a household word, a symbol of dedication in sport. His rise to the top provoked intense interest as much by the rapidity of his climb as by his dynamic approach to the game. Physical fitness is the essential prerequisite to his sort of game and he relies on it to give him the edge over his opponents.

His list of successes is awesome. British Open Champion, '66, '67, '69; British Amateur Champion '66, '67, '68, '69. He is the only individual to have won both the British Open and the World Amateur Championships in the same year (1969). In 1968 alone he won the Open Championships of Pakistan, Egypt, Australia, Ireland.

**South Africa and New Zealand.** Aspiring squash players may be interested to note that Barrington's squash achievements at Trinity belied his subsequent success. He was awarded his colours only in his last season ('59/'60), playing as second string. He was also one of four Trinity members to play for Leinster that year, an honour that was considerably easier to acquire in those days when Trinity was the leading squash club in Ireland.

Seldom has Trinity produced a sportsman of Barrington's calibre. Rarer still do we have the opportunity of seeing such a player in action, especially on our own courts. This unique occasion should not be missed.

### HORSE RACING

#### By "LORD FORM"

Sorry to be unoriginal, but three-year-old form this season, from Nijinsky to Rarity last week, has been pointing inexorably to the exceptional class of DECIES, who will surely win Saturday's 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh (4.55). Clever Fella and Every-day can be expected to make a race of it. It seems equally safe to assume that LOVELY KATE, who won most convincingly at "The Park" last week, will win the 1,000 Guineas (3.50, Curragh, Sat.) and sandwiched between the two classics, the 4.20 may fall to LEIT MOTIF. On Friday in England, I suggest a follow-up bet on COOL ALIBI in Stratford's 7.0, while HASCOMBE FAIR is on a light weight to repeat E. Cousin's success last year in the 9.10 at Ayr.

### SOCER

#### Stranmillis, 1; Trinity, 1

The 1st XI travelled to Belfast last Friday to play against Stranmillis Training College, who had won the corresponding match in College Park last term. This time, however, Trinity held the home side to a 1-1 draw, Bleakley scoring with a fine header.

### RUGBY

Our congratulations to Horace McKinley who has been elected Rugby Club captain for next season. "Father" McKinley, who plays hooker, has always been a great help to the club as a whole, both on and off the field, and we wish him the best of luck in the coming year.

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# TRINITY'S TREASURES

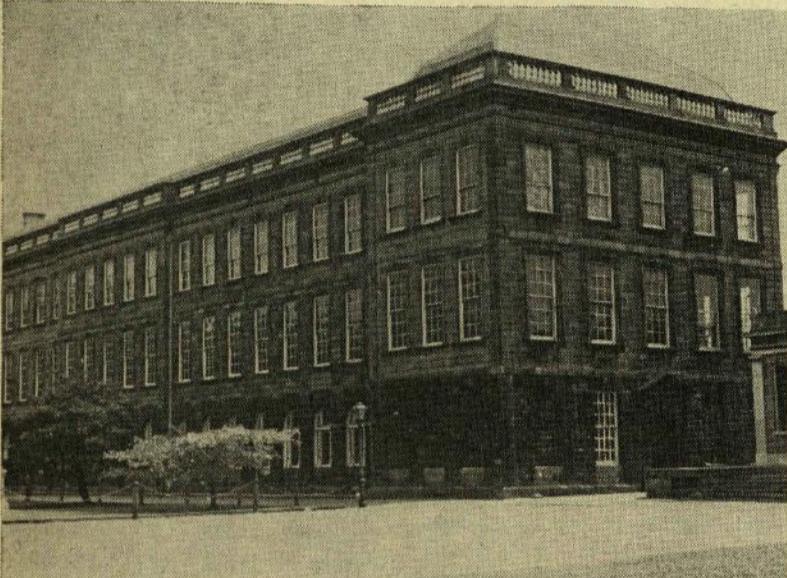
An exhibition of books and manuscripts is being held in the Old Library to mark the re-opening of the Long Room after a closure of over three years. The exhibition attempts to show the variety and extent of the Library's holdings. Trinity has had a Library for the last 380 years and its contents form not only a distinctively Irish collection but also an important general European Library.

The exhibition has been arranged in three sections:

The first, not only in the order of show cases but also in time, consists of manuscripts. Particularly notable are the four Irish manuscripts, Kells, Armagh, Dimma and Durrow, which in the past have been permanently on display in the Long Room. With

Paris, a monk of the Abbey of St. Albans and one of the greatest English chroniclers. Also on view are the Winchcombe Psalter, the Dublin Apocalypse and 14th century copies of the Koran and the Hebrew Bible.

