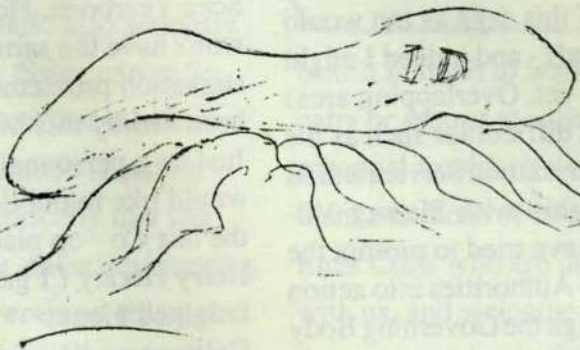
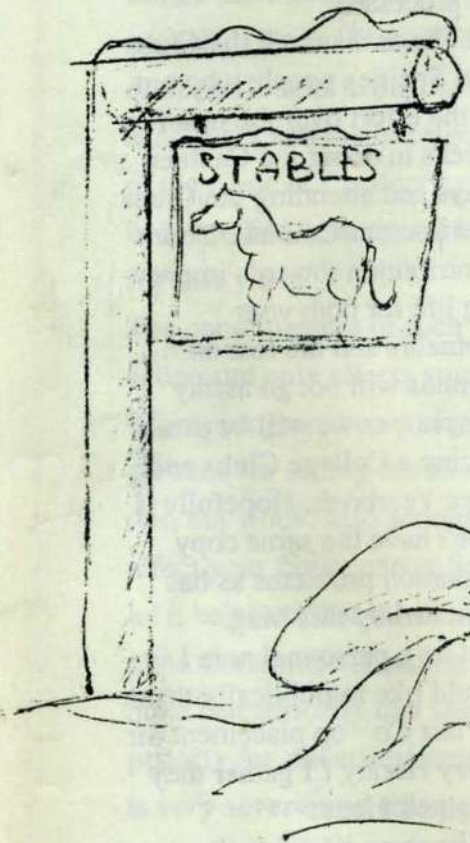




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There's no time like
Snow time!

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

S.U.N.

Hi there!

A belated welcome back to all those Co-Op returnees whom I haven't yet seen on the piss - in the Stables or anywhere yet because the bulk of them have taken the serious head down arse up approach to projects. Never mind - it's better to get them out of the way, I'll look forward to a few scoops during your last 11 weeks. Speaking of projects - we have greatly expanded our word-processing potential down here - 5 typewriters in the typing pool and access to Amstrad Laser printer system almost 24 hours. Our Apple word-processing system is primarily for office use, until we expand the number of terminals. The aim is to create a six seater word-processing pool in the typing pool area! Whether we can do it before project deadlines remains to be seen - but we'll keep you posted.

The next few lines are harrowing in the extreme and display a wonderfully evil and perverse side to student nature here. Please be vigilant at all times in the library, reading rooms and all other areas where your work may be exposed, as already we have a case of someone's project notes have been deliberately stolen from a bag. It reflects poorly on students but do - keep a watchful eye over your work.

More warnings - it may be officialy spring-time but girls should be vigilant when walking home late, around the college. I know lighting is very

poor in some areas - the buildings office are slow to commit funds to a different type of light which would be more user friendly but less than appealing to the environment. In the meantime even if you have to muscle in on a fella - don't walk home alone. (I might add that there would be a number of willing able bodied gents in 3rd year Business who might oblige with an escort service!!)

We are currently in the wars with P.C.C. it's mission and it's whole role on campus. The ins and outs of it are discussed elsewhere. This organisation previously had a relatively easy childhood but - it's passing through its adolescent period and seems to be a law unto itself. The Union line is the students shouldn't be ripped off - I see current policy behind P.C.C. as doing just that but in more polite terms. I could fill a dozen jotters with the tribulations of this saga as too would some staff - and indeed I might have to yet. Overlapping areas causing difficulties such as the Accommodation Service and its relationship with Plassey Village, I have tried to prompt the College Authorities into action on through the Governing Body with staff support for policy but to no avail. I am now of the view that no change will be made in any matter will ever come about after exhausting diplomatic means, unless the students show their agitation.

That's what I intend to do, with your support. This development company has to re-

spond, and we have to work more rapidly to protect student interests - we are currently working on a package that will stabilize our own situation, secure the Unions future and begin to generate substantial income. I shall keep you posted and my nose tells me we will be back on the streets - DEMONSTRATING because if we don't remind the College Authorities who here is paying for what, they will continue to push us around an treat us as units to be processed.

I'd like to thank all the Clubs and Societies people who put in the effort over the past few weeks in doing the Canteen Days and attending the Clubs and Societies Council. Your contribution towards improving life for both your memebtrs and the rest on campus will not go astray thisyear, as we will be producing a College Clubs and Socs Yearbook. Hopefully it won't have the same copy starvation problems as has been had by this Mag.

Just on a personnel note I would like to publically thank the last Co - op placement Sir Derry Heraty (I gather they knighted him at Collingwood!) for the consummate joy his tenure brought to the Union Administration and to wish him well with his future. And yes it is true that we had to get two Co - ops to fill his place! - Frank and Maigs are finding out at the deep end but I'm sure they will both do very well.

Be Seeing You,

Crof.

A FEW POINTS FROM THE DEPUTY-PRES:

While there are a few issues which I wish to touch on throughout this article, there is one in particular which clearly needs to be spelt out to you - that is, **the consequences of cheating/cogging in exams.** The Discipline Committee has met on a few occasions since Hilary End-of-Term exams to deal with such cases, and the full rigour of the Code of Conduct has been applied i.e. **suspension for one year!**

The consequences of such action not only affects your degree programme, and forgive me for stating the obvious, but would also seriously affect your future career. So, let it be noted that the Discipline Committee is stating quite categorically that **the penalty for cheating/cogging is very severe and this penalty will continue to be applied!**

Moving on to the next issue, I would like to remind you - particularly our female students - **that it is not safe to walk out the University avenue at night.** A very

recent attack on a female student at the entrance of Plassey Village confirms the above statement. This incident is currently being investigated, howsoandever, please

'The Union Typing Pool is now open from 11 a.m. till 4p.m. each day. And stays open till 6 p.m. on Wednesdays

bear it in mind to walk home in pairs or groups to ward off any potential trouble. A word of thanks to those of last term's Ents. Crew who are no longer with us, and welcome aboard to the new members of the Crew. Hillary Cronin-Welfare Officer, is in my office on a Tuesday afternoon from 3pm-6pm for those who wish to drop in to see her. That's about it for now.....

see you around.....

Joan.

CARMEL'S Message

Just like to let you know whats happening in the S.U. Office at the moment.

Firstly, we've got two new Co-Op Placements, both 2nd year Business Studies Students. Marguerite Fleming from killarney and Frank Hanrahan from Fermoy. Marguerite will take over a lot of the day to day administration of Societies, therefore all Societies must talk to her, and Frank will look after the Clubs. Each of them will have an input into Mercury so any articles you may have you can hand them in to Marguerite or Frank at the office. They also partake in all of the usual duties of a hectic office like the S.U.

