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Students Return to Accommodation Crisis

Students looking for accomadation just before the beginning of term were disgusted to find notices hanging on the windows of the accomadation office informing them that there would be no accomadation listing available for a week at least. In many cases these people had been informed the day before by telephone that there would be listings available at that time of the year as they are every year. Students some first year and new to the accomodation game in U.L. came from all over the country in search of accomodation.

Duncan O'Toole.

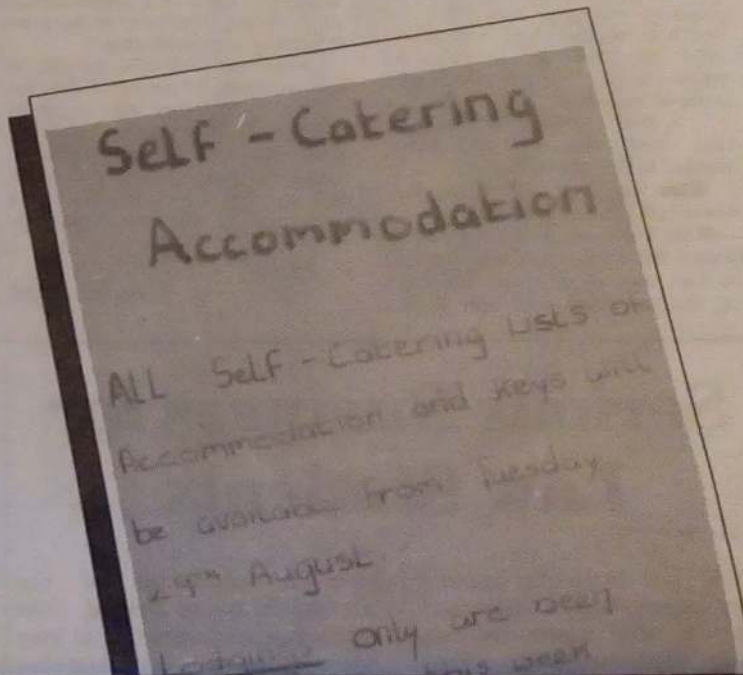
So what happened?

Parents and Students were arriving at the University of Limerick accomodation office in search of accomodation only to be met with notices informing people that there is no information on self-catering accomodation. Each year the accomodation office experiences problems in allocating accomodation but this year the situation reached breaking point. There was, on the day the information was to be given out, one full time employee answering queries in an office that

is to cater for all U.L. students (approx. 9,000). The Students' Union warned the University authorities of the pending crisis situation over three week before, when they expressed concern about the lack of resources in the accomodation office. This was totally rejected by the university registrar. In a memo dated July 28th 1995, he stated;

"Your suggestion that in the past, complaints about the Accommodation Office are due to lack of resources, is totally rejected as is the suggestion that the University is starving the Accommodation Office of resources."

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Student Radio 103 FM!!!!

Yes, you better believe it, no longer do you have to listen to the obituaries on Limerick 95 as a break from 2FM. Now there is an alternative! Broadcasting this week and forever more, a new Student Radio station has arrived. In what is probably one of the most exciting developments in the history of Student Communications in Limerick, the University of Limerick has been granted a radio licence along with UCC and DCU. The Radio station will have a Community Radio licence that will enable it to broadcast all over Limerick city. It's official name is Student 103 FM and operates out of Mary I.

college in Limerick city. It's a radio station designed for students, it is to be run by students for students. All are welcome to participate, if you are interested contact your Radio Society or Duncan in the S.U. Broadcasting will be limited initially as the station finds its feet. Everyday from 6pm to 8pm students will have a chance to air and listen to student oriented shows. If you're not happy with what you hear tell us and/or get involved with YOUR radio station.

Tune it in and rip the Knob off - 103FM

Free Gift with First Issue

In an effort to increase Student satisfaction with An Focal we decided to adopt the Castletroy Park Hotel motto as displayed on the rock outside it (this is as far as decrepid looking students like myself are allowed go) as our motto for this week. The motto being; "with You in mind". The editorial team thought long and hard (and indeed found it hard to think long), before coming up with the ideal gift for our readers. Realising that the

toilet is the best place to go for a quiet read of the paper and that the Library is far too small for every reader to read in, we are distributing a limited number of gifts with our newspapers so as to increase toilet comfort while reading the paper.

Lucky readers will get a disposable toilet seat cover so as to enable a comfortable sit down in the loo when reading the paper. An Focal - with You in mind.

different grievances regarding length travelled and work lost the Students Union who had already been providing Students and parents with advice and maps to help them in their independent search for accommodation stepped up its campaign. We interviewed people arriving and sent their stories and S.U. account of what happened to the press. The Limerick Post ran a front page headline explaining the crisis, local Radio stations contacted us also and a media campaign was launched. Within two days of the first Press Release going out we were invited to a meeting with the registrars division where we were commended by the University for taking action to inform Students and Parents of the crisis to prevent wasted journeys. We also received an apology from the University for the manner in which the matter had arisen and the subsequent dealing of the matter. They informed us that they were putting in urgent measures that would deal with the immediate crisis (although we fear the vetting of accommodation as was meant to be policy was neglect due to this urgency). They also said that we could participate in a new committee to review accommodation policy in the future.

Since then and since the ending of the media campaign (having assumed a solution was r ached) there is a fear that the registrars division may have changed it's tone somewhat. We now wait for the registrar's division to come back to us on exactly what kind of

a review committee on accommodation there is going to be. We have been promised a response in the next few weeks.

If you have anything you want to say regarding Accommodation policy in U.L. please pop down to the Union and tell your S.U. Officers

Mike Sadlier

Writing a dedication to Mike Sadlier is both an honour and an exercise in futility. The reason it is an honour needs no explanation. The reason it is ultimately futile is that it is as impossible to synopsis Mike as it is to adequately communicate to those that did not know him, how indescribably remarkable he was.

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deceased loved one becomes difficult to distinguish from words written about countless others.

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News

Interview Unionist parties members

On Wednesday the 28th, I had the opportunity to interview two members of Unionist parties in Northern Ireland, namely Cllr. Richard Dallas of the UUP and Eddie Kinner of the PUP. Cllr. Richard Dallas graduated Queens University of Belfast with a maths degree and calls himself a financial consultant, even though he sells life insurance (not a very lucrative job in NI). He was first elected to Derry council at the age of 26, and now at 29 he is Vice Mayor of the council and will be mayor next year.

Eddie Kinner spent 13 years in Lonkeish prison, and was released when he was 30. A graduate of the Open University, after the Shankhill bombings he joined the P.U.P. and is now deeply involved in politics.

Both Dallas and Kinner came across very well and didn't hesitate before answering.

What are you trying to put forward on your visit here?

Well, quite simply we're putting forward the case for the union; why the vast majority of people want to stay in the union, and why it is

better for them to stay in the union rather than go into some federal European or United Ireland idea. We have to look at reality and the reality for the people of Northern Ireland is that it is best for them, no matter of religion, creed or colour to remain within the union.

For too long the unionist case has been misrepresented and people have a negative perception of Unionism. Hopefully I can change that perception.

If Northern Ireland was to get the same economic benefits from Ireland that it gets from Britain, would you agree to a united Ireland or is it the principle of Northern Ireland as a unionist state?

When the Republic gained its independence the people of the time recognised that they were not going to be better off economically. There are people who are prepared to endure hardships in order to retain their identity. It is dangerous to use economics as the one and only

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Banks - Are they really interested in Students' interests

Over the summer the new S.U. team learnt many new lessons, one of which regarded banks - no not that you can borrow borrow borrow when you get a job! but that the Bank of Ireland, a bank that boasts of a concerned interest in Students isn't really all that concerned at all at all. What happened was that in an effort to obtain much needed wanga for the S.U. accounts (money that would be invested in you the Students) we decided that the Student Centre would make an ideal exhibition hall for first years during orientation week. So we charged different concerns money to set up stands in the centre, we felt it beneficial to students to be aware of these companies that we put in the Student Centre. We realised early on in negotiations with A.I.B. who were interested in the exhibition idea that the Bank of Ireland don't look too

favourably on A.I.B. (or any other bank besides themselves) setting up stands around the centre of campus. Of course they don't, we said sure they're your competition, it's only healthy. I mean if there was a monopoly in the banking sector sure jaysus we'd be fleeced! But then we were informed and subsequently were told, that Bank of Ireland were the University's bank and due to some money deals made between the two, no other Bank was allowed advertise it's ware through stands or by setting up shop on the centre of campus. A.I.B. were lucky in that they got in through Thomond college before the University was formed. Other banks weren't. Now you may think ah they're all the same however look at the principle, we have a Bank trying to convince us that they are interested in Students' well-

being yet they have denied students (through their own financial dealings with the University) access to other banks. The S.U. feel that it is important that all students are allowed access to information regarding potential banking arrangements during their orientation. The student should be allowed choose. After all a bank that boasts better service shouldn't be worried by another bank, if they are better, customers will see this and bank with them (if of course they are given a chance to be introduced to them). While speaking of customers, maybe the Bank of Ireland should note that Students (the customers) would like to be able to meet with all banks during their orientation and that denying them of this opportunity is not keeping their best interests in mind.

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Irish law students can no longer expect to gain automatic entry to the profession on getting their degrees. This following a case brought to court by 35 Queen's University students who, unlike their southern counterparts were not exempt from sitting the entrance exam to the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. All other university students having been awarded a primary law degree were exempt from sitting the exam. Queen's University, however does not teach Irish Constitutional Law and the Law Society requires entrants to

have a knowledge of the substantial law of Ireland. The graduates felt however that they were being discriminated against by the Society. As a result of the case, the High court has struck down that legislation which exempts Irish university students from having to sit the entrance exams.

We wait with bated breath for a likely appeal. This however could take years. In the meantime, what will this mean for law graduates wanting to join the society?

- Liz Kearns

R.I.P.

The mother of Cormac Daly (C.E.O. 94/95) passed away on Saturday 30th September. May she rest in peace.

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Picture this, you are watching T.V. all snug and cosy. You've been sitting there so long that your buttocks has left its imprint on the sofa. Beside you lies an empty tub of Haagen Dazs. You are entranced by the TV and you have no - I repeat NO desire to move, when suddenly ! The phone rings !!

Okay so its not all that bad, but for one poor woman this constant ringing of the phone has made her life a misery. The woman in question (who was formerly a Castletroy resident) has tried everything to escape us students. Let us explain: for the past few months this poor tormented woman has been receiving continuous phone calls from students who are

position that they have reached the university.

The woman in question has been asked all sorts of questions from "Could I speak to someone in the admissions office?" to "how much is overdue on my library card?". She has even been asked what time the student bus leaves from Cork ! When we say that this woman has tried everything - we mean EVERYTHING.

She moved house and made her phone number ex-directory and even though Telecom assured her that this number had never been used before she still gets 3 or 4 phonecalls a day. You see the poor woman got a number which on first glance doesn't even remotely resemble the University

number. However, on inspection one can see a faint resemblance to the international access number and half of UL's number but it's still amazing how people trying to contact the University actually ring her number. It seems that some people are smart enough to obtain degrees in "Aeronautical Science" and "Applied Maths" but yet when it comes to dialling a simple phone number every trace of logic and sense disappear. And so, this poor, demented, innocent woman who knows nothing about the humanities department the Schuman building or the Stables continues to receive these phonecalls.

Renaissance of S.U.

A transformation has taken place! Noticed it yet?, No? well you'll see it soon. Yes it's the new Students' Union logo. This logo has been specially designed by Ed Walsh (not the Ed Walsh) but better still a U.L. graduate, the launch of which coincides with the other major metamorphosis on campus, the relocation of S.U. offices. This refreshing new change in design is welcome as the old S.U. logo has been in existence for many years. So we've cleverly changed it for a new and trendier image.

As well as being new, it's much more compact and the new one has followed on from the theme of the old logo, that of the courtyard arch, the courtyard, being the main focal point of the University of Limerick campus. In turn, it may be added that this logo symbolises the Students' Union

which is the core of the student population of U.L.

This change of image has been reinforced by the change in location of the main Students' Union Office which has moved to the left hand side of the courtyard

arch and Graphics which will have the new name of Printstop will also be situated in this section of the courtyard.

So it's hats off to the Students' Union. !