In the second section, following the manuscripts in time, emphasis is laid upon the printed book as a



these are now shown the 8th century Book of Mulling, a copy of the Gospels in Latin from the monastery founded by St. Mulling in Co. Carlow, and the 11th century Irish Liber Hymnorium, the oldest surviving collection of hymns in Irish and Latin. This manuscript is opened at the hymn known as **St. Patrick's Breastplate**. The English manuscripts include the Book of St. Albans, dating from the 13th century and largely written and illustrated by Matthew

physical object. Before showing something of the history of the earliest printing, starting with a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible of 1455. A copy of Plutarch's Lives of 1470 magnificently illuminated in renaissance style, the first edition of Dante's **Divine Comedy**, and a copy of the first dated book to be printed in England, the

## NEW-LOOK TRINITY WEEK

### SHIFT IN EMPHASIS OF TRINITY WEEK

Trinity Week Secretary Desmond Bayly said that this year's "week" would be of more general interest than in past years when the emphasis was mostly on sport. While sport still has a large part to play in the week's activities people other than sportsmen deserve a look in.

The College Races remain the most important sporting event of the week and they should be of wider interest this year as a match has been arranged with the West German University of Mainz. The Mainz team has several West German champion athletes, four of them in fact took part in the last Olympic Games. The two other feature sporting events are new ones, the first being the visit of the world's foremost squash player, Jonah Barrington. Barrington will play an exhibition match with a leading Irish player and will then give a "teach-in" on the game. Ulick O'Connor is bringing his "International Soccer" XI to College Park and this promises to be one of the highlights of the week.

### NON-SPORTING EVENTS

On the non-sporting side of things the main happening of the programme is the return of Clement Freud. He is going to hold another cook-in, but this time it will be in the G.M.B. as a large crowd is expected. It is hoped that Freud will judge the Queen of Elegance competition at the College Races. There will be a poetry reading, an organ recital by the well-known organist James Dalton, F.R.C.O., and Players are putting on their revue as usual.

The main event of this week is, of course, the Ball which is on the 29th of May. This year's main attraction is the Chris Barber Jazz Band and Ollie Patterson. Ball Secretary David Walsh is very pleased to have booked them as this is the first time that the Ball has had a big name group from England. Another English group, the Dark Blues from London, are also playing. The ever-popular Trinidad Steel Band have also been booked, as have the well-known Northern group, the Chips. Walsh says not to miss out on the fortune teller who will be under the Campanile which is a good place to find out your fortune.

## CAPITATION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

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## BRIAN CARSON

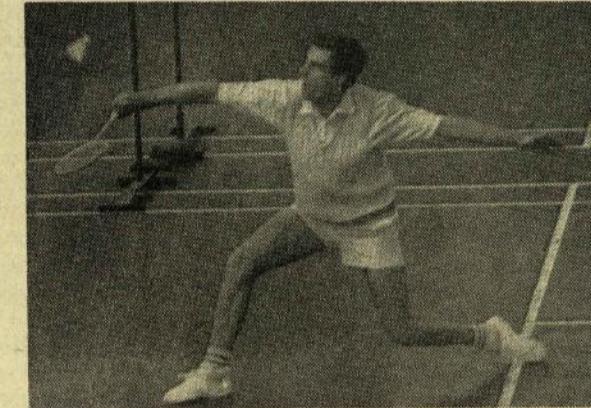
One of Trinity's outstanding sportsmen must be Brian Carson, an Irish international badminton player. His sporting achievements are very impressive. He has been playing competitive badminton since the age of 11, at the age of 15 he won the Leinster under 18 Championship, two years later he was playing on the Leinster senior team, and this year—at the age of 21—he was selected to play on the Irish team. He has played against England and Scotland and represented Ireland in this year's European Championships.

In spite of all these achievements he refuses to let his life become dominated by badminton. He trains hard, 1½ hours a day five days a week, nevertheless he looks upon his studies as the most important aspect of his life at the moment. He is a third year Engineering student and has just been elected to be one of the student representatives on the school Committee. He feels that students in the Engineering school do not have enough say in the running of things, they have only three representatives on the school Com-

Academic Council as this is the key to giving students a fair deal.

He thinks that being an Engineering student isolates one from the rest of College because the amount of work involved in Engineering leaves very little time for extra-curricular activities.

The amount of badminton training he does would make him seem dedicated by Irish standards but not by general international standards. He hates professionalism in sport as he thinks it takes all the fun out of it and makes it seem more like work, he believes



Brian Carson in action.

mittee and he hopes to see more. He did not like the original Merger proposals insofar as they affected Engineering, but is not so worried about the new ones, though he is concerned that they might lead to too many people at lectures.

