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4th Years — The Final Hurdle

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Trinity 3 Tuesday 26th May 1992.

Students' protest in White House

Last Thursday 22nd May at 11.00am the 2nd year Rural Science, Metalwork & Woodwork classes headed by Billy Kirwan Transition Officer occupied Dr. Ed. Walsh's Office in protest. The problem occurred due to the integration of the classes into an inappropriate maths module (MA173). When Questioned "Why week 7?" Mr. Kirwan commented "the faculty of education knew about the problem since week 3. They decided that the appropriate action was to put on extra tutorials from week 5-week 8 to cover the material required for this module. Thus it would be week 8 before the classes would have the prerequisite knowledge to start studying for the exam. This along with a lot of more reasons would leave the class totally disadvantaged and the majority felt that they would not be able to pass the subject as it stood." "It wouldn't of had to wait such a long time, nor would the protest have been necessary if the Faculty staff listened to the problems outlined and not put them on the long-finger."

A meeting was set up within forty minutes between the class the Associate Dean of Education Mr. Hugh O'Donnell and Assistant Dean of Academic affairs Dr. John O'Brien. Finally at approx. 1.00pm the problem was solved with both parties happy.

Students' Union move towards Student Complex

It was decided at an Emergency General Meeting held on Wednesday week 7 that a trust fund should be set up to able the students union in approx. three years to develop their own student complex.

The debate saw the firm position of the sabbatical officers putting forward the views in favour of the idea. This was complemented by the students when they voted by nearly 4:1 in favour.

The idea is that a "sink" fund will be created by a fixed levy of £25 per head over three years. It would be an additional part of the Capitation Fees with the money being placed in a trust for the students' union. Trustees would include Sabbatical Officers and Senior staff of the union and probably one University Administrator.

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Official Opening of the Schuman Building soon...

Friday May 21st sees the official opening of the Robert Schuman Building and the celebration of the 20th birthday of the NIHE Limerick/University of Limerick.

Minister for Education, Mr. Seamus Brennan, TD will kick off the celebrations when he officially opens the Schuman Building at 11 a.m. The line up for the day includes guided tours of the Campus for visitors, a concert of Electro acoustic music and a performance entitled "May we dance" but Dagda Dance Company.

A special reception will be held in the White House for the classes of 1972 to 1976 who were the first classes to graduate from the University, then known as NIHE Limerick.

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University of Limerick Students' Union Sabbatical Elections

Scully, Kirwan and Lonergan all were comfortable winners in the elections being held for the three Sabbatical positions in the Students Union for the coming year.

Thursday, the 7th of May saw 66% of the student electorate currently present on campus exercise their right to vote in the Sabbatical Elections of 1992. Polling started eventually at around 10.30 (half an hour late) due to a technical hitch. Right from the start a heavy turnout was being predicted, this proving to be the case, queues at the polling booths were to be seen right up to 4.30 pm when things quietened down.

Tension heightened as the Count drew near. Eight o'clock, the ballot boxes were opened and counting of the votes commenced. The first of the results to be settled was the vote for the position of Transition/Services Officer. Two counts were needed to satisfy the issue here, not because the vote was close but that the Director of Elections, Kevin Masseur found that some 15 votes had gone astray. Finally a Total Poll of 2187 was declared. The details were as follows:

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Next up on the block was the count for Deputy President. This count was carried out with considerable efficiency as the Count Crew got into its stride. Out of a valid poll of 2153 Enda Lonergan headed the poll with 1039, just 39 short of the quota which was 1078. The other candidates were as follows:

Patrick Leamy 493

Odhran O'Mahony 621

Leamy was eliminated and his votes distributed to the others. O'Mahony received 147 to bring his total to 768. Lonergan easily passed the quota with the extra 269 votes to make a grand total of 1308.

The post of President was then decided. The results of the first count were announced at roughly 10.00 pm. A quota of 1082 had been calculated from the valid poll of 2162. The favorite, Diarmad Scully led with a sizable cushion of votes 916 ahead of the rest of the pack well to the rear:

Maigs Flemming 472

Michael Gunn 379

Linda O'Sullivan 395

Gunn was duly eliminated and his transfers were distributed:

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O'Sullivan +923=487

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Final Phase of Plassey Village opened

The final phase of Plassey Village was opened last week by Junior Minister for Justice, Mr. Willie O'Dea, T.D.

In his speech, Mr. O'Dea praised the work of the partnership between the private sector and the University subsidiary company, Plassey Campus Centre Ltd. This partnership in the last eight years has succeeded in developing facilities, such as the Stables Shopping Mall, the Stables Club Bar and Plassey Village on Campus.

He also described the Village, which now provides 424 rooms, as acting as "a catalyst to the development of conferences and educational tourism activity during the summer months", referring in particular to the number of research conferences, seminars, English language programmes and summer school which are run ensuring the campus is in use twelve months of the year.

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Exhibition Marred by Theft

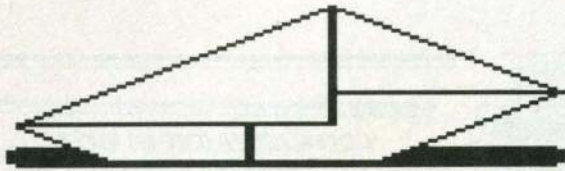
The UL Photographic Society are this week fuming following the theft of one of their photographs currently on display in the reception area of the University.

The photograph which is part of an exhibition running for a number of weeks is of a waterfall and was taken by a French Erasmus student.

Hanging since Tuesday of Week Six, the photograph was reported missing on Tuesday last week. The thief apparently unscrewed the picture in its frame from the wall and walked off.

This theft has marred the exhibition which is the culmination of the Society's work for the past three terms.

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The world according to you

Letters

O' Sullivan Manifesto

Dear Editor,

Now that the dust has settled on the election campaigns of the winners and losers, may I draw your attention to one of the latter i.e. one Linda O'Sullivan, a candidate for ULSU President (who ran an otherwise excellent campaign). Linda's printed manifesto has spurred me on to taking jaded pen to pissed-off laser printer to correct gross misinformation viz. "The university has minimal support for the Arts and only the privileged few get to participate in Arts week".

The University of Limerick houses the National Self-Portrait Collection (Plassey House, 9am - 5pm; have you ever bothered to view it?) is the only university in the country to have me on its pay-roll, consistently shows and buys contemporary art for its buildings, is the only campus in the country to have its own Dance-in-Education company (Daghda) (have you seen them perform?), provides venue accomodation for the Limerick Music Association have you ever been to one of their concerts?), and is nearing completion of the first purpose-built 1000-seat concert theatre in the history

The malignant manifesto continues: "Arts Week, like Rag Week, takes place for the students and, like Rag Week, should be created by the students". That's rubbish. The University of Limerick Arts Days is not just for the students, but also for the faculty and staff on the campus (unlike the elitist Rag Week?). All UL Societies are actively encouraged to participate in the Arts Days each year but all of them cannot participate every year for co-op and programming reasons. Societies which participate regularly include the Lit and Phil, Drama, Photography, Art & Lit, Music etc. All of the visual arts exhibitions (three in all) in Arts Days 1992 were by UL faculty and staff. An exhibition by students was programmed but lack of interest scuttled the project.

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Election Campaigns v's Ents Crew

Dear Ed,

Throughout the election week, candidates openly complained about the Ents Crew, its selection process and its duties. This we find disgraceful and most unfair. There are approximately 35 members all of whom went through the interview process before selection. Yes some were members last year but continuity and experience is essential in order to deal with equipment, cash, first aid and crowd control. Students think that Ents Crew are over-reactive when it comes to such things as slam-dancing but with some of the incidents at gigs in the past as a result of slam-dancing it is necessary to make sure these do not re-occur. After all they are only doing a job.

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one person has been hit by a member of the Crew, the working Crew are always in a sober state and things like train trips etc always run smoothly.

I would like to see those who criticise the Crew work for one night and deal with the hassle given by the socialising students and see if their attitude would remain the same towards the Crew. Without a crew who would stop the pushing onto buses who would set up the PA for big gigs, who would be there to stop slam-dancing which can lead to accidents, who would administer first aid and finally who would be there to take control of any given situation. I would hope that the "Anti-Crew" elements out there would read this letter and then publish a reply where they could air their grievances. If not then they are people who merely talk and criticise everything about the Union and have no guts and stand up for what they feel is a grievance. Patiently waiting for your replies.

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Precisely where does apathy for arts events lie?

Annual General Meeting

Dear Ed.,

I am writing this letter the evening after the Students Union A.G.M. of Wednesday Week 6. By the time these comments come to your attention, the events of this day may well have been superseded by a subsequent E.G.M. on the following Wednesday.

The very reason I am writing this is that there should have been no reason to call such an E.G.M. in the first place. The A.G.M. of Weds. Week 6 should have been quorate in the first place. Just one week previously the Jean Monnet was packed to overflowing for the election week Hustings. The following week it was desolate. Where did all the people go?