BLACK AND WHITE

In this new regular column, Black & White is the account of the life of student in a seminary (i.e. a seminarian) i.e. training for the priesthood. Hover the following term we hope (God Willing!!) to make this a regular column. While listening to that incessant '74/75 song, I felt that it is that kind of song which could bring a tear to the eye or vomit to the throat. It left me feeling in the former mood and in doing so I was reminded of the epic return to the hallowed halls of the 'alma mater'. Within the darkened chasms, we will be educated what to think rather than how to think. The mandatory feelings of depression, dread, joy mixed with a level of anticipation. All this plus the usual pumped up accounts of

what wondrous events happened to the students during the summer break. There will always be the 'best summer ever' working in the minds of the romantic students, the reality being that you probably spent your summer slaving over a deep fat fryer.

An essential element of any new college year is optimism, a Latin phrase comes belting into my mind, "Si Fecisti Nega", which means, "if you did it deny it", so the basic message is to remain calm and leave the year unfold among the absolute blur of late night coupled with the demon drink.

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We have changed our photocopying copycard system. The new cards are disposable and can be bought from 2 self-service dispensers located in the library foyer. The cards cost £3 (50 copies) and £6 (100 copies). If you still have an old plastic card, bring it to the Library Service Desk and

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a series of informed, totally factual articles on the famous and not so famous people in the universe..

Charles Haughey

Apparently quite an old man now but there are reports that he has taken up a job as a spy for British intelligence in Supermacs of Limerick. One witness informed me that as he strolled down to the counter to order a garlic fries with cheese, he spied a chip with mysterious grey hair scurrying about the floor. When he informed the management they threw him out with the reply, "We don't want any f**kin' acid head in here" As my confident struggled to come to terms with his ordeal, the chip that was Charlie sneaked up on him, crawled up his trouser leg and proceeded to bit him several times around what can only politely be described as his dangly bits. The last words my informant heard before he became unconscious were, "I hate f**kin' blueshirts"

This story came as quite a shock to me as I recalled Charlie's long and glorious history as caretaker of Croke Park. As a child Charlie and his dad used to scrounge around in the rubbish,

after a match looking for cigarette butts to bring home to their drug addict sibling Sean. The high point of his pseud-patriotic career however was when he was approached in Croke Park one day by a man by the name of Neil Blaney. Blaney wished to transport hurley sticks illegally across the border into Northern Ireland as the terrorist wing of the GAA had nothing to do on a Sunday afternoon. The British had banned hurling as a game due to the incessant battering of their security forces at games where they broke in to batter everyone else. Charlie accepted the challenge and arranged a shipment of 10,000 hurley sticks (which he had robbed from the office of Jack Lynch) across the border at 3.00 am. Charlie decided to drive the lorry himself which was quite unfortunate because he was pissed at the time and forgot to lock the back door of the lorry. On his way to the crossing the hurleys fell out so the rushing of the checkpoint was

abandoned. The British were thorough in their investigation but fortunately mistook the hurleys for guns and wrote a letter of thanks to the Irish Government, "for the artillery", the letter went on, "we (the defence forces) shall ensure that the weapons shall be distributed evenly to any groups who suit our rigid protection standards".

The Irish Government while outwardly pleased were actually extremely depressed about all the hurley's that went missing. They tried Charlie on a charge of conspiring with the slottars, a radical left/right & up wing group who had been abused by hurleys for years. Charlie did 50 years in prison and on release allegedly became Taoiseach although there is very little evidence to support this claim.

Tommy Lavelle

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If you're feeling peckish, have a mint but please, please, don't chew your library card.

It has come to our attention that students need something to chew on when they are doing business at the library service desk. Some users resort to chewing their library card as they make their way to the desk. The library staff are getting all sorts of bugs and the laser barcode readers are getting clogged with wet card debris. So please, have a mint and save some wear and tear on library staff and equipment.

Apart from mints, the Library provides the full range of academic library services. We offer instruction in the efficient use of information resources to all students. The staff at the Library Information Desk will be happy to help with all your queries.

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STUDY PLACES

The Library provides a total of 1274 study places in Reading Rooms throughout the University and in the library itself. The Reading Rooms are located in the PE building, the Schuman building, the Schroedinger building, the Foundation building and in the Main building.

Please respect the rights of other users in the library who need a quiet environment conducive to research and study.

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Gerardine Moloney
User Services Librarian

Interviews

Is there anybody there Sydney?

Ruth Scott interviews a clairvoyant, who was on his way out to meet her as she rang to arrange the interview.....

Damp with holy water and cringing at the rabbits paw in my back pocket I ventured to meet Selon, alias Philip O'Rourke, photographer with the "Limerick Post" and clairvoyant to boot. So prepared was I that I didn't have any questions in mind as I knew that he would know them all already! Conspicuous by his lack of flowing satin garments he proceeded not just to tell, but inform me of some aspects of parapsychology.

"The esoteric is very much like sex before the Late Late Show." Clairvoyancy is undoubtedly somewhat a taboo subject in some respects. Of the limited amount of material on the subject, much has been written by sceptics, thus portraying dubious eye on what is natural.

Whilst many can learn to play an instrument it may come more naturally to some than others. Likewise some are more adept at picking up on other's spirits. Whilst some clairvoyants have a "guide" Philip is deprived as yet but says that he has felt general guidance in his clairvoyancy which he feels comes from the universe which if we are open to, will come. He is involved in The Society For Psychic Research and mentions Madame Vidan of Anacotty as a great influence on his workings.

Far from the images of sweaty palms gripped around a rattling table with chocolate wrappers falling from the ceiling (Sydney...is that you?) clairvoyants are those people who are merely sensitive to feeling and emotions. "Merely" in the sense that other spirits are not necessarily contacted. Essentially, the medium "tunes" to their own spirit and enters a lower level of consciousness where prejudging does not exist. In this respect, the clairvoyant is not aware of the significance of what they are saying but are sure of the purity of the information.

Psychiatrists and clairvoyants, he says, are similar in one respect for they are both, as professions, those who are most sensitive to feelings and emotions that most would miss out on.

Indeed he says that he is reluctant to contact spirits even if requested to do so. Reluctant from the point of view that the spirit may not be right for the person. Much more beneficial, it would seem, is the form of guidance that clairvoyants can offer. He makes a point of letting me know that most clairvoyants are counsellors and that most people who come to clairvoyants are looking for guidance. By lowering his level of consciousness he can observe as a neutral party. This essentially being the recognition of their soul/spirit. He does not cure or cleanse but guides the person from what he perceives to be their most innermost self. He maintains that the job of the clairvoyant is largely healing of some form. As the spirit doesn't die, he says, it develops and a holistic approach is evident as he looks at the inner rather than just the physical manifestations of the exterior. The primary idiom of the Greeks was "Know thyself"; Socrates and Plato likewise. Western medicine we know it in the Twentieth century, denied the inner spirit a chance to heal. Many "alternative" ways are the simple techniques that our bodies react to. Similar to the holistic approach to medicine and healing these methods of clairvoyancy have been around for quite some time and yet have often times been discredited. The modern tendency of looking at the exterior for purification rather than the interior is a huge change from the ancient forms of healing; self-awareness being of vital importance here. Buddha was once asked was he a God?...an angel?...a saint?... to which he replied "I am awake."

Philip O'Rourke has been a practising clairvoyant for almost seventeen years and said that friends were initially "frightened to death" as there was yet another dimension to him. He has many

associates who are clairvoyants but also has maintained many other friendships as he stresses the importance of keeping his feet on the ground when dealing with a higher consciousness. He never enters a trance-like state. Unlike a "fortune teller" or printed horoscopes the clairvoyant goes much more in depth. He doesn't put on a show and neither will he use clairvoyancy (and adamantly states that no clairvoyant would) for predatory purposes ...no, he didn't tell me the lotto numbers for the weekend!

Religion plays a surprisingly small part, in that knowledge of it is necessary only for dealing with people of many religions. Compassion, love, hope and faith are of great importance. Spirituality is important for us all whereas religion is not necessarily as important. He believes that a spirit is neither good or evil but it is intent that makes us go one way or the other.

If you want to see some "clairvoyancy" come along to the Jonathan Swift Theatre to the U.L. Drama Soc.'s presentation of "The Words Upon The Window Pane", a play by W.B. Yeats. Week 3, Tues. & Weds. @ 7.30.

Philip O'Rourke, clairvoyant & counsellor, can be contacted on 088 - 573919.

Ruth Scott.

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argument and I think that the fact that there is a Republic of Ireland is a strong support of that argument. People do not base their identity or their unionism on economics alone. There have been a lot of other sacrifices that have been made to forge the union.

Catholics especially fear that there would be a strong Protestant majority and that they would be directing funds towards strong Protestant areas and away from strong Catholic areas like South Armagh.

What we have to insure is that no matter what kind of government we have, we must have the support of the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland and that that form of Government will not set up any contrived privileges for any sector in the community. We have the strongest laws in Europe for fair employment and equal opportunities. What we can simply say to any minority group is that they have every right to become involved in local government. Their words will be heard, their concerns will be heard and they will not be brushed aside or pushed under the carpet.

The police must be reformed so that they are more community minded and more reflective of the community as well.

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Is there anybody there Sydney?

Ruth Scott interviews a clairvoyant, who was on his way out to meet her as she rang to arrange the interview.....

Damp with holy water and cringing at the rabbits paw in my back pocket I ventured to meet Solon, alias Phillip O' Rourke, photographer with the "Limerick Post" and clairvoyant to boot. So prepared was I that I didn't have any questions in mind as I knew that he would know them all already! Conspicuous by his lack of flowing saun garments he proceeded not just to tell, but inform me of some aspects of parapsychology.

"The esoteric is very much like sex before the Late Late Show." Clairvoyancy is undoubtedly somewhat a taboo subject in some respects. Of the limited amount of material on the subject, much has been written by sceptics, thus portraying dubious eye on what is natural.

Whilst many can learn to play an instrument it may come more naturally to some than others. Likewise some are more adept at picking up on other's spirits. Whilst some clairvoyants have a "guide" Philip is deprived as yet at says that he has felt general aidance in his clairvoyancy which he feels comes from the inner spirit as we open to it. He is involved in The Society For Psychic Research and continues Madame Vidan of Scotland as a great influence on his workings.

He from the images of sweaty hands gripped around a rattling bar with chocolate wrappers from the ceiling is that you? I say that you?

Psychiatrists and clairvoyants, he says, are similar in one respect for they are both, as professions, those who are most sensitive to feelings and emotions that most would miss out on.

Indeed he says that he is reluctant to contact spirits even if requested to do so. Reluctant from the point of view that the spirit may not be right for the person. Much more beneficial, it would seem, is the form of guidance that clairvoyants can offer. He makes a point of letting me know that most clairvoyants are counsellors and that most people who come to clairvoyants are looking for guidance. By lowering his level of consciousness he can observe as a neutral party. This essentially being the recognition of their soul/spirit. He does not cure or cleanse but guides the person from what he perceives to be their most innermost self. He maintains that the job of the clairvoyant is largely healing of some form. As the spirit doesn't die, he says, it develops and a holistic approach is evident as he looks at the inner rather than just the physical manifestations of the exterior. The primary idiom of the Greeks was "Know thyself"; Socrates and Plato likewise.

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associates who are clairvoyants but also has maintained many other friendships as he stresses the importance of keeping his feet on the ground when dealing with a higher consciousness. He never enters a trance-like state. Unlike a "fortune teller" or printed horoscopes the clairvoyant goes much more in depth. He doesn't put on a show and neither will he use clairvoyancy (and adamantly states that no clairvoyant would) for predatory purposes...no, he didn't tell me the lotto numbers for the weekend!

Religion plays a surprisingly small part, in that knowledge of it is necessary only for dealing with people of many religions. Compassion, love, hope and faith are of great importance. Spirituality is important for us all whereas religion is not necessarily as important. He believes that a spirit is neither good or evil but it is intent that makes us go one way or the other.

If you want to see some "clairvoyancy" come along to the Jonathan Swift Theatre to the U.L. Drama Soc.'s presentation of "The Words Upon The Window Pane", a play by W.B. Yeats. Week 3. Tues. & Weds. @ 7.30.

Philip O'Rourke, clairvoyant & counsellor, can be contacted on 088 - 573919.

Ruth Scott.

Much Ado About Nothing

Once again I ramble by the fountain of the white house. Once again I restrain myself from somersaulting in. A perfect 10 for ending it all Olympic style. The stress, I mean, not my life. Fountains are not my idea of a romantic suicide. In much more imaginative than that, though I'd make sure my splashes would dribble down the windows of that house for effect!