On general staff student matters he feels that it is insufficient to have students on the Board. There should be students on the

that sport is purely for relaxation. As far as the South Africans are concerned, though he disagrees with Apartheid, he thinks that if a team is invited to play, people should be allowed to protest, but this should not prevent the game from going on.

His immediate ambition is to be able to do a post-graduate degree and combine it with a lot of badminton.

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# ARTS PAGE

## LURCAT IN THE LIBRARY

The first major exhibition to be brought to Ireland by the Cultural Service of the French Foreign Ministry since the Cultural Agreement between this country and France was signed in 1967 will be held in the New Library Exhibition Hall during the next two weeks. The exhibition is of 22 tapestries by Jean Lurcat who, more than any other artist, was responsible for the revival of interest in this form of art this century. Lurcat, who died in 1966, produced several hundred tapestries, of which the most famous is *Le Chant du Monde*,

which is over 6,000 sq. ft. in size. His close association with architects led to the increasing use of tapestries and other large art works in public buildings, thus contributing not only to the development of modern architecture but also affirming that great art works should be part of the environment of everyone.

So once again the New Library exhibitors have triumphed with a display that is unusual and exciting. The tapestries are vibrant with colour, magnificent in their technical details, and astounding in the workmanship involved.

The mind simply boggles at the achievement which seems all the greater when the medium is wool rather than paint. Not surprisingly, the programme says of Lurcat that for "him touching wool was delectable; and how much he enjoyed colours, elementary colours." Certain motifs crop up again and again, and achieve the status of hall marks which are fascinating to spot—faces where they're not expected, for instance. While most of the tapestries abound in detail, our illustration (right) is of one of the simplest designs. An exhibition well worth a visit.

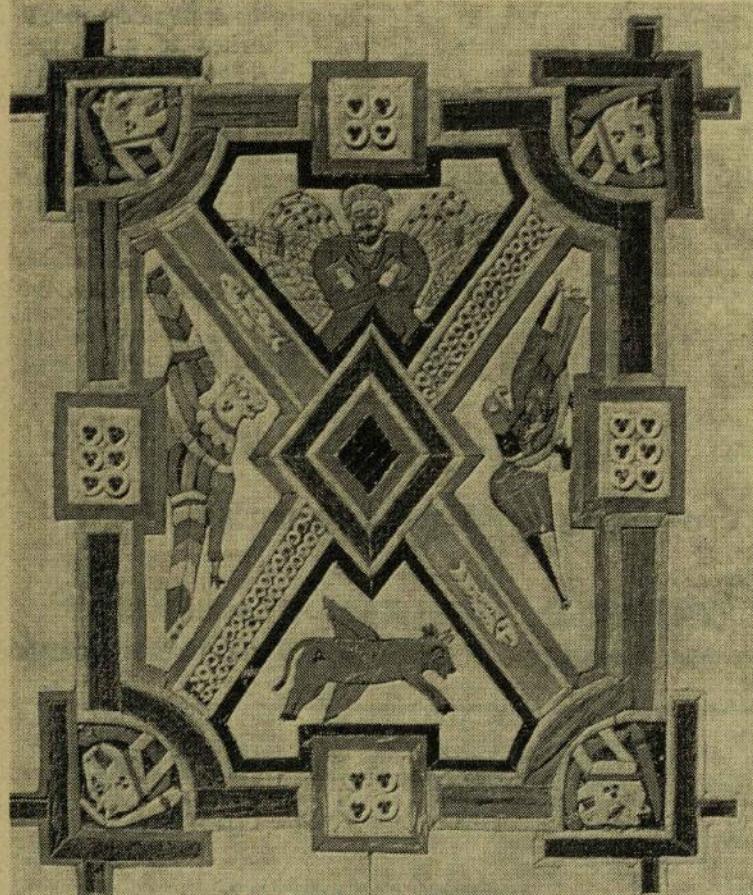
### Comment on Kate

Anyone remember "The Ginger Man"? There were two things about that book that probably held Trinity students enthralled to the very last page; one of these things got the book banned; the other was the sheer fascination with which one reads of a place one knows—i.e., in this case, Trinity.

This same fascination kept me reading to the end of the story, "Henry Died," by Kate Cruise-O'Brien, published in Saturday's "Irish Press" in their new Irish

writing feature. This, plus curiosity as to how much of it was autobiographical. Being more objective, I was disappointed. The plot, the reactions of the two girls—"typical students"—most involved after the suicide of the fiancé of one of them, was a little obvious from a student; much of it was belaboured with superfluous description—and, even worse, plain, sententious moralising. If Miss Cruise-O'Brien is to continue writing, one would like to see a little more originality, and a good deal more pruning of rather self-conscious prose.