As you may be aware we handle all student mail as well as Clubs and Socs mail. We,d like to remind you to keep checking the mail list in the canteen and collect your mail from the S.U. Shop which is open from 9a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

We also issue USIT Cards from 2-3 each day and we will now be issuing An Oige memberships to anyone who is interested.

There are videos shown at 10'clock each day in the student centre and the Irish Times, Irish Independant and the Cork Examiner are all in the S.U. for you to read. The T.V. is on most days.

Call in and visit.

Carmel.

Deadly Developing

P.C.C. sounds unfamiliarly vague doesn't it ? almost like a type of vaccine for B.S.E. or a near clone to the G & T.

Plassey Campus Centre has been at the nub of development here on this riverside campus for the past six years or so and seems hell bent on remaining so. To them the Campus Godfathers can attribute the joys of the Stables Mall Complex (i.e. Bookstore, Stables Club, Laundry, Grocery, and M.C.S.) as well as the village (phase 1 and phase 2!) .

So good so far on paper - and that's where this company's strong point is - on paper! as while it transpires that they are focused on developing campus for the benefit of all the community, it seems that a small number of commercial enterprises are gaining on the expense of a few.

Good Ole Institute Days

Way back in the good ole days of the Institute when the nearest watering hole was the Hurlers and accommodation was difficult to find, somebody somewhere came upon the idea that if students had an opportunity to spend their few pennies on campus, the money earned could be used to improve campus! Gee Whizz what a brilliant idea everybody thought " what could be more brilliant than students availing of serv-

The Student Angle on what is happening to their campus cash and capitation!

C. C.

ices here on campus instead of trekking in to town and spending money that would never be seen again - Is n't this just what a self contained campus is all about". So the powers that be decided to go ahead and do just that, in those dark depressive days of the mid eighties plans began to take shape that would eventually mould the face of campus development for years to come.

How and ever the College authorities couldn't do it as alas, money allocated by the HEA could not be used for such commercial

To utilise the spending money of students towards developing better facilities

enterprises. Never daunted by such petty obstacles the Godfathers strode ahead and formed a Company that would do just the job.

Plassey Campus Centre was launched with noble and pioneering aims - to utilise the spending money of students towards developing better facilities - in educational, recreational and

residential areas.

Questions as to who would run the company and how it would operate within the college system were quickly brushed aside with the usual glare of disloyalty.

Runners were indeed found and came forth quite easily from their cosy offices in senior management. Now as every half rate business or semi literate student out there knows one must have a board of directors if one wishes to call oneself a company - so hey presto! one was found!

Now at about this time the Students were agog at the notion of having a Bar of some form, shape and size on campus and were prepared to sell their soul to see it happen.

Along came the P.C.C. shotgun riders and offered the olive branch of a bar to the officers plus that all important - *Seat on the Board!!!*

All the students had to " give " in return was a development grant of £5 each out of the Capitation budget.

Not a lot really if one considers it - however when the powers that be were negotiating that Developmental cash flow, they stipulated that part of it was to become repayable this year. Lets riddle you with some figures the total development loan since 87 is

almost £64,000, a tidy sum by all accounts.

But why bother the ordinary Student with this type of drivel? Simply because if students are being ripped off - someone should tell them and then we should all get off our arses and do something about it

Exorbitant Rents Affecting Everyone

The exorbitant rents being charged by P.C.C. in the Mall complex affect every single soul on campus that avails of the

at people being charged high rents and contributing towards development if the return of the punter can be ensured.

Where however does the buck stop? do the students continue pay through the nose towards developments that will not take place during their tenure at U.L. or should they argue for a slice of the action now.

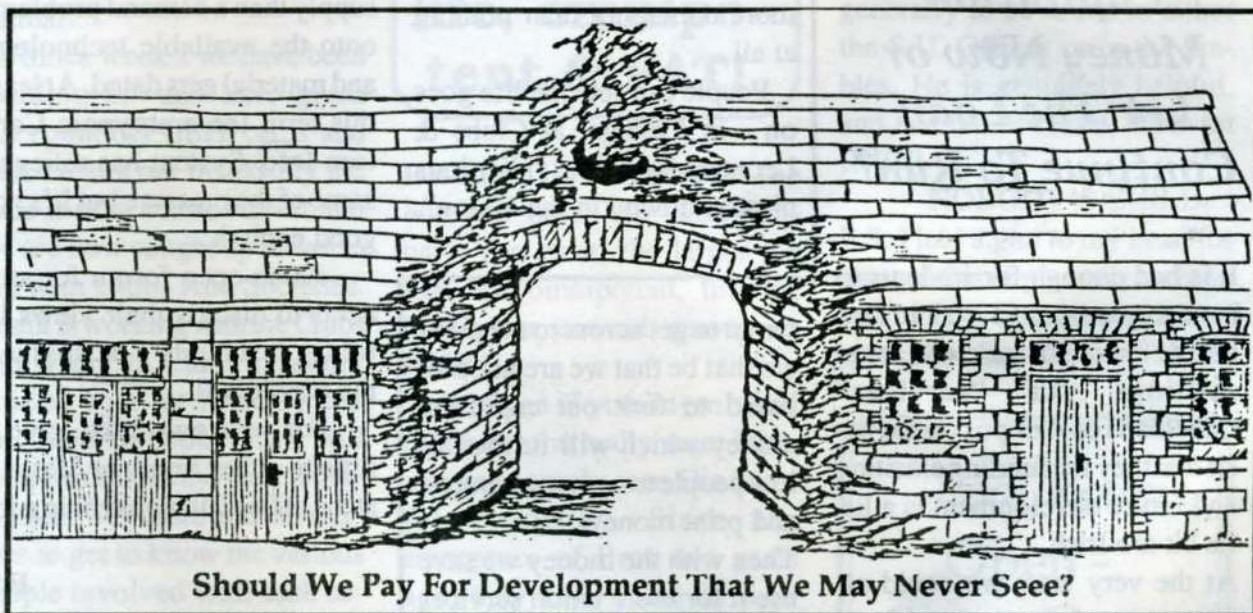
The morals of enticing business people on campus to make a handsome profit out of campus cash while giving nothing back to the stu-

will be built as soon as the first sabbatical officer is elected that will hand over to P.C.C. virtual control of our Ents Service - translated as "economically viable".

Thankfully current sabbatical thinking is "what we have we hold" as the thought

of the College's Director of Finance (who incidentally is

Making A Handsome Profit out of Campus Cash.



services, it is not entirely the fault of the franchise holders that prices being charged for goods and services are top of the market. Evidence enough is the almost £1,000 a week rental on the Stables Club -, how easier it is to point the finger at the franchise holder over the price of our beer when the arch villains of the piece are the people that built the Club and Complex in the first place. No one could nor should argue

dents are those of a typically capitalist nature.

