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NIGHTLINE



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for students**

9-12 every night

The Multi-Cultural experience takes place next Wed April the 25th in the University of Limerick. This is often considered as the event of the year. This year with 12.5% of all our students being Erasmus students the event is bigger and better than ever and it is all thanks to Carmel. This is an event that can not be missed than anybody and I will certainly be there.

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UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK
STUDENTS' UNION ENTERTAINMENTS

PREVIEW



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Students Union Entertainments

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S.U. GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

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| 1) Adoption of minutes of last A.G.M. | PROPOSED BY: Desmond P. O'Donoghue | SECONDED BY: Shance McCabe |
| 2) Matters Arising | SECONDED BY: Maura Kenny | MOTION: "That this Union support extradition and urges the Government and Judiciary of Ireland to take a stronger line on the extradition of terrorists." |
| 3) Stables Club Report | MOTION: "That this Union condemns the continual blowing up of the Dublin-Belfast railway line by the I.R.A." | PROPOSED BY: Desmond P. O'Donoghue |
| 4) Semisterisation - Referendum information | PROPOSED BY: Desmond P. O'Donoghue | SECONDED BY: Brendan McCormack |
| 5) U.S.I. disaffiliation referendum information. Report from University of Limerick delegates to the U.S.I. Annual Conference and S.U. Exec. | SECONDED BY: John O'Connor | Martin Casey
Galen Brislane
James Landers
Jillian Coffey
Mairead Cooley
Christine Burke
Aine Doody
Anne McManus |
| 6) MOTION: "That this S.U. hereby calls upon the Cooperative Education and External Affairs Division of this University to reconsider their position as regards inability to receive exemption from coop due to certified illness." | MOTION: "That this Union hereby calls on Bus Eireann to provide a greater level of service on Fridays and any other peak times." | 7) Debate re affiliation to U.S.I. with guest speakers from U.S.I. |
| | PROPOSED BY: Desmond P. O'Donoghue | |

WED. WK 3 JON SWIFT 2-15

KALIBER SPORTS SUCCESS AWARD

A prize of a case of Kaliber and a set of T-Shirts will be awarded to the sports club who win by the greatest margin of victory in the forthcoming 1990 University challenge (35 trophy) against D.C.U. Margin of victory will be decided by a points table which will be available shortly. In the event of a draw the 2 or more relevant clubs will compete against each other in a neutral sport such as a relay race.

APOLOGY!

We apologise for the delayed issue of Link up.

Due to final year projects our laser printer & computer was swamped!

On next Thursday, the student body of the University of Limerick, are faced with the following referendum:

'That the student body of the University of Limerick firmly support the implementation of semesterisation'

What is semesterisation?

Semesterisation is the replacement of the present trimester (2 terms, 15 weeks), i.e. 2 exams instead of 3.

Why am I supporting semesterisation?

(a) The obvious shortening of the academic year from 33 weeks to 30 weeks. This would probably mean the end of the

academic year in early June.

(b) The increase probably of a formal repeat structure, and a better exam appeal structure; - the major obstacle to these at the moment are the large number of modules and the chaos that would ensue if a repeat structure was available for every single module.

With a decrease in 2/3 of the number of modules and the fall in lecturer load, the prospect of repeats becomes viable.

(c) The decrease in staff:student ratio thus leading to an increase in the quality of teaching.

(d) The probable decrease in stress; students will only have to go through two sets of exams rather than 3 and with 15 weeks per term, a proper continuous assessment, therefore reducing emphasis on the final exam.

(e) The decrease in the administration costs. The setting of exams, grading and processing of results etc costs money. With this saving I don't envisage a decrease in fees, but I do see a possible increase in support systems available to students.

To me, semesterisation makes sense.

Pat Diggin

And banks are faceless institutions?

Well we'll let the above face end that illusion. She's one of our student officers.

They've been dealing with students for quite some time and they know pretty much what's happening.