People must realise the importance of these meetings and the consequences of what is decided at them. Today a motion was put foreword concerning a proposed "Building Fund", which affect every student in this University. Had it been carried we would all have seen a £25 increase in our fees next year and for the following three years. Had somebody not called a Quorum count at the A.G.M., this could well have happened, even if only 1 or 2% of the student body had voted for such a move.

Decisions made at Union General Meetings affect us all. We should all be involved in discussing and deciding such issues. The phrase "It's your Union" is more than just an election week slogan. It applies all year round, just as our involvement should be seen all year round, not just for one week every year. Look after your own best interests. Look after your Students Union.

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Most of the Ents Crew have to give up Thursday nights to stand out in the cold, waiting for buses, trying to push back crowd surges onto buses and stop slam-dancing or more occasionally break up fights. Take Rag Week for example where the crews worked tirelessly to have the PA system set up each day and night, ensure crowd control, load in 30 tonnes of sand into the Two Mile Inn at 9am in the morning for the Beach Party and take it back out the next morning.

People blame the Crew for buses being late but this can hardly be considered their fault since Bus Éireann seem to dictate the time of buses. The Crew are also blamed for the pushes onto buses yet one witnessed Thursday night of Rag Week where 4 buses stood outside the Stables and everybody pushed and shoved for the first bus they saw. Perhaps a bit more common sense on behalf of the students would go a long way to solving the "Bus Hysteria" problem.

This is the second year that a full time crew has been employed. Previous to this you had a crew who spent most of their time drinking while supposedly working, hitting people or pulling cords on train trips. In the past two years not

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I Spy with my little eye....

Dear Ed.,

After six months spent in the University, I have only recently caught sight of Dr. Ed Walsh. While enjoying a few spare moments, I was sitting on one of these fashionable red poufs in a corridor. Coming from a far end of the corridor, Dr. Walsh appeared towards me. It took me approximately five seconds to identify the man by remembering the photo I saw on the first page of the student handbook. Then I had only 10 to 15 seconds to follow him with my eyes. Until this extraordinary moment I had never seen Mr. Walsh. I was even thinking that he was a convenient creation of the University for propaganda purposes. After the day of the apparition, I shared my thoughts with some of my fellow Irish students. I realised then that Dr. Ed is no Big Brother! He was not created by the University, but he actually gave birth to it. "This University is his baby" - a guy called Trevor told me that. Dr. Ed does not stay caught up in his Forbidden City - the White House - he happens to walk the corridors. What a relief!

Now I remember Dr. Ed's pace in the corridor: the man is probably very busy... Anyhow I am still wondering why he is absent from the student life. Why does he not stroll around the canteen from time to time to have a chat with the students? Is it so difficult to leave the Forbidden City?,

Luc GiraaidD-Guigiles(Erasmus student)

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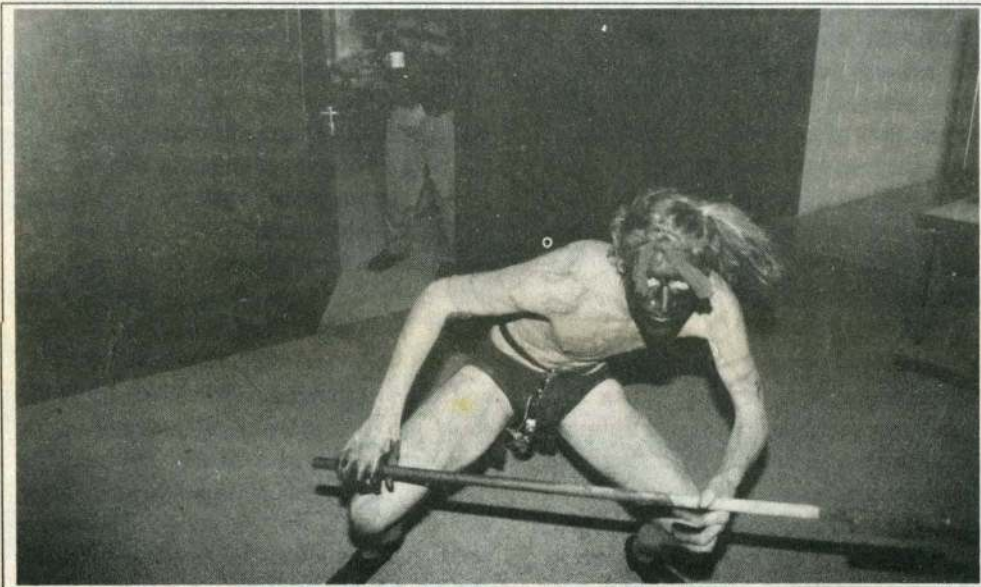


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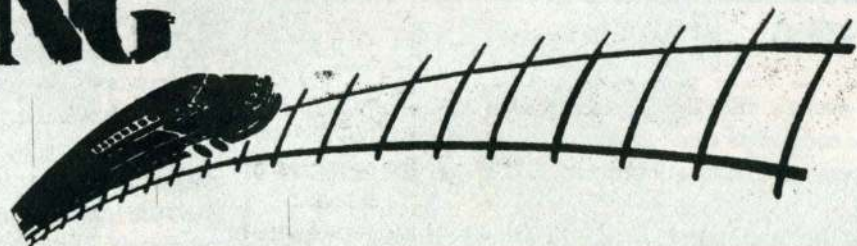
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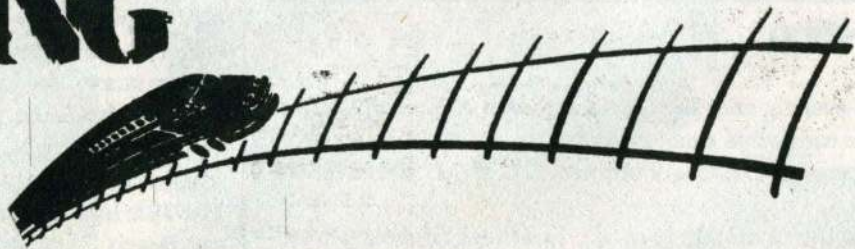
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The first step before you go is to choose from one of the three ticket schemes available



to Eurorailers after that there are a few tips to bear in mind before you leave. Budgeting always causes headaches and it's worth finding out which are the 'expensive' and 'cheap' routes. Generally speaking, in northern Europe you get least for your money (allow at least £20 a day for food and accommodation), and in southern and eastern Europe you get most (allow around £12 a day). It's sensible to take some cash (in a selection of currencies), but mainly traveller's cheques. Choose a well-known brand like Thomas Cook or American Express and buy small denomination cheques in your home currency. You'll find that your ISIC card can often save you money - from reduced (even free) entrance at many museums to cut-price air fares (remember the booklet of discount vouchers).

Your most important piece of equipment is your rucksack and it's worth choosing one that is comfortable and light, sits just above

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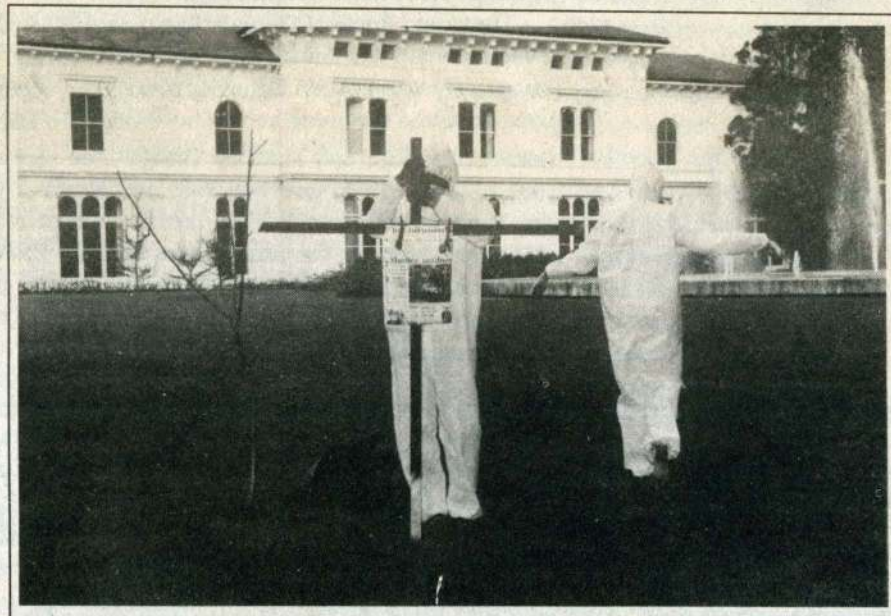


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your hips and is 'high' rather than 'wide' when full. A day-pack is useful for sightseeing, and a pair of comfortable walking shoes is vital, along with dark, hard-wearing clothes. As a general rule, put out everything you want to take - then halve it. There's nothing worse than an over-weight pack. Some things, however, should not be left behind. An alarm clock (so you don't miss those early trains); a scarf to cover shoulders or legs when visiting churches or mosques; photocopies of all documents (passport, visas, tickets) - best packed separately or given to a travelling companion; toilet paper; soap and a universal plug; a Swiss army penknife; numerous plastic bags (for containing liquids, etc.); a water bottle and a small first aid kit.

