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COMMONS CHANGES

Non-Resident Students Allowed to Eat In

As an experiment, the Board has decided that students living in College will be required to put down their names for the common meal only four days a week. This will apply during the present term and the coming long vacation. Additionally the actual booking of Commons will also be changed. Residents are now paying for the complete seven week four days a week period. In return they are being given tickets for the appropriate nights.

Commons is now to be available to non-resident undergraduates. The latter may buy tickets for the evening meal up to 11 a.m. on the day they wish to dine. This also applies to residents not already booked who may have changed their minds.

Regulations concerning staff diners are also altered. They will "be charged for Commons in accordance with consumption and not in accordance with booking." Women may now dine at the High Table.

The Board also discussed the question of stout, but rejected its elimination from Commons for the time being. Apparently administrative difficulties preclude making stout optional at the present price. The Board stated: "A complete elimination of stout would require a greater weight of

opinion before it is considered."

All these changes are of an experimental nature. However, the Board seems to have taken little notice of the exhaustive inquiry conducted recently by the S.R.C. No account of its findings concerning stout or making Commons entirely optional or turning Commons into a buffet-type meal is mentioned by the Board. No one appears to have realised that for some time past students have decided at will, and without recourse to tickets, which of the two sittings of Commons to attend.

The Treasurer and the Agent state: "An expression of student opinion on this point (the question of stout) would be very valuable." Has not one already been provided?

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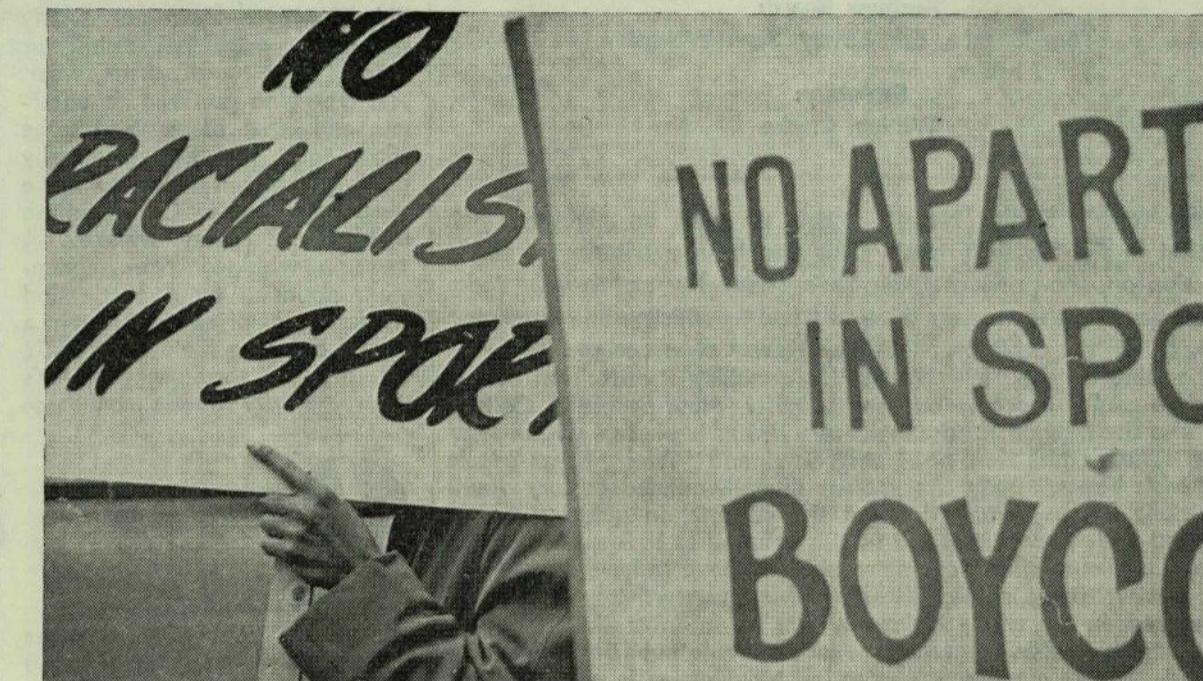
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APPEAL

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—T. Chance.

SOUTH AFRICAN VISIT

Anti-Apartheid Demonstrators Out in Force

"Keep Apartheid Out of Sport" and "Boycott South African Rugby Tour" were the slogans of over 300 members and supporters of the Anti-Apartheid Movement of Ireland as they trudged from St. Stephen's Green towards Lansdowne Road on Saturday.

One felt that their protest could not have been registered in a more orderly and civilised manner; marchers were rarely more than four abreast and pamphlets were offered to onlookers rather than thrust upon them.

On arrival at their destination, the demonstrators lined both sides of the road outside the ground, brandishing their banners in the public eye. In a stationary position they continued to distribute leaflets to the tune of the civil rights song, "We Shall Overcome."

However, order was broken a little when the South African team arrived; banner-bearers surged towards their coach shouting: "Apartheid black." The reaction of those inside the coach was simply to photograph the proceedings. There was no further protest inside the ground apart from a few young men racing round with South African flags in their hands, and thus the international match followed undisturbed.

The previous evening, an Anti-Apartheid picket was stationed outside the Shelbourne Hotel in protest, and, at intervals during the evening, abuse and eggs were hurled in their direction. Unperturbed, the demonstrators returned to the spot on Saturday evening.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about the demonstrations was the impartiality of the Gardai on all occasions.

Thief Strikes Again

During the vacation the newly formed Gardai Rugby team played their first match against a Trinity College side. Traditional police courtesy was not in evidence during the game — neither was the College side especially moderate in its behaviour. Eventually the game

was abandoned as exchanges grew fiercer.

On return to the Pavilion one of the Gardai team discovered his wallet was missing—one more victim of the thief at large inside the University. Other crimes reported during the vacation include a number of stolen transistor radios.

Flats: Board Acts

"Trinity News" has been asked to express the occasionally unobserved regulations concerning residence for the benefit of its readers: Flats are approved only if the landlord or landlady resides on the premises; students are not permitted to take up single occupancy of a flat; only those students over the age of 21 or above Senior Freshman standing are permitted to live in self-contained flats; men and women are not allowed to reside in the same house, unless they are husband and wife; students may apply through their tutors to the Warden of Residence for exemption, in exceptional cases, from the above regulations; a student who fails to abide by the rules is refused credit for the term or terms in which the default occurs.