So you don't have to worry if the cheque is coming late when the landlord's coming early. Or if you find you've to buy the plane ticket when you apply for a JL.

Or when it suddenly dawns on you that the professor's own "indispensable" text book is a mere £30.

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Mary O'Dowd



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Now, what can we do for you?

The annual USI congress took place from Thursday 5th through until Sunday 8th of April. The cost was 105 pounds per delegate (525 for U.L). Due to various commitments of the 5 in the University of Limerick group, we left on Friday Morning arriving after Lunch in Wexford.

Thursday evening was given over to the Presidents address and officers annual reports. Before congress proper began the evening started with a National Council meeting (ie. one vote per college/Uni as is normal in all USI monthly meetings).

Dispute arose over the number of delegates which Q.U.B. (Queens) were allowed at congress. Legitimate confusion seemed to have occurred as to how many delegates each college is allowed, particularly in relation to Northern colleges whose delegate numbers are calculated by the N.U.S. in the

UK. A particular cause for concern was the repercussions that extra delegates would make to the annual U.S.I. elections held on Saturday. This theme was recurrent throughout the weekend, taking up much of hcongress time somewhat needlessly.

there has been a virtual split in U.S.I. leadership all this year. The splits occurred between:

- 1) Karen Quinlavin-Womens Rights Officer
- 2) Ann Marie Keary-Deputy President (Welfare Officer)

- 3) Mick Murphy-Campaigning Officer.

These three were sided against :

- 1) Marty Whelan-Education Officer
- 2) Stephen Grogan-President
- 3) Maxine Brady-Union Development

This was significant since both Karen and Martin were running for the position of President of U.S.I.


Friday morning was given over to a discussion of International affairs which we missed. The afternoon session centred around a heated debate on Marty Whelan's motion for reorganisation and reform which was opposed by the Karen Quinlavin camp. The reform motion indicated the rift between the two parties. The motion proposed a reform conference to be held early next

year inviting all colleges who would be interested, both outside and inside U.S.I. MR Whelan suggested that it was time for U.S.I. to take a positive step in a different direction. Whilst acknowledging the importance of the major campaign taken on this year i.e the right to information campaign, he proposed that equal emphasis be given also to educational matters. After much bitter argument the reform motion was passed.

There then followed U.O.3 a motion against voluntary membership of the Students Union in individual colleges. It was proposed by K. Quinlavin and was overwhelmingly endorsed by the delegates.


The Friday evening session was devoted to motions. The first and most contentious motion was a proposal that an amendment be made to the U.S.I. changing the way in which the Womens Rights Officer is elected. It was proposed that instead of the W.R.O. being elected by the delegates at national congress as the other U.S.I. full time officers are, that the W.R.O. be elected by women only. After much debate the motion,

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**USI VOTE IS THURSDAY WEEK 3
DEBATE WED 2.15 J. SWIFT.**

which being a constitutional amendment, required at two thirds majority to be carried, was narrowly defeated. A motion confirming a woman's right to make an informed decision on the correct pregnancy option for her, and one condemning violence of all types against women were overwhelmingly passed in this section.

The final business of Friday was the electoral hustings where the candidates outlined their reasons for seeking election and answered in turn a series of prepared questions submitted by each of the delegations present. The candidates and the positions they sought were as follows:

Womens Rights Officer- Cathy Conlon

Joan O'Connor

Campaigning Officer- Philip Campbell

Keith Murphy (*)

Union development Officer- Eamonn Waters

Education Officer- Bill Gardiner

Deputy President- Maxine Brady

President - Shane O'Curry

Karen Quinlavin

Martin Whelan
Philip Campbell, Eamonn Waters, Bill Gardiner and Maxine Brady were all successful in their respective plebiscites and were elected. Joan O'Connor won the election for Womens' Rights Officer. In the presidential election after the first count, the position was as follows:

Karen Quinlavin 66 votes

Martin Whelan 56 votes

Shane O'Curry 12 votes

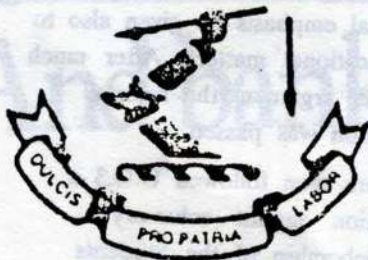
Shane O'Curry was eliminated and his votes transferred as follows:

Karen Quinlavin + 1

Martin Whelan + 11

This left the count tied at 67 votes each for Karen Quinlavin and Martin Whelan. After some confusion, the Electoral Act of 1923 as amended was consulted and as Martin Whelan had less first preference votes, he was eliminated and Karen Quinlavin was declared elected.

Note: Voting for the U.S.I. Sabbatical positions was held



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The Saturday morning session was intended to be devoted to discussion of motions pertaining to educational issues. The first issue to be discussed was the threat of the introduction of a students loan scheme along the lines of that which the U.K. government seeks to introduce there. Congress heard that due to higher cost of living, their policy would affect Northern Irish students to a much greater extent than those on mainland U.K. Congress also heard that the scheme would further reduce the chances of those from working class backgrounds of getting a third level education. Congress also heard that Young Fine Gael in the policy document "Politics for People" called for the introduction of student loans but that U.S.I. are currently engaged in talks with them aimed at getting them to revise their policy. Congress also heard that the northern students have thus far been successful in resisting the policy in the north.

At this point, the educational debate was disrupted by a recurrence of the question of the number of delegates Queens University were entitled to have. A call for a reconvening of national council was made and carried.

After much heated debate between the election camps, the original decision of the National Council was upheld. At this stage however, the time allotted to discussion of educational motions was up.

The Saturday afternoon session was the time designated for the discussion of welfare motions.

Welfare motions 1, 7 and 13 on lesbian and gay rights were the first motions to be discussed. Motion one affirmed the right of lesbians and gay men to express their sexuality without fear of prejudice or breaking the law. Motion seven aimed to give the lesbian and gay rights action committee (LAGRAC) the power to submit motions to congress. Motion thirteen created a new part time U.S.I. post of lesbian and gay rights officer to be elected by the first meeting of the lesbian and gay rights committee at the beginning of each academic year. The steering committee considered 7 and 13 to be incompatible and so only one of the two could become part of union policy. In the event of both being passed, 13 would be the one put into operation. This was how the vote turned out.

Also in the welfare section votes calling for greater safety training for non-scientific students and better lighting to ensure safety of women on campus were passed with large majorities. A vote calling for student grants to equal the poverty line of 63 per week was passed at the end of this session.

The Saturday session from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. was timetabled for discussion of national affairs. The first of these was a motion proposing a comprehensive policy for U.S.I.

The motion was comfortably passed.

The right to information motion was a campaign motion, ie. it outlined the proposed U.S.I. campaign strategy on the issue of next year. The most contentious part of the motion was the part which read "In order to do that (make

information on abortion legally available), congress understands that we must take on S.P.U.C. and that the law must be broken".

The part of the motion stipulating that the law must be broken was removed when the congress voted for the motion in parts. Congress still voted to maintain an active U.S.I. policy in favour of the right to information for the coming year.

The Sunday afternoon session consisted of a presentation of U.S.I. accounts (of which we have copies), guest speakers and the president's inaugural address which we considered unimportant and we returned to Limerick.

Motion 3 noted with concern that Lindsay and Stokes Kennedy Crowley reports too much emphasis on financial considerations and too little on educational ones and called on the government to provide the necessary funds to overcome the serious problems outlined in the reports as a matter of priority. The motion was unanimously passed.

Motion 4 concerned a "National Awards and Validation System". The motion called for the N.C.E.A. "to recognise and co-validate degree and post degree courses, provided by the independent universities". The U.L. delegates opposed this motion but it was carried by a large majority of the delegates present at the time.