The fun really starts once you're out there of course - hunting for a hostel at 10 p.m., being ripped off by a taxi driver who claims there are no buses to your campsite, or turned away from St. Peter's, Rome for wearing shorts...

There are more than enough compensations for such frustrations (which make the best stories afterwards anyway!), but many problems can be avoided if you're aware of the perennial pitfalls of eurorailing before you leave.

The golden rule is to try not to cram too much into the time available. Trying to see the whole of Europe in a month, by spending every night on a train and one afternoon in each capital city will result in an unsatisfactory blur of shallow impressions. It is also a recipe for disaster, as you will be tired, grumpy and unreceptive for most of your trip. Instead, try to vary your itinerary, interspersing visits to cities with relaxing spells on the beach or in the countryside.

Each year various unlucky eurorailers have their valuables stolen. The best way to prevent this is to carry them with you at all times, preferably in a money belt or neck pouch. This is especially important on night trains, where most thefts occur. Another

sensible precaution is not to sleep rough - you're just asking for trouble. Be wary of hotel touts at stations; they'll try to persuade you to accept a room, luring you with glamorous pictures of a hotel which turns out to be grotty and whose price will have doubled by the time you reach it! Far better to go and see accommodation yourself before accepting it. And, if you're on a tight budget, it's always worth asking if they've got anything cheaper. Precautions for women travelling alone include choosing a compartment with other women in it if you're on a night train and always dressing in a non-provocative manner. This is especially important in Muslim countries where even bare upper arms can be construed as a green light!

These measures are really just common sense, but it's amazing how often they're overlooked. For more detailed tips it's always worth taking a good guide-book. But the most important tip of all is - have fun!

UL AIDS AWARENESS WEEK

Week 6 arrived, and so began the Ul Aids Awareness Week. Tuesday kicked off the week's activities with a guest lecture from Limerick Aids Alliance representation, Steve Cummins. The title of the talk was 'Aids and Prejudice'. The talk was informal and enlightening, making a perfect prelude to the week's main attraction- the Irish Names Quilt.

The Irish Names Quilt is assembled from a number of individual panels, each dedicated to a person who has died from Aids related illness. The panels are made as an act of mourning and remembrance by people who were close to the person commemorated. Each quilt panel measures 3' by 6', the size of a standard grave. The panels are richly decorated, usually carrying the persons name and details of their life [work, interests, hobbies etc], along with messages of love from their creators. When the panels are sewn together in groups of eight to form the square [12' x 12'] quilts used for displays.

The making of panels has helped thousands of people to mourn and to grieve. On a wider scale, the Quilt provides a very clear and pure message - human beings die of AIDS. This message transcends the labels so often associated with the disease and those affected by it, by bringing home to people aspects of the lives and loved ones of those who have died from Aids related illnesses. Momentos and personal memorials are woven into the quilt making it a profoundly emotional and educational experience to understand the value of all those lost lives. The exhibition was presented in EGO10 on Wednesday and Thursday of week six. On Thursday evening the exhibition was visited by the mayor of Limerick, Alderman Jim Kemmy. In fact the Mayor was so enthusiastic about these issues that he agreed to attend our finale event in town on Saturday..

The grand finale of Ul Aids Awareness Week was the national Aids Awareness day on Saturday. A mass rally was held on Saturday morning, forming a human chain spanning across two bridges in Limerick - Ballsbridge and Matthew Bridge. The message this rally sought to give was loud and simple - you can't catch Aids from holding hands! Whilst numbers were lacking, the atmosphere wasn't. CRAZY, an all female band from Dublin gave a terrific performance. This band combines both originality and intelligent poignant lyrics...at last!



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STABLES CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to our incoming S.U. President Diarmaid Scully, vice-president Enda Lonergan, and our old but new Transition Officer Billy Kirwan. We look forward to working with them during the coming months.

STABLES CLUB ENTS.

Week 8 - Thurs. - Shantytown

Week 9 - Thurs. - Derek

Fri. - Peter O' Malley

DAMAGED PROPERTY

Unfortunately, there is a certain element within the college that has developed a new pastime, i.e. breaking glasses in the courtyard. Anybody caught breaking glasses or damaging any other Stables Club property will be made to replace it, and will be brought before the disciplinary committee.

Complaints and suggestions are always welcome by the Stables Club - if you have any, they can be dropped into the suggestion box or passed along to the Club Liaison Officer, Michele O' Dwyer (1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Stables) on Wednesday and Friday of any of the barstaff.

Finally, Club management would like to remind all patrons that only food purchased in the Stables Club can be eaten on the premises. Any other food being eaten on the premises will be confiscated and not returned.



Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehen, Adios, 4th Humanities

Just a brief note to thank everybody who attended the 4th Humanities Class Party especially 4th Humanities themselves who made the night such a success. The disguises, transformations and ideas gave a reputable insight into the real Humanities class! Although we had only a limited number of spot prizes to allocate for the 'best dressed' people, the deserving winners were Niamh Burke, as the cutest babe there that night and William Buckley in his "Just William" ensemble. congrats to both Jimmy Heney took the third prize kindly donated by the Stables Club. The unbiased, unassuming judges were Donal Waide, Kevin Messere, and Riobaird O' Ceallaigh. Many thanks.

To finances. The night was also a financial success with an after expenses profit of £550 made. The proceeds are to be split equally between the Humanities Ball and Buffet as the case may be, and the year book, in order to subvent both.

The Class Photographs are to be taken on Thursday 28th May, both of the year and the individual classes, followed by a wine reception in the White House with the Dean of Humanities. That night of course will see the donning of yet another outfit, this time to the Castle Oaks. A good night is envisaged by all.

Hopefully the year book will also be available on this date but it is not as yet confirmed. The committee is grateful for the cooperation and participation of all 4th year Humanities.

To conclude, I hope everybody enjoys the night, good luck in the old exams, the 9th and the last. Till we meet again.

Melanie Dunne

Class Rep. 4th Humanities

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Clubs and Societies - a Breed of Their Own.

The year is quickly coming to a close. We have seen the excitement of the Student Union Elections come and go, The Thomond ball was held, the summer gigs have started already, and last Friday (week 7) saw the year wind down for the fifty or so clubs and societies on campus with the presentation of the administration certificates, followed by the annual Clubs and Societies ball.

This day is the highpoint on the clubs and societies calendar. It is the day when their labour of the past year is recognised and duly praised. Special awards are made to the club and society of the year and to the club and society people of the year. These are the people who are often up around the clock organising buses, bands, competitions, writing booklets, and hosting matches, debates and various other events. These are the people who work furiously behind the scenes and do all the little jobs we so often take for granted. These people are not necessarily the people who win the plaques or trophies but they are the people who are vital for these wins to happen.

There would be little or no atmosphere on campus were it not for the one thousand or so members of the clubs and societies. Over the past year they have entertained us with matches, leagues, debates, drama, and weeks of various different sorts. They have won cups, plaques, shields and succeeded in winning and bringing the famous "Thirty Five Trophy" back to U.L. after a gap of three years.

Who can forget the marvellous busking competition organised by An Cumman Gaelach during Seachtain na Gaeilge, The crep making display in the canteen organised by The European Society in conjunction with the French Society and the by now extremely famous multicultural Food Fair hosted annually by the Overseas Students Society. Clubs too did us proud winning intervarsities in ladies soccer, ladies basketball, ladies volleyball and judo to name but a few.

The people on these teams and in these societies are to say the least remarkable. They manage finances, organise events and make training

sessions as well as keeping study under control. They are cool confident people who take things in their stride and let very little get them down. We often envy the fact that they can be so active in their clubs and societies (sometimes more than one), yet forget the fact that we also had and still have the chance to join any club or society we want to.

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Rag Week - Looking Back

When planning began and the hype back in January, the task before us was to have as good, if not better than last year, because last year's Rag Week was blessed with the best possible weather, so at the planning stage it did not enter my head that the weather could be bad. It was only two weeks before Rag Week that we finally made the decision to go to the marquee, even if we had to lose the Stables open courtyard. The decision was the saving grace of Rag Week.

I am not going to go into whether this year's Rag Week was better or worse than last year's because that is basically up to the individual on what they enjoyed most. Personally however, I am happier with this year's Rag Week for a few reasons. One being the marquee, the great atmosphere especially on Monday night. The other reason of course was that Rag Week involved more than the first years this year, especially the third years and fourth years and they got more involved. Of course, some decided to stay in the library (but that's their problem) The Rag Late Night Gig attendances were the best yet and even better than any Rag Week I remember. The Week was good, not just because it was well organised, but because everyone got involved, let loose and had the crack without the commitment and hard work of some one hundred people from the numerous Clubs and Societies who gave it their all to the Rag Committee, volunteers.