Recently several students have been abusing either one or more of the regulations. Their cases were considered by the Committee of Student Residence on Tuesday, but nothing further can be disclosed at present, as certain cases have been remitted to the Board for further consideration.

"Trinity News"

"Trinity News" box is still to be found in West Theatre. Contributors should place their articles in this box, or the one at the foot of Regent House stairs, by 10.0 a.m. of the Monday preceding the day of issue. All contributions welcome. There are a number of vacancies to be filled on the staff. Any candidate should place a specimen contribution in the box as soon as possible.

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Last term "Trinity News" ended up with an eighteen inch editorial in the "Irish Times." This was both a tribute to, and a reflection on, the previous Chairman's personality and views. Some ad-men say there is no such thing as "bad" publicity; one either has publicity, or no publicity. "Trinity News" was accused of being irresponsible by the "Irish Times" in attacking the decision of the Board to confer a degree on Sean Lemass. Most people in College recognise the freedom of the Press to write as it pleases, within legal limits. These limits were not transgressed, and "Trinity News" feels the "Irish Times," under its present liberally-minded editor, would have done better to have ignored the editorial in question. If it disagreed with views expressed in this column, as it is quite entitled to do, the "responsible" course would have been to have disregarded what was written. Instead a leading article was written which gave the impression the whole University was up in arms about the projected degree for Mr. Lemass. More unfavourable publicity for Trinity resulted. Unlike many contemporaries, Mr. Horsley is not a faceless product of a faceless age. He has the courage of his convictions, and he knows what those convictions are. As Chairman he wrote the editorials in "Trinity News". In this position he did not regard himself as prophet-enthroned of the University. He knew full well his views on Apartheid, especially, and on the degree question also, would not be popular with everyone. He published letters attacking his own point of view. In short he exercised the freedom of the Press. "Trinity News" will continue to reflect the views of the Chairman who writes the editorials. As there is a new Chairman each term, everybody's point of view usually gets an airing in the long run. The "Irish Times," with many "Trinity News" connections, should know all this without a university newspaper having to tell them about it. Let us hope our previous good relations will continue uninterrupted in the future.

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Much unpleasantness is being caused by the Committee concerned with student residences suddenly tightening up its enforcement of its regulations as published in the Calendar. Most people would agree that living in lodgings in Dublin is not the happiest way of existing during one's University career. Hence the large number of undergraduates who find the solution in flat-dwelling. If the present Calendar regulations must be maintained, a simple solution to the flat problem would be to change the years one expects to live in College. At the moment most people in College are Sophisters, who are permitted to live in flats. If more students spent at least the first year, and possibly the second also, in College, they would get the best of both worlds. The attractions of College life would be coupled with the attractions of living in a flat. Over a period such a change could be implemented easily.

SLATTERY'S NEED YOU

BUT YOU NEED US FAR MORE

Women, Beware Women

There are few things I feel strongly about, apart from minor issues like Bermuda shorts, and I begin to ask myself in despair if there isn't something that moves me at all profoundly. One thing that certainly does is the subjection of women by the Press.

It is a fact universally acknowledged that few women know what they want, and few can think independently, if at all. This, however, does not justify the glossy magazines telling us exactly what to eat, drink, wear, see, where to go, who to entertain and what to say and serve when doing so. Do they really think anybody is going to make exoticisms like Cosmopolitan cocktail—"2 parts whiskey, ½ part gin, whipped cream, cinnamon, pounded by a pestle and mortar, and dripped through a muslin bag into little droplets"? Or plough through Jennifer's absorbing daily routine from "got

up at seven o'clock, 2 eggs for breakfast instead of one as cook is just back from Majorca and the pretty hens are on such top laying form these lovely Spring days, so my farming friend Lord B**by tells me," etc.? And then

by Mirabel Walker

after all this smart drivel they set themselves up on a trend-setting pedestal. This year everyone is going to the Emerald coast/wearing lace/marrying at midnight/learning Gaelic. If Hermione wants to go to Looe again this summer, why shouldn't she? Why cow-tow to some desperate woman writer who imagines our minds are as soft as hers, and feels under compulsion to transfer a certain amount of nonsense every week from one to the other.

One imagines the beauty writer who exhorts us to transform our bodies into "a slim white scented column" with some new talcum powder, to be obese, hirsute, and trying to support herself in a couple of furnished rooms in Campden Hill; and the travel columnist who lyricizes on the loveliness of Sardinia to be a buck-teethed Liverpuddian who has never been further than St. Annes.

Please, please, if you read it, don't mark, learn and inwardly digest it too. The fashion writers imagine us as long-legged schoolgirls running around in crocheted vests and lace helmets this summer. If you resemble Billy Bunter more than Alice-in-Wonderland, there is no need to end up looking like the Red Queen. And if it comes to that, what are you reading this column for anyway? Didn't you know Mirabel Walker is a man?

Over the Sea . . .

POACHING

Liverpool University students out to sell their Rag mag. found a coachload of University College of North Wales students already selling theirs. The Liverpool Rag Committee has protested at this invasion of territory.

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NOSEY PARKER

South Africa's Minister of Justice is reported to have told Oxford University Humanists "a man who pokes his nose into the affairs of another as insolently as you are doing, does so purely to escape the smell of his own." He was replying to a protest from the group about the death sentence on schoolmaster Frank Mains.

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SINGLE OR RETURN?

Mr. H. W. Mayden gave a lecture during March to Exeter University Guild. One of his topics was about an authentic trip to the planet Mars. He has already booked his ticket.

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ON THE NEVER-NEVER

Five hundred Cambridge undergraduates received a circular recently offering them credit betting facilities with a London bookmaker, Jack Curtis. A case of having an eye to the main chance. Curtis left Cambridge in June, 1964.

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SUSPICION

The Rag Week President at Sunderland Tech. has been helping police in enquiries about a local bank raid. It appears £3,500 were stolen from the bank, the same amount the Rag Week profited by, and five times the previous year's profit. The President had been seen driving round the block, in his own car, near the bank in question. The reason? No waiting signs forced him to do so whilst he waited for a friend.