Alas Someone is tapping my shoulder and saying "but if you go on like this there will be no Village Phase three, no Disco venue"

FACTS : Village Phase three will not take place in the near future as "interest rates are too high" and a large Performing Arts Centre or Conference centre (call what you may)

also the Managing Director of P.C.C.) booking Madonna for a Thursday night gig and charging £10 a head brings a tear to my eye!

Students need a lot more facilities than the current ones - however these will only be built if the buildings and functions are economically viable! SO the next question is what's the Union or student controlled business that we could hand over to

P.C.C.(which they will site in a new building and thus pay for it's cost) - as I'll have you know that P.C.C. is a Charitable Com-

pany.
Charitable ! Nah couldn't call itself charitable after charging £35 plus a week for a cubicle in the village but it can and will continue to do so because nobody has confronted them on their quest to charge (students) and conquer (development).

Should We Begin To Claw Back Some Of Our Capitation Money Now or Let The Loan Continue To Run?

It is bad enough for students to have to pay over £1,700 in fees but to have to fork out large shillings for "services" franchised on campus on the basis that they are funding existing and future development is a little bit *too* Irish.

At the very least we could at-

This could very well be the very last edition of this Magazine for some very good reasons but all the wrong ones

Mercury is a real chicken and egg problem.

With no articles you can't have a magazine. We can run the risk of doing what we did for the Xmas edition and give the wrong impression that the Union is a bunch of people (O.K so Darcy, call it a Clique) writing about their own daunt exploits. That is potentially more damaging than nothing at all .

People can see that life goes on - in College; at Clubs & Lectures and the ridiculous phrase, down "in the Union",

tempt to get across to the powers that be that we are not prepared to fork out capitation money which will further allow people to come on campus and print money!

Then with the money we save use it for more union services

even if Mercury never sees the light of day Students Union facts and info. will eventually get to members by the S.U.N. in any guise.

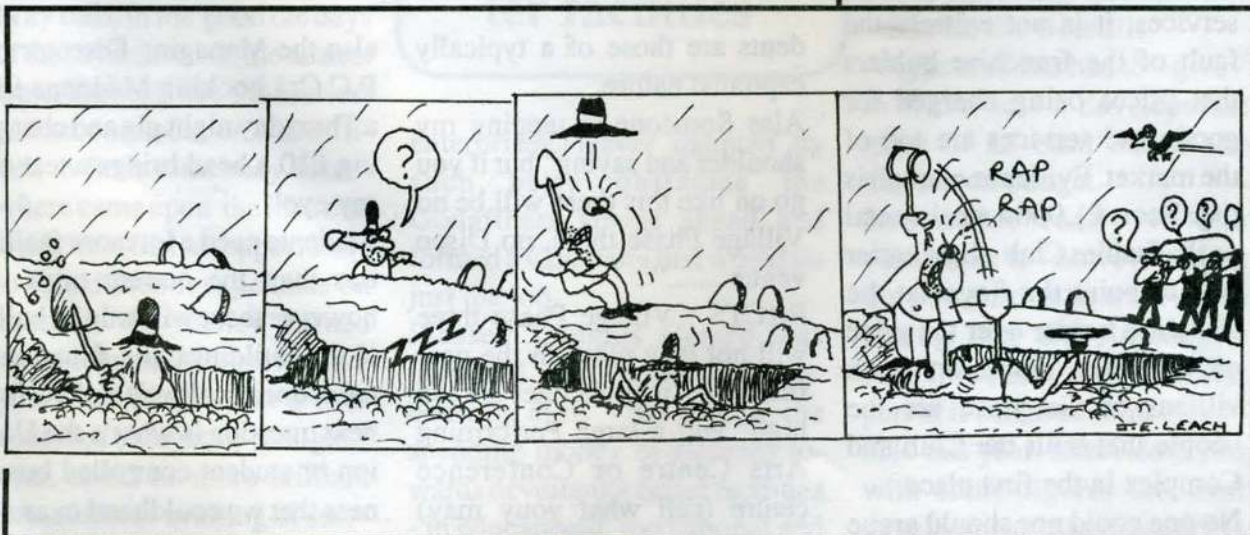
It just seems a great pity that complete apathy towards something which has a lot of potential is going to ensure the death of it .

We've had problems here at the S.U. Offices too - it takes time to train new Co-op students (which we had initial trouble recruiting - more of a supply than a demand problem) onto the available technology and material gets dated. At least this term the embryonic Canteen Info. System has relieved some of the pressure but it's not good enough.

As an open forum for students to discuss their views in print - it shouldn't be spurned the way it is !!

For your own sake, give a little to either Frank or Maigs - at the office ! It would help a lot

Ed.



S.U. CO-OP STUDENTS

Hi all!

I have been told to introduce myself and my fellow Co-op student Frank as we are the latest prodigees of Colm, Joan and Carmel in the Student Union office. My name is Marguerite Fleming, I hail from Killarney and am a 2nd Business Stud. currently enjoying Co-Op in the Student Union. Frank Hanrahan is from Fermoy and doesn't need introduction as he is three years in the college and is a party animal.

Since week 2 we have been "settling in" and have given out countless USIT cards and Past Papers but thankfully the pace is now a little slower and we are now caught up in working with Clubs And Societies. Frank is working with the Clubs and wants all Clubs to submit articles both for Mercury and for the Yearbook which will soon be underway. I am working with Societies and am anxious to get to know the various people involved with each society.

By the time you read this there will be a form in the S.U. Office for you to collect regarding the Yearbook. It is a record of the contact person of each Club and Society, when the Club or Society will be finished their main activities (Intervarsities etc.) and most important when we at the S.U. office can expect the articles, photos and reports to come flowing in !!

When collecting this form

you can also meet either Frank or myself so that we will know who to harass when looking for articles in a few weeks time!!

Frank and I are enjoying life on campus without the hassle of lectures and exams and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Maigs & Frank.

**Extraordi-
nary,
Larger than
life, omnipo-
tent & FAT!**

It is Him!! He has arrived!! The one and only, the extra-ordinary, the great, the larger the life, the omnipotent, the fat, Frank has arrived among us !!?????!!

Even if you haven't had the luck to actually meet Him, you have surely seen His faithful followers. Since the emergence of Bros two years ago, they have come in their droves, all out doing each other in their efforts to attain His beauty. Gazza tried and failed.....Even George Michael has had to bow to the pressure to conform.....And still they fail!!

So who is He? Well, He is Frank Hanrahan, of course, and we are the blessed ones who are to know Him as one of our Students Union (Co-Op) Staff for the next two terms.

He hails from the venerable county of Cork, or, to be more

precise, the town of Fermoy. Aside from His more obvious claims to fame (His looks, style, fatness.....)He is also a friendly and approachable chap who will actually try to be as helpful as possible. He does know the system very well (after all, it is He who epitomises the old adage "If at first you don't succeed.....") and, as such can be very helpful.

