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Stables and Scholars Licence application refused



Alcohol can no longer be served in the Stables or Scholars bar

by Paddy Buckley

On Monday the 10th of February, Judge O'Reilly of the Limerick District Court heard the application made by Pat Barriscale on behalf of the Stables and Scholars club for a renewal of their Club Licences. The application for the renewal of licences was originally made in September, but due to the presence of objections to the renewal, the case had been postponed until December and then February. While the hearing was pending the two Clubs were allowed to continue to sell alcohol.

Due to objections which had been lodged to the Court on behalf of the College Court Residents Association, the renewal of the licences required a full hearing in court. After a 4 hour hearing, the judge conclude the case and announced that he would make his decision on the case known on the following Thursday.

The objections which the court heard were as follows.

- 1) That the application made by the club, or its rules, or any of them, are in any respect specified in such objection not in conformity with the provisions of this act.
- 2) That it is not conducted in good faith as a club, or that it is kept or habitually used for any unlawful purpose or mainly for the supply of excisable liquor.
- 3) That any of the rules of the club are habitually broken.

On Thursday, the 6th of February, Judge O'Reilly made his judgement on the case. The judge refused the 1st and 2nd objection, but found in favour of the third objection. He specifically referred to the procedures used by the Clubs to register members. He found that the Stables and Scholars clubs had been

in "flagrant" disregard of their rules, and found that they were operating as commercial enterprises, and for this reason refused to grant a renewal of the club licences. He also directed to the gardai that his understanding of the law was that the ruling took effect immediately.. Both the Stables and Scholars Clubs ceased serving alcohol to their members immediately.

Subsequent to the this ruling Pat Barriscale appealed to the District Court on the morning of Friday the 7th. He pointed out to Judge O'Reilly that under the law governing the District Court, the judge could at his discretion allow the Clubs to continue to sell alcohol, pending an appeal to the Circuit Court. Judge O'Reilly accepted that he could allow the Clubs to continue to sell alcohol pending an appeal, but refused on the grounds that to do so would be to continue to allow the clubs to operate

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President - Eoin Ó Broin

Students of UL,

The siucra has well and truly hit the fan. For the first time ever Uls bars have been closed. This could be a year of firsts. Last October we had the first march into the city in nearly 20 years. In December I had the infamy of being the first ULSU President named a "young blood" in the Phoenix magazine. But what happened last Thursday is a real first and something to which the phrase "mark this day" certainly applies to. The Stables has been open since 1986. And now unless the barrister engaged in the case performs some legal cartwheels the Stables & Scholars won't be serving alcohol for at least the next ten weeks - think about that for a minute. A big change to the on campus atmosphere and social pattern for us UL students. The arena club, the hurlers and the lodge are already full as it stands so what is left? In the long run this is a temporary problem. Both bars will be well back in business by September unless of course the temperate period in between makes us want something different - don't think about that for a minute;-). If they are gone for the 10 weeks it behoves the students Union to inform all about the issue and to encourage alternatives be they extra mural or in the form of more buses into town. As this matter is well thrashed out elsewhere in these pages I will leave it at that except to say that all ideas are welcome. Call in to me or come to the big meeting on the subject. This is UL folklore being made here and now!

Thanks to the 30 UL students who

came on the the National demonstration against Fees in Dublin last Wednesday. They joined 20 students from Limerick School of Art & design to protest with the other 8'000 students there. The march started off slowly from Mountjoy square but gathered momentum on O'Connell St. with good chants and energy all around. At the dáil there were verious speeches from the leaders of opposition parties plus Student representatives. Features were the speech by Ian O'Brien president of WITSU, the sit downs on O'Connell Bridge and at the dáil and the chant "Hey Hey, Ho Ho, Student Fees have got to go!". All Limerick colleges will be having letter signing next week whereby you sign a pre written letter to your local government backbencher and get us to post it off. There are some tentative plans for more demos in Limerick over the coming few weeks.

Other issues ongoing are; bus & cycle lanes - following discussions Limerick county council have shown us plans for bus & cycle lanes in Castletroy which could be implemented by 2004 but which are subject to funding - I think we should get on to the funders! The city council have invited us to the community consultative meetings for choosing bus lane routes from the city to Castletroy. The groundwork for the 4th Student village called Thomond village which is located in Co. Clare is currently being undertaken - go down to the river for a look. The library opening hours are still just around the corner - Head of the library Mr. John Lancaster will be



meeting class reps in week 4 so by then... The University alcohol policy implementation committee are meeting and will report by Week 5. The alternative (non - alcohol) sponsorship committee is still being set up but its membership is nearly known. An open meeting of all bar managers, resteraunt managers & shop managers is taking place on Monday afternoon with representatives from Babymilkaction and Fair Trade Mark Ireland to discuss the practicalities behind and reasons for an anti Nestlé and pro fair trade policy on campus. The half day Wednesday for all students is stuck at the moment due to lack of classroom space but as it is part of the alcohol policy could be directed to be implemented before the end of the semester. On community relations (don't laugh) we will be calling to all off campus student

houses in the Castletroy area from week 2 on to discuss modcons in the houses, waste costs, and of course community relations!