A FAST DEATH

Fifteen members of Birmingham University sat in a crate provided by the Rover car company in an attempt to starve to death—or raise £4,000, whichever came first. It was stated that a secondary purpose of the fast was to help medical research. That's all we've heard.

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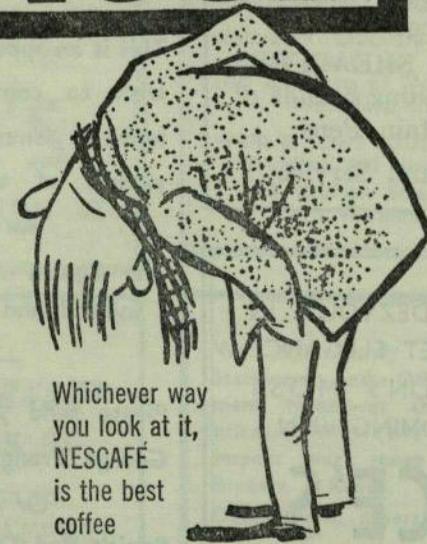
"A naturalistic display" took place in a crowded bar at L.S.E. last month. Members of the Sorbonne University Rugby team gave a dancing display naked. The college magazine "Sennet" described the performance as "enjoyable" and "reminiscent of ancient Roman orgies."

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HAVE-A-GO

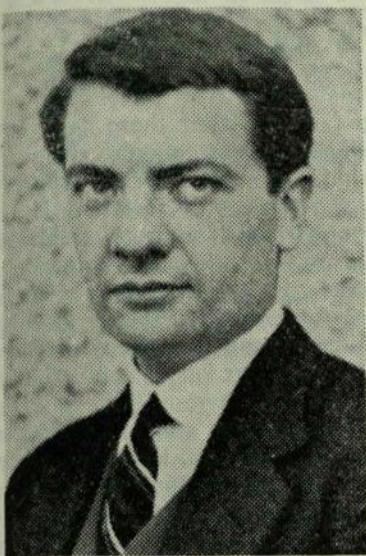
A student smashed a full pint into a lecturer's face in the latest of the rowdy incidents at Manchester University Union Bar. The student was suspended from the Union and fined £5.

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A LOOK AT THE ELECTION

Dr. David Thornley is rapidly emerging as a leading commentator on the contemporary Irish political scene. During the recent General Election he took part in the marthon radio coverage of the event, as one of the studio experts. He also appeared on the B.B.C. T.V. programme "Panorama." "Trinity News" is grateful to him for having consented to attempt to unravel the mysteries of last week's election.

The election which has just taken place was unique in a number of quite significant ways. Rarely can so dull a campaign have been followed by so exciting a contest. Fianna Fail fought on its record over the past eight years, particularly in respect of economic growth. "Let Lemass lead on" read the stickers on car windows; "This is no time for a change" screamed the posters. The Fine Gael policy document, whose gestation was being painstakingly supervised by a panel of experts in various fields, had to be delivered by Caesarean section when Mr. Lemass sprang his solution. It was a very fine document in many ways, but it never really recovered from the circumstances of its birth. The day of its publication it was unobtainable to the masses except through the newspapers. The "Irish Times" gave great prominence to its proposals for positive economic planning, but set them alongside Mr. Dillon's assertion that Fine Gael remained a free enterprise party. The bit about atheistic imperialist international Communism survived also as a homely reminder of less sophisticated Skibbereen arguments. All in all, it was rather hard to know what to make of the document, both in the grassroots, which regard elections and economics as having no point of contact, and the cognoscenti who were inclined to believe that the Department of Finance would lead on anyway. There were rumours that a distinguished economist proposed to take the plunge into party politics for Fine Gael; this might have given the programme the teeth it lacked. But no such development materialised. The main achievement of the document was to bring social policy to the forefront of debate; here was Fianna Fail's weakest point. But probably Mr. Corish gained as much as Mr. Dillon, if not more, from electoral disapproval of the Government's social record. If Mr. Corish wished to build up Labour and avoid coalition office his tactics were indeed perfect; his categorical announcement that Labour would not enter a coalition was perhaps the turning-point of the election. It helped to win Labour independent votes. It also buttressed Mr. Lemass's most telling point — that no effective governmental alternative to Fianna Fail existed. Industry, which had regarded the onset of Mr. Lemass with horror in 1932, was now for him almost to a man. The "Irish Times," which in 1932 prophesied national ruin if Mr. de Valera were victorious, in 1965

advised its readers to vote for Fianna Fail. Labour, which had been on the downswing in 1957 and 1961, was almost bound to win seats; Fianna Fail likely to. In the week before the election I made seven bets—unfortunately small ones—I won them all.

THE RESULTS

As Wednesday dawned, the size of the poll belied the absence of violent controversy in the campaign. Television, radio and press coverage of unprecedented dimensions, coupled with a cloudless, sunny day, brought nearly seventy-five per cent. of the electors to the poll, roughly four per cent. more than in 1961. From early in the morning of the following day it was obvious that the swing was to Fianna Fail. It fluctuated between two and five per cent., and reached almost six per cent. in Cork where Fianna Fail had polled well below their national average in 1961. At luncheon in the Gresham, Mr. Haughey and Mr. Colley were reticent but confident. Experienced tipsters were talking of seventy-four or five Fianna Fail seats—an overall majority of five or six. But after lunch the odds shortened, and the contest developed into one of the most exciting cliff-hangers of recent years. The swing to Fianna Fail established at slightly less than four per cent. More important still, it was not being translated into seats in those key marginals where a few votes either way made all the difference. In 1957 Fianna Fail with 48 per cent. of the votes won 78 seats. In 1965, in a slightly smaller Dail, almost the same percentage of the votes looks like winning the party seventy-two. Such are the vagaries of proportional representation.