Stress I've lived 2 years of it so far (touch wood) In getting a t-shirt printed especially with "I WILL SURVIVE" emblazoned in crazy purple just to prove my point. Gloria Gaynor would probably sue the ass off me so maybe I'll just sit and stew a while.

So freshers, heres some "useful" advice on settling in and becoming one of a happy high family!

"College life is just a endless series of questions" so El Radio tells us over and over. A Duel account form Ulster Bank was educational for me and told me that "College life is just an endless series of sessions". So there you go, head down to the Stables (Where ?) and those lovely people will sort out your finances, before you can say "Bud, 2 Heino and a Ballygowan" for the night, and for the whole bloody term if you play your cards right! Thanks you.. Ulster Bank. "Who's round is it anyway, hie?"

But seriously, recalling t he last 2 years, it's been fun, frightening, frustration and fluffin' deadly! Stress is to me inevitable no matter what year you're in.

For example, stress to me is

- Having to buy your own bogroll (I don't nick it from the Stables, honest !)

- Hearing there's no Bud left
- Seeing that git in your class buy the last one
- Being Sober
- Being plastered and still knowing what you're doing
- Knowing what you're doing in the first place!
- Watching Home and Away
- Taking notes on Home and Away
- Living beside/with your landlord
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- Hearing there's no bud left
- Living in a party free zone with the git in your class that bought the last pint.

I could go on but maybe the best stress buster is to become a slob like me and chill out watching the world pass by on a couple of flying elephants and big red busses with your boots up at the back of the Jean Monnet.

Or move out, get a job, pay your own bills while you still know everything and before you actually start enjoying economics ! The choice is yours!

It's all about strategy, people, strategy, becoming an expert in WK 14 all nighters (swotting I mean) and still being able to surface after 15 pints of St. Arth's holy water.

But there is a God in this utopia, and if he spared me then there's hope for ye lot! Enjoy the year, chill out. This is Midge signing off, until next time, same Bud time, same Bud channel, Bye !!

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Far from the images of sweaty palms gripped around a rattling table with chocolate wrappers falling from the ceiling (Sydney...is that you?) clairvoyants are those people who are merely sensitive to feeling and emotions. "Merely" in the sense that other spirits are not necessarily contacted. Essentially, the medium "tunes" to their own spirit and enters a lower level of consciousness where prejudging does not exist. In this respect, the clairvoyant is not aware of the significance of what they are saying but are sure of the purity of the information.

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Phillip O'Rourke has been a practising clairvoyant for almost seventeen years and said that friends were initially "frightened to death" as there was yet another dimension to him. He has many

An Focal ... Long hot summer

After much toiling, sweating, praying, swotting, cramming, drinking, swearing, and everything else associated with the last week of the May exams it was with great relief tinged with a pinch of sadness that I left the vast beauty that is Elm Park for the more rugged and rustic pleasures of home. "Don't worry they'll all be glad to see me back home, course they will." And they were. I was greeted with open arms and an open petrol can which just happened to belong to the lawnmower which just happened to appear before me as the car came through the gate of the house. Thinking some practical joke or serious work was about to be undertaken by one of my younger siblings I motioned inside to make myself comfortable with a nice cup of tea. The only answer I received to my questions was a smug grin and several furtive glances at the grass which I had mistaken for a badly overgrown meadow which were blocking the trees so tall had some stalks become. Nevertheless ignoring the ominous feeling telling me that there were ulterior motives

for their joy at my return, the prodigal son was directed to sit down for a minute. This I assumed was so that I could unwind after the five hour journey and take stock of how things had changed in the past few months. But it was not to be. I was asked to sit down so I could properly digest the tales of woe concerning the garden, the bedrooms, the fascia, the gutters, the weeds, the windows and so on until it dawned on me why the house had seemed so shabby looking. They had graciously assumed that I would be only too delighted to take to the repair of the house with gusto so they had made a point of not doing a bloody thing in my absence. The result of which means that there is still a smell of white spirits, varnish and sealing silicon clinging to me even now. While some people got to sunny distant places I visited every single dirty squalid place around the home when I wasn't busy serving the cheap labour scheme for my student dole. If this tale sounds even vaguely familiar then don't worry because I know that there are thousands of us out

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argument and I think that the fact that there is a Republic of Ireland is a strong support of that argument. People do not base their identity or their unionism on economics alone. There have been a lot of other sacrifices that have been made to forge the union.

Catholics especially fear that there would be a strong Protestant majority and that they would be directing funds towards strong Protestant areas and away from strong Catholic areas like South Armagh.

What we have to insure is that no matter what kind of government we have, we must have the support of the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland and that that form of Government will not set up any contrived privileges for any sector in the community. We have the strongest laws in Europe for fair employment and equal opportunities. What we can simply say to any minority group is that they have every right to become involved in local government. Their words will be heard, their concerns will be heard and they will not be brush aside or pushed under the carpet.

The police must be reformed so that they are more community minded and more reflective of the community as well.

there. The dispossessed and disadvantaged. We who were stuck at home and made to do menial work for nothing. We who were mistreated, bullied, abused and taken advantage of (and I'm not talking about the student dole....). We shall have our revenge. We shall drink every last penny that our parents gave us and failing that we will fall our exams and stay at home for years and sponge off them. And then and only then when we leave for a short while and return to our homes will we be treated with kindness and respect and not like the third rate citizens that we are made out to be. Victory will be ours.

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There are no R.U.C. living in the Shankhill or in the Falls: they may be predominantly Protestant but they are not predominantly working class. How can they represent the community if they don't even live there?

Do you think it's fair that someone who is the head of a religious congregation is also head of a political circle? Do you not think these things should be separate denominations and people shouldn't try to influence people through religion?

We're not D.U.P.
Yes they should. The classic example is when someone hears what one of our party members has to say, agrees with it and is then told it is blasphemous by their spiritual leader because it disagrees with their political leader.

You need to base your politics on arguments, not theology. I can understand why ministers get involved in politics, because they do have a genuine concern for what's going on in the community, but it is up to people to separate the two.

Do you think its appropriate of Queens to droop the British anthem as they did last year? There are more Irish flags up there than English ones.

It has certainly angered the unionist community as it is seen as an attack on some of their traditions. Since the ceasefire the Unionist community has been bombarded with Irish culture and there hasn't been any great challenge to it. By the same token, anything representing unionism is being challenged and is now on the demise and that's seen as a dangerous threat. The unionists are been asked to accommodate the Nationalists, but the Nationalists are not been asked to accommodate the Unionists.

As a former Queens graduate I find that the removing of the National anthem was a real slap in the teeth for the people of Northern Ireland. I have no problem with cultural diversity, but if you remove things such as national anthems, under the clause of a neutral environment you'll end up with a bland country with no spirit. The country is British; the grants been

paid to the students are coming from Westminster. People are quite willing to accept a grant from Westminster but not to stand up for the national anthem. 85% of the graduates of Queens voted that the National anthem should be replaced so they did feel that they did feel that no matter what background you came from it was diminishing of culture. There ignoring oversea students so that they can use this Nationalist culture to slap Unionists around the head, basically using it as a big stick to beat us with. they're flaunting this Gaelic culture to beat Unionists with. I have no problem with Gaelic signs been put up but it's been used to antagonise the Unionist population and those who have a British culture.

Many people say give Gerry Adams the Noble peace prize. If there was an award in the morning, who would you nominate?

The 3,000 widows and orphans and families who have suffered. The vast majority of them have turned around and told the people of Northern Ireland to stick to democratic policy and not to go for the gun. Gerry Adams and those who were involved in the violence should not get any reward for stopping the evils that they were doing.

Gordon Wilson would be a candidate. He vociferously challenged the violence having suffered himself and met several times with the I.R.A. The people who probably deserve recognition are those who are working behind the scenes. They are doing a lot better job than those who are trying to claim the credit of it.

Both in the interview, and later on in the debate, Eddie Kinner came over as a very honest person. He didn't call himself a politician, but instead considered himself one of the people. He gave honest opinions and beliefs, and I believe him to be a great ambassador for the unionist community. Richard Dallas, however, doesn't seem as compromising. He looks as though he is the future of Unionists in Northern Ireland, but sometimes he falls into a tunnel vision view and is extremely pro-British. He wants to keep the union intact no matter what...

Anthony Smyth.

Virgin Megastore?

Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to the newest addition to An Focal, MI5 - Mary Immaculate page 5. In response to enquiries made last year regarding circulating An Focal to our colleagues in Mary I we decided to go one step further and allocate them a page. The page has been advertised around the college although it was pretty low-key mainly cos we haven't got round to a major advertising campaign in Mary I yet. Anyhow An Focal reckoned it should open up the debate by asking people around of their opinions of Mary I. and guess what? Virgin Megastore was the most common response. And so it was decided to approach a few people in Mary I to write about this and address the issue - was it a misconception that should be erased from the minds of the masses? was there anything else that students should be

informed of that they may not know about Mary I. be they Mary I students not yet fully integrated into the college or U.L. students who know nothing about the college. This is where An Focal became concerned, students of Mary I said that they were eager to write but were afraid of the consequences and the wrath of college authorities! Naturally we couldn't let a story like this slip through our fingers- this could be the story that would put An Focal right up there with the Irish Times and The Star with regards to quality news reporting. What is it that some students are afraid to report to the paper, does it regard the nuns? Is it something put in the church holy water to induce hallucinations when at mass or is it something even more sinister. So this is why we plead to those Mary I Students out

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P.S.: I would like to complain about student Radio 103 FM, or more specifically that Schmada character on the B-side. Who does he think he is slagging off the Godfather of reggae Bob Marley. His remarks on Bob Marley fans were also politically incorrect which is so deplorable in these complex times.

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For all she knows, the call could be another student joke. 'Ha bloody Ha' you think as your stomach rips open. Another nine doctors have to be called before one mutters assent. An agonising half-hour later, she

you register with a Limerick doctor. It takes one phone call. Ask them if you can register with them. Explain you're a student and that if you do call them, it'll probably be outside surgery hours and in an emergency. Get their

you're registered with a Limerick GP who has you on their books. So, splash out. Spend 20p and ensure your medical welfare. Call one of these.

EVER DELIBERATELY RIP A CONDOM MACHINE APART?

It could have been on Friday of week 1. Or perhaps it was Saturday. Then again, it might have been a Sunday. But sometime, over the weekend, someone smashed their way into the four condom machines in the Stables area. 800 condoms robbed, £200 stolen and a lot of damage. Toilet seats were cracked, broken glass all over the toilet floors and a lot of people needing first aid. Two words sum up a solution - **Respect and Responsibility.**

Everything on campus is partly ours. Our student money, whether through capitation (the sum of money included in your fees) or direct service payments (e.g. buying Ents tickets, a packet of tissues in the shop, getting a project typed etc.) is re-channelled into student-focused or public services. Like our condom machines.

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Consider for a moment what the student reaction would have been if the University had refused to allow the Students' Union, ie the students, to install condom machines. Outrage at a dictatorial attitude towards our safety? Anger at old-fashioned ignorance? Disgust at nonchalant apathy?

So what should our attitude be towards the consistent attempts over the last year to break into, rob, destroy and vandalise our condom machines? Indifference because we didn't need any of the hundreds of condoms that have been stolen?

Apathy because the hundreds of pounds robbed were in the machine and not directly in our pockets? Sympathy with those students who put £4 in the slot in good faith and got nothing in return? Disgust with those students who saw their property being wrecked and didn't have the guts to report it? Weariness with those students who noticed wrecked property and felt it was someone else's responsibility to inform the Student's Union?

At the moment the Welfare Office is trying to convince the University that there should be greater availability of condoms on campus. Would it come as any surprise if laughter and derision was to be the response? We, the students have to look after what we do have first. We have to prove that we are a

vocal and active community committed to our own, and others', welfare. Reporting vandalism to our campus services, whether actually witnessed or noticing the damage, is a great first step.

If condom machine are unusable, safer sex is prevented. If telephones are wrecked, emergency calls cannot be made. When litter is dropped, rivers dumped into, bottles smashed or buildings vandalised, our environment is not only ugly to live in but our money, which could be used for so much, is used for so little - to restore what was before. Lets develop and respect what we do have.

As regards the condom machines...