So, for those of you who do require any assistance, He is instantly recognisable, He is generally to be found in either the S.U. Offices or in the Stables, He is genuinely helpful, and last but not least, He is fat !!!!!!!

NOBODY'S CHILD.

P.S. I had a gun to my head for most of this so please ignore the part where I praised Frank, I promise, I didn't mean it !!!!!!!

Pool Room
Open -
Seven Days
a week .
10.30a.m. -
9.30 p.m.
Mon. to Fri.
Weekends -
12.30 a.m -
8.30 p.m.

Inside Story

Presenting a profile of
the myth. Ladies &

1. Nickname:

Waide

2. Favourite Pastime:

Drinking

3. Favourite TV Personality?

Norm (in Cheers!)

4. Most Disliked TV Personality?

Stephen Brennan

5. Favourite Radio Personality?

Ian Dempsey

6. Most Disliked Radio Personality?

Gerry Ryan

7. Favourite Writer?

Stephen King

8. Favourite Film ?

Barfly

9. Most Hated Film?

Nine and Half Weeks

10. Favourite Food?

A seven course meal of a six pack and a packet of Tayto

11. Most Disliked Food?

Two hours after the above

12. Favourite Beverage?

Guinness

13. Most Disliked Beverage?

Ballygowan

14. Favourite Limerick

Pub?

Stables (let go of my arm Donal !)

15. Most Hated Limerick Pub?

Hurlers

16. Favourite National Pub?

Anchor in Cahirciveen

17. What Is Your Favourite Book?

The Joy of Sex.

18. Least Favourite Book?

Lit and Phil Constitution

19. Favourite National Newspaper?

Sunday World

20. Most Disliked National Newspaper?

The Irish Press

21. What Is Your Favourite Method Of Relaxation?

A couple of pints, a game of pool and a good shift!

22. Favourite Sex Symbol? Myself

23. What Is Your Favourite Saying?

Ara' ya Boh

24. Favourite Term Of Abuse?

Hound

25. Who Is Your Favourite Politician?

Mrs. Robinson

26. Which Politician Do You Have The Least Regard For?

Paisley

27. Most Important Person In Your Life?

Herself (No nmaes allowed so it can change!)

28. Person You Would Most Like To Meet?

Tonight's Shift

29. Who Is The Last Person You'd Invite To Your Birthday Party?

The Hound last night

30. Who Is The Person Who Has Influenced You The Most?

It's a tie between Richard Branson (he makes Mates) and Arthur Guinness.

31. Greatest Secret Desire Or Ambition?

It wouldn;t be a secret if I told ya!

32. If You Could Be Somebody Else, For One Day Who Would You Like To Be?

Sadam Hussein

33. Would You Describe Yourself As; Wealthy, Comfortable Or Destitute?

Disastorous

34. What Do You Think Is

the man behind
Gentlemen, its

Donal Waide

Auditor of The Lit. & Phil
and Societies Officer.

Your Greatest Asset?

My D..... Personality

35. How Would You Describe Yourself In 5 Words Or Less?

Drunken Slob who tries!

36. What Do You Miss Most About Your Youth?

My first!

37. If You Were A Student Again What's The One Thing You Would Do Differently?

An Arts Course

38. What Do You Like Most About Students?

Easy Lays

39. What Do You Like Least?

The ones who are not that type .

40. If You Weren't In Your Current Profession, What Would You Have Been?

Truck Driver (one in every port!)

41. What Do You Seek Most From The Opposite Sex?

Sex!

42. What Is Your Greatest Achievement In Life?

Leaving the Stables with a woman after 22 pints!

43. What Do You Drink On An Average Night Out?

13 - 15pints

44. What Do You Get The Greatest Kick Out Of?

Faking Orgasam

45. What Change In Society Would You Like To See Before You Die?

Leagalisation of Cannibas

46. What Is Your Greatest Embarrassment In Life?

First Premature

47. Do You Consider Yourself Good Looking?

Moderately

48. When Did You Last Have A Romantic Interlude?

Before this Inquisition

49. What Would You Like Your Last Words To Be?

I'm coming !

50. Do You Believe In God? **No**

51. Do You Think You Are Being Adequately Paid For The Job You Do?

What ?

52. What Was The Most Memorable Gift You Ever Got?

I was born with it!

53. Do You Find Men Or Women More Intellectually Stimulating?

Women.

54. If You Could Have

Three Wishes What Would They Be?

Constant sex, dope, drink !

55. If You Were Told That The World Was Going To End In 24 Hours Time, What Would Be The First Thing You Would Do?

Go to a pub and find a bird!

56. Do You Enjoy The Opposite Sex Making Passes At You?

Yes.

57. Are You Easy To Offend?

Ya of course not!

58. If You Won A Million Pounds In The Morning What Would You Do?

Buy a house, a car and a Harlem.

59. Have You Ever Done Anything That You Would Prefer People Did Not Know About?

Yes

60. Who Do You Think Has Made The Greatest Contribution To Modern Society?

Condom Inventor and A. Guinness ' Mother.

61. Are You Happy With The Size Of Your Talents?

Yes.

RICHARD CRANIUM

& BIGGUS DICKUS

Well what can we say about the start of term? BARF! We decided with exams now only 9/10 weeks away to take in some of the entertainment events organised by both individuals and the S.U.

First stop was Something Happens in the Parkway where an excellent show was put on by three female students who dancing with the band. But they have a lot to learn as the bar was still open at the time and V.D.T. (valuable drinking time) was going to waste.

Our big question has to be, what were the drugs being taken in March 1969? They must have been pretty potent because we have never attended so many 21st birthday bashes in 2 weeks. But another theory was the world situation then. The world was at war in '69 (Vietnam's big year) and it is a well known fact that war times cause baby booms. So lets hope that Mr. Hussain and his counterparts remain at loggerheads for the next few gigs

When war was announced last Wednesday night, our men were in Costelloes. Well

done to the D.J. for following with R.E.M. - End of the World and Frankie Goes To Hollywood - Two Tribes. However the C.N.D. freak who complained it was in bad taste should have gone to Cheers where their war announcement was followed by Pat Benetar - Love is a Battlefield. Hot off the press is results of John Bourke's 21st. There seemed to be a high proportion of scoring that night but top of the table this week has to be a 3rd 'Shift right, Barf left' Business Stud with a new version of the book "how to impress a women even if you can't drink Tequila." We won't name the said girl but she has some peculiar taste buds.

Nice to see a new sport taking off in Limerick in the past month. Its fairly simple to play. Females can choose from 9 different sizes (and colours) of balls. Men, on the other hand, have a choice of finger hole sizes. Any number from two to six can play. It costs £12/ hour and £10 at the weekend. Even the S.U. are getting in on the act by offering Midnight sessions on Mondays.