In the evening, as the last of the first preference counts came in, it became clear that all three parties had gained votes, and all the thank-you speeches could carry some echoes of self-congratulation. Preliminary figures suggested that Fianna Fail had advanced from 43.8 per cent. in 1961 to 47.7 per cent. in 1965, Fine Gael from 32.0 to 34.1 per cent., Labour from 11.7 to 15.4 per cent. The real message of this election was not that any party had advanced strikingly at the expense of another, but that all had gained from the virtual obliteration of the independents. Since 1927 the average number of Independents returned at each election has been just under ten; in 1961 there were six; in the eighteenth Dail there will be two. This in itself is something of the

end of an era in Irish politics, and political commentators like Chubb and Thornley are going to have to re-write some draft analyses of the rôle of the Independent deputy under P.R. Everywhere the smaller were ground between the millstones of the larger. Famous constituency workers like Mr. Sherwin in Dublin North-Central and Mr. Carroll in Dublin South-West were eliminated by electorates which had apparently become oblivious to the memories of Alfie Byrne. But equally, Mr. Leneghan in Mayo, Mr. McQuillan in Roscommon and Dr. Browne in Dublin South-East, former Independents who had joined the big battalions since 1961, found themselves squeezed out.

LABOUR GAINS

The defeat of Mr. McQuillan, who had topped the poll in Roscommon in 1961, and of Dr. Browne, whose work as Minister for Health from 1948 to 1951 and subsequent trenchant independence won many admirers, were two of the headlines of the election. They were also setbacks for Labour. But gains in Kildare, Leix, Dublin South-Central, South-West, North-Central, and possibly North-East, more than compensated statistically. Labour will enter the eighteenth Dail with either 21 or 22 seats, the highest total it has held since June, 1927. It also broke through in Dublin for the first time. One of the ironies of Labour history was that in 1961 it could win only one seat in the greatest Irish urban concentration; in the new Dail it will hold four, or five, if Mr. Larkin proves to have been elected in Dublin-North East. It still has one great hurdle to surmount before it can feel confident that these victories are more than the swing of the pendulum: the defeat of Mr. McQuillan in Roscommon and the honourable failure of Mr. Mac Aonghusa to capture a seat in Louth means that Labour still holds only one seat north of a line from Dublin to Limerick.

The workings of P.R. also provided their quota of internecine party conflict.

Senator Lindsay regained his seat in Mayo at the expense of running-mate, Mr. Browne. Mr. Kenneally ousted an ex-Ministerial colleague, Mr. Ormond, in Waterford, and Mr. Luke Belton replaced the last of the Professorial deputies in Mr. McGilligan in Dublin North-Central. Mr. Lemass's emphasis on youth was echoed by the electors; Mr. Michael O'Leary found himself member for Dublin North-Central, while in Dun Laoghaire-

Rathdown the twenty-nine year-old Mr. David Andrews headed the Fianna Fail poll and watched the long-term party front-runner, Mr. Sean Brady, eliminated. In County Dublin, Mr. Des. Foley added a Dail seat to his All-Ireland medals.

By eleven o'clock on Friday night it seemed also certain that Mr. Lemass was going to be returned with seventy-two seats, and at the time of writing, despite recounts and threats of court action in Dublin North-East and Longford-Westmeath, this still seems probable to be a correct prediction. The Taoiseach loses the cushioning of some agreeable Independents, but gains two seats and a more youthful party, capable of battling on in the night watches. If Mr. Hogan remains Speaker, and Mr. Sheridan, the Independent deputy for Longford-Westmeath, remains sympathetic, Mr. Lemass will probably have an effective majority of three. It is proportionately far greater than Mr. Wilson's, and with luck it is enough to keep Fianna Fail in power for as much of the full term as they want.

Three final lessons stand out from this election. It is obvious

that old age pensions and our means-test health services come to be reviewed, and when the Commission on Higher Education reports this summer, they should find Dail and people in a more receptive and adventurous mood than twelve months ago.

Secondly, while Fianna Fail and Labour have both cause for self-congratulation, Fine Gael is due

for some serious heart-searching.

Increased poll notwithstanding, it

looks like having one seat less in

the new than in the outgoing Dail.

Fine Gael has now been

eight years out of office, and

looks set for another four; any-

one who is thirty-three years of

age or under has spent all but six

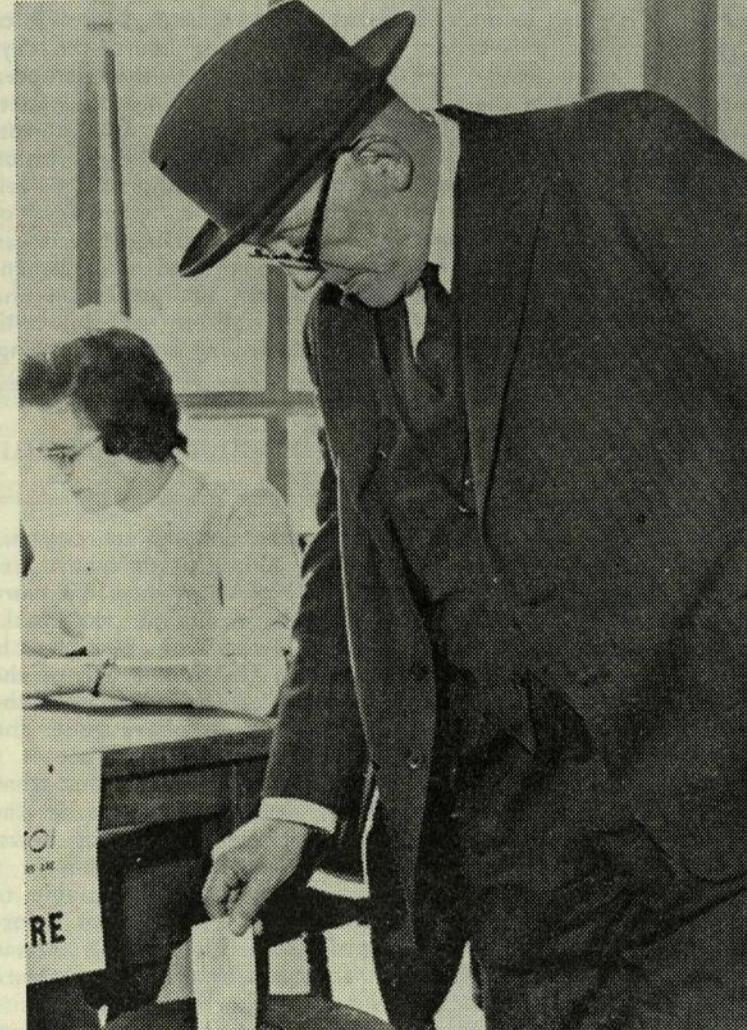
years of his life under Fianna Fail.