- Paramaniacs will be disappointed to learn that inserting flared matches will not set the condoms or machines alight. The condoms are protected by metal which is fire proof.
- A sledgehammer would do a fairly good job, as would application of locksmith experience, but consider how attractive a £500 fine for vandalism and a University expulsion is...
- Only correct coins will eject a packet of condoms so save your 2p's.
- If you insert money and do not get condoms in return, call to the Students' Union - your money shall be refunded, you will get condoms and the machine will be fixed on the same day.
- The Suggestion/Report box in the Union is there for a reason. If you notice anything, use it!
- If the vandalism of the machines does not stop, the Students' Union will be left with no choice but to shut the Courtyard toilets. Anyone fancy a hoarde of angry female toilet queuers?



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As can be imagined, volunteers have played a very important role at all levels of Limerick Youth Service. In the area of general youth club work, it is fair to say that without the hundreds of volunteers who work regularly with local youth clubs, this facility for young people would be non-existent. At this level, volunteers are the backbone of the Youth Service.

Bearing this in mind, we are currently seeking volunteers from the University to help us in our work. We need students to aid us on a number of levels - all skills and talents can be of benefit to us. Be it the tutoring of outside homework classes, the training of soccer or other sports or just lending a hand. The experience to be gained from such work would prove to be invaluable in the long and the short term, providing valuable teaching experience or that added plus to your Curriculum Vitae.

If you would be interested in helping us or would like some additional information, please contact Mary Mescal or Rhoda Mullin at 5 Lower Glentworth Street, Limerick or phone 412444.

Cityways

Cityways, now three years old, is an inner city youth project for girls in second level education which seeks to combat and overcome the problems of educational and social disadvantage in the Limerick area. It's aim is to encourage interest, enthusiasm and dedication to learning within the girls, with a view to helping them to set their sights on further education.

Though it may be argued that the removal of third level fees means that further education is open to all, it must be recognised that it is not merely the question of fees that deter students to go on to third level. It is due to a combination of factors such

as the lack of support of family and friends, unemployment, lack of motivation, insufficient maintenance grants and the inability of the girls to believe in themselves.

Cityways aims to tackle these problems and to reach young people who, despite their academic ability and potential, might be inclined to abandon formal education at an early stage.

Cityways is a voluntary run project, financially dependant on the generosity and support of the local business community. The staff are a group of young teachers and students from the Limerick area, who offer their commitment and services on a voluntary basis.

The funding of Cityways is an ongoing difficulty. Financial assistance is needed to fund both our Winter and Summer projects and also to help us to expand and improve the range of subjects and activities offered. We would therefore be grateful for any volunteers that can help us in our efforts. We do already have helpers within U.L. but we still need more. If you are interested in assisting us in any way please contact

Ann Gormley, Cityways director,
Overdale Study Centre, Ennis Road,
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Late Shows
Fri/Sat
12 Midnight

1. Apollo 13
2. Assassins
3. Braveheart

4. Forget Paris
5. Bridges of Madison County

Braveheart

The scene is set as 10,000 Scottish peasants face overwhelming English forces. English calls for surrender are greeted by 10,000 bare asses as the Scots lift their kilts in defiance. With a thunderous cry the Scots charge.

Braveheart is a raw, reckless, and thrilling account of the life and times of William Wallace (Mel Gibson), a Scottish peasant who lead his fellow countrymen in rebellion against the English. Gibson is excellent as Wallace and even manages a half decent Scottish accent. His rallying cries in battle and his speeches on freedom would stir even the meekest in the audience into action.

The story takes off with Wallace sent to live with his uncle after the death of his family at the hands of the English. His uncle educates him in French and Latin, all the while teaching him to fight the enemy with his head instead of with a sword. It is only years later, on the death of his beloved wife that Wallace is spurred into action and he and his followers wreak havoc on the English.

Do not feel any sympathy for the English though, as throughout the film they are portrayed as a contemptible race. Lead by their tyrannical king, Edward I (Patrick Mc Goohan), they plunder and pillage Scotland at their whim. King Edward is consumed by his hatred for Wallace, whom he sees as a direct threat to his power over a people he rules only through fear and bribery. Wallace is the embodiment of Scottish National pride, something the king has sought all his life to destroy.

Poised in the middle is Robert the Bruce (Angus Mc Fayden), a Scottish nobleman who is torn between duty to his family and duty to his country. He admires Wallace and "wants to believe as he does." So too with the Princess of Wales (Sophie Marceau) who abandons

her duty to her weak husband in search of a real man.

All of this makes for a fairly standard historical epic, but Braveheart is an exceptional film. The characters are so personable that when one Scot is struck down in battle, you almost feel as if you know him.

What makes Braveheart so very special however, is the spectacular battle scenes. The camera focuses right on the centre of the battle so the audience can hear every blood-curdling howl and bone crunching scream. Charging at the nearest Scot, an Englishman's head is crushed by a blow from a gargantuan Scot's hammer and his blood splatters onto the camera lens. That's how close you are to

the action. If you are going to see Braveheart in the cinema, then sit as close to the screen as is possible so that you are fully immersed in the action.

It's a film with something for everyone. Some will leave the cinema with a few tears in their eyes, other with the desire to find the nearest Englishman and ram his head against a wall a few hundred times. One thing is for sure, and that is that you will not leave the cinema unaffected. In short, go and see it as soon as you can.

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Die Hard with a Vengeance

Directed by John McTiernan.
Starring: Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons, Samuel Jackson, Grahame Greene.

For those of you who love action films you're really going to love this. Detective John McClane is back and he's having another extremely bad day. For this film he is teamed up with Zenus Carver (Samuel L. Jackson) a proud black leader to complete a set of tasks for a terrorist called Simon.

The combination of Bruce Willis and Samuel Jackson

adds humour and strength to the film as they basically kill everybody in sight. Unlike the other two Die Hards where McClane was stuck in a building and an airport, he now gets to use the whole of New York city as his battleground. This allows some great action and explosion scenes, Jeremy Irons is also excellent as the terrorist Simon.

This is a great action packed film and really not one to be missed.

Rank: 9

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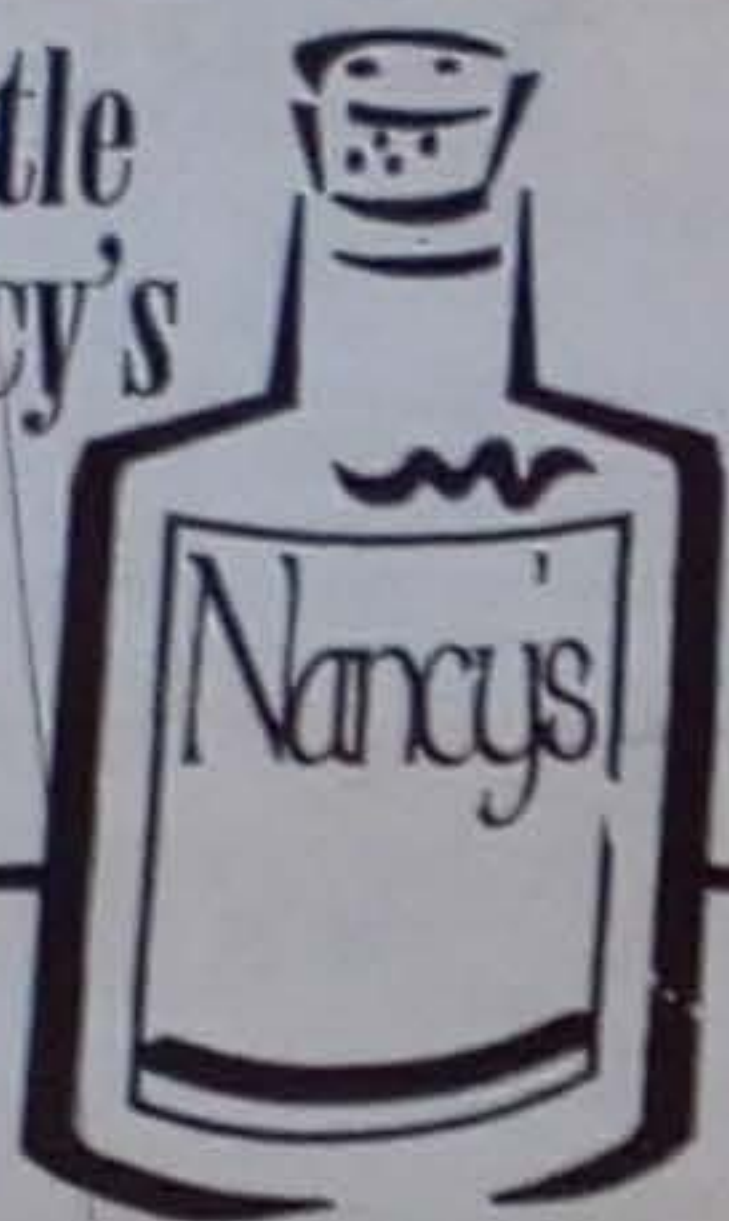
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Oktoberfest

Sponsored by Fosters with a little help from the Stables, put together by the Arts Office with a little help from Ents. It starts Monday 9th October (Week 3) with "Liquid Wheel" and a late disco in the stables

pavilion. Tuesday sees the very welcome "The Big Bag of Sticks". On Wednesday "The Alvin Purple Experience" who were a big hit at this year's grad ball, you're in for a treat if your a fan of Bowie, Hendrix, Gary Glitter.

Thursday's band has yet to be confirmed. All acts start at 9 pm approximately. Most importantly it's ALL FREE. All we ask is that you support our main sponsor and drink lots of Fosters.

Liquid Wheel

Opening Act for the Fosters Oktoberfest on Monday 9th October in the Stables, Free.

Liquid Wheel Play wonderfully original house with all the best reference points in dance. Being a big hit at this year's Feile, they have 2 releases out at the moment, "Blue", and "The Strobionic Injection E.P."

The Fosters Showcase Gig

Again put together by the Arts Office, with S.U. Ents, and the Stables Club.

The first act will be an American Latin Jazz outfit a revamp of Samtana called "The Jazz Pigs" comprised of some of the best session musicians in America.

Tuesday 24th, its the turn of Belfast band "Watercress" among their instrumentation, they include plastic pipes, mandolin and pebble base. They have played a series of gigs at this year's Glastonbury, supporting Joules Holland on tour, and were joined by him on stage for their encore. They have just release

their first single "Summer with me" and are currently on a European tour. Here's what the press said about them:

"as cool as ice cubes" (Hot Press)
"The freshest and most vibrant band in Northern Ireland" (Sunday World)

"Dozens of punters slamming to their weird mix of mandolin, pebble bass and zappa theatre" (N.M.E.)

"Quirky, unconventional and very together Watercress don't sound like most of the band coming out of Ireland, or anyway else for the matter" (DV 8 Magazine).

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SU - Current

Exec Elections ???

Why do it? Why prostrate yourself in front of the Student Body in order to get elected? Four words suffice. INVOLVEMENT. INITIATIVE. INCREDIBLE WORK EXPERIENCE. PERSONAL FULFILLMENT. Here are the positions up for grabs.

The role of the **Equality Officer** on SU Executive Board is essentially to ensure equal opportunities and treatment of all students on campus. This means actively raising of consciousness and effectively combatting discrimination which could arise as a result of sexual orientation, socio-economic background, gender, ethnic group, intellectual or physical ability etc. She/he will liaise with the SU Deputy-President/ Welfare Officer in order to combat discrimination on campus.

According to the SU Constitution. (Article 5.7).

The **Equality Officer** shall advise, aid in the development of the Union's Equality policy. She/he shall be familiar with the affairs of groups on campus and shall also represent the interests of the members in

matters relation to equal rights."

If you fancy running for this you've got to keep the ear to the ground, listen to the students and then work closely with the Welfare Officer to get results. Moreover, as a sitting member of the University's Discipline Board, the position of Equality Officer is an extremely responsible one, and the personal qualities of responsibility, integrity and commitment are extremely desirable.

The role of the **Community Officer** is to "research and co-ordinate specific projects with a view to improving links and relations with all sectors of the community. She /he shall also liaise with any committees, working parties or authorities dealing with Students' Union/Community relations." (Article 5.6)

Again, the **Community Officer** will liaise closely with the DP/Welfare Officer in order to develop viable projects such as Community Outreach programmes, student part-time Job Service etc. Projects shall be funded, within reason, and

supported by the Students' Union. An interest or experience of community developments, strong social skills and determination would prove valuable.

The **Student Teacher Officer** shall represent the interests relevant to the College of Education students. Article 5.11

The most important point here is that the Teaching Practice part of the course is still not satisfactory for students. The Union needs someone who will liaise with the Communications and Education Officer at the relevant boards in order to get a result. Duncan O'Toole has been working on this over the summer and the Union is strongly committed to improving the situation.