Well back to the bars. My last word here is not to be afraid to defend the good name of UL & Limerick students if you hear anything to the contrary in the local or national media. Some people, will, and have made hay from this situation on the airwaves. Fair play to the UL students who stood up to them on live 95FM last Friday. After all UL is the biggest "business" in the mid west and has done a lot for the city. If people or the media don't appreciate that and the contribution the University and its students can & have made then we are wasting our time with them!

Slán,

Eoin

Welfare/Deputy President - Gráinne Heffron

Dia Dhiabh

I am sure that the topic dominating conversations this week is the loss of the club licences for the Scholars and Stables. In a way it is kind of depressing that an issue like this can provoke a public student outcry while the issue of the return of student fees is only discussed by a few.

While it is very disappointing news and it may be some time before the bars will sell alcohol again, the Students' Union are doing there best to move things along in this regard, and perhaps we can view this as an opportunity. Now is the time to look outside the walls of the campus and to discover the Limerick that is waiting for you. Going into town does not involve having to put on the bulletproof vest and carry protection (unless it's of the contraceptive kind). Limerick city has a lot to offer and not just in terms of pubs and clubs. The Belltable Art Centre host plays, exhibitions and other performances. The Belltable Film Club screens films on Tuesday and Thursdays that don't get general releases in the bigger cinemas (programme available in the Students' Union). Simply go to the Savoy and catch a film, check out the

city gallery beside the Peoples' Park, or a rugby match in Thomand Park, an atmosphere that has to be experienced to be believed.

If you don't want to make the great trek to the city then perhaps you could join a club or society ...go kayaking, windsurfing, caving, climbing, play chess, catch a sci-fi flim, join the Vincent de Paul or Outreach and give something back. It's time that Irish people realised that there is a lot more to recreational life than getting pissed in a smoky pub...the pub has it's place but it has become the centre of our lives. A german student who studied here in UL a number of years ago commented on how Irish men are incapable of chatting a girl up unless they are drunk, a sad state of affairs you'll agree. I am not anti-drink. I just feel that it is far too important a component in people's lives. Take the opportunity to broaden your experiences and your mind.

Carpe Diem

Gráinne

Student Parents

PS. Student Parents who are looking



for childcare assistance and haven't received forms in the post can call in to me. Forms must be returned before Friday 21st February Week 2. Also the next Student Parent Meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday of Week 2. I am planning on organising some information sessions and personal development courses in the coming semester so your feedback is important

Outreach

There will be a meeting of the Outreach Society on Tuesday 11th February Week 1 in the Students' Union to review last semester's activities and plan events for the coming semester. Training for the Junior Achievers programme will take place on Wednesday 12th February Week 1 also in the students union. Call to me for more details

Education - Margaret Ryan

Hi Everybody

Welcome back to the second semester. I realise it's going to be a bit of a shell-shock not to have the stables and the scholars working as normal, but I'm sure everyone else has talked about it, I'll say no more. I hope you all enjoyed the two weeks off and that the exams weren't too stressful. On that note, exam results will be published Monday of next week, on <http://sjpr.sigma2.ul.ie/> And for all the people who have FYPs due this semester, best of luck. I'd also like to welcome all our new Erasmus and Study-Aboard students.

While you lot have been off having fun, we've been working away here behind the scenes. The Student Union Quality Review Questionnaire will be published shortly, and we need as many responses as possible, so whatever you have to tell us, now is the time. Another thing

we've been working on is the proposed new Academic Calendar. We need as much input as possible from

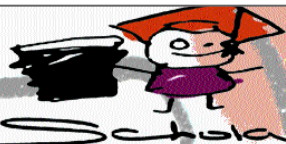
And here's the same piece of advice that you're going to get at the beginning of every semester: you need to know how all your modules are going to be assessed. There may be marks for assignments, tutorial/lab attendance, mid-terms and finals. These are all valid ways of giving you points, so make sure you're not losing marks because you don't go to tutorials. (They're handy for asking questions too, and more detail on what was covered in lectures, and even the odd exam hint...) If that looks like it's exactly the same as what I wrote in September, that's because it is what I wrote in September. It still applies.

Anyone who's back from Co-op, Erasmus or Study Abroad, now is the



time to find yourself a Class Rep. You can get nomination forms in the Students' Union, and meetings are on Tuesdays of even-numbered weeks in Room 5 of the Students'

Union building. As regards Exam papers, I'm trying to get the second lot us as soon as possible, so if anyone is interested in



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WEEK 1

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scanning for me, please call in and we'll figure out appropriate times. (Don't all rush at once!)

Last thing for today. I've just spent most of the last week at home for a funeral. My young neighbour has gone to his eternal reward way too soon. Tom was the nicest, sweetest

young lad for a long way around. He was great friends with my little sister and he is going to be hugely missed. My sincere sympathies go to his parents and his sister. Goodnight Tom.