Fine Gael has clever young

men in plenty; how much longer

will they stand for this exile from power?

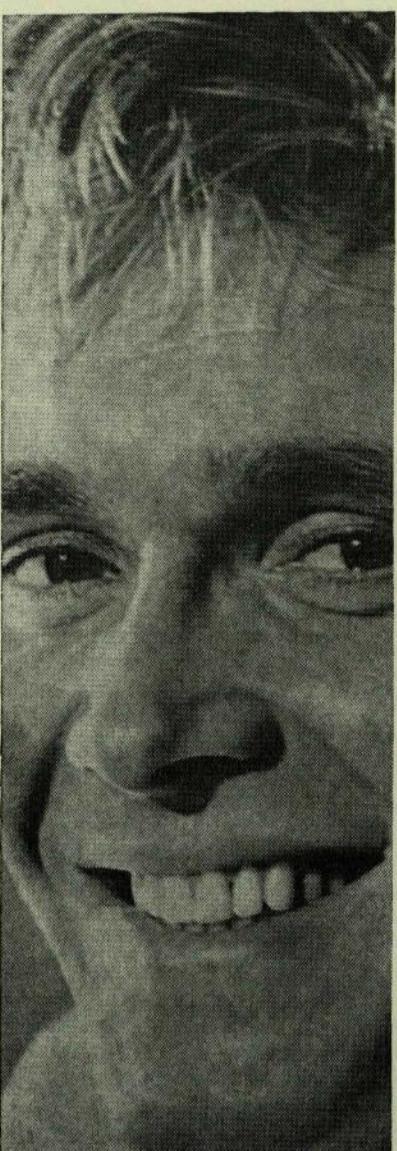
Finally, this election surely has tolled the passing bell for proportional representation. Recounts are laborious process in Dublin North-East and Longford-Westmeath; the fifth seat in Carlow-Kilkenny was decided by sixteen votes on the eighth count, the third seat in Mayo North by fourteen votes on the fifth count. Very few people in Ireland mark



MR. DILLON CASTS HIS VOTE.

— "Irish Times."

their preferences beyond third or fourth with serious deliberation; it is farcical that the anxious scrutiny of some fifty of these preferences should decide whether, at the moment of writing, we have or have not a government.



FURY

—raging or waning?

No fans. No bodyguards. Not even a thug on the stairs to the dressing-room. Just Fury.

It would appear true to say that one is at one's most impressionable between the ages of 16 and 18, in which case most of the present generation at this Establishment were at least vulnerable to the charms of Billy Fury in his heyday. As one saw this anachronism appear, the great sounds of "Halfway to Paradise" and "I Love How You Love Me" died suddenly and painfully upon the lips of the subconscious, and one could not but feel that Father Time, in shattering a teenage dream, had finally bitten off more than he could chew. For this I resolved to tie his blasted scythe in a knot.

Born in England in 1940, Ron Wycherley exploded into the ken of the average man early in 1959, to enjoy three years of stardom; those were the Big Boom days when pop stars were singers. Cliff Richard was making his name. Ricky Nelson was trying. Presley was not yet an eminence grise. Lonnie Donegan was always around the corner, and Eden Kane was going a bomb. The kids were really tearing it up and,

of course, people like The Big Bopper could still afford Chantilly lace shrouds. Little Richard was blowing valves in jukeboxes all over town, Fabian was moving around the jungle, Chris Barber and Monty Sunshine were blowing and stamping themselves to their ignominious ends. "They

by Simon Morgan

call, they call me Fatty" Domino was experiencing the beauty of cheques made to measure, while characters like Holly, Cochrane and Vallance were daily joining the list of Our Glorious Dead almost unnoticed in the general atmosphere of screaming, stamping, blowing and roistering about with the boys on huge bikes. It was all happening. Everything was go.

Three years later, everything had gone. Why? The passing of the Bulge Babies was a thing to be mourned. To the Economy, to the Singer, and to the Edwardian Fraternity they had been a Good Thing. With them had passed Billy Fury.

Fury did not care to discuss the fact that he was a ghost. From outta the past, man. Stiff as a board. Maybe stiffer. And besides, dead. His hair style was an excellent example of mid-1959, when, as all must admit, his records, such as "Jealously," elevated him to the zenith of his career. Not that he has now reached anything like his nadir; "Like I've Never Been Gone," released last year, is his favourite disc and was one of his greatest box office successes; but rather he has ceased to be the same Fury that one remembers jiving to.

Billy Fury told me that he modelled his voice on the greatest attributes of Johnnie Ray, Frankie Laine and Elvis Presley, which is understandable if he is — as appears to be the case—the missing link between Bo Diddley and Stygian gloom of Sound City, in which case we shall be afforded the opportunity of interviewing him again. Goody.

When I asked him about his hobbies, there was a silence. I prodded him: "Like cars, man," and there ensued one of the most agonising silences since the one on the peak in Darien. You see, I was tactless. This man is banned from driving. Still, that is a claim

to fame in itself these days, but Billy has more concrete claims in mind. His most absorbing interest is the subject of animals. He is not married, and is thus able to devote his entire time to his dog, which is a Doberman. These beasts are in the habit of mauling children, and practically live on Alsatians, but Fury has no trouble with his, and would like to write a book on the animal life of the United Kingdom. He appeared to be not altogether unintelligent, as is usually the case with pre-1960 phenomena and one felt that there might almost be the hint of a pun in what he was saying. He doubtless plans a research tour of the Cavern and the Iron Door on Merseyside, and might—this again is pure speculation—just venture into the Amplex-less and Stygian gloom of Sound City, in which case we shall be afforded the opportunity of interviewing him again. Goody.

Billy Fury, who occasionally goes back to his vintage self with a waxing like "It's Only Make Believe," was thoroughly likeable. It is just that I, personally, have never been a necrophiliac.