The **Equality Officer**, **Community Officer** and **Student Teacher Officer** have a vital role to play in the monitoring and development of the Students' Union. As full voting members of SU Executive Board, they will be three of the twelve key people ultimately responsible for the affairs of the Students' Union.

On the Agenda... On the Agenda...

A new addition to An Focal in it's move to encompass student concerns is the printing of the main developments that your Students' Union will be involved in over the coming weeks so as to get feedback on what you feel should be issues at these meetings...

Co-op.....

The first ever Co-operative Education Subcommittee Meeting was held on Monday week 2. As this was the first meeting in was more of an introduction into the system of Co-operative education. However during the meeting a few issues arose mainly what was questioned by the S.U. was the system of picking and assessing employers and the issues of visiting students when working. Some members at the meeting (in although not many) said they felt that all students got visited while on co-op. I beg to differ. If you have anything to say about this write in an Focal, tell your class rep. and or The S.U. Officers.

Repeats to be Reviewed....

Tuesday Week four the Academic Regulations Committee meet (the What?!). Basically one of the functions of this committee is to review the current system of repeats in U.L. or rather the current lack of a repeats system in U.L. !! The S.U. will be distributing

questionnaires on this in Week 3, so air your views through participating in this and/or letters to An Focal. If you have any queries or complaints re repeats talk to your class rep. or an S.U. Officer.

Class Reps.....

As you may be aware Class Rep. elections will take place in Weeks three and four (1st years). If you feel like going for this, call to the S.U. to get a nomination form. Read Brian's article on this page for more information.

Over crowding in the Library and Labs....

You may have read in the submission from the library that there are loads of places for you to study, it's a pity though that the library itself has only a fraction of these seats. There Academic Planning Committee on which the CEO and the Post Grad rep. strut their stuff is carrying out a study on new courses and their impact to the college. Part of the committee's role is to review the existing situation with regards to resources Vs new courses. The S.U. has made a proposal that the existing resources be assessed with particular regard to Library places and computer places. If you want to make an input call to S.U. or talk to your class rep.

'95/'96 Exec Members

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Deputy President	- <i>Lorna Kerin</i>
C.E.O.	- <i>Duncan O'Toole</i>
General Manager	- <i>Gerald Barry</i>
Post Grad Rep	- <i>Martin Farrow</i>
Clubs Officer	- <i>Kathy Murphy</i>
Societies Officer	- <i>Hugh Dowling</i>
Comm. Rel. Officer	- ??????????
Equality Officer	- ????????????????
Student Teacher Officer	- ??????????????
First Year Rep	- ??????????????

Class Reps Elections

Class Representatives are perhaps *the* most important link between the student and the Students' Union. The Rep is the only way that information can be a two way street. The Rep sits on the **Class Reps Council** which meets 5 times a semester and where academic and social issues are raised.

New Format

This year we will have a slightly new format. Part of each Council will be given over to Reps from each of the 6 colleges to discuss particular issues. This is the most effective way of addressing course problems which can then be aired at the faculty board.

ELECTIONS FOR 2nd, 3rd, 4th YEAR CLASS REPS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CANTEEN ON THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER (week 3).

Nomination forms are available in the Students' Union main office and must be submitted to the returning officer Gerry Barry

Nominations must be in by 5pm Tuesday 10th.

ELECTIONS FOR 1ST YEAR REPS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CANTEEN ON THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER (WEEK 4)

Nominations must be in by 5pm Tuesday 17th.

Make sure you have a rep and make sure that you vote.

Views

Wolfman's View from Outside The Perimeter.

The great Tolstoy's doctrine of life was encapsulated in the words: "The one thing necessary, in life as in art, is to tell the truth." As I stand on the verge of finally exiting the system, I find myself searching for the inward truthfulness which is reality. It is 2 O' clock in the morning, and overwhelmed by raging emotions, I feel compelled to open up to you, the reader.

During my 4 years at this university, I drowned beneath tidal waves of intense feelings. Insecurity, frustration, fear, passion, tears, joy. Now, waiting at the exit gates, I find myself having more questions and less answers than when I started. What I tell you will not help you. You will have to explore and discover your own solutions and quandaries. How can I relate to you the insecurity you will feel on your first days in college full of strangers, each trying their best to appear in some way unique and individual. Looking around, attaching names and faces, creating personalities for them and re-inventing their past lives in the light of these. All the while, you know this is only masking your own fears. What personalities will they create for you? Who they think you are? The hardest thing to do on your first day in college will be to

attention through your loud guffaws, trying to prove to everyone that you are reassured and confident. This is how you will spend your first few days: playing charades to win friends and approval.

How can I make you understand the frustrations you will feel when fighting against a system which sometimes doesn't appear to care? There will be days when you want to smash your knuckles against the walls, breaking them until you think you can feel the little pieces floating beneath your skin, hoping that the pain will wash away the emotional anguish you feel. You will want to do this, but you will find you can't! Perhaps in the privacy of your own company, but not in front of the general student body. This will only increase your anguish, because, somehow, you know you feel vindicated by unleashing this frustration on these strangers, that somehow they will look at you and immediately understand the cause of your self flagellation, that they will take your head and bury it in their shoulders to hide the tears dripping off your eyelashes. But this won't happen. You won't break before the others!

You will spend nights sleeping with strangers you only just met in the bar, banging

of flesh, assuring your brain that this person has the same fears as you, that they are human too. But your brain won't hear of it! This person may use the deadliest weapon that any deity ever put in human hands, the sound of cruel laughter. Your mouth will dry up at the thought, because tomorrow this person might walk away from you as if nothing happened, might entertain their friends with stories of your deepest secrets. Even now, you can hear the echoes of laughter in your brain, seeing the story being related tomorrow, the huddled group of confidantes, the sly smiles on the knowing faces, the giggle they give off when you pass them in the corridor, their eyes struggling to focus on anything other than you, trying to avoid the awkwardness of the moment.

Right now, as I toss and turn and contort my body to fit around my duvet, I know that I can give you no answers because I haven't found them myself. Some of those among you will not find them either, while yet more of you have no questions to be answered in the first place. You are the lucky ones, for you will have peace of mind. Yet my fight is still far more precious than yours, because I know that my time is

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Welcome to Limerick or rather the University of Limerick (UL). Congratulations, you've got this far, you've gained enough points for a place in college, your first and only hurdle. Or is it?

Yes by now you've encountered many little predicaments and hopefully got through them. By far the biggest pain, for most students is that you've had to spend

On the other hand category 2 is a different story. When you knock on the door of a category (2) flat, 2 big black rats with dark shades answer the door! "No room here" they mutter. To put it bluntly some houses are crap. Never washed, never looking good, smelling awful - and thats just the tenants!! Some houses are so damp, the mice go

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During my 4 years at this university, I drowned beneath tidal waves of intense feelings. Insecurity, frustration, fear, passion, tears, joy. Now, waiting at the exit gates, I find myself having more questions and less answers than when I started. What I tell you will not help you. You will have to explore and discover your own solutions and quandaries. How can I relate to you the insecurity you will feel on your first days in college full of strangers, each trying their best to appear in some way unique and individual. Looking around, attaching names and faces, creating personalities for them and re-inventing their past lives in the light of these. All the while, you know this is only masking your own fears. What personalities will they create for you? Who they think you are? The hardest thing to do on your first day in college will be to make your first friend. Some of you will be priveleged to know others, old school mates, neighbours, relatives. You will not spend your time rehearsing introductions in your mind, trying not to appear too eager or pushy, scouring the room through false, disinterested eyes, looking for that one person who you think you can approach. No, for those of you who know people here already, you will find yourself clinging to that guy in 6B who you thought was a waster 3 months ago. Now, he is a tool as you indulge in animated chit-chat, drawing

and approval. How can I make you understand the frustrations you will feel when fighting against a system which sometimes doesn't appear to care? There will be days when you want to smash your knuckles against the walls, breaking them until you think you can feel the little pieces floating beneath your skin, hoping that the pain will wash away the emotional anguish you feel. You will want to do this, but you will find you can't! Perhaps in the privacy of your own company, but not in front of the general student body. This will only increase your anguish, because, somehow, you know you feel vindicated by unleashing this frustration on these strangers, that somehow they will look at you and immediately understand the cause of your self flagellation, that they will take your head and bury it in their shoulders to hide the tears dripping off your eyelashes. But this won't happen. You won't break before the others! You will spend nights sleeping with strangers you only just met in the bar, banging each other like rampant industrial machines, trying to drive all your p-in into that person with every thrust. You will hold them in your arms after, talking idly all the time in an effort to drive away the dreadful silence, waiting for them to fall asleep so you don't have to talk anymore. You will find cold comfort in this empty, senseless rutting, but you will become addicted to it, until soon the faces all seem the same. Inside you, your heart will pound messages to your brain, pleading with it to share all your miseries with this lump

that any deity ever put in human hands. The sound of cruel laughter. Your mouth will dry up at the thought, because tomorrow this person might walk away from you as if nothing happened. They might entertain their friends with stories of your deepest secrets. Even now, you can hear the echoes of laughter in your brain, seeing the story being related tomorrow, the huddled group of confidantes, the sly smiles on the knowing faces, the giggle they give off when you pass them in the corridor, their eyes struggling to focus on anything other than you, trying to avoid the awkwardness of the moment.

Right now, as I toss and turn and contort my body to fit around my duvet, I know that I can give you no answers because I haven't found them myself. Some of those among you will not find them either, while yet more of you have no questions to be answered in the first place. You are the lucky ones, for you will have peace of mind. Yet my life is worth far more precious than yours, because I know that my time is yet to come, that someday I will find the answers and cherish them far more than those of you who had them to begin with.

I hope that if you find no answers, you will at least find clues which will set your mind at peace, reassuring you that someday those answers exist to be found,

To each of you all,

May you find your own true course and follow it,

Yours

Review on Repeats

How do you feel about repeats?
Tell us next week in our questionnaire.

Do you want a box?

Welcome to Limerick or rather the University of Limerick (UL). Congratulations, you've got this far, you've gained enough points for a place in college, your first and only hurdle. Or is it?

Yes by now you've encountered *many little predicaments and hopefully got through them.* By far the biggest pain, for most students is that dread word "Accommodation". There's no doubt about it, where you live is very important. After all your home is your castle (even if it's a bouncy one!).

There are 2 basic types of flat/digs: (1) The decent ones (2) Hell, with 4 walls and a ceiling. Well if you've got category one, count yourself lucky.

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Derek O'Keeffe

4th Electronic Eng.

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Response the better the mandate we have.

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The Postgrad: First Year Revisited? or a whole new "Mature!" experience.

It would be safe to assume, I reckon that most of us have suffered from the "I'm not drinking again" syndrome. Under the same premise, I'm sure I've heard many students on the eve of their finals, utter the immortal words, "I never want to see another exam as long as I live." Perhaps someone should decipher whether it is the pull of the course or the push at the end of the dole queue, which catapults so many of Ireland's finest back to university for one more year of eternal student hood. Whether pulled or pushed UL will be home to some 700 students this year. So are these 700 the embodiment of maturity and confidence, strutting their stuff across the complex confines of UL. Or do they have more akin to the sheepish first year who wonders whether EGO10 is where they're supposed to be now or what's their pin no. to access the library terminals. To address further this issue which baffles the student-body I tried to contact the president of the National PostGrad Union (NPGU). Unfortunately the President (who prefers to remain anonimously) was unavailable for comment last Thursday. The Union was holding a highly confidential meeting of its Executive Committee in the Stables Club, Limerick all day.

Later that night the very same committee were spotted in town finishing off some unfinished business.....

The summoning of the PostGrad for Orientation (Disorientation) conjures up vivid images of 1st year. Indeed as I queued for my new ID card, safe in the knowledge that I looked like shit, I was brought back, schoolboy in shivering shorts, taunted by the "professional" photographers. This time no taunting! Must be the stubble! Being of ex-UL extraction, I didn't feel the desire to attend Friday's orientation. And as I lay in my little bed, I sleepily hoped that none of my classmates were sitting through the Building Manager's lecture(no disrespect to him). The dreaded name swapping ritual loomed again. I toyed with the idea of name-tags..... By mid-week, I felt confident enough to call a classmate across the Stables courtyard. My confidence eroded with the ensuing dirty look. But isn't it great- the seisiun remains the single best way to get to know people- thanks be to God!