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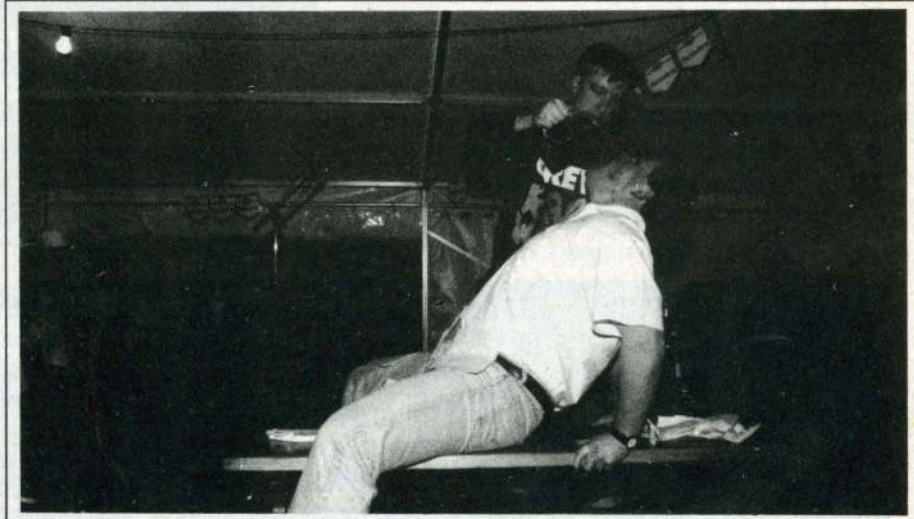
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Review - October Song

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October Song left me screaming silently for November. Anything more specific I will have to say in a novel, where one can pile in all the right facts, as long as they lead in the wrong direction.

John Hargaden.

Gridlock by Ben Elton

reviewed by John Maguire.



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Here we go, here we go, here we go.
Here we go, here we go, here we go-o-oh
(repeat until cause is lost)

The characters in this novel are brilliant. Each fills the role Elton puts to them perfectly. The bad-guys are archetypal bad-guys and the good guys are good to the absolute point. every point carries with it the impending doom of civilisation at the sword of the car. Each joke is directed at polluters and those who make "momentous deals" at the common man's expense. Geoffrey and Deborah know that those who are killing the city can just as easily kill them.

The novel reaches it's climax with all the power of Linda Lovelace. all the humour, irreverence and cutting satire of Mr. Elton's television shows (Blackadder etc.) is contained in this book. It's perfect Summertime reading for the politically corrent. Out in paperback, buy it or borrow it. Whatever you do, it gets the thumbs up from this reviewer.

"May We Dance"

Dancing feats on Limerick Streets.

Divers and Jivers, Skipping Ropes and Vikings, lost Brides and Tea-Parties- all featured in the action when Daghda dance Company's "May We Dance" Community Project took to the streets of Limerick last Saturday 23rd May. "The theme of the work is "People Out of Time and Place", say choreographer Mags Byrne, "we will be creating scenes that you wouldn't normally expect to see on Saturday in town; giving passers by something to smile about, arouse their interest".

Daghda have gathered together an adventurous group of Limerick citizens who have been working with choreographers Mags Byrne and Claire O'Dea creating a dance work which began at various locations around the city at 12 noon and 2pm on Saturday May 23rd. All the groups involved made their way towards Arthurs Quay Park where they joined St John's Band and the children of Scoil Ide, Corbally and St Pauls, Doordoyle in a full scale fifteen minute dance performance. For all the 130 participants the project has been an opportunity to learn a little about modern dance and to be involved in the creative process. For Daghda Dance Company it's been an opportunity to become more involved with the local community. Support for the project has been tremendous, with local businesses, clubs and organisations generously contributing. The response was equally as good on the day when most people bravely performed in public for the first time!

"May we Dance" happens at the University of Limerick on Friday 29th June as part of the celebrations surrounding the Opening of the new Schuman Bulding.

Sun Spots & Sun Spotters

by Donal Waide Education & Welfare Officer (out-goig)

Oz, 'tis called by the scientists amongst us, but ozone is the laypersons better known word for it. The weather we are encountering in the latter weeks of the 91/92 academic year is only fabulous. Sun, sun, sun, every day. Some people have said to me that the ozone hole must be over Limerick at the moment but lets look a little deeper into all this.

Sunbathing, like smoking, portliness and drinking whiskey seems to be going out of fashion. The more health conscious of the college community are looking after themselves a bit more than normal but then there is the others! I can't honestly see the point where you go out on a Saturday wearing next to nothing and spend the evening in severe pain. Yes, the killer sunburn. Why do we get sunburnt? What type of country is this? Do you know how hypocritical we can be? Why are we the most racist country in the world. We don't have many coloured people here but we still have hangups about the less fairer skinned amongst ourselves. And then the very next day we go out and try to "get a colour". The Irish are very easy to spot on

the foreign beaches. They are the ones who are potbellied, lobster skinned and wearing swimwear three sizes too small. And we have the nerve to say everyone loves the Irish. Oh, how foolish we can be. Of course the Irish are loved, there is nothing better than a good laugh at any time of the day. But, I digress. Back to the sunburn. The idea of getting a tan is what? Are we on one hand ashamed to be white yet on the other hand trying our damnest to tell the latest black joke that we heard the other night. We are a funny race when you think about it. The most important necessity when you are in the sun is protection. No, just because this is a welfare page doesn't mean that I mean condoms. Protection in the form of sun lotion. As they say, prevention is better than cure, so why don't we do something about it? Why do people pour gallons of baby oil on themselves so they can "tan quicker" when in reality they are just frizzling faster. I heard of cases of cooking oil and margarine being used as well. What is the nonsense of this self-purgatory? Is there a sane reason behind this logic? I, for one, do not give two hoots about the

colour of my skin or how brown I can get in a five hour sun attack. I do however like to sleep in comfort. There is cases of people who can't even sit down because of their burns. What for those of us who smoke? We are constantly being told by friends, relatives, lovers etc. that smoking gives you cancer. Now is our turn to hit back. At least we enjoy our cancerous habit. It's a fact that the majority of people who smoke do so because they enjoy a cigarette. But to be plain and simple about it, I cannot see any enjoyment in a red raw back or legs or whatever part of your anatomy you wish to burn and develop cancer in later on in life.

Yes, there is the plus side of the sun also but so what? Let's have a look at all this skin cancer jargon. Melanoma is whereby the skin discolours and a mole forms i.e. a large freckle. These moles can be dormant for years but can at any time grow or begin to bleed. This is the problem stage. Skin cancer can affect other parts of the body but this can be prevented by minor surgery. Remember the last president of the US had his nose readjusted during his second term of office. These moles are normally located on the arms or legs but can develop anywhere on the body. In a recent survey (1990) it was discovered that almost 80% of the Irish population had a mole of some form or another.

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Okay, here is the good side of the sun. The cost of living decreases as you don't need fires or central heating. The face with zits always welcomes the sun. It is widely known that the pores on the skin clear out in good weather. Colds and flus are less prevalent.

So, by this section you will be wondering was it all worth it? Those days of burning, peeling, and browning. The pain at night of the backs of the legs. The blisters on the tops of the ears, oh why did I get my shaggy hair cut? The blisters on the shoulders. The flaky skin all over the clothes, not to mention the bed and the bedroom floor. What is our mentality just to hear someone say eventually, "Hasn't she got a lovely colour?" Is it all as cracked up as it's supposed to be? Some of the sunburn just peels and there emerges another layer of white flesh. Blisters burst and raw skin is no relief in the second week of a heatwave. Sunstroke can't be too fantastic if you're lying in bed while everyone else is enjoying themselves.