Editors' Conference

Your sister is going to marry a coloured man, but she cannot make up her mind finally; the great day arrives and at the altar she says "No." Would you use this for a news story? "I would be the first man on the phone"—a statement of fact from a reporter on one of the popular dailies. If one thing emerged from the N.U.S. conference it was that journalists from the popular press are a ruthless, unloved and unloving race.

This is a generalisation but is indicative of the ever-widening gap between the respectable papers and the popular press. The effect on student editors was immediate; some eyes glinted, almost maliciously in unequivocal hero-worship of the news ideal; others were visibly appalled by the realisation that nothing is sacred. Old age, abortion, pregnancy, unhappiness and social ills all have the common factor of news worthiness. If you were among those who recognised this and were prepared to hunt out the facts in a detached, impersonal way, the conference was invaluable; if not, it offered almost nothing.

I stress this division because the conference was orientated wholly towards the popular press, the other side was not represented. Throughout there was an almost scornful disregard for what has come to be known as "responsible reporting and commenting."

The conference was opened by John Bevan of the "Daily Mirror," a member of the "look back" brigade. He stressed the glamour of his early life when he and Hugh Cudlipp worked in Salford as general reporters. His impressions were mellow: the seeing of life over the top of a pint

tankard, the four days' growth of beard, the long hours, the days without washing, the disrupted home life. Two important facts did emerge from his address: "There is still in the profession an established anti-graduate feeling." If the standards of journalism are to improve it can only happen from a movement from within the profession and the implications of an anti-graduate feeling are far reaching.

by Michael Gilmour

Too often brevity or compact writing hides for defence under the title of style when it is more often the result of poor background work or research. Secondly, this is the age of the specialist. The days of the general reporter have gone, and everybody in Fleet Street is a specialist. So much so that when there was a fire opposite the offices of a leading daily newspaper there was no one in a packed reporters' room able to deal with the story. But before specialising, Mr. Bevan stressed that the journalist had to learn his trade, which meant quite simply three years on a provincial daily. Three years of Women's Institute meetings, Urban District Councils, Quarter Sessions and local disputes. This is the only training machinery that Fleet Street knows and recognises.

The plenary discussions of the editors were sadly unconstructive due to the numbers. Too often it was one editor putting his paper's problems with little regard to the subject being discussed.

On censorship, the majority of papers seemed to suffer at the hands of their Union President; innumerable cases were stated where Presidents had suppressed copy because it was detrimental to him or his plans. One paper was not even allowed, during elections, to mention the name of one candidate without mentioning the others. This stifling hold was the result of papers being dependent on a Union subsidy, and the idea of a paper breaking contact and becoming independent was a step that most editors seemed unwilling to take.

The conference lacked depth and real form, due partly to the last minute disappearance of two major speakers. The newspaper surgeries tended to concentrate over much on lay-out and the technicalities of presenting copy in the most direct and stimulating way. Little was said on the more interesting techniques of attacking news and features.

The Irish University newspapers were well up to the general standard in content, but were hindered by the old problem of a lack of money. Many British papers tended to be parochial to the extent of being boring. The top five, "Guild Gazette" (the eventual winners), "Cherwell," "Varsity," "Redbrick" and "South Westerner" were very good indeed, giving a wide coverage, clean lay-out, a lavish use of blocks and some professional feature writing. "Trinity News" suffered because of its size and unadventurous lay-out but, strangely, it was the social column which created most interest. People are, and always will be, news.

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SAILING

Six Years Running**Trinity Win Sailing Championships Again**

For the sixth year running Trinity sailors have won the Northern Universities championship. Held during the vacation in Birmingham, the races were won by a side selected largely on past form, because of the bad weather conditions prior to the event. Members of the team were: James Nixon (Capt.), F. Williams, B. Stacey, G. Hooper, John Nixon and Marilyn French.

On the first day in light conditions, Nottingham, Strathclyde and Leicester were disposed of with only slight worry. This put Trinity in the final, where their opponents were Queen's, Belfast; Manchester, and Birmingham. The heavy Trinity team revelled in the windy conditions, James Nixon and Stacey sailing especially well, and retained the trophy without great difficulty. Queen's were runners-up.

Leaving Birmingham the team travelled to the Welsh Harp, near Wembley, for the British Universities Championships. In a knock-out competition, Trinity, as No. 2 seeds, had a bye in the first round. Subsequently they beat Southampton, Oxford and Nottingham to reach the final, where their opponents were the experienced London team. Queen's,

Belfast, had previously lost to London in the second semi-final, just failing to make the "British" championships an all-Irish affair.

Extremely fickle conditions in the final saw Trinity lose the first leg by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. In the second race a lead of $1\frac{1}{4}$ points, enough, strangely, to win the championships, was held by the Trinity team until near the end. An unfortunate pile-up then resulted in a Trinity boat being disqualified, and so for the second successive year Trinity finished as runners-up.

Following two British championships, the five Trinity men plus one Queen's representative sailed for Irish Universities against a very good British Universities' side. In light winds even "The Times" correspondent conceded the Irish defeat to be unlucky.

Belfast-Dublin Walk

The organisers would like to stress that this is not primarily a race but a challenge for you to test your own will-power.

You can give in at any time and anywhere, only the further you go the better the organisers will be pleased. As an incentive (if you need one) a boozy party will be thrown for all the men who reach Newry and all the women who get to Banbridge. There will be special prizes for those people who go the whole way, but their greatest reward will be the satisfaction of having finished. So much for the prizes, now how to do it.

The start, by the Ulster Dairy Queen, will be at the City Hall, Belfast, at 9.45 a.m. on Saturday, 24th April. We suggest that competitors find their own accommodation in Belfast on Friday night. The route will be patrolled by cars who will provide refreshments and First Aid if required. There are three official rest-points where competitors can obtain something substantial to eat and drink.

Sport in Brief

Congratulations to Peter Stiven, Stuart McNulty and Declan Budd, all of whom played in the first-ever Irish under 23 hockey side against England last Saturday. In another field Malcolm Argyle, vice-captain of the 1st XV, was Trinity's only representative in the historic combined Universities win over the visiting South Africans. Though outshoved and out-weighed in the scrum, Argyle played his normally aggressive game in the loose, to make up for what he lacked in the tight.