Motion E8 was on lecturing standards. Congress was mandated to produce a lecturing standards blueprint for September and a set of guidelines for unions on lecturing standards, and to liaise with the lecturers' unions involved to ensure full cooperation on these surveys. Unfortunately this issue was

minutes of time remained.

The motion was overwhelmingly carried though little reference was given to the particularities of implementing such a scheme.

Motion E11 concerned the problems currently being encountered by those in the art and design sector who seem to be encountering particular problems at present. It mandated the union officers to work as a priority to protect this segment of our union and was passed unanimously.

The University of Limerick delegates felt that though the vote on motion E4 went against them that this period of congress was the most relevant and productive of the weekend and were glad to see that enough delegates were interested in educational issues to suspend standing orders (if only by one vote).

The Sunday morning session dealt with emergency motions on the state of the art and design sector and on the right to information campaign.

The art and design motion called for a variety of demands for their sector and also called on students to support their demonstration on Wednesday April 25th when they propose to chalk paint Kildare Street.

ACTIVITY SHEET

Pool/Snooker Room open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Swimming daily in Thomond from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Weight Training daily from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Life saving in Diving Pit

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Ballroom Dancing in EG010

9 p.m. Young Christians Society in Medit Rm - All Welcome

9 p.m. - 10 p.m. Waterpolo in Diving Pit

Tuesdays

7 a.m. - 9 a.m. Early Bird Fitness in Thomond - All Welcome

7 a.m. - 9 a.m. Basketball in Sports Hall

8.15 a.m. Water Aerobics in Thomond - Stroke Improvement Session

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch Time Fitness in Sports Hall

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Swimming & Aqua Aerobics in Swimming Pool

7.30 p.m. See noticeboard for details

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Hurling on A.W.P.; Volleyball in Gym; Waterpolo in Pool.

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate in Gym

8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Archery in Gym

Wednesdays

7 a.m. - 9 a.m. Early Bird Fitness in Thomond

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Volleyball in Gym

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Squash Coaching in Squash Courts

2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Cricket on Cricket Pitch and Windsurfing in Killaloe.

2.00 - 6.30 p.m. Cycling in T.C.E. Car Park

2.30 - 3.30 p.m. Camogie on Pitch

3 p.m. Rugby on Pitch

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hockey on A.W.P.; Life Saving and Swimming in Pool; Diving in Pit

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Table Tennis in Thomond; Handball in C.I.E. Handball Alley

3.30 - 4.30 p.m. Football on Pitch

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Ladies Soccer on Soccer Pitch and Athletics in Sports Hall.

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Horse Riding - Contact Sports Office; Athletics on Steps of T.C.E.

5.15 - 6.30 p.m. Yoga in D0033

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Judo in Gym; Badminton in Sports Hall

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Soccer in New Training Area; Aerobics in Dance Studio.

8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Taekwando in Gym

9.00 p.m. Trad Session in Denis Clearys. Musicians come early, listeners welcome. Contact Ber/Rose in S.U.

Thursdays

7 a.m. - 9 a.m. Early Bird Fitness in Thomond

7 a.m. - 9 a.m. Volleyball in Gym

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Hockey in A.W.P.; Project in Sports Hall; Jazz Dancing in Dance Studio - Everyone Welcome

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Basketball in Sports Hall; G.A.A. football & hurling on A.W.P.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate in Gym

8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Archery in Gym

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Canoeing in Swimming Pool

NOTES

For inclusion of information in this section, write out details and leave them for Carmel in the Student Union Office.

COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY WELCOMES A NEW RECRUIT.



Hello folks,

Well it's definitely womens year in U.L and heres another one for you.....a "fresher in the chaplaincy team !

My name is Majella Hynan and I'll be working with Gerry Myers (full time chaplain) and Micheal Nutall (part-time chaplain), bringing a feminine perspective to the work of chaplaincy and student personnel services. (At least I hope so !).