So to round up this column we'll say last what we should have said first. A big welcome back to all 4th Euro Studs 'cause we're gone thru' what could be found in 3rd European!! Till next session,

MOTHER WAS A RUSSIAN TANK.

Yes, believe it or not it was revealed today from a most reputable source that Shakin Stevens' mother was indeed an eastern block form of vehicular transport other than a Lada - A Russian Tank.

This of course explains his musical tendencies and agility on the dancefloor. His song "Green Door" was originally entitled "Red Door" but had to be altered to accommodate the capitalist record buying public. When asked to comment last night the usually talkative Shaky had only this to say "Perestroika? Who's she?"

His next single "I left my heart in Kiev" is now expected to go straight to go straight to number 47 in the charts.

Shaky also admitted to our reporter that only red knickers and bras thrown onto the stage will receive any attention, his favourite drink is Black Tea laced with Vodka and his favourite passtime is queueing for food. More Anon.

BOR OF MORGOVIA.

IN THE GAP

**New terms come and go ,
but some sacred rituals
always remain .**

The sight of Animal Aidan ,
the Chemist with the bulging
beer-gut, basking in the
comfort of the soft canteen
seats , accompanied by
another Chemist , this one
Cute and Cuddly , with his
supercool sweat-shirt Swerve
close at hand . The absence of
one time student Chops
Philpott from the halls of
learning during the hours of
daylight . Always to be found
at a later time , usually
intoxicated and unco-
ordinated

**EL PRESIDENTO'S
FORMER
FIRST LADY
....TIGHT-LIPPED!**

The continuous adventures of
Lance Leamy with the female
population of the
establishment . As numbers
continue to climb , Lance has
taken to the beauty of " The
Broad Majestic Shannon. "
Words of warning however to
our Campus Romeo- "as the *
*** rises the Q.C.A. drops !!!

The ongoing antics of the
unaffiliated Silage Society ,
whose motto " Do it with
Dung" has, as of yet , failed to
grab the attentions of the
uninformed college . Be on
the lookout for some rather
peculiar dancing , denims at
'half mast' and a gangly

Macra- mad maniac with an
imaginary shovel . The sordid
secrets of the pseudo- biker
and his closely guarded love
life who appears to have de-
cided to discard his infamous
' sister protector ' role in the
quest for a more improved
academic standing . And what
of the low profile being kept
by a petite , former First Lady
??? El. Presidento remains
tight lipped about the whole
affair ! Finally congrats to
J.B. and Uisce on reaching the
mature standing of 21 and a '
No Comment' stance on the
parties activities is probably
the wisest ! **Albert**

**ENGINEERS
CAN
DANCE !**

The week before saw the first
engineering reps. perspiring
blood as the plans of two
months work were swept away
in a flood of misery and
confusion. Bands, venues, and
the joys of a multitude were
cancelled .

Thankfully a compromise was
found by the clear thinking
Brendan and friends!

**FERTILE &
RYTHMIC
ENGINEERS
LIVING
IN THE
LIBRARY**

Monday 21st saw over 400

students flow into The Sa-
voy. They were not all en-
gineering males supping
creamy pints, nor engi-
neering females sitting
drowsily by, included in
the revellries a large con-
tingent from 1st Humanic-
ties and 1st Business, not
to mention our elder sup-
porters!

The night exuded atmos-
phere till it could be con-
tained no more.

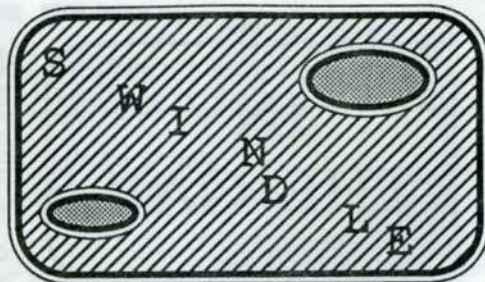
They were fertile, beauti-
ful, charming and rythmic.
They danced, sang,
clapped, they rolled on the
floor. They proved a point,
Engineers don't live in the
libary, Engineers can
dance, but oh they can do
so much more!

These Engineers have only
just begun to show their
talents - breech yourselves
for a
revolution !!!!

*There now
is a bind-
ing service
available
in the S.U.
Office . All
types of
projects,
C.V.s etc.
can be
bound
within five
minutes.*

G O D F R E E

CARNAL GIGGLING IN A RECOGNISABLE RYTHM



Yuletide ends at an unreasonably early date in the New Year, and so it is that the legions of youth resort to drinking excess without any apparant reason to do so.

Always in search of a story, the budding hulk must faithfully follow each obfuscated odyssey, especially when it takes place amongst the many pubs and hostleries of renown that Limerick has to offer. These nights of drunken devilment have provided many columns of fine print as well as many sleepless nights espousing the educational delights of carnal knowledge on a couch while scores giggle behind paper-thin walls. The giggling in itself is not a problem, rather, it is the fact that it never seems to be in a recognisable rythm to which one may be knowledgably carnal.

This is an important point, for it illustrates that the giggling factor is an inherently first year phenomenon. Third and Fourth years (Second years don't have giggles, they have Co-op, although this has been seen by scholars to be much the same thing.) never giggle. While they may resort to other devious terrorism tactics in an effort to frus-

trate. They usually do so in such a rythmic fashion, that the event occurs irrespective.



Last week I was afforded an oppertunity to ponder on this. For some reason which was explained to me, I found myself at one of these 21st celebrations. I met an acquaintice of mine and successfully arranged to have myself "couched" once the party ended.

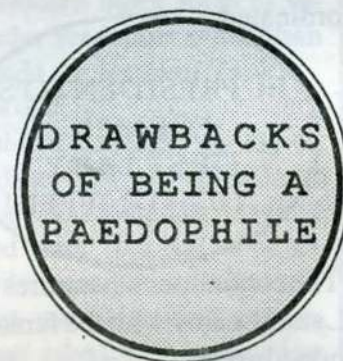
With renewed vigour I

began to pamper myself with the delights that these parties have to offer. Drink, sausages rolls and the odd sandwhich and the even odder Tequila to wash it all down.

Then a strange thing happened. A bright first year of none too little aesthetic value whom we shall call Little Ned, casually sauntered in my direction and addressed me. Now having arranged to have

myself "couched" I was little bit tentative about this development. After a little sociable disclosure Little Ned said, "This is not a pass". My couch career for the remainder of the night was saved and as an added bonus, I could now confer with Little Ned in a completely objective manner.

After a while I got to pondering about the giggling phenomenon (a little objective fanttasing with a piece of aesthetic firstyear hood can



lead the brain a long way.) At this stage of my life, how would I now react to the giggles ? Years of concentrating on 2nd, 3rd and 4th years have left me a little less than au fait on this.