—Photo by A. Ingram



Mr. Fred Monahan has been in charge of the Book of Kells for forty years now. The illustration you see above is a copy of a page from the Book, and no ordinary copy at that. Mr. Monahan spent much of his spare time last winter creating this from plastic tiling inlaid into linoleum. A more rewarding task, one would think, than merely displaying the Book to the tourists!

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## REVIEWING JACK HARTE

Jack Harte was born in Sligo and is a graduate of U.C.D. His first mature poems, written within the last two years, are included in his "Poems of Alienation" volume. One of these poems, "The Poet Encounters Ireland," sets him firmly in the Irish tradition; there is in this poem all the sense of high calling of Yeats' poetry, the satire of Austin Clarke and the clarity and simplicity of Patrick Kavanagh. "At the Dance" is a moving piece and

shows his keen sense of human situations. He is here less wordy than in the earlier poems.

Although a small volume, containing some sugary love poems, one can already detect a development towards a kind of social poetry. There is increasing bitterness in the poems "Faust, 1968," "On the Boat to England" and "The Rebel." The latter, a direct attack on the present economic set-up and the soul-destroying aspects of the machine age is in-

cisive and effective:  
Factories swallow young girls  
And vomit them back anaemic and  
spent.  
Shivering they stand in a bus-  
queue,  
Wilted at sixteen years old;  
But the Bentleys paws at the  
tarmac  
And the springs in the back seat  
are taut,  
A puff of cigar smoke erases  
The skivvys and scrubbers.

## Say It With Flowers

The young men of Trinity may be surprised to find an article on the sweet topic of flowers sprouting (if you'll pardon the expression) on the Arts Page). Yet bringing pleasure to your aesthetic senses is the object in view. With Trinity Week looming brightly ahead, and most of our dollies just dying to hit the hostess scene, decor will become important. And one way of vastly improving more permanent decor like green temper or brown paintwork, or enlivening a simple meal served on Buttery crockery, is with a

judiciously placed arrangement of flowers.

Allow me, then, to address the females among us: If you intend spending your all on the booze (or the steak) for this shindig (or quiet little dinner), and consider flowers an expensive irrelevancy, think again. A short trip to the Dublin mountains or the landlady's garden should prove fruitful. Look for bracken, ferns, cow parsley, bluebells, gorse, ivy and young trees about to burst into leaf. (Please do not break stems indiscriminately—use secateurs or a very sharp knife.) Don't despise

the weeds, either, some of them can be extraordinarily pretty. For a big party, nobble an old-fashioned soup tureen or a polished brass or copper coal scuttle—or, if you really want to be the most talked about hostess, and you don't need it for an ash-tray, resurrect a potty, china if possible—and make a feature of it with a large arrangement in a prominent position, bringing colour to a dark corner, for instance, where it's unlikely to be knocked for six.

For a small dinner party, hie thee to the florist (if you can stretch to the wine, then you have to complete the picture with flowers) and look for tulips and irises, which are cheap now, or roses and carnations, which aren't. The former can look striking in tall displays in shapely wine bottles or cider flagons. And the latter are worth considering because a few can be made to go a very long way with a good helping of foliage of your choice. They can make a very attractive centrepiece—perhaps in an entrée dish—with ivy trailing from it towards each place setting. Think too about posy arrangements for each guest—the real personal touch—when you can put to good use shells, candle holders and even stable bottle caps.

Say it with flowers—say it even louder with imagination!

## Comedy at Savoy

"Cactus Flower" is a new style comedy founded on a reliable formula of combining fast movement of action with an arid-dry wit, both of which have been timed to grasp maximum audience reaction.

Goldie Hawn, of "Laugh-In" fame, takes on her first major Hollywood role, and excels herself playing a gullible, yet shrewd and sensitive blonde—girlfriend of Julian Winston (Walter Matthau), a Fifth Avenue playboy dentist. Matthau, who plays the central character, promotes the comedy not only by mastering his quick retorts, but also by getting the exact facial expression to counter each particular circumstance.

This is also with Jack Weston who plays Julian's indiscreet but lovable friend, Harvey Greenfield. But then Harvey has no direct part in those scenes where Julian gradually swerves from affection for the pretty young blonde to loving his more select receptionist nurse (Ingrid Bergman).