The first official small-bore rifle match between Trinity and Queen's took place at the end of last term. Out of a possible total of 1,200 points, Trinity scored 1,143, to beat the Ulstermen by 32 points. Considering the Trinity range had been in use for less than three months, this was a fine achievement. Taking part for Trinity were P. Gardiner (capt.), M. Lewis, M. Ruddell, B. Hope-Bell, R. Lockton and J. Martin. David Mole was also awarded his Colours.

Only three-quarters of a length separated Croupier from immortality at Aintree last vacation. Having told one and all in these columns how Freddie would win the National for Scotland, the prize was whipped from under his nose-bag by the American horse Jay Trump. If Freddie had won we had been promised an exclusive picture of Croupier astride the nag. That pleasure (?) must now be withheld from

our readers. Anyway, he's feeling shy!

The best squash team in Leinster, that's what Trinity "A" proved themselves by finishing one point ahead of Fitzwilliam "A" in Section "A" of the Leinster League. In fact the matter will not finally be settled until April 23rd, when Trinity meet the winners of the Baldonnel-Rotunda match in a section play-off. Trinity "B" were sixth out of seven in the "A" table, whilst the "C" team occupied the same position in the "B" table won by Baldonnel. A fine season, and a tribute to Bob Merrick and his side.

Snow and high winds caused the postponement of last term's Golf Colours match. With a full programme of cup games ahead, the summer term has unusual interest for College golfers. Golf is a much pleasanter game when the weather is fine, and one wonders why British Universities insist on playing their important matches in the winter. Jeremy Pilch and Hugh Mackeown played for the Irish Universities side recently against their Scottish counterparts.

Showing unusual, and welcome, enterprise, the Leinster Cricket Union recently invited Glamorgan wicket-keeper David Evans to spend a week coaching in Dublin. This term's captain, Bev Labbett, was present and afterwards said he considered the practice most valuable and helpful. He is hoping to arrange some further

nets for his cricketers on the concrete wickets now available. What a surprise the batsmen will then get when they paddle out to the College Park Square. Cricket in April is cold and wet in England, and that much more over here.

Weather permitting, the cricket nets will be available each day at 2.30 in College Park. Newcomers in particular are asked to make their presence known early on, and to play in the trial games to be held this week and next.

Trinity had three VIII's rowing in the Wylie Cup competition in Belfast at the beginning of March. Their victims in the final, U.C.D., had earlier beaten Trinity by a canvas in the first round. Trinity's Junior VIII were beaten by Galway in the Junior Division final.

A team of Freshers "A" and others, under the control of Martyn Lewis, undertook an ambitious tour in the North of Ireland at the end of last term. Playing rugby appears to have been the main aim at the outset, and indeed three matches were played in Belfast, Londonderry and Ballymoney. But the team's prowess must have been exhausted in other pursuits for in spite of the efforts of Roy Russell, Brian Ballagh, James Andrews, Charlie Ervine and others victory eluded them in all three games.

But, of course, in common with the Olympics and other occasions, it was something, not to have won, but to have taken part.

RUGBY

Cup Defeat in Replay**Landsdowne's First Round Win**

Trinity 1965 cup campaign ended in a 26-3 defeat at the hands of Lansdowne in a replay, the first game having been drawn 9-9. In the earlier game Read kicked two penalties, Stafford-Clarke scored a good try after a scrum close to the Lansdowne line. Trinity fought back after being 3-9 down and finished looking eagerly for a winning score.

The replay started disastrously for Trinity. After five minutes, Murphy, who was standing-in for the injured Read, had a kick charged down, and Healy had only to fall on the ball to score. Trinity equalised through a drop goal by Murphy, and stayed well in the game until half-time. Thereafter they fell apart, and mistake followed mistake. For Lansdowne, who were perhaps slightly flattered by the score,

English had a good game, and so did Healy, who is, one hears, at Trinity.

A strong Oxford University side was held to a 6-6 draw, a fine performance by Trinity. Read had his best game for a long time, making break after break. He kicked a good penalty, and cut through for a clever try. Unfortunately he pulled a hamstring in diving over the line, and was unable to take the conversion. Murphy's kick from half-way out hit a post. The game was played in pouring rain, which probably helped Trinity, but this in no way belittles the performance of the pack, who thoroughly contained the Oxford eight. For his performance in this and other games, Malcolm Argyle was honoured with selection for the Irish Universities' side which beat the South Africans 12-10 at Limerick.

HOCKEY

Mixed Fortunes

What promised to be an outstanding season in the end turned out to be just better than average. Main achievements were winning the Mauritius Cup and easily defeating the English U.A.U. champions. On a university level Trinity did well, being unbeaten. The success of Queen's, Belfast, in reaching the final of the B.U.S.F. competition, beating Cambridge on the way, showed up Trinity's form to advantage, following the 1-1 draw between the sides in February.

Additionally, the Irish and Leinster selectors called upon Trinity players twenty times during the season. Certainly the University at present has the bulk of promising players in the province. However, as a side to be rated with club teams, Trinity were also rans, finishing well down the Leinster League and getting nowhere in the cups.

Possessing abundant talent, the team lacked the necessary spark which separates the winners from the runners-up. The greatest failing was inability to learn from mistakes; no more than two or three players are better now than they were six months ago. As the whole side is again eligible next season, maybe this year's experience will prove of value. Countless times, in fact, it was lack of experience and poor temperament that caused the game to be lost.

Results since March have been poor. On tour three matches were played, v. Beckenham (3-3), Hounslow (0-2) and Sutton Valence (5-0).

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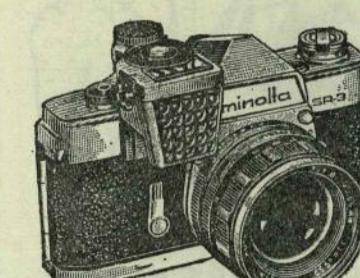
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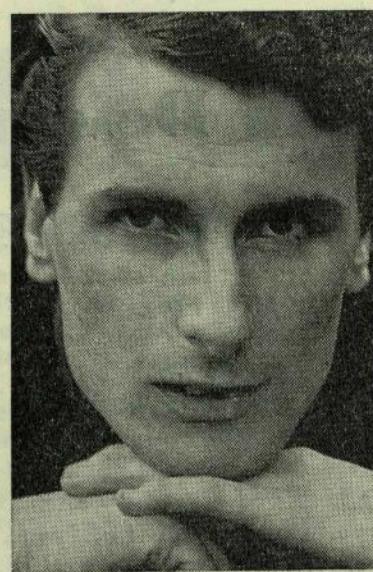


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Jeff Horsley arrived at Trinity four years ago to read Economics and has participated in more activities in College since then than most students would manage in twice this time. Coming from Hull and from a family with strong political views focussed on the Labour Party, he, naturally, gravitated towards the Fabian Society. This he joined on arrival and became Chairman of the C.N.D. in his second year. Although the C.N.D. badge has now disappeared from his lapel, he still vigorously maintains the ideas fundamental to the left wing.