PS. Warning to all PostGrads :
"Maturity can kill!"

Letter to Ed

Dear Dora,

Dear Dora,

I can't keep it to myself any longer I have to share my tale of woe with somebody. It has to do with the gym in the sports building. I had heard rumours but foolishly did not believe my fellow students.

So, when one day I was told that the new gym was only for "International Athletes", the hormone levels rocketed, the blast from the French nuclear test was a mere pin-drop in comparison. With great anticipation I made my way down, deep into the corridors of Sports and there it was. I wiped the window of the door with my shirt sleeve as my deep breathing kept fogging it up. Eventually, I just held my nose and kept my mouth shut. This was the moment - all those sweating male muscular bodies just waiting for me! With my heart going at this rate I'd be lucky to reach 4th year never mind graduate.

I stepped up to the door and let out a cry of anguish, of hurt, of pain, of DISAPPOINTMENT. It was empty! I was a broken woman, brought to my knees by misinformation, the degradation of it all! Finally, I collected myself together, took a few swallows of Jack Daniels and wiped the flood - (tear) water from the floor around me.

So now you know my take of deep sorrow and pain, if there are international athletes in UL, please show yourself and use the gym, for all our benefit.

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Dear Editor,

Just a note to say that Orientation Week was tops!

I made it to a couple of lectures in between excursions to the Stables, joining clubs fronted by tasty babes and then returning to the bar. Our advisors were missing for the week, but I think I coped okay on my own. For next year, how about employing "Er Dangle" as the lunchtime comedian. Er, just make sure that you get your audience totally pissed first (this enhances laughter and makes average jokes sound totally hilarious) and secondly please refrain from slagging off the U.L. porter (he and his mates are not too friendly afterwards!)

Yours sincerely,

~~Dermot Carmody~~

P.S. "An Focal" sounds like a Republican mag and not a happening U.L. production.

Good work all,

Dunkin Disorderly.

Ed's Note: This is not me.

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Mine is a very simple complaint. In Plassey village there are two telephones for 424 people. When one takes into account that we pay basically the same amount as Kilmurray village and they have a telephone in every house it is not really fair.

There is always a queue unless of course you want to make a telephone call at say 2 in the morning. People are even forced to queue in the rain. For me this is ridiculous having to wait while it is raining simply to make a phone call.

The chances of us getting a telephone in every house is probably very slim but surely the management of the village could provide two or three more telephones in the centre of the village. It's not like they will sit there idle. They will easily get their money back.

Two telephones is simply not on.

Resident of Plassey.

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Dear Ed

OK, I know we're only just back and everyone should be going around deliriously happy to have returned to this educational establishment (or else to the Stables), but I must confess, I'm slightly pissed off.

We're all supposed to love college, be totally contented to eat, sleep drink and be merry - oh and go to lectures (well the first few anyway), and of course we are. However it would be nice to keep in touch with that other, unimportant life outside college, you know family, friends maybe a boyfriend or girlfriend - OR BOTH ?!!

Ya! - so what the F**k's the point, I hear you shout.

My point is this, are those poor unfortunates like moi, who live in Plassey not supposed to have a life outside college or do those in charge enjoy seeing us freezing outside the phone box for hours on end. Why aren't there any phones in the houses, or at least a few more public ones.

I mean Plassey's a big place. Four public phones for almost 500 people (not including those who live in college court and use the phone box in Plassey!) is ridiculous! One cardphone closes at ten and there is almost continuously another phone bust. How can one survive?

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When I walked in the now defunct photocopying card in my hand snapped with the pressure I suddenly applied, flying across the front entrance it wedged itself in a photocopier putting yet another out of order. The shock! the Talent! never in my life did I dream that UL's library possessed most of the talent in the university, although I cannot vouch for all the male species in there.

I nonchalantly threw the rest of my card over my shoulder and wandered on in, taking a seat in the first row of seats. It was an outrage, no wonder people were complaining about the library! The problem is the seating! the angle is all wrong. These rare specimens of male beauty are walking in the door and what are the seats facing? The bloody bar wall! I suggest switching them to face the door and to improve the view and economise with space you could even have the seats tiered! I hope Ed Walsh is taking note.

Anyways I ventured further and discovered a small, cluttered room at the back of the library being totally misused, the teaching squirts centre or something. Wouldn't it be more wisely used if it were to keep the dental records of all eligible young men in UL? It would be no extra cost to Ed Dearest, I'd man or woman it myself!

I hope somebody takes notice as I hate to see good facilities going to waste.

Yours
Wiggle Wairless

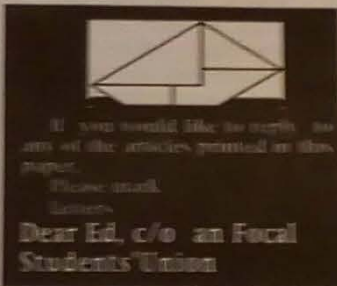
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Warm regards

William Stone

Ed's Note: For those of you who don't recognise the name, William was the Students Counsellor until last June.



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I think it's great that the paper is open to all and not just a select talented few! You'll definitely be hearing from me again!

Just thought I'd let you know.

A content 1st year.

Plassey to Progress to the Eighties!

Ed's Note:

The S.U. Welfare Officer, the right honourable Lorna Kerin is currently investigating the matter. However in the meantime this paper will help publicise the issue by carrying an article on this in our first an Focal to be circulated in the youth of Limerick city. In November next, if there has been no progress on the issue, it'll be good to express some of the realities of U.L. accommodation to the good folk of Limerick City.

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It would also save on a lot of missed lectures from colds and flu's caught standing at the phone box - take heed Ed Walsh maybe you could fix us up with a few Ebrolls - No??

All in all us students would be a whole lot happier if we could possibly drag plassey into the - um - eighties? I mean if Telecom can see fit to putting phones in Hillmurray - why not plassey??

Mal

Blur Versus Oasis

I like Blur but I don't like Oasis ...

No I like Oasis but I don't like Blur

Hang on ... I like Blur and I also like Oasis

But hey - you can't like both! ... who gives a fuck!

Personally, I don't like Blur or Oasis (mad or what)

Throw some Therapy on the jukebox and I'm hurting!

In fairness, why do Blur have to be mentioned every time Oasis are mentioned?

SO I just thought I'd tell you that you can mention Blur in a sentence without mentioning ... Oasis!

Anyway, Bunch of Arse if you ask me!

Yours
Dunkin D

Cold Coffee

*So it's Saturday Morning, Sun,
My brain has numbed to the sound
Of words that once seemed meaningful,
Perhaps, hope still lingered.*

But now, the coffee has grown colder.

*I have woken up,
And the arched stars are no longer shooting,
They have fallen and so have I.*

*I'll just sit here listen to Tom and his blues,
And Wait for a refill.*

Clubs & Socs

The Sailing Club Notes.

Back with a bang! This certainly proved to be the case on Wednesday of week one as the club members new and old took to the surf in Dromineer on the first outing of this year. Conditions were wild with bleary minds and choppy water but the die-hards revelled in such surroundings putting the boats through their paces and powering around the bay. The excursion ended after all had retired to the shelter and comfort of the Whisky Still for liquid refreshments and telling of great seafaring adventures. A great time was had by all and congrats must be extended to the two new members Aoife and Owen for managing to smash a mast on their very first time out with the club (get practise using welders guys!!!)

On Thursday we had the club A.G.M. in C1059. Attendance was down on last year but I'm reliably informed that those absent were nursing bruises incurred on the water and sore heads incurred as a result of off-the-water activities!

Among the items addressed were the questions of setting up a permanent club base at

Drama Soc. You Talkin' to me ???

Indeed I am . . . in fact, indeed we are! So, you wanna be a star? If you have an dramatic or theatrical aspirations (or delusions of grandeur event), come along to the Jonathan Swift Theatre, Thursday week 3 at 7.30 pm and throw your whole self (O-Er Missus !!) into one of our workshops. If you're a screaming exhibitionist, a shy stage-frightened techie (i.e. you can change a light-bulb or paint a board !!) - whatever, whoever, roll up, roll up and join in the fun, frolics and games of U.L. Drama Soc.

So far this semester, we have W.B. Yeats "Words Upon The Windowpane" in the Jonathan Swift at 7.30 pm - Tues/Wed Week 3. For S.O.U.L. week, Frank McGuinness' Excellent play "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" also goes ahead. Public awareness sketches about drugs are currently in the works for week 7 . . . and all new input and ideas are very welcome

Keep watching the space for more comprehensive news in the coming weeks!

Young Fine Gael

Young Fine Gael is the longest established youth political movement in the University of Limerick. In the fifteen years of its existence on this campus Y.F.G. has been at the forefront political life in U.L. Originators of the senate seats for U.L. campaign, the branch was also heavily involved in the disaffiliation campaign from U.S.I. and was the first organisation in this college to register students to vote.

The branch meets weekly. In addition to direct

involvement in election campaigns, Y.F.G. also hosts an impressive calendar of public meetings with leading figures from the worlds of business and politics. Unlike other youth movements, Young Fine Gael is independent, it says what it likes and does not obey the party whip. If you want to join the strongest and most influential youth political movement in the country join us at our orientation week stand, or contact John Lenihan 2nd Business.

UNIVERSITY KARATE CLUB (Karate : A Way for All)



Limerick karate club unlike a few others is officially registered to the following A.I.K.W., O.N.A.K.A.I., I.K.F., E.K.U., and W.U.K.O., i.e. is recognised by Irish governing body plus European and Japanese official federations. Last year the club yielded great success in competition with victory in an inter-club competition with DCU and in getting the men and ladies junior intervarsities titles and coming 2nd in the senior inter varsities team event. Karate is a way for all, come along, all beginners are welcome to learn the most popular martial art in the world as well as learn some particle self defence from the most respected instructor in the country. Training Tuesdays 6.00 - 7.30, and 6.45 - 8.15 in small gym. Everybody is welcome.

University of Limerick Karate Club would like to invite new members to the Wado-Kai school of karate an authentic Japanese self defence.

Chief instructor is Derek Desmond 4th Dan and is present coach to the official Irish international squad. With Wado-Kai Japanese style and karate you can learn this exciting fast and most modern forms of self defence while at the same time achieve an overall aerobic/anaerobic fitness level unique to training in karate. University of

UL Karate Club Committee

Mike Sadlier

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Among the items addressed were the questions of setting up a permanent club base at Killaloe, the club disco and the cruise weekend. Jim Ryan, who has given much time and effort to the setting up and running of the club was unanimously given honorary membership and indeed no-one deserved it more.

The new committee was elected to end the meeting. These new officers have a tough job to do in filling the shoes of last years committee who did a commendable job of fostering and developing the club, as result we are in better shape than ever as we enter this new academic year.

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I remember also the last time I ever saw Mike. He was



getting on the bus that I had just dismounted from. Wearing soccer shorts and looking decidedly scruffy in comparison to the refined elegance of Sandrine who stood beside him. Mike was, as normal, smiling and looking forward to having

good time. We exchanged just a few words but I left him with the same feeling one normally left Mike with. Glad to have met him.