It is interesting to note how easily Goldie's performance can blend with that of a great actress from an earlier Hollywood generation. Bergman, however, is more sophisticated and perceptive, and this fits her methodical and commanding role. But slowly the nurse discards her harsh exterior, and, as the cactus on her surgery desk begins to bloom, she reveals her tender womanhood. First rate comedy.

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**Analysis:**

# THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINE IN TRINITY COLLEGE

The Board is the principal governing body in academic and administrative matters. Its consent is required for all enactments, changes or appointments of any consequence. In matters of property and finance, discipline, domestic arrangements, and relations with outside bodies, the Board is, subject to the statutes, absolute. In affairs relating to teaching, examinations, degrees and appointment of academic staff, it can act only in conjunction with the University Council, Divinity School or Senate of the University. It consists of the following members: the Provost, the Senior Lecturer, the Registrar, four representatives elected by the Junior Fellows from among themselves, two representatives elected by those professors who are not Fellows and chosen either from among themselves or from among the Junior Fellows.

The President and Vice-President of the S.R.C. sit in on the Board meeting as observers. This body usually meets on alternate Wednesdays during term.

**Standing Committees** of the Board are appointed annually for specific purposes; for example: the Finance Committee, Library Committee, Student Health Service Committee, Trinity Hall Committee, and Houses of Residence Committee. There is no student representation on the Board or on the Standing Committees; only that of Trinity Hall has student representation.

From the point of view of student participation, four Ordinary Board Committees are of importance. They are the Capita-

tion, Disciplinary, Amenities, and Central Staff/Student Committees. Students on the Disciplinary and Amenities Committees are nominated by the S.R.C. and these nominations are ratified by the Board. There is no general rule as to the ratio of students to staff, but on the Disciplinary Committee, for instance, there are four students, four staff members and a staff chairman. The Amenities Committee is in the unique position of requiring that two of the student members be women.

The Capitation Committee receives approximately £36,000 in the form of a £9 capitation fee from each student and is responsible to the Board for the allocation of these resources. About half of this money goes to D.U.C.A.C. and the other half to the societies and the S.R.C. This Committee has met approximately nine times this year.

The Disciplinary Committee exists basically to consider College regulations and also to pass recommendations to the Board in cases of breaches of discipline brought before it by the Junior Deans. It also acts as a preliminary appeals committee.

The Amenities Committee makes recommendations to the Board regarding changes or improvement of College facilities. Its sub-committee on Catering receives and considers suggestions with reference to the Buttery, Coffee Shop, Dining Hall, Regent House. It has met on only two occasions this year.

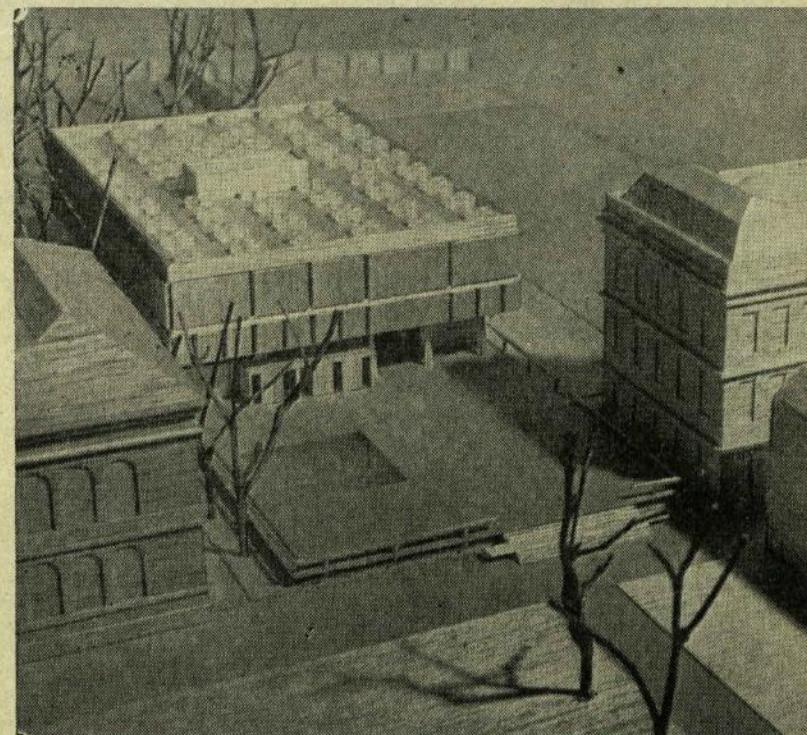
The Central Societies' Committee, a subsidiary of the Capita-

tion Committee, represents the interests of the smaller societies in College and was set up partly to counteract the influence of D.U.C.A.C. on the Capitation Committee. It is financed by student money and last year elected four members on to the Capitation Committee.