Concerning his career before arrival, he is unusually reticent. "I went to Bootham School, that's all." In fact he taught for a year under the Hull Educational Authority before reaching Front Gate and by this time had cemented many of his views on life. His incisive editorials in "Trinity News" last term on the apartheid question being a case in point.

Apart from journalistic and political tendencies, Jeff is a sportsman par excellence and a Knight of the Campanile. He

has gained colours at Association Football and Tennis for all his four years in College, and has played for the Irish Universities' team in both these sports. He has been captain of Tennis both last year and this, the highlight of a distinguished career in this sport being victory in the Irish Hard Court Championship last year. He has also been awarded his Squash colours and was considered a good enough opening batsmen to go on the Cricket tour.

Jeff can easily be recognised, at six feet five inches and with his characteristic Horsley walk rather belying a personality who has the great ability to see an administrative problem and then break it down into its constituent parts. This, coupled with an excellent sense of humour while admittedly an explosive temperament, makes him one of the people in Trinity that you should meet. Once you get to know him you are liable to be greeted by "Quick ____?" "Game of bridge?" or "Well how else can you spend a wet Friday afternoon if you don't go and see 'The Magnificent Seven'?"

P.S.—Mike Dollin says "You should try living with him!"

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Commonwealth University

Discussions are beginning in some academic circles and among Commonwealth diplomats in London on the possibility of joint proposals for a Commonwealth university. Tentative plans have been drawn by Mr. G. W. P. Dawson, of the Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin, supported by figures showing the trend of overseas students' applications for places in British universities in coming years.

The plans envisage a Commonwealth university with places for about 2,000 undergraduates and graduate students by 1970, and 4,000 by 1980 studying law, economics, social studies, history and political science, public administration and other arts, subjects which the majority of Commonwealth students take.

Both staff and students would be drawn from as many Commonwealth countries as possible, including Britain. The courses would be specially designed to be relevant to students from such diverse areas, and to Commonwealth problems as a microcosm of world problems as a whole. As the institution would aim to be a university of the Commonwealth, rather than a university provided by Britain for Commonwealth students, Commonwealth countries would be represented on its governing body and could share the financial cost.

Exception to Ban

If they did, the new institution would be additional and supplementary to the existing British programme of university expansion, and an exception to the ban on new foundations.

It would not seek to segregate Commonwealth students in one place. Overseas students would continue to take courses at all British universities, but the Commonwealth University would help to provide additional places for them. Nor would it seek to indoctrinate them. It is suggested, however, that at least a small proportion of students should take courses specifically designed to reflect the increasing interdependence of all countries, with specific reference to the English language area. As international agencies grow, the need for men and women trained in such disciplines will increase.

There are at present about 13,000 overseas students, graduate and undergraduate, in British universities. This is 11½ per cent. of the total, and has proved a fairly constant proportion. The report of the Committee of Higher Education recommends that the number of places in British universities be increased to 200,000 in 1970-71 and 396,000 in 1980-81. On that basis the number of overseas students might be expected to rise to 23,000 by 1970 and 39,000 by 1980.

Those who are shaping the idea of a Commonwealth University consider that the university should be in Britain because it is the mother country of the Commonwealth, which will be the headquarters of the Commonwealth Secretariat and Foundation. (Reproduced from "The Times")

Senate Candidates

Though nomination day is not until April 22nd, it appears there will be only five candidates for the three Senate seats of the University of Dublin constituency. Ballots are posted to graduates of Irish nationality on May 1st and must be returned by June 8th, when the poll closes.

To date it is known that the present three Senators are standing again. They are Professor W. J. E. Jessop, Mr. J. N. Ross and Professor W. B. Stanford. Dr. Owen Sheehy Skeffington, who was rejected at the 1961 election and lost his seat, is also standing again. An interesting nomination is that of Dr. David Thornley, lecturer in Political Science, and a man well known in current Irish affairs.

Six thousand and seventy-eight electors decide who is to become a Senator this time. Canvassing more, or less, open has already begun.

Trinity News

NEWS BRIEF

Ivybeleagued

... "And so pavillioned in concrete and girded with fatuous praise, universities spring up like mushrooms. These must, to some extent, debase the academic currency; but ordinary people are not so readily fooled, any more than they accepted the 'parity of esteem' which secondary modern schools were officially supposed to enjoy. Sharp distinctions will soon appear between universities, and a few—Oxford, Cambridge, St. Andrew's, Trinity—will continue to be as far separate from the rest as the Ivy League colleges are in America." — "Weekend Telegraph."

Cut Price

New room regulations to be included in the 1965-6 Calendar allow tenants in modernised rooms to make use of them for the full quarter in the Michaelmas Hilary and Trinity quarters instead of the present ten weeks for £30. From October 1st, no student, either in modernised or unmodernised rooms, will be charged for electricity consumption without increase in rent.

Errata

We apologise for attributing the backing of Rossmore and Howard's record to Bluesville in the last issue of "Trinity News." It was in fact arranged and played by the John Paul Jones Orchestra,

Health Service

In the Michaelmas term, 273 patients were seen, the number of attendances being 433. Fifteen patients were visited in rooms outside College.

In the Hilary term, 261 patients were seen with 630 attendances. Visits to rooms outside College were 17. Fourteen students were admitted to hospital.

Apparently students have almost invariably been considerate in their demands on the Service. There have been practically no needless calls, and when there were requests for domiciliary visits, they were almost always really necessary. A number of letters of appreciation have been received from parents.

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