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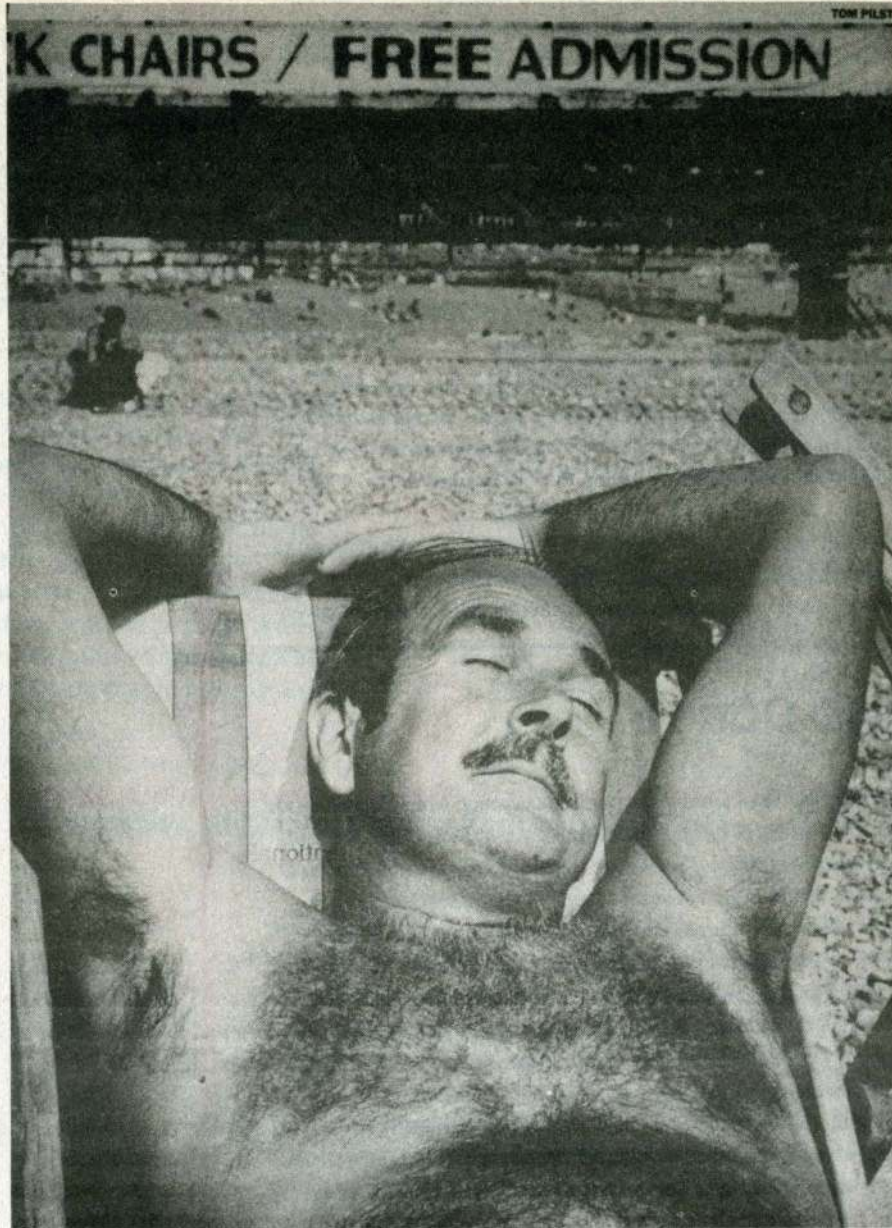
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Another big problem in the inside of our bodies, the part we don't think about. Dehydration is a major problem in rainless weather. It is common also in other weathers but during the sunny period is exceptionally dangerous. The body needs many fluids to operate effectively and through sweating many of these are lost. The fact that cider parties and the like become all the rage during hot weather doesn't help. Drink is a major dehydrater of the body and this is the cause of hangovers. It helps to drink plenty of water during the day and evening. Your sweat loss is a saline solution and when drinking water during an exceptionally hot day it helps to replenish the salt level. If you add a spoon of salt to A pint of water and drink until you taste the salt then you will have replaced the amount lost during the day. Cold cans of cider are the worst drinks to go near as their high sugar content dries you out far faster than any other alcoholic substance. You will know what

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So, the racist Irish put their foot in it again. They can only slag the travelling community as we don't have any other minority community large enough, but we go out, get burnt like lobsters, pray for a brownish colour and sit in the pubs and beer gardens telling each other arab and black jokes. There is times when I don't understand my own race. Over to you reader!



HUMANAE VITAE

by Zen Zucchini

Opinion

By now you've no doubt heard the sad and sinful tale of the former Bishop of Galway, Eamon Casey, until it comes out of your ears. Our media has a tendency to do that. However this is a situation that is of some interest to most people. While your run of the mill GREENCORE or Beef tribunal cases usually degenerate into reams of legistic gibberish, this one is different.

This case will retain the public eye, one would guess, for a good deal more than the usual 9 or even 99 days. Why should this one be so? After all, it is not altogether unusual for public figures to father "love children". Such instances involving politicians, prominent business people and entertainers are standard fare in the "Yellow Press". Yet this really is different, isn't it? For how often does a member of the Catholic hierarchy, a bishop no less, in such a supposedly devout country as Ireland score such a spectacular own goal?

We can take it for granted that the church is still reeling over this. The worst aspect of it for them is that it happened to someone who was actually POPULAR with the rank and file. Eamon Casey has been described as being the HUMAN FACE of the church. While this behaviour towards Annie and Peter Murphy has been far from laudatory; what could be more human?

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guilt-ridden Ogre on learning of the pregnancy is tragic. His subsequent attempts to badger the woman into giving the child up for adoption, and then haggling over support money - all the while refusing to acknowledge to the boy that he was (and obviously was) aware of his existence - were callous in the extreme.

What could have possibly brought about such a change in a man that has, indisputably, lived Christ's message and helped so many? Surely, it seems almost unbelievably naive of Casey to believe that that everything was OK as long as Annie was not "with child"; and that it was "evil" and a "mistake" when she was. If her story is to be believed, he tried to put the blame on her, saying that she had "lead him astray". This from a man who was so worldly in most matters, forty-eight years of age, and the holder of a doctorate!

While a large slice of the blame rests on Bishop Casey's shoulders, it might be said that at least as much should be attributed to the church of which he is (was?) a Hierarch. The situation of a priest, or even a bishop fathering children is far from unknown in LOCATIONS such as the Phillipines and Central America. Indeed, it would be foolish to think that it is unknown here. The difference is that in the aforementioned places, it is open; even accepted. Many priests in other parts of the world live in what amounts to open and happy marriages.

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on earth to suffer, and that our big chance came in the afterlife. In such a milieu, harsh rules and pontifications were acceptable and accepted. Even then celibacy was introduced more for economic reasons rather than moral ones - legal disputes over the inheritance of priests' properties and positions. If truth be told, even then the policy was paid meer lip-service to, and widely ignored in practice. (Pope Innocent the Sixth had at least three children).

With currently falling vocations, and calls even from among the clergy for celibacy to be abandoned, is it not now time for the church to re-examine its position? The Protestant and muslim faiths acknowledge no lessening of piety through marriage, and don't seem to have suffered greatly as a result.

In the "Information Technology Age", it is unacceptable for Cardinal Daly from the safety of his holy dotage, to tell us that celibacy "enriches the ministry", and that it is a thing the clergy want (which is patently untrue). It is unrealistic to expect priests and nuns to be properly equipped to deal with marriage counseling and sex education, when they have no knowledge what physical relationships entail. Also, such frustration as decades of ritualised celibacy engender, can only serve to contribute to situations such as the Casey/Murphy affair. On a more cynical note, if the church is concerned with falling vocations and the spread of contraception; here would be their masterstroke.

Surely priests and nuns if granted the right (the basic human right) to marry and procreate would be inclined NOT to use contraception, and would hence breed a veritable army of orthodox Catholics! Time perhaps, for IL PAPA to read over HUMANAE VITAE (the 1968 Papal Bull condemning contraception, stressing the sanctity of human life) and

her story to try and effect change. I would like to think that she is sincere, but for what little my opinion is worth, I do not hold her blameless either. Hoping her tale is not motivated by the tawdry "kiss and Tell" tradition of the American supermarket tabloids, I guess that her story emerging now may stem from the so-in-vogue "redemption through confession" school of psychology.

Casey was a victim of this, and while I once again stress that his behaviour was awful, I can only wonder that his reaction might have had another ending, but that, of course, is pure speculation.

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Society then was of a much less sanguine outlook, believing that we are

can only serve to contribute to situations such as the Casey/Murphy affair. On a more cynical note, if the church is concerned with falling vocations and the spread of contraception; here would be their masterstroke.

Surely priests and nuns if granted the right (the basic human right) to marry and procreate would be inclined NOT to use contraception, and would hence breed a veritable army of orthodox Catholics! Time perhaps, for IL PAPA to read over HUMANE VITAE (the 1968 Papal Bull condemning contraception, stressing the sanctity of human life) and weigh up the consequences.

There is a great storm of change raging at present: perhaps the church must learn to bend, lest they break. Annie Murphy claimed that she revealed

do not hold her blameless either. Hoping her tale is not motivated by the tawdry "kiss and Tell" tradition of the American supermarket tabloids, I guess that her story emerging now may stem from the so-in-vogue "redemption through confession" school of psychology.

Casey was a victim of this, and while I once again stress that his behaviour was awful, I can only wonder that his reaction might have had another ending, but that, of course, is pure speculation.

In his treatment of her (and their Son), and her expose' of him, Bishop Casey and Ms. Murphy have harmed one another. They might think of the maxim "to err is human, to forgive divine". as could be said of the whole thing, "it could happen to a bishop". And it did.