The G.M.B. Central Committee is responsible to the Central Societies' Committee and was set up to administer the Graduates' Memorial Building, except the Debating Hall. It consists of three Hist members, three Phil members (always by convention the Auditor, President and Treasurer of these societies), and a Chairman who is theoretically the Provost's nominee but in practice he is nominated by the Committee. A Curator is also appointed from the Hist or the Phil on alternate years and carries out minor duties. This Committee formerly dealt with the Capitation Committee, but now the G.M.B.C.C. is insolvent so the money has to come through the Central Societies' Committee which does not appear to be too open-handed.

In general outline then, the non-academic administration may be divided into two main areas of activity—that in which there is no student participation and that in which students participate in an advisory capacity but have no ultimate power. The student situation is only slightly better in the academic sphere of administration and it is hoped that this will be covered in next week's issue.

JEANNE-MARIE WOULFE.



A model of the New Library.

## LIBRARY PROBLEMS

As exams approach, the thirst for knowledge seems to take preference over those rather different appetites which reign supreme for the other eleven months of the year. The result is that our students are drawn from their favourite beds, pubs and bookmakers to converge like lemmings on the shrines of learning. By the end of April, people become aware of the shortcomings of the libraries, which all seem hopelessly overcrowded. The fug created by so many people in such comparatively small spaces can send even the most diligent student off into the land of nod.

And then there are those anti-social people who insist on reserving places for a couple of hours while they go to shop or sunbathe. Some people have even been seen to write essays standing up against the magazine racks while others lounge at their desks reading the paper.

The lot of the scientists is the least enviable of all. The Science Reading Room, which occupies half of one of those shacks beside the New Library, came under heavy criticism in a recent and most enlightening survey carried out in the School of Natural Sciences. Nearly 70% of the students who participated in the survey said that they often found the Reading Room full, which means that an alarming number of people are unable to work when and where they want to. Almost as worrying is the fact that 55% are in the habit of reserving desks

on a permanent basis.

While there is obviously both

the scope and the need for improvements in library facilities in Trinity, it should not be forgotten that our library is one of the best in Europe.

CHRIS. HAVERS.

## BLANEY versus LYNCH *There is no crisis?*

There is no crisis, it's all a nine days' wonder, and there is not much point in getting all worked up. The sacking or resignation of 25% of the Cabinet, the alleged involvement of a number of Cabinet Minister in illegal gunrunning, the declaration in the Dáil of an ex-Minster that he did not think anybody should stop people bringing arms into the North are not matters of concern to anybody but Fianna Fáil.

Perhaps an historical analysis of the present situation should start

with 1169, 1690, 1800 or 1916, but there is not much point as every Irishman has learnt his particular interpretation. The basic fact remains that the vast majority of Irishmen in the present state of Northern Ireland wish to retain the link with Great Britain, while the vast majority of the people of the Republic want to see a 32 County Ireland. This division is reinforced by the parallel division of Catholics and Protestants. One can analyse the situation to produce a division based on class, but this is seeing things not as they are but as some people would like them to be. If the conflict was escalated into civil war, the division would be between Protestant Unionists and Catholic Republicans. The outcome would not be Connolly's Socialist Republic, but a Fascist Opus Dei state. The battle of the Bogside could be the beginning of a sectarian civil war with the Catholic working class fighting the R.U.C. who are supported by the Protestant working class.

Individuals, such as Deputy Boland, who are willing to suggest that force cannot be completely ruled out, and even An Taoiseach who said that "they could not stand idly by" if the Catholics were attacked in the North, are

helping to provoke civil war, intensify the fears and suspicions of the Protestant Unionists and strengthen the hand of Paisley, Craig, Boal and the other extremists. Who can now trust Fianna Fáil? Who now believes that Lynch can remain in power when Boland, Haughey, Blaney, O'Morain, etc., are kept in the Dáil, in the Party, and are applauded by so many of their colleagues? How can students, who have never seen a gun and have no conception of the horrors of a sectarian civil war, support Haughey and Blaney? Does anybody really believe that Haughey will not sit quietly in the back-benches?

The only solution to the partition problem is to remove the fears of the Protestants by making radical changes in our Constitution, guaranteeing de jure recognition of Northern Ireland. Either Fianna Fáil must purge itself of its chauvinistic Republican elements, or allow a coalition government to take over. Lynch is now putting party interests above the long-term interests of the nation, and, because of this, we may have to suffer one of the most bitter sectarian civil wars in our history.

ROGER COLE.