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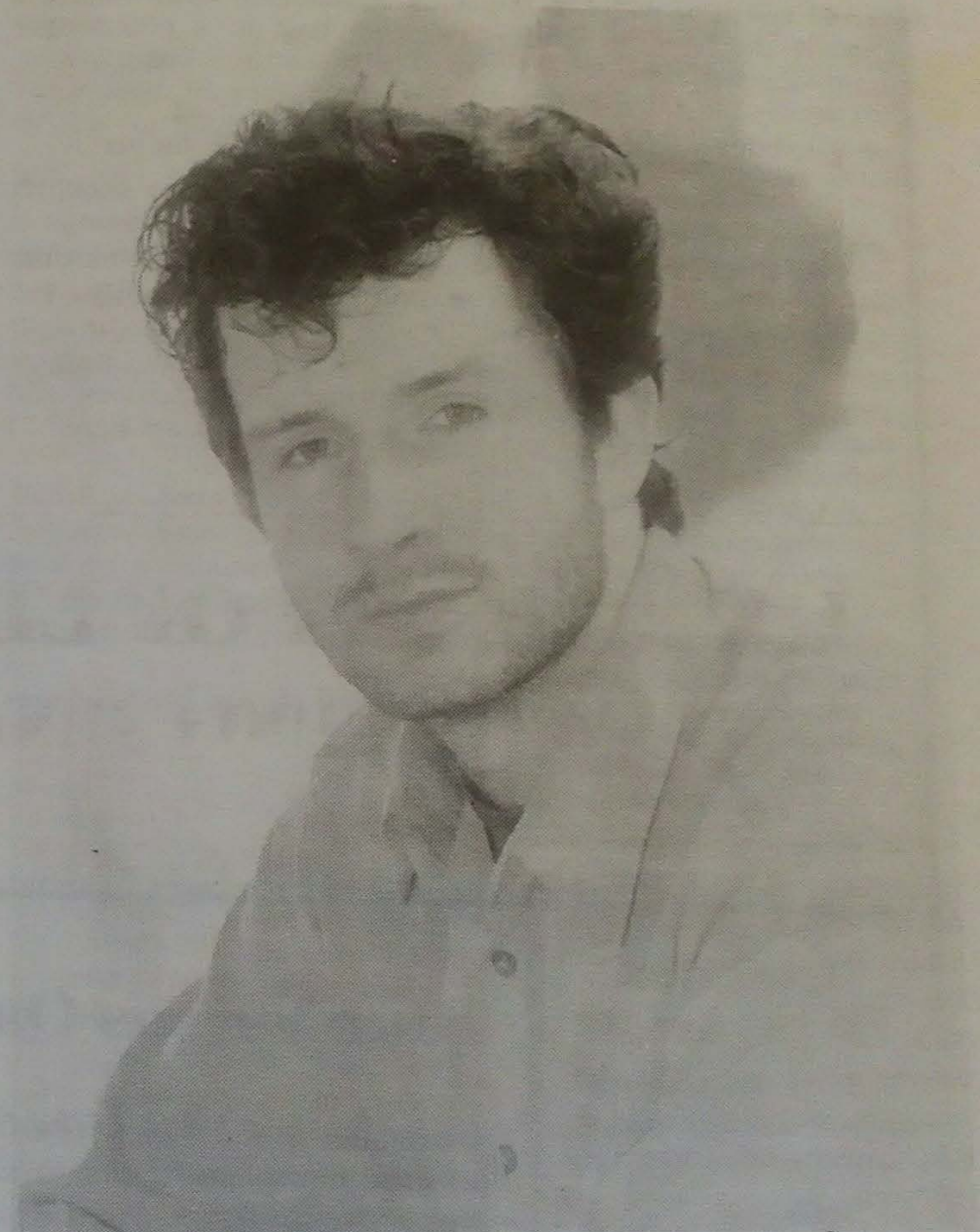
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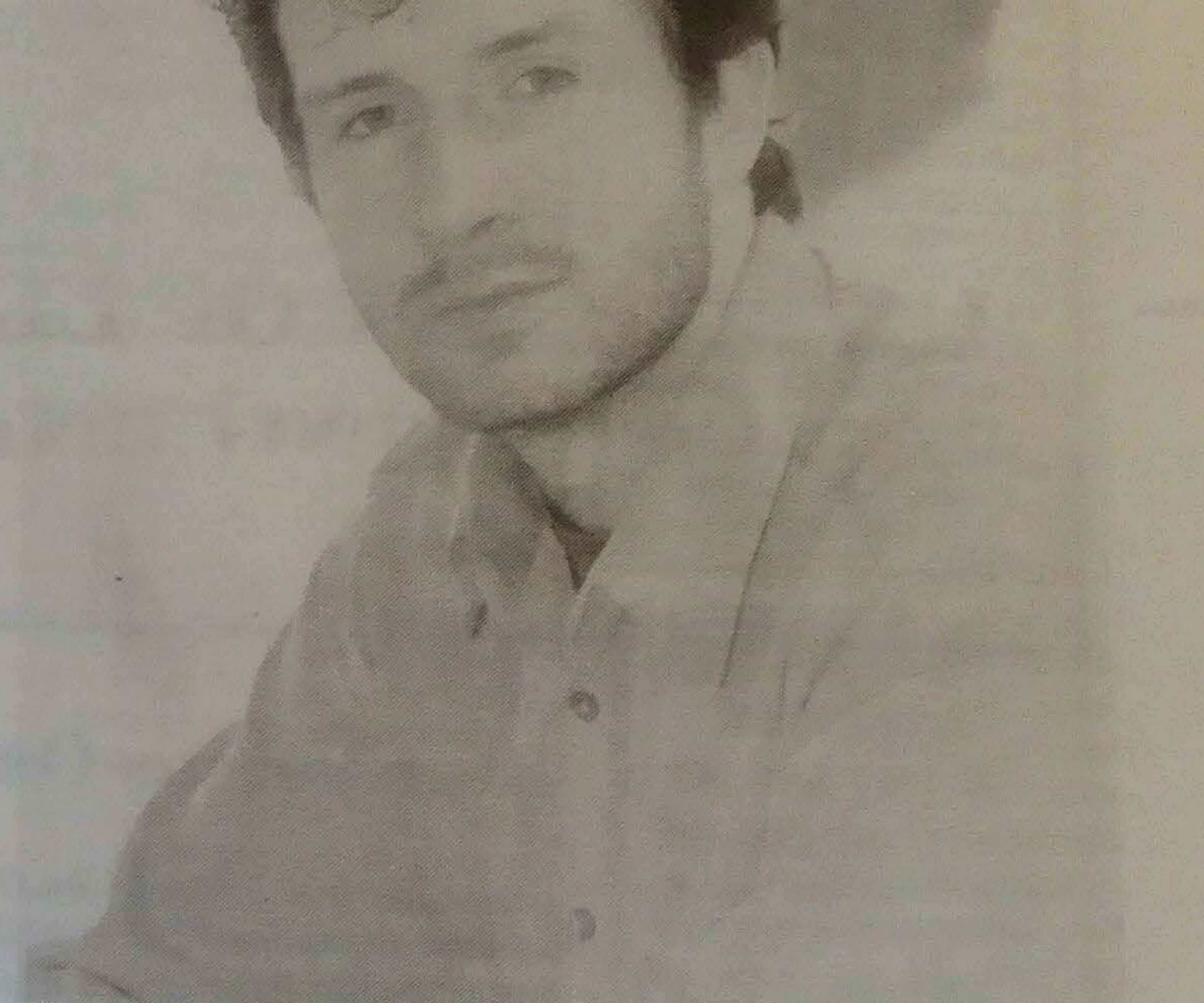
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Another cherished memory is Mike's 5 minute oration at a union exec meeting. It is not so much the erudite and philosophically incisive nature of his comments that stick in the mind as the look of blank incomprehension on his fellow officers' faces. And still he just sat there, refusing to offer any further explanation. He left it to the rest of us to draw our own conclusions.

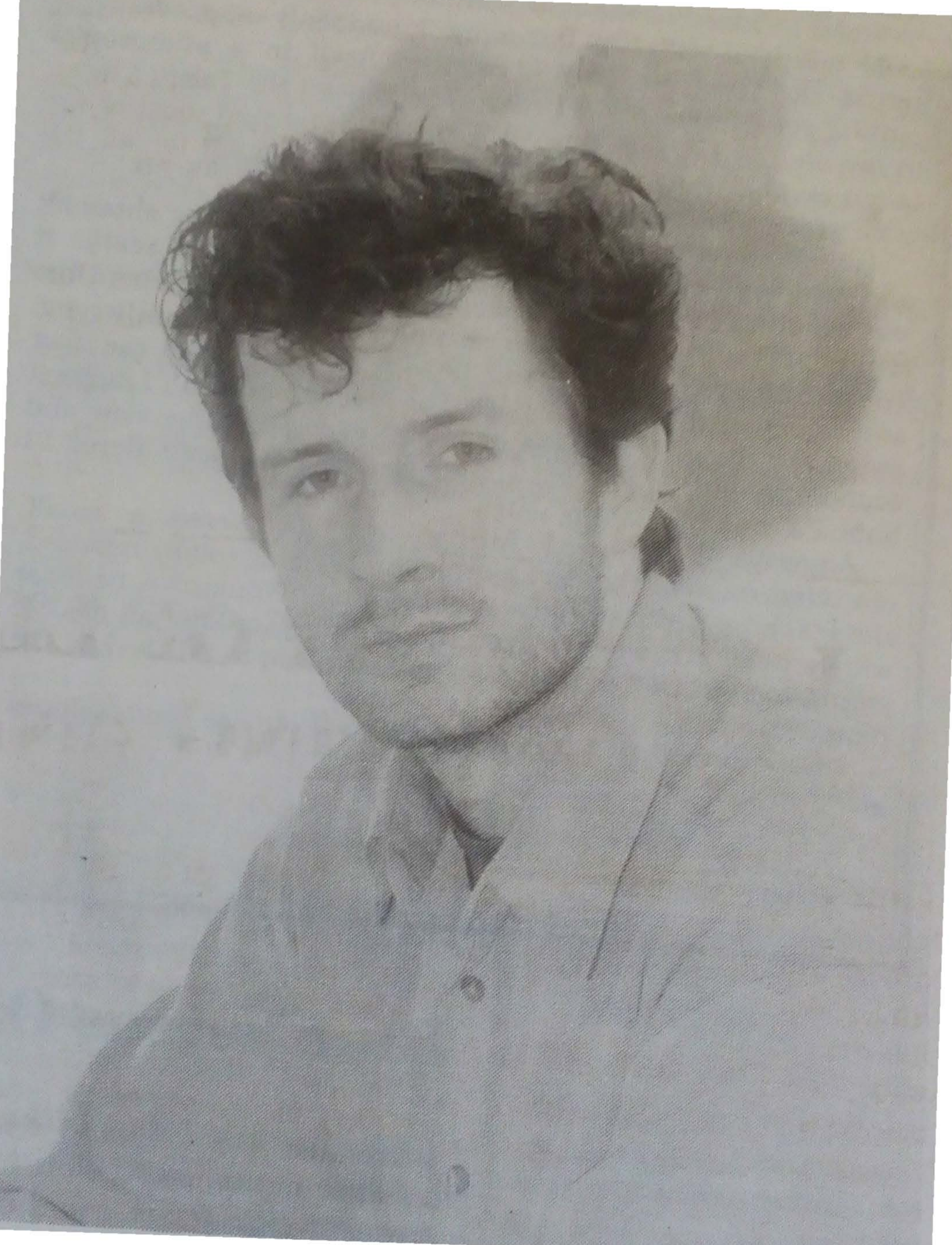
I remember also the last time I ever saw Mike. He was



getting on the bus that I had just dismounted from. Wearing soccer shorts and looking decidedly scruffy in comparison to the refined elegance of Sandrine who stood beside him, Mike was, as normal, smiling and looking forward to having

good time. We exchanged just a few words but I left him with the same feeling one normally left Mike with. Glad to have met him.