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Bhi rogha ag teastáil o Diarmuid O'Scullai "a services union" nó "a students union"!! Conas gur feidir leis

raiméis mar sin a rá? Agus níos measa fós cen fath nár cuir na hiomaitheoirí eile stop leis? Tá Aontas a bhaineann

Messerre fostaithe. Nuair atá airgead ar fáil ó na seirbhísí (an siopa agus eile) is feidir

I mBeal an Phobail

leis na micleinn ag teastáil ó Dhiarmuid. Tá sé sin ar fheabhas ach conas gur feidir le einne eagrais a chur le fáil do na micleinn gan seirbhísí a chur ar fáil. Sin an fath go bhfuil Kevin

linn níos mo rudaí no seirbhísí a chur ar fáil dos na micleinn anseo.

De réir mar a chloisim tá Diarmuid O'Scullai cliste agus ciallmhar ach le cúnamh Dé ná bíodh sé ina

amadán freisin. Sé atá ag teastáil don bhliain atá romhainn na Uachtarán a leanfaidh leis na polasaithe atá curtha ar bun ag Colm Croffy.

Tá go leor obair le deanamh ag an triúr Diarmuid, Enda agus Billy. Beidh siad ag plé leis an chomhnascadh idir Ollscoil Luimnigh agus Colaiste Mhuire Gan Smal agus na deacratha a bhaineann leis. Feicimid an "building fund" ag fás agus b'fheidir "students complex" nó a leithéid leis. Oslóidh an tAontas siopai sa "mall" i rith an tsamhraidh. Is cinnte go bhfuil lámh ciallmhar cliste ag teastáil. Na déanaigú praiséach den job ós bhur gcomhair lads.

An Spailpin Fánach

U.L. Pro Choice Initiative

In the last issue of *An Focal*, the writer from the 'Students for Life' group refers to the confusion felt by many people on the abortion issue, and goes on to say "hopefully women will be able to see through the emotional rhetoric". He equates the aims of the self-styled "Pro-Life" movement with women's "own long, difficult and ongoing struggle to establish the equality of their rights in society."

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the future" - unfortunately it takes a lot less than two or three days for a person to commit suicide! This shows a frightening lack of regard for the trauma suffered by the girl in question. What was at issue was whether she be allowed to travel to England for termination of her pregnancy, or whether she be imprisoned to protect her from herself (straightjackets, padded cells, etc) until she had given birth to her rapist's child. Implicit in the writer's argument is the grizzly notion that the Constitution should be used to uphold a man's right to procreate, even by rape. The women of Ireland can at least be grateful that the court decided otherwise.

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abortion rate of 4.8 per 1000 women aged 18-44. This is almost certainly an underestimate as it only counts women who give Irish addresses to clinics in Britain, but it is already considerably higher than the figure for Dutch citizens in Holland (3.6), which has the most freely available abortion law in the European Community!

The reason for this low Dutch figure is certainly connected with the easy availability of contraception. Holland has the lowest level of teenage pregnancy in the western world (Irish Times 29/2/92). If only the pro-lifers would take some proven steps to reduce the incidence of abortion instead of attacking women's fundamental rights.

Students' Union Election 1992

It was an election campaign which sometimes bordered on the shaking hands and kissing babies level, yet one which aroused unprecedented interest and brought record numbers of voters to the polling booths.

Most striking about the whole campaign was the 'professional touch'. Manifestos and fliers, posters and teeshirts, banners and badges heightened election fever all over campus during the four day campaign.

Election candidates appeared from each end of the student spectrum and for each of the three posts there were candidates who appealed to all. On the one hand there were the more experienced, serious candidates who proclaimed themselves 'the right person for the job' and on

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Furthermore, Irish women have lost the right to genuine non-directive counselling, again because of the Eighth Amendment, and censorship of books and magazines containing information on abortion abroad has been introduced.

Thankfully the writer does not explicitly oppose the proposed referendum to restore these rights to Irish women, but, ominously he disregards the evidence given at the recent Supreme Court case involving a 14-year-old rape victim. The logic of his argument is that the girl in question has a right to life, but no right to psychiatric health. He uses utterly irrelevant quotations to support his view that the evidence was flawed, such as: "it (is) impossible to term a person suicidal for more than two or three days in

England for termination of her pregnancy, or whether she be imprisoned to protect her from herself (straightjackets, padded cells, etc) until she had given birth to her rapist's child. Implicit in the writer's argument is the grizzly notion that the Constitution should be used to uphold a man's right to procreate, even by rape. The women of Ireland can at least be grateful that the court decided otherwise.

All of this trauma has been brought on by the 8th "pro-life" Amendment to the Constitution. For those of us old enough to remember the 1983 campaign, the reassurances of the proponents of that amendment ring hollow. Iarfhliath O'Neill, the Pro Life Amendment Campaign's legal advisor assured us that the amendment would never be used against individual women. It would, he said, be "totally impractical". (See Irish Times 31/8/83)

We all know that the pro-lifers were wrong. Should we trust them again?

Apart from diminishing the rights of Irish women, has the pro-life movement had any success in actually reducing the incidence of abortion in Ireland? The answer is no. According to "Induced Abortion - A World Review 1990" by Dr. Stanley K. Henshaw, Ireland has an

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Clearly the Eighth Amendment and the pro-life campaign that put it there will go down as one of Ireland's great disasters. They have had no effect in their stated aim, namely the elimination of abortion. All they have done is reduce the status of women to that of second class citizens. Instead of injunctions, blanket bans and shoving the problem under the carpet (or onto the boat to England) we should, perhaps consider the advice of President Robinson, speaking about the crisis caused by the injunction against a 14-year-old rape victim: "I hope we have the courage, which we have not always had, to face up and to look squarely and to say this is a problem we've got to resolve."

Liam Farrington
U.L. Pro Choice Initiative

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The buzzing, baffling, bedecked chock-a-block canteen was practically deserted during the habitual hustings and but for the failure of one candidate (who was later found in Nancy Blake's insulting innocent students) to turn up, it was a relatively clean fought, enjoyable two hours or so which convinced floating voters who to give their Number Ones to. Indeed, the candidates who spoke well did manage to sway the majority and none of the three successful candidates faced fierce competition as votes were counted.

If you are heterosexual, do you think that...

All lesbians & gay men ever do / think / talk about / see themselves defined by / is sex? (Unlike heterosexuals of course) **A**

Lesbian & Gay sex is really perverted. Heterosexuals never do any of those naughty things. **B**

Lesbian & Gay sex is just sex, enjoyed by a matching pair...? **C**

You wish you had as much sex as you think they do? **D**



Can One be Pro-life and Pro-choice?

Having attended a very rational, sensitive, open, and enlightening debate on the subject of abortion at a meeting of the Literary

and Philosophical Society last Wednesday the 20th May, I am prompted to write to your magazine, another laudable student forum for free expression.

The topic for debate was that, "Abortion is Murder of the Innocents." Two first year (female) speakers spoke pro the motion; a first year (female) speaker and an experienced (male) speaker spoke against. All spoke eloquently. The three female speakers were particularly well-informed. Furthermore a great many open, frank, and diverse views were aired from the Floor.

Yet, what struck me most forcibly on the night was not so much the polarity of viewpoints expressed on the night, but rather the degree of common ground apparent between individuals of supposedly opposing allegiances. To illustrate my point, one might consider that the final word on the night was voiced by another first year (male) to the effect that being pro-life does not preclude one from being pro-choice.

"What - you mean to tell us that pro-life people are pro-choice?!" "It would probably be over-simplistic to claim that that is the case without adding some degree of qualification, but such a claim does nonetheless contain a large element of truth.

Personally, I am pro-life. This for me (and for the recently formed

choose (or vote) in favour of a state which, "insofar as is practicable," does all in its power to prevent the killing of the unborn child.

I know from last Wednesday and many other occasions besides, that a great many students share similar views on this issue. Unfortunately, what is not known about many pro-life organisations is that they are predominantly pro-counselling, and in particular, pro state-funding of non-judgmental counselling organisations such as Life (Irl), Open-Arms Counselling, Women Hurt By Abortion, and CURA. Societies like UL Students for Life also fully respect the right to life of the mother even in rare medical situations where the *indirect* abortion of the unborn child may occur as a result. Furthermore, this letter itself surely bears testimony to our belief in the right to information; short of giving information for abortion-referral, that is to say. A number of (granted not all) Student Unions in this country, including our own, quietly advocate abortion-referral without providing the back-up service of full-time counselling before or after a woman's making that lonely journey abroad. That, all should find disturbing and most unsatisfactory regardless of one's persuasion.

In conclusion: to be "Pro-choice" in the more common public perception of the word is to be Pro-ABORTION (albeit in limited circumstances); to be "Pro-life" on the other hand, is to be pro the right to choose to say "NO" to

ABORTION: The Right To Life?

I am not a woman and therefore feel awkward writing on a topic which is the exclusive domain of women. I will never become pregnant, either through my own carelessness, or rape, and will therefore never need to avail myself of the service of abortion.

The termination of pregnancies, termination not being a term I personally like in this context, as it has one Schwarzeneggarian connection to many, their legality and availability is presently in danger of throwing this country into a huge constitutional debate and out of a newly integrating European Community.