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THE NEW SECRETARY

## VETS COME TO T.C.D.

The recent Merger proposals advocated that there should be a single faculty of Veterinary Medicine and that it should be located in Trinity.

The Irish Veterinary Association have stated that they consider: (1) That all subjects in a Veterinary course should be taught on the one site; (2) That this site should be on a university campus close to and integrated with other faculties.

The Board has accepted that the Veterinary Faculty should be located on the campus, at least for the pre-professional subjects and pre-clinical sciences as there is ample space for the purpose and it would avoid duplication of courses as vets take many medical subjects in these years. It is also hoped that the Government will finance the erection of buildings required for this part of Veterinary Education.

However, after this phase of Veterinary Education a problem arises, that of attempting to keep the whole of the Veterinary course on the same campus and the difficulty of doing this in the context of an urban university environment. The difficulty is, of course, that an animal hospital has to be provided for research work and for animal husbandry teaching.

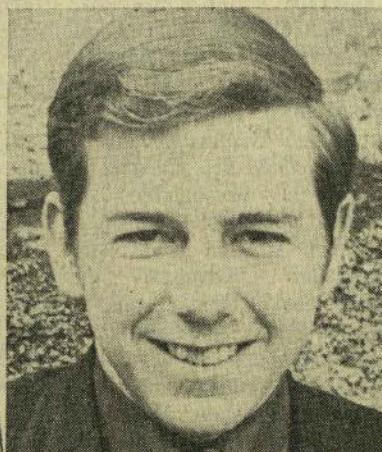
In attempting to get the best of both worlds, the Board considers that all pre-professional and pre-clinical teaching should be done on the Trinity campus, but that clinical students, involving animal health and hygiene, should be conducted in a modern field station and hospital designed for that purpose.

The Board considers the site at Abbotstown appropriate for further development as the Government has already invested heavily in a field station there.

## LEE is V.P.

Following Greg Murphy's resignation from the S.R.C. Vice-Presidency, nominations were again opened for that office. It was felt that the new vice-presidential election should be held as soon as possible so that it would not interfere with those candidates or canvassers who have exams at end of term.

When nominations closed, Ivan Lee was the only candidate nominated, and was therefore deemed elected.



Mr. Lee, a final year Classics student and a Foundation Scholar, had been beaten by only 64 votes in the earlier vice-virtual election. He has been in the S.R.C. for the past two years, and has served on the Executive as an ordinary executive member, Secretary and Welfare Officer on the resignation of Jim Hamilton.

Lee is most concerned about the financial state of the S.R.C. and hopes that it can be improved by more frequent auditing and stock-taking. "Only when it's again on a sound financial basis will the S.R.C. regain the confidence of the students."

## LOW POLL IN PHIL ELECTIONS

The new President of the Phil is Richard Pine, a third year General Studies student from Sussex. Pine secured 11 votes in the election, Bill McCormack got 8 votes and Marcus Collie got 5. The new President thinks that the present voting qualification in the Phil (attendance at one private business meeting) is unsatisfactory and believes that far more members should be able to vote. He would like to see ordinary members take a far greater interest in the running of the society.

Pine delivered his first paper to the Phil 18 months ago. It was about Oscar Wilde and was a notable success. Since then he has delivered papers on Franz Kafka and "The Romantic Tradition in Art!" He was a defeated candidate in last year's Presidential elections. This year he was Secretary of the Society and won a silver medal for oratory. He says that he is writing a book about Oscar Wilde.

### Letter to The Editor

Sir,—I wish to point out that any suggestion of bias on the part of Prof. Ryan is not necessarily agreed to by the majority of those who took part in the "Business Studies Revolt." I did not sign the petition as the signatures were taken before the petition was composed. Many of the people who signed the petition did so in vehement protest at the proposed removal of Business Studies (which protest I supported by boycott) and did not intend to suggest that Prof. Ryan had acted or would act against the best interests of Business Studies students.

PETER MORIARTY,  
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## Baxter Replies

Alan Baxter, the centre of the S.R.C. finance controversy, has written to "Trinity News":

Dear Editor, — Being an optimist at heart, I write again to "T.N." hoping that this time you may see your way to actually printing it. It is regrettable that a letter correcting certain untruths in an anonymous article written by the Editor should fail to appear in later issues. Perhaps the change in editor will change this rather sad state of affairs.