So, how would I react ? A number of routes must be followed before I could decide, even at this late hour of the nights carousing. Religion, morality, ethics , the law,

society, not to mention the crowd of "lads" at the bar, all have theories about this. I could take the religious/moral/ethical approach that this giggling bit is one of the drawbacks of being a paedophile. I rejected both of these

Another suddenly sprang to mind. A perceptible sense of glee must have come to my eye for Little Ned was once again forced to reiterate her non-pass motive for the discourse. My brain forged on. One must accept this as part of a process begun in Orientation

Week and ending with a vast experience in obscure sexual rites popular in South East Asia.

OBSCURE SEXUAL RITES POPULAR IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

A peer councillor takes a

If you think (and may only think) that you would like to become a new O' Casey, Stephen King or just a normal consultant critic of the Universe , then may be you should put pen to paper and drop it down to the S.U. office.

group of first years and in a sense "moulds them" in the first week. A couching enthusiast then takes up the battle, gradually showing first years that while the duffel coats and tackies ended in Orientation Week so too must giggling end by Rag Week. An analogy could be made with teaching a child to eat solids then toilet-training it.

So there it is. People who couch with first years must soldier on as social-moulders, imburning in future generations of gigglers the futility of giggling while couchers couch. And if having difficulty, one could always ask the gigglers to giggle rhythmically with acceptable breaks for a smoke.

Finally, Thanks must go to Little Ned for helping this scribe achieve the realisation that couching First Years is not a futile paedophonic passtime, but a socially responsible part of the college life.

MALIGNANT.

Humans have been trying to find a cure for cancer for how long now ? YET?

humans are a cancer animals of prey earth from space cities lesions roads

tendrils between lesions growing steadily together to kill the matter we feed off

adapt to spread to all possible regions

once only able to pass by contact on foot not across sea or by air

now we are contagious even spreading into space.

Reaching epidemic proportions

with overpopulation the prey no longer able to

sustain the predator

dying in the fight to infect

time to return to the parasite state

a term of flattery now

when applied to a person.

MikeSadlier.

NEW UNIVERSITY WRITING

VIVISECTION.

Your legs are locked
around my
arms your knees are on
my
chest elbows in my gut
feet
on my forehead hair
down my
throat fingers in my eyes
teeth
in my.....

your eyes look through
me.
your words fill up my
ears and
I can hear no others.

Mike Sadlier

THE AFTERMATH

Plop, as the ripples
spread outwards to-
ward eternity,
Plop, the suns re-
flected rays dapple of
gentle waves,
The plopping continues
and increases,
As the heavy drops of
the days first rain hits
the water,
The smell of sweet cut
grass still hangs in the
air,
The birds sing in the
treetops and a fish
jumps,
Almost as if it were
happy to be here on
this day.
Click...Click...Click.....as

the film reel finishes,
Sighs and gentle
rustlings as we arise
Mourning for those long
lost scenes
That we never truly
saw,
Or never will.
It s dark, even with
electric light.
It s cold....lifeless.
But it s safe.
Down here we won t
die,
Up above, everything
did.

P.S.X.

Quotable Quotes.

Given science, wealth
is used in the service
of life

Given ignorance,
wealth furnishes only
destroying weapons.

One of these days we
will deride our present
stupidity as we
deride the barbarity of
the past.

EVEN HER SUR- NAME

She let me carress her
arm
and stroke her
hair.....
and kiss her lips and
nibble her ears and
fondle
her breasts and lick her
thighs and suck her
nipples
and bite her neck and
.....
and she wanted me to
(and she wanted me to)
but she would not tell
me her address,
or her phone number,
or even her surname.

THE ONLY WAY

to buy condoms
without embarassmant
is to
burst into the Chemists
wearing
a balaclava and
carrying a
sawn-off shotgun
and,
after you have ordered all
present
to lie on the floor
(with their eyes closed)
demand...Them....
without payment
(unfortunately, a legal com-
promise:
of course, one could have the
correct change handy)
and leave,
hurredly.

Mike Sadlier.

NEW UNIVERSITY WRITING

HOME.

crUmbling pILlars
RuStInG Rai lInGs
WILd
hEdges mattedearth
gRasS THroUgh B ro
K en
Pa thS po wde ring
cem en t s pli nter ed
d OO rs f r ayed carp
et crea kingst air s
Dra u HhtY wl Nd ows
STAINED sink d r i p p
i n g
tap s Cr a c KED Mir
rOR W oo dw orm
dreSs er ja mM IN G
DRA WE r s yellow
i n g
paP ers HOllowedBED
mUSTY ward R O B e
bare Light bUL b p ee
l i n g pain t
Ri Ck ety c HaiR s B
en T F or K s
jU mBL ed d ELP h f
aDe d w allpape r T o
r n CURTains
worn couch
warm fire, chilled
wine and good
friends.

**NO HOPE,
MAN
TALKS ABOUT
PEACE
BUT STARTS
WARS.**

P.S.X.

**DID GOD MAKE
MAN
OR
DID MAN MAKE
GOD
WHO MADE WHO?
SAYS THE SONG
WHO MADE WHO?**

Is religion a form of escapism from life, a way of avoiding reality? Did man create religion to fill what he perceived as an empty or unknown part of his life (this empty part being called his soul). If so what does this say for the perception of religion as an absolute truth?

Why should mankind so devoutly or universally follow what is termed by some people as an unnecessary thing? Once he felt fear and needed something to hold on to when he realised that, in comparison to time and the universe he didn't really count. He needed something to support his sense of being important and to support his ego.

Of course all of this is conjecture. Nobody really knows, but one thing is definite, that is, if man turns his back on religion he will become lost in that world of fear and emptiness.

Plainly speaking, man needs religion to survive.

People who have left their religions behind, be they lapsed Catholics or anything else, will understand when I speak of the feeling of emptiness, the feeling that something was there and is now gone, that most people experience when they leave their religion and to be fully happy, this feeling needs to be abolished.

I say to the many people out there who are like me, a lapsed Catholic or Christian, do NOT turn your back on religion. Remember the rituals like Mass etc. are there to help you worship. These rituals are NOT the be-all and end-all of everything. Words are only attempts to symbolise emotions and feelings. The true religion is between you and your God. The true religion is in your mind. Don't block it off.

P.S.X.

We cut them in
half with a
machine gun,
then offer them a
band-aid.

**Apocalypse
Now.**

SONG OF
ANONYMOUS

BY AMOS.

My eyes are red from want of sleep
It will not come.
My sadness has fallen on the world,
So much is lost.

I entered with expectation and wonder;
For all the use that it was.
This forum has no voice !
Forgive me for my naivety, I am but a child,
Or so it was.

A carved boulder of granite marked the entrance to the lost way,
Carved in silver and gold mist
Pure light has never fallen on these pale faces
This time has not been heard
Been or forgotten.
Sadness has fallen on the world.

Stars in the darkness of my room
Empty but for a soul alone,
Surrounded by thoughts,
surrounded but not within,
Will I remember in the morning ?