I wish to dwell on neither the constitutional nor the European issue for I am neither well enough informed or well enough known to have my opinion on either issue taken seriously. I instead want to put forward my opinion, albeit subjective opinion, one I hope you will find the time to consider.

Murder, can I feel, be defined quite adequately as "the premeditated taking of a human life". Abortion is unarguably premeditated and most certainly involves the taking, in this case, of the still dependent foetus prematurely from the mother's womb. It is the question, however, on whether or not that that which is taken from the mother as a result of an abortion, is a human life or not. That is the question on which the whole issue for me balances.

Continual debate on the rights and wrongs of advantages and disadvantages and justifications for and against abortion are worthless, unproductive and misleading as long as this question

paper is worded. If you vote "yes" to abortion, be it for its full or partial availability, then you are proclaiming that that which is inside a mother's womb is not a life. If you vote "no" then you reaffirm the view taken by the Irish people in 1983, that that which is inside a mother-to-be is a human life and it is to be protected against interference from others.

In closing, I wish to restate that my arguments are based solely on my definition of murder. It is not one taken from legal or religious literature but is one which for me seems correct. I can't accept abortion and never will I feel, be able to. One cannot denounce murder

Opinion

does not preclude one from being pro-choice.

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Personally, I am pro-life. This for me (and for the recently formed UL Students for Life Society of which I am a member) means that I (and ULSL) support the right to life of all human life (mother and child inclusive). Moreover, it means that I am in favour of Irish Society's providing women who are unhappily pregnant with the choice of having their child and keeping it, or alternatively giving the child up to a caring and compassionate home. Should an unhappily pregnant woman consider both those options to be unsatisfactory, I would respect fully her right to travel (even if, regrettably, her intention was to have an abortion, as it would be impracticable to do otherwise), as does the Constitution of this country as it stands at present, though certain misled members of the legal profession and judiciary would have us believe otherwise. Unfortunately, it is they who have delivered a number of questionable interpretations of the Constitution of the Irish people in recent times, that has triggered off a whole new series of proposed referenda.

But, to conclude the point: to the extent that I have no wish to impose my views on anyone, I respect an individual's right to choose. However, I also believe in my right to

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James Hurley

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When the Irish people vote in the now inevitable abortion referendum, of which I won't be one as I am too young to vote, it is this question they will be answering regardless of how the ballot

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Handball Club

The University Handball Club who are current league champions will be defending their league title against Queens University Belfast in the league final at Clarecastle, Co. Clare on Saturday 30th May at 12 o'clock. All support will be welcomed and appreciated. Also on behalf of the club I would like to thank Barry and Kevin who helped in administration throughout the year and Jacinta Duffy and Michael Frain for their continuing support.

Timmy Custy
Chairman

Earth First - on tour

On May 13th, the U.L. Environmental Society and Limerick Earthwatch brought the Earth First Roadshow to the University. The roadshow consists of videos, slides and live music as well as discussions concerning global ecology issues.

Earth First is a non-violent, direct action environmental movement which started in the U.S. in the 1970's. The movement grew to encompass global issues and unlike many other environmental groups, refused to sell out to governments or powerful corporations. With their motto 'No Compromise in Defence of Mother Earth', Earth First has used direct actions from sit-ins, road blocks and locking themselves to equipment to tree-spiking and blowing up bull dozers. However these kinds of monkey wrenching tactics are seen as a last resort and have only been used when more conventional manes are unsuccessful.

The media has focussed on these tactics and with the help of the States' F.B.I. and C.I.A., has tried to undermine Earth Firsts' strength by portraying them as 'eco-terrorists'. Their touring roadshow has helped to educate people and undo the negative publicity.

Currently Earth First is campaigning to save the Sarawek tribe in Borneo whose rainforest, the oldest in the world, will be destroyed in seven years from unnecessary logging. Other campaigns include fighting the extremely destructive car culture as well as the elimination of wildlife and biodiversity. With one to three species becoming extinct (that means forever) just in the time it took you to read this, Earth First needs your help - so get involved!

SOFTBALL CLUB

Some 540 people wanted to play softball this term as part of our now annual league. Unfortunately we could only cater for 180 players because we have only one area in which to play and only one set of gear. However now that the league is over, anyone wishing to play softball can come along on Saturdays at 1 p.m. (as long as it isn't raining) between now and the end of term. Also, if you got ready made teams and would like to borrow the gear for games during week days, contact Willie O'Brien at the Schumann Building.

The league itself brought many new players as well as the well seasoned players together to bash it out even in massive storms. The Rag Week hats were put to good use once the good weather finally came. Our new area of play proved much better than last year's waste ground. Unfortunately, it is only on loan from the G.A.A. (thank you!).

The various mix of people playing was quite interesting with people who never played sports to people like the many G.A.A. hurlers who could send the ball really flying.

The final itself brought together a mixture of one team who never played before (all but one) playing against some of the founder members of the softball club. It was the team captained by Uisce who brought the best laughs and fun to the game. Jonsie who had been attempting all through the league to get to second base managed to get a home run. Meanwhile, Edel even surprised herself by catching the ball.

Meanwhile, on the well seasoned players' team, mainly made up of computer postgrads, Cass attempted to reach Mars, with his hits. Of course the reason why his hits the ball so far is because he is too lazy to run around the bases. He made enough time to whack around the bases. James Kennedy, the pitcher, was over keen to let the women on the other team (especially Shelley) walk to their bases.

The game ended after nine innings with the team captained by Willie winning the seventy pints of Budweiser.

All the games were umpired by a very efficient team headed by Andrew Gilligan (also of Campus T.V., Photo Soc and Equestrian Club). Our special thans to them. Budweiser supplied us with some 240 pints and thanks to Harry from Bud.

The medals of the cup were sponsored by the Bank of Ireland. A big thank you to them for supporting us for the second year running.

The softball's next move will be a special College department tournament including staff, post grads, undergrads and grads starting in July. This will be run similarly to the last tournament with beer as prizes.

We will also have regular games just for fun throughout the summer holidays, so if you are in Limerick for the summer, do contact any one of us - Treasa Curtin (Postgrad Chemistry), Willie O'Brien (Postgrad Computers), Ber Angley (Student Union Ents).



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Above Donal Waide leading the train in the Clubs & Societies Ball

Top Right Oliver Ryan B. Of I. presents Willie O'Brien with the Kieran Tracy memorial award for excellence in sport

Right President U.L.S.U. Colm (yes Niamh) Croffy receives an award from the U.L. Sports clubs for his contribution over his two years service. Thankyou Colm.



Racing Intervarsities

Well there they were the U.L. Rowing Club let loose up the North for 3 days. Yes it was Intervarsity time of year again. Fresh from their victory over D.C.U. in the "35" Trophy on Wednesday Wk 4. A mini bus containing the cream of the Universities oars people trekked up to Castlewellan to take on the Nation.

weather conditions on Friday Wk 4 prevented most of the Intervarsity competitions being run off although the mens Novice 8 and Intermediate 8 did compete in the Wyley Cup.

On to Saturday morning and Queens Regatta where the Womens Novice 4 proved that yes you can row like the dickens with only a few hours sleep. Although all crews were suffering a little of the morning after the night before and standards of other crews quite high. The University of Limerick competed in the Semi Final of the Womens Novice 4.

Final of the Womens Novice 8 in which they were narrowly beaten by Queens and Trinity by 1 1/2 lengths despite rowing to the finish with only 7 oarspeople due to broken footsteps.

The Mens Novice 8 and Intermediate 8 were unsuccessful in their bid for glory against a well seasoned Queens crew although they put up a good fight to the finish. Most promising of all were the Mens Novice 4 who rowed to victory in both their heats and semi final to lose by a length in the final.

Although no honours were brought home the club showed the sporting spirit by celebrating the other club's victory as if it were our own. Despite the fact that traditionally the winning cox goes for a swim after a race the U.L. Ladies Novice 8 decided on a variation by throwing Alison into the lake amid screams of protest from her! the guys when proceeded to aid 4 of the ladies crew in after her with the help of an aptly positioned oar.

After the weekend the Rowing Club concludes that: Brian Killilea cheats at snooker! Alphie and waitresses dont mix! Water pistols are a serious damage to bus interiors! Maurice O'Brien and plants do mix! You can fit x number of babes and others into two double beds! You row better the morning after the night before! Chair dancing and the "drill" shuffle go well with folk music! There are lots of third years hoping to do post grads in Queens University!

After numerous pit stops along the road home the crew arrived in Elm Park safe and sound seven hours later and in the early hours of the morning.

We look forward to seeing the crew back at training and having a few wind up sessions before the end of term and new members will be welcome in September!

Wishing all those going on Co-op the very best and keep up the training people! see you for a session soon!