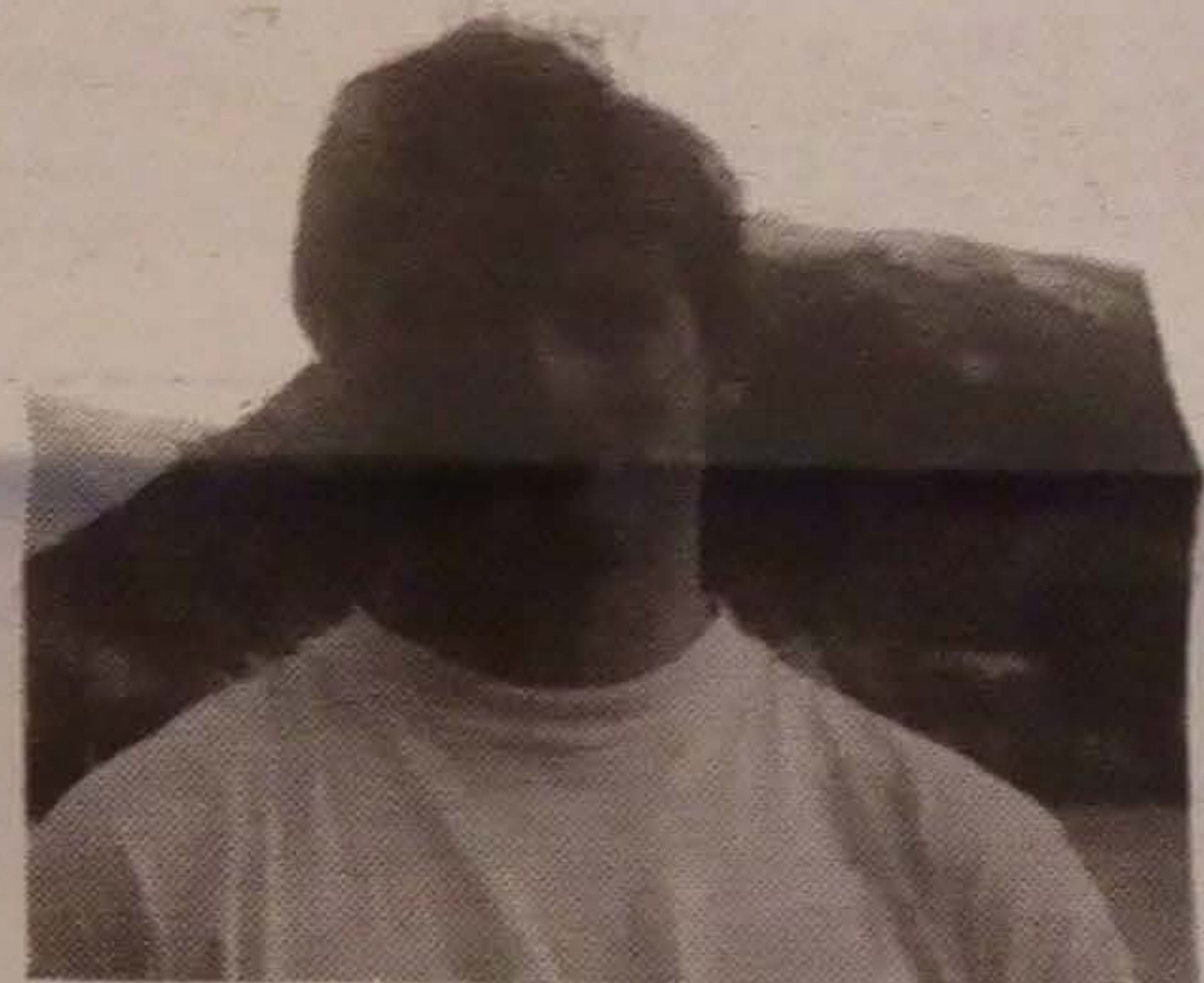
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Errill - Heineken Rep.

My name is Seamus Hoyne but I am known to one and all as Errill (don't ask why - long story). Anyway I have the immense pleasure of being the Heineken/Murphys Rep. in UL. I am from Laois (don't hold it against me) and I have been in this place for 6 long years. I am currently trying to write a thesis so I can get a Masters of Engineering degree but sure there's no rush!!! My two main activities as Rep. are firstly, organising promotions so ye can get cheap or free beer or win loads of gear and secondly sponsoring clubs and societies. On the

promotions side there are a few ones to look out for. Starting week 2 a Murphys promotion which could result in you winning a trip to see Man Utd play at Old Trafford in December. A Coors promotion in Week 4 has a trip to see the Ireland v Portugal game as the top prize. There will also be loads of Heineken Promotions during the term with prizes such as stereoes, Levis gear and lots more up for grabs - check the notice boards in the Stables for more info. I will be hopefully sponsoring as many clubs and societies as possible during the year. For information on getting



and applying for sponsorship just head to the HEINEKEN CLUBS AND SOCIETIES OFFICE in the Sports Building. I am generally around most days in the Stables or contact me thru the SU or Heineken Office. Welcome old and new and hope ye have a good one.

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UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK DEBATING UNION.

Attention all would be debaters, speakers, comedians etc. The University of Limerick Debating Union is in full swing and is looking for new members all the time. Debating is very popular in the University and so far this term we have had huge crowds at our meetings every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Charles Parsons theatre (C1 corridor). Even if you have absolutely no interest in getting up and speaking in front of people it is well worth coming on a Wednesday to be entertained, educated and to use up a few hours mid-

week. Even if you have had absolutely no experience of debating or speaking in public then don't worry. From week 3 we will be organising and running a series of workshops to introduce you into the system of debating. Even from a confidence building position these workshops will be of benefit to anyone who wants to or needs to deal with the public. These sessions are not restricted to first years so anyone can arrive in.

In the coming term we are organising an education debate featuring

Ed Walsh, a Northern Ireland debate featuring Sinn Féin and Ulster Unionists (TBC), a divorce debate featuring Nora Bennis, Des Hanifin, and Mags O'Brien, and a number of other events including; Freshers Debate with £200 prize money and our O'Mahoneys debate with large prizes involved also.

you should arrive in to any of us on a Wednesday or else you'll find one of us down in the Heineken Clubs and Cocs office or just talk to Rosie down there.

Clubs & Socs

Film Society

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Thursday 5/10 Jean Monnet
7.30 pm

Note: Film Society AGM in
Jean Monnet after film.

The Words Upon The Windowpane

The Drama Society kick starts its year with this very fine production of W.B. Yeats's play. The setting is 1930's Dublin in a room in a lodging house. Seven people of diverse backgrounds gather for a seance but find their efforts to contact their loved ones frustrated by a hostile influence. It transpires that this influence is the spirit of none other than Jonathan Swift.

Swift is in torment over his treatment of Stella and Vanessa, the two romantic interests in his life. Whereas Vanessa reacts with passionate anger to his rebuffs, Stella's response is encapsulated in her

elegant and sincere poetry. The words upon the windowpane in the lodging house are lines from Stella's poetry. Could they have been carved by Stella herself?

By turns ridiculous, eerie and emotive, "The Words Upon The Windowpane" is a funny and touching one-act play examining love, political greatness and human nature. Performances of this production will be Tuesday and Wednesday of week three, the tenth and eleventh of October at 7.30 p.m.. Tickets are £1.50 and can be purchased on the door. The venue?? Why, the Jonathan Swift Theatre (B1-023), of course!!

Table- Tennis Club

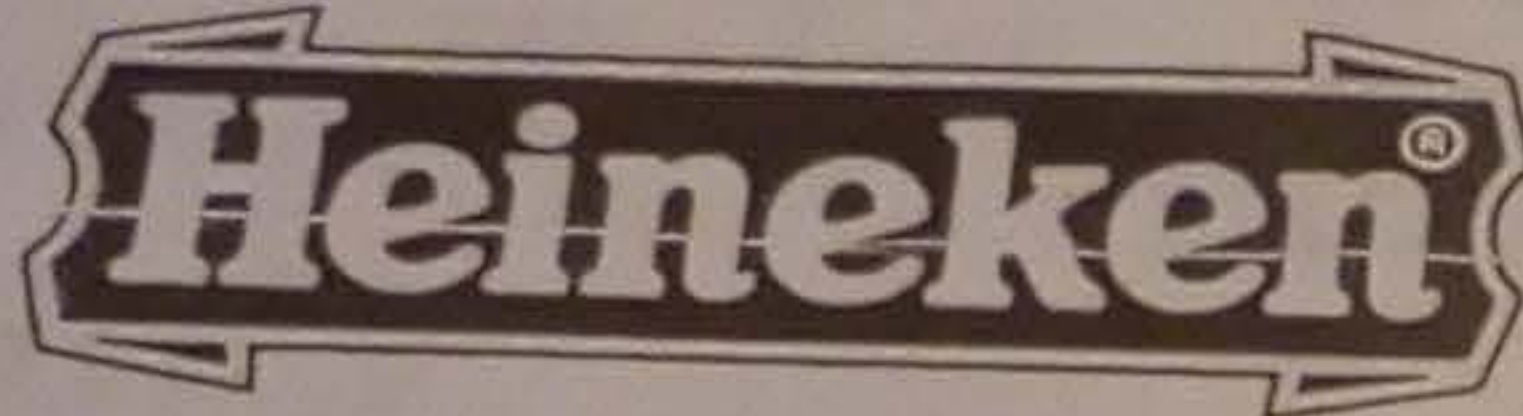
Anyone interest in joining U.L.T.T.C. call to Students Union Office to sign your name. Ask for Rosie Clubs & Socs Officer for further details.

Training will be in the gym on Monday evenings (17.15 - 18.45) and every evening in the dance hall area.

The club caters for players of all levels especially beginners. Club's organisers names are Thomas O'Toole and Colin Doherty. We will be at the table-tennis area regularly to recruit members. We look forward to seeing you.

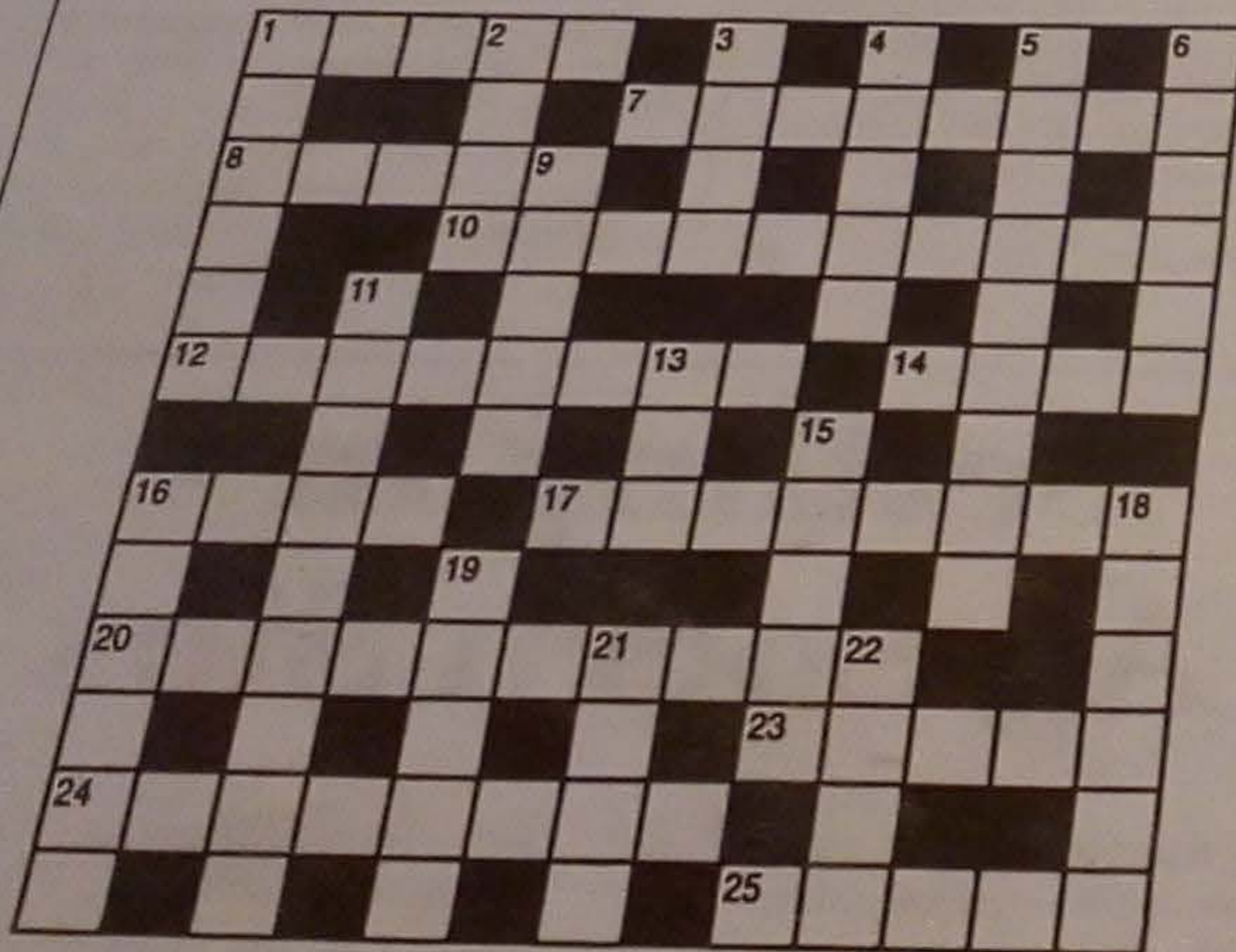
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Notice Board



At last a crossword competition. Thanks to Heineken, there will be liquid prizes for succesful entrants of the Crossword if their names are picked out after having correctly completed the crossword and handed in to the S.U.

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ACROSS

- 1. Large shrimp (5)
- 7. "Dead as a —" (8)
- 8. Path of a planet (5)
- 10. Three-handkerchief film etc. (10)
- 12. Encased in

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- 1. Men and women (6)
- 2. Remain in expectation (4)
- 3. Time (4)
- 4. Avarice (5)
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