Waking is not looked on with anxious immaturity
It means but one thing.
"Survive till the darkness and be free again"
Free in the hollow night

Poetry

My thoughts my own, and my pen, until I write.
You enter once more to teach me
How I must reach you and not myself,
Will you ever forgive me

Kevin Brew

They Do It With
Mirrors

FIELD BUNNY

I didn't know you were a man
You didn't tell me why
You didn't tell me where
Or what you got done
By a surgeon

In the days of old when men were bold
And their clothes were deciduous trees
They washed their feet in freshwater streams
And the forest was their lavatory
And they are dead and
They are dead and
They are

.....DEAD!!!!!!

q.e.d.

(please come to all our gigs, readers!)

SPRING TIME

by

AMOS

The wine falls sparkling to her tender lips;
The divinity of the rivers music and birds sing softly from
sun-swept trees;
Nature's little things light the beauty of the scene.

Moments of truth that only to the closest revealed
Are shared generously by attractive youth
All that can be frozen in time, locked into the golden memory
We shall not forget this day, it belongs to us.
In time we will open the day again that we spent laughing
Where the singing flow caught the sun in falling waves.

Life will have more wonderful moments
More spring days will follow
Together they will sculpt the love of our future
Now they express lives that are breaking through barriers of fault
We are on our way to fulfillment,
With the passing of spring time

AN IRISHMAN'S LETTER

Dear Sir,

I have just received the AIDS leaflet through my door and would like to apply straight away for AIDS.

I have been on the dole for the past ten years and have been living on Supplementary Benefit and every other State aid I could get. It now seems I will be getting aid for sex. It's a pity this AIDS has come so late as I have already got 15 children and wondered if you will be paying back payments.

A.I.D.S'
Sex Aids,
And Mother-
In-Laws.

Your leaflet states that the more sex I have the more chance I have of getting AIDS. My only problem is persuading the wife who is not so keen after having 15 children. Several years ago I bought some sex aids but she showed little interest and they were hardly used. Would there be any chance of a refund for the £17.82 I paid out for these gadgets? Anyway, I will explain to her that the Government will now be paying us for all the sex we have and I'm sure she will agree that

we can't let a chance like this slip by.

You also state that I can pass my AIDS on, but as you will understand with a wife and 15 children to feed there won't be much left to pass on. If by chance there is a bit left though I will pass this on to my poor old mother-in-law who only has her pension.

I understand from your leaflet that I can get Aids from a blood transfusion and I intend to write to my local hospital straight away to see when I can have one. Will the AIDS I get from the hospital be deducted from the AIDS I get from you? Perhaps you will write and let me know?

I am a firm believer in getting every aid from the country I can get and I'm sure you'll agree that my past performance I will qualify for this one.

Could you let me know how much I will get paid each time, and will it be weekly or monthly payments?

Yours faithfully,
SHAMUS O'TOOLE

THE ABOVE IS INTENDED AS A HUMOUROUS PPIECE. IT IS HOPED THAT NO ONE TAKES OFFENCE BY THIS POKING OF FUN AT A VERY ACUTE SOCIAL WELFARE PROBLEM IN IRELAND. MORE IMPORTANTLY IT IS NOT DEMEANING THE PLIGHT OF AIDS SUFFERERS.

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**Union
Shop
Now
Open
Till
6.30p.m.
every
evening
- Mon.
to Fri.**

6.30

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

GAMES SOCIETY.

"Brian you bug eyed freak, I'm gonna bash your f***ing head in with an axe and then feed you your own gonads..."

Imagine being able to get away with saying that to one of your fellow members in any other society but ours. (With the possible exception of the gaaaa)But thats what we are about. Its called Fantasy Role Playing (FRP) and its what we in the Games Soc. are all about.

We are the people who take an occasional "Time Out" from the usually humdrum world of college life and dwell for a short time in a land where myth and fantasy become real, where dwarves and gnomes, fairies and elves and dragons and trolls are reality

Everyone at some time or another has read some sort of fantasy book or seen a fantasy film, but now create your own storyline, live the plot, do your own dragon bashing.

We run games 7 (yes 7!!!) nights a week for our members, making us probably the most active club or society in the whole place. For those of you who know what FRP's are all about and instead want to know what to play, we run.....Advanced Dungeons and Dragons, Warhammer, Call of Cuthulv, Paranoia and

many more.

If your interested contact Joe Vaughan c/o S.U.

Brian Casey 2nd Mat Scienc
Colin Browne 2nd App
Maths

or you can E-MAIL us at
ITD1 :: ULGSOC.

see you,
Joe Vaughan

LITERARY & PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

We're back and so also are the big audiences. Two debates already this term have commanded audiences of close to 170. Not bad considering Charles Parsons is a 105 seater theatre.

The motions were "He who dares....loses." and Limerick does not deserve its reputation as Stab City." Both were huge successes and hopefully its a good indication of the term to come.

The main event this term is our intervarsity on Wed. Week 5. So by letting you know in advance maybe you can keep that date free. Membership to the society is still looked for and we'd appreciate those people that haven't joined, yet sit in regularly, to contribute a measly £2 and join us. Members are under no onus to speak but we would like to see some more speakers. Remember it's not that difficult to stand and

speak. You don't need a degree or anything of the sort and it would also prevent our regulars getting bored of the same faces. Last term we had 15 new speakers in almost 20 debates, so lets try and beat that this term!

More Elsewhere.
Lit and Phil.

OVERSEAS STUDENT SOCIETY

Winner of the £5 voucher for the Multi Cultural Food Fair on May 1st. is Sean Hartnett - 3rd Applied Maths who scored the highest answers, 26/34 and we had 6 people who scored 25/34 and they will receive £1 vouchers each.

- John Mc Donnell
3rd Elect Eng
- Ciaran Laffey
Grad Dip TEFL
- Anne M O'Keefe
Grad Dip TEFL
- Catherine Savage
& Edel Sexton
3rd Euro
- Angela Donoghue
3rd Euro
- Anita Cherre
4th Humanities

All winners can collect their vouchers from S.U. office.

Ask Carmel.

We would like to thank everyone who entered and we would like to remind you to keep an eye out for our varied and cultured events.

All are welcome.

Talk to you soon,
O.S.S. Committee.

WATERPOLO CLUB BRING BACK HONOURS

The Waterpolo Club were away in Belfast this weekend for the Swimming and Waterpolo Intervarsities.

In the first round the mens team were knocked out by Queens who went on to win the cup. The mens team went on to play Maynooth College and beat them decisively 9 - 0. They then played against Galway in the Plate Final. This was a closely contested match and with the help of a brilliant goal by Brian Cosgrove in the second half they won 10 - 0. This is the second year in a row the men have won the Plate.

The girls did even better. They beat Queens 3 - 1 and then came up against DIT in the Semi

beating them 2 - 1. The final was a very exciting game against Trinity who have won the cup for the last 7 years in a row. With some superb goalkeeping the girls went on to beat the Trinity side 2 - 0.