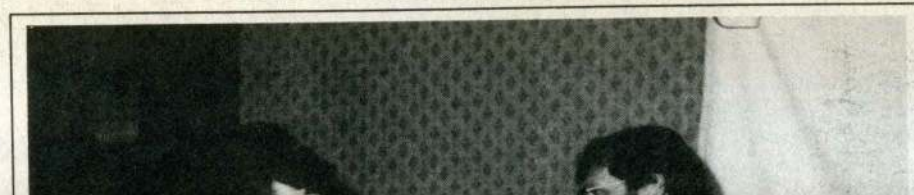
BLUSHES ALL ROUND LAST WEEK

Blushes reached endemic proportions last week, as the group's activities threatened to exert its members to exhaustion. The week began with the after effects of the previous Fridays disco in Costellos. Billed by the DJs as 'the nineties disco', the gig was well supported and a great success. With a good cross-section of students and locals, the atmosphere was lively and friendly. To those uninitiated readers, unfamiliar with our group and wondering why our disco should be otherwise...let me explain. The Brazen libertines undoing Sexism and Homophobia, (BLUSH), seek to create in their gatherings and socials an atmosphere free from all forms of sexual discrimination. In other words, Gay friendly, Woman friendly, People friendly!

The atmosphere was exuberant, particularly after an incident which took place half way through the evening. The DJ had sought the attention of "the good-looking young chap who's involved in the organisation here". Once located the aforementioned Adonis was asked to step outside with the DJ. what did it mean? We waited with baited breath. Much to every one's, the goodlooking chap returned with a scratch. recounting his meeting with the DJ, the conversation went something like this..."You can do this sort of thing in the college, you can do it in the student centre..." we all anticipated the next line. And wonder of wonders we were all wrong..."you can do it here again or in town, but the next disco you hold, I'll do it for free. I think its an excellent idea and a welcome change of attitude which is beginning to assert itself in Limerick".

Initially, concerns were raised that in seeking to arrange a disco which mixed straights and gays, it would provide an easy target for the less tolerant members of society. In view of these concerns, it is a testament to the courage and conviction of all our members, and to the strength of support given by our guests and supporters, the DJ, the organisers, and Costellos Tavern that the evening went ahead fun filled and trouble free. Special thanks are due to Conor O'Leary for minding the money, looking good and for teaching Sarah how to dance. At this point it might be usual to thank the two organisers for their trojan work behind the scenes, in carrying out all the thankless tasks which are necessary to pull off any such event. How such was the organisation that even this perfunctory task was taken care of. in a moment of dubious intoxication, very late in the nights proceedings, Sarah, fearful lest credit would'nt be given where it was due played a request thanking herself and Maura for all their hard work.

Clubs & Societies



ing of all were the Mens Novice 4 who rowed to victory in both their heats and semi final to lose by a length in the final.

Wishing all those going on Co-op the very best and keep up the training people! see you for a session soon!

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SOCS



Above Club administrators after presentation ceremony - Castletroy Park Hotel

Top left Mr. Pat Cashell presents Administration Cert. to Andrew Moore O Farall - Euro Soc. (Most improved society 1992)

Left Dr. Ed. Walsh presents special award to Nichola Dividson for setting up the successful womens rugby club

Noticeboard

Are you looking for a co-op placement?

The Union is looking to appoint students for the 6 month placements. If you enjoy working with students and have a particular interest in clubs, societies or publications please apply in the Union or through the Co-op Office.

Each position involves a mixture of project work "in the field" together with general administration work behind the desk in the general office.

A summary of the current duties includes:

General office duties-telephones,messages,exam papers,mail

Assisting in the compilation of accounts

Selling and collection of advertising

An Focal and publications administration

Working with Societies or Clubs

Assisting specific Union and Clubs/Socs projects as and when they arise

The new demands on the financial administration with business starting in the mall, together with the development of advertising & and the administration of Students' Union Information are key new areas which we are looking to address as well.

**LIMERICK RAPE CRISIS CENTRE
and
MID-WESTERN GROUP OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
are hosting a seminar on the topic....**

**IS PSYCHOTHERAPY HAZARDOUS
TO YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?**

**in
Ceann Cora Lecture Theatre
Mary Immaculate College**

**on
Sat. 30th of May 1992
from**

11.30am (registration) to 4.30pm (approx.)

Across

1. Receive a cap etc. (6)
5. Pressure or emphasis. (6)
10. Distinctive taste. (7)
11. Belonging to an island or narrow-minded. (7)
12. Teas satisfy completely. (4)
13. Automation, mechanical man. (5)
15. Large freshwater fish. (4)
17. Expression of disapproval. (3)

Down

2. Division of a book. (7)
3. English school of note? (4)
4. Large flatfish. (6)
5. Go spit out the peg? (6)
6. Hasty, reckless. (4)
7. Scottish sailor on whom Robinson Crusoe is based. (7)
8. Counterbalance, compensate. (6)
9. Band along top of wall. (6)

FINAL EDITION OF AN FOCAL

The next edition of An Focal will be the final one for the current year all submissions must be made to either Maria, Billy or the An Focal tray in the

S.U. office by Tuesday week 9.

Lets make this one the best one yet!

RAG WEEK TE-SHIRTS

Still available in S.U. Shop

*long sleeved white £7.50
short sleeved white £5.50*

STABLES CLUB A.G.M

Wed. Wk8 2.30pm

Donnagh O Malley Theatre.

**Open Competition Poster
Design**

The UL Games Society are holding an open design competition for their LUGCON '94 poster (Limerick University Games Convention).

What we are looking for is a draft design for a poster incorporating the LUGCON letters and a Celtic motif. The winning design - the prize for which is £20 - will then be commissioned for a full-scale production.

Entries to this competition to The UL Games Society, ULSU, by Tuesday Week 8 (May 26th) at 1 p.m.

Library Seating

Unoccupied Seats: You can sit at a seat that has been unoccupied for more than

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES YEARBOOK '92

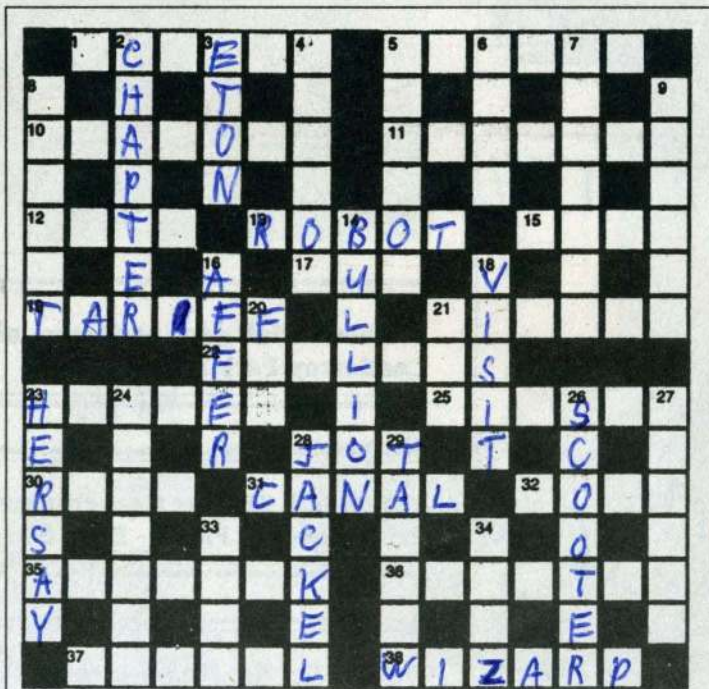
This years Clubs and Societies yearbook The book which traces the highs and lows for the past 12 months Of each club and society on campus. Is now available free of charge in the S.U. office

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19. Tax levied on imports. (6)
21. Preserve food in vinegar etc. (6)
22. Set rill in a lattice. (7)
23. Ankara is the capital. (6)
25. Let sin be glittering. (6)
28. Make a note of. (3)
30. Major and minor constellation. (4)
31. Artificial waterway. (5)
32. Stick of Chinese incense. (4)
35. heck, Mol, it's poison. (7)
36. Clothes for a newborn baby.
37. Attack assault. (6)
38. Sorcerer, magician. (96)



Games Society, ULSU, by Tuesday week 6 (May 26th) at 1 p.m.

Library Seating

Unoccupied Seats: You can sit at a seat that has been unoccupied for more than fifteen minutes. Remove the occupant's belongings and leave them on the floor.

Leaving a seat: Leave a note tating the time you leave. If you are gone for more than fifteen minutes, another student can use this seat.

Problems: If you need assistance, ask at the Service Desk

Shhhhhh.....

for the comfort of all library users, please:
- keep conversation to a minimum in the library and reading rooms

- go to the canteen if you want to eat or drink

- leave your bags and coats in the cloak-room outside the Journals Room.

RELEASE RUBBERS!

BLUSH is organising its current phase of strategic action. Operation Capote is designed to free incarcerated condoms from the monopolistic clutches of apothecaries and medical practitioners. The aim is to extend democratic representation to the aforesaid items and to acknowledge their status as full and equal perishable goods. BLUSH therefore intends to promote the greater availability of condoms in public places throughout Limerick city and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in joining our team of dedicated and dynamic volunteers, please deposit name and contact number in the H.Q. mailbox.

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