Your front page article of 7th May was an improvement on previous articles in one respect. It did point out that the financial

### S.R.C. DEFENCE

Dear Sir or Madam,—We, the Executive of the S.R.C., object to the whole tone of the editorial in your issue of 7th May. Specifically and without prejudice we demand a printed apology with regard to the totally unsubstantiated accusation that "the office in College specialises in losing forms not only for employment but also for travel bookings," nor do we agree that we lose forms at all.—Yours faithfully,

W. HAMILL, Secretary,  
D.U.S.R.C.

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Mary Punch, last week's editor, replies:

Editorial are not written to be met with general agreement. "Trinity News" is and always has been an independent voice inside Trinity College; editorials have been written in the past criticising various people, activities and bodies in the College, but this is the first time that a body has been sufficiently thin-skinned to object to the whole tone of a critical editorial. Last week's acting editor does not apologise for the tone of the editorial, but perhaps it was rather harsh to criticise the travel service which has been reasonably efficiently run during the past year, although prior to Mr. Revington taking office there had been some disastrous errors, such as a person arriving in Paris thinking he was in London, due to a clerical error. Mistakes like these linger longer in the mind than efficiency and the only way in which the travel office and indeed the S.R.C. is going to eradicate the overhanging aura of ineptitude is by not only doing good but by being seen to be doing good.

mess was largely due to a previous article.

With regard to my "non-attendance" at Capitation Committee meetings, it is true that Mr. Bourke represented the S.R.C. in my absence on one occasion when I could not attend. I resigned from the Capitation Committee some time ago and Mr. Lee now represents the S.R.C. in my place. My resignation from the Committee was due to the intense personal enmity displayed by certain members of the Committee, notably Dr. R. Browne and G. Murphy. The sub-committee referred to in the article was not "set-up to produce accounts" but to examine accounts prepared by a staff member of the School of Business Studies and myself. Dr. Browne sat on this sub-committee and his performance there convinced me that it was pointless for me to continue. As prejudices rather than reason are the main criteria for decision making on the Committee I wanted no further part of it.

The position now is that the Capitation Committee are awaiting audited accounts for the six months period ending on March 31st. Certain firms with which we do business still have not sent up-to-date statements. Without these statement an audit is impossible. If the Committee wants a complete audit then I'm afraid that it must accept the inevitable delay involved. Slanderous remarks and insinuations about me made by Dr. Browne both on Committee and in private do nothing to help the situation.

Something I cannot understand is why I wasn't consulted even though articles about me appeared three weeks in a row. I suppose it depends whether "news" or the truth is "T.N." prime objective.—Sincerely,

S. A. BAXTER.

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"Trinity News" has not previously received letters from Mr. Baxter. However, we believe that he did post one intended for us in the "T.C.D. Miscellany" letterbox. At last Monday's S.R.C. meeting a motion was passed calling on Mr. Baxter to produce the S.R.C. accounts within one week. Failing this, it is expected that the Council will take stronger action.

## Trinity News

### VOTES AT 18

It seems that the Government doesn't respond to groups who cannot exert some sort of electoral pressure on them. In the case of students this was seen by the way the recent fee increase was initiated, without consulting the students concerned at all, because they knew that students had no retaliatory sanctions.

Students as a group have a common interest and must have some official channel for articulating their grievances. The most obvious channel would be to have voting rights extended to those between 18 and 21. It is amazing that there has been so little agitation for this in Ireland, especially seeing that the precedent for it has already been established in England for it this year. U.S.I. and its various constituent organisations should be urged to take up this cause.

### THE EXPLOSION

Although most would agree that the "Pakie Poem" published in "T.C.D." had racist connotations, whether intended or not, and would censure "T.C.D." for publishing it, none should agree with or support the irresponsible actions of those who attempted to blow up the "T.C.D." offices. This attempted sabotage could easily have resulted in the death or incapacitation of members of the T.C.D. staff, even those who had nothing to do with the poem being printed, and those who perpetrated this immoral deed should be classed with the people in Limerick who tried to get the Maoists to leave the city by shooting at them and breaking up their shop.

If the people who attempted to blow up "T.C.D." were genuinely worried about the impact of the poem or the ideas of the "T.C.D." staff, then they could have attempted to close down "T.C.D." altogether by: (1) Approaching the Junior Dean and asking him to ban it; (2) By boycotting the magazine itself; (3) By approaching the Capitation Committee and asking that "T.C.D." loan should be discontinued.

Instead, these irresponsible sensationalists, not taking the trouble to utilise the legal and democratic channels, have made "T.C.D." more determined than ever to publish, so that if this was their aim it has been thwarted.

It has also shifted the whole emphasis in the debate to the "Bomb Incident" from the "Poem Incident," thus effectively letting "T.C.D." off the hook without explaining their position, and public opinion is now staunchly behind the "T.C.D.", whereas, if the explosion had not taken place, this would almost certainly not have been the case.

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