I'm a limerick Lady myself, and I'm a 1985 graduate of Maynooth college, in theology and classics. After my student days I worked as a teacher in Dublin for one year, Followed by 4 years of personal development work with young people in a retreat centre in Castletown, Co. Laois. And now I'm here, Looking forward to the challenge of finding ways of presenting the " MORE THAN " view of things.....i.e. "persons are now more.....", "University is more than....." and ultimately "Life is more than.....".

I'm really looking forward to being in your company too.I'm enjoying it already, all the buzz and atmosphere of student life from the cups of coffee in the cafeteria to the pints of lemonade in the Stables.So now if you see me hanging around you can put a

Just one last thing - if you see this bemused creature "torn" between two corridors- remember your own first confusing days at U.L and turn me in the right direction for CM085....thats my little space in U.L.....and its yours too, just give me a call!

Ciao, Majella



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FUNSCOPES

TAURUS APR 21 - MAY 21

Well the student status meeting went very well for you as you are told that you can go on to do the next term here and your 10 I grades have been accepted. The only snag is that you have got to get a QCA of 4.2 this term. That should be no problem to somebody as intelligent as you. Anyone who can get 10 I grades could get that sort of QCA no problem. Also this is a great week to go on a piss up as there are a load of 21st's. Anybody who is invited to two go to my one not Aoifes.

GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Well you missed out on the last Lotto jackpot but this has got to be your lucky week as I am going to give you this weeks lucky numbers. They are of course 1,5,10,18,30,36 but these numbers will only work if you are born on May 23rd 1900 at 2.10. Down to more serious matters you won the Linkword in the last edition and now go through to the grand final where you are in line to win a trip to for two to Dublin Zoo where you can have tea with the monkeys or else go and see the Bogus Brothers which ever you want,

Engineers may choose the former.

CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Well Majella was in the office while I was reading the stars one night with Pats binoculars (which he uses to spy on strange dances in a certain

house in the village) when we decided that the predictions were too conservative so we decided to make them up. This week should be very bad for you if you are a first year Euro Stud as you :

1) Can not get into Pats office due to the massive line of Digginites waiting for their piece of the action.

2) While waiting for the boss Ber decides to give you a free ticket to the Beach Party organised by the Euro Studs.

LEO JULY 23 - AUG 23

Well while suffering from a hangover after the happy hour in the Stables Club last night you decide to be very responsible and go to college early only to find that you are caught in the great USI debate which is going on at the moment. If you are lucky you may even see a USI guy walking around the place it is rumoured that there are 5

about the place. What did we do to deserve this?.

VIRGO AUG 24 - SEPT 23

On Thursday you have to vote on two issues one being semesterisation and the other being USI affiliation, You decide to stay in bed all day. While out at the Beach Party in the Royal George you meet a tall dark and handsome guy, it is most unfortunate that you also happen to be male. Well don't let that get to you as you will enjoy yourself while watching all those wet T-Shirt

competitions and best bikini etc. It is strongly rumoured that Carmel is entering the Wet T-Shirt competition while Maura is in the bikini competition and Pat in the hairy legs competition.

LIBRA SEPT 24 - OCT 23

Drink is in order this week with plenty parties, nookie and fulfillment. Female take note as Libran males, who are just back from London, start reawakening in anticipation of those long lustful summer evenings !!. Your financial situation is not so hot. Not to worry however as the Libran scales are beginning to rise in your favour.

SCORPIO OCT 24 - NOV 22

Well with the presidential elections coming up and only rumormongers about who is going you decide to forget about it all and vote for the non human candidate in the election. With the 2.5 million gone in the lotto your luck is really out and you have not got a snowballs chance in hell of you winning the next prize as well. Being week 3 now you should get down and do your study so that you can pass your exams and save all your money for one hell of an end of term piss up.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23 - DEC 21

Well it's 1.30 in the morning and I am getting totally pissed off of writing this piece and so I am quitting. Anybody who wants to know their Funscopes from now on will just have to read the Cork Examiner or even the next Link-up