The girls also went on to win 3 bronze medals in the Swimming competitions.

With these impressive wins under their belts both teams will now be looking forward to playing in the Connaught League and especially the Munster Senior Cup in April. Training will continue on Tuesdays 6 - 7 and Thursdays 7 - 8 and all interested swimmers are most welcome to drop down to one of the sessions.

Week 5 Ents
Tuesday
Night -
KAROKIE
Night A
Sing a long
in Stables
Club at 9
p.m.

Wed. Week 5
Games Soi.
Disco In Savoy

PROJECTS.

Currently the Colleges of Engineering & Science, and Humanities operate a small system of funding for project expenses. The Union is currently negotiating with the College of Business for a reciprocal gesture and we will get details of what emerges to you as soon as possible.

The College of Humanities will reimburse (about the same as last year) prior to end of term if everyone would submit the receipts of costs to the Deans office when they are submitting the actual projects.

Thursday Night
CRY BEFORE
DAWN
2 Areas - Parkway
Tickets £4, £2
(with concession
from last
gig) From Union
Shop. Buses 10.45
Stables

Plassey Computer Society

The Computer Society meets every Wednesday. The first half of the meeting is spent in heated argument as everybody present shows his/her latest sorting algorithm written in C++, Fortran or Fortran. There is never any agreement as to which is the best language so each algorithm is eventually broken down into raw machine code, committed to memory, to be improved upon for the next meeting.

The second half of the meeting is a forum for discussion on the latest 486 technology, how XGA might be improved upon and the fundamental flaws in the Cray operating system.

RUBBISH !!

If that's your idea of fun then don't bother coming to us..... We are not a bunch of nerds !!!!!!!

Ok.. what we are really about is.... messing, mickey taking, and occasionally (very seldom...) talking a teensy weensy bit about computers. And what do we talk about if we talk about computers.. well usually, we try to help people with problems... swap games, generally SFA... However we have been responsible for some forward looking breakthroughs in this place..

One of the biggest innovations this year is the Student Information System, which Plassey Computer Society and Campus T.V. have set up between them. What is the S.I.S.? That's the tellies that you see all over the

canteen and that inform you of such things as Bus Eireann Timetables, the current weeks Ents or even the next Piss-Up.

MONSTER.

Monster is a game which everybody can play on the VAX and involves wandering through a series of tunnels, passages and rooms and thumping everyone you meet on the way. Mind you it's not advisable to attack people like Atila the Nun.

On the slightly serious side there's the NICEMGR account which you can MAIL with any problems you have, ranging from "Hi, I'm trapped in the void." to "Is there an in-built stack in COBOL" and including "I'm throwing a mad party, wanna come?"

PCS also looks after the Conference utility on the Vax. This is an electronic noticeboard, to which just about everybody can add and which consists of discussions on T.V., Horror, The Gulf War, Music as well as general pisstakes and oodles of other stuff.

That's just a brief introduction to the Computer Society. After the crawl through town, there's a trip to Galway in the near future which will take in Digital and a few pubs.

If you've any queries about anything at all feel free to E-MAIL NICEMGR and ask all the questions your heart desires. Please mark the "subject" of your letter as ATTN: JOE.

BUSINESS SOCIETY.

Plassey Business Society is moving full-steam ahead with its ambitious programme of events for the academic year 1990/'91. It is fast becoming the most active society on campus. Last term was successful in that most of the planning for 2nd and 3rd term events were finalised, as well as running a very profitable Table-quiz and Disco, and a well received seminar on Industrial Relations in Ireland in week 10 which was followed by a Beer Reception and enjoyed by many.

TABLE-QUIZ, DISCOS & GUINNESS BREWERY.

The Society has also achieved remarkable success in being granted member status of A.I.E.S.E.C. Ireland on January 5th. This is a giant step for U.L. in the international scene, which will help enormously to increase our profile on a global scale, as A.I.E.S.E.C. international is in 70 countries. This will result in an annual Careers Day to be held in Limerick every year. It will mean also the University being used by A.I.E.S.E.C. to host national and international conferences. It will benefit students by raising our

profile with them due to many

large companies' close links like I.B.M., Procter and Gamble, T.M.I., Touche Ross and many more. This term, the Business Society has organised a Table-Quiz for Monday Week 3, a trip to Dublin including the Financial Services Centre & Customs House Dock Site and Guinness Brewery as well as a night out with Trinity A.I.E.S.E.C. Society.

Notice

Would each person responsible for contributions to the Club/Soc Yearbook, please call to the S.U. office to collect Contribution forms from either Frank or Maigs before the end of Week 5.

Nightline - The Profile

Whatdaya thiink of the title eh? In case you were wondering prof means profile this time round.

Profile eh? well what's that then. In a words - the what, where, when and how (???). Well here goes then: nightline the problemsolvers, really? Sure they're only students too, no I couldn't say they're problem solvers now. But students eh, sure they know what its like then don't they. Whats the problem at all, can't we talk to our own. Yah, sure they even have them listening skills thingy. (That's another prof - proficiency).

Where I hear you cry, all at once and together in chorus, ah well even if I am hearing things then what the hell.

For those who are of interest and have a craving for cheap and quality caffeine products at unearthly hours of the night (9:00 to 11:00) then the "Nightowls" in the student centre is just for you. (unearthly hour indeed, well you try to gete coffee in the Stables at that hour) Or even if it be peace and quite company to partake of and practice the splendoriferous art of conversation, then "Nightowls" is the place for you.

Incidentally persons from Nightline will be there to serve you these cheap and quality

caffeine products, and of course for the choco-maniacs among you a selection of chocolate products are also on offer at the usual prices (usual for any sane shop that is).

Or perhaps the more shy persons among you would prefer a one to one chat, with a fellow student friend, then on of such a species will be available each night in CM070 from Oh, 10:30-11:30 in the dreaded weeks, as defined by the library's opening hours and 9:00-10:00 during periods of relative sanity which lead up to the dreaded weeks.

And what else must be catered for within the confines of the U of L, that wonderous world of education and education. Well how should I know? But if you think you do, or know you do, and want to do something about what you know (that you know) then come along to our meetings, why join altogether and enjoy the many member benefits (one very long list - sadly deleted by the editor due to space constraints). We meet on Tuesday nights at 7:30 in the Meditation room (so mysterious, and yet so banal), look forward to seeing you, in the fairest college of Limerick, and elsewhere.

Have FUN!!!!!!!

**The Literary &
Philosophical
Society.**

-----PRESENTS-----
**grande intervarsity
debate**

**THE MOTION BEING
THAT THIS HOUSE
BELIEVES;**

**THE LIMERICK TREATY
300 IS THE GREATEST
CULTURAL EVENT OF
THE DECADE.**

**JEAN MONNET THEATRE.
7:30 PM**

**WED. 6 FEB.(WEEK 5)
DISCO IN STUDENT'S
CENTRE AFTERWARDS.**