Well, that's all I have to say for this week.

Talk to you soon, and remember, if you have any questions, call in and we'll try to answer them for you.

Margaret

Communications - Paddy Buckley

The bombshell that was Judge O'Reilly's decision to deny the Stables and Scholars a licence to sell alcohol is pretty much the only topic of conversation at the moment. At this point, we are awaiting an appeal to a Circuit Court judge which would allow the Clubs to continue to sell alcohol until such time as an appeal can be heard in the Circuit Court. All I say at this point in time is that everyone who is involved in the process at the moment is focussed entirely on getting the licences back as quickly as possible. Having said that, the reality of the situation is that we have to accept that at this point in time there is a very large possibility that neither the Stables or Scholars will be able to sell alcohol again for this semester. If the Circuit Court judge refuses the appeal next week, then we will have to wait for a full hearing, and given the backlog of cases in the Circuit Court, that could take a long time.

The implications of the decision are enormous. First of all is the obvious

one. For as long as I've been in UL, the Stables and Scholars have been the heart of the campus. They have always been run impeccably by their operators and losing them is a severe blow to the campus in general.

Coming as it does after the last two weeks of negative publicity for the city of Limerick in general, the decision cannot but fail to have a massive impact on the perception of the University of Limerick, and we can probably expect to see the number of students starting in UL next year to drop considerably. Finally, there is the fact that a lot of jobs will be lost, through no fault of the people involved.

There's not a lot more I can say about it other than to reiterate that everyone is focussed entirely on getting the licences back as soon as possible. Hopefully, by the time the next edition of An Focal is out we'll have some positive news on it.



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ASK AOIFE

If you have any concerns or worries then maybe Aoife can help. Drop your letters in to the Welfare Office in the Students Union. They will be treated with utmost confidentiality and answered by a trained professional

Dear Aoife

I have a problem that has been worrying me for a while. I have been with my boyfriend for nearly a year now. We are getting on really well but are having problems over sex. I have been on the pill for a while and I would really like it to happen but we have tried a few times and it has been really uncomfortable and sore for me so we haven't tried in a while. My boyfriend is really good about it but I can tell that he is frustrated and it makes me feel like there is something wrong with me and sometimes I even cry when we start to get intimate and I know what's coming. Is there anything you can do to help me??

I can sense your deep concern about this problem. Again, this is a most common type of concern for young people. First and foremost it is essential that you call to the medical centre to have a full medical assessment. This may seem daunting to you at first and you may even feel too embarrassed. However just to re-assure you that the medical centre is well used to meeting students in your situation and have all the expertise available to them to deal with it effectively. The problem can be either a purely physical one or a psychological one or it can be a combination of both. The student counselling service works closely with the medical centre in providing a comprehensive and appropriate treatment programme to the student. As a note of encouragement, most situations like this can be treated quite easily and effectively. The sooner you make an appointment the sooner you can get back to having a healthy intimate relationship with your boyfriend.

Best wishes.

Aoife

Dear Aoife

I am a 1st year student and my parents were delighted when I started college as I am the eldest in my family and my parents never had the chance to get a 3rd level education. The problem is that I hate my course. I went to all the lectures and labs at the start but it was really different to what I thought it would be and now I hate the thought of sitting in a lecture so much that I don't bother going and just sleep in until late in the day. I am getting a grant from the county council and if I drop out now I will lose it if I decide to go back next year. I will also have to pay fees as well. I am not sure what to do. My parents don't know how I feel and I feel like I am all alone. Can you help me?

Your dilemma is not an uncommon one and seems rooted in your wish to please your parents and not being able to communicate to them about how you feel about your course. You are obviously concerned about the financial implications of leaving the course as well.

Even though it may be difficult to talk to your parents about this topic it is essential that you do so. Sharing how you feel invites them to do likewise. Remember that you cannot fulfill their unrealised wishes of going to University and you cannot carry the load of their expectations as the guiding principle for your future. This crisis for you is an opportunity for you and your parents to raise your relationship to an adult- to- adult level, something that is enriching for the whole family. Parents generally want their son or daughter to be happy and even though their support for you may be tinged with some of their own personal sadness or disappointment at having to let go of their expectations, they will be relieved and celebrate your new found happiness and contentment at being able to proceed with a career that you have chosen and can commit yourself to. In the long run this is sure to be the most cost effective approach.

Remember you only lose your grant for the one-year extra that you are taking to get a degree. You do not lose the grant completely but only for the one year. You may wish to consult with the careers office on campus as to what career you are most suited to. You can also pop in to chat to one of the University Counsellors to discuss this matter further.

Best of luck whatever you decide to do.

Aoife

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Closure of the Stables and Scholars

by Eamonn O Flynn

A dark day greets every student in UL as we return to college after the Spring break to find that the social heart and soul of our University has been shut as a result of a district court ruling, rejecting the renewal of the club licences for the Stables and Scholars clubs. No doubt the first question that comes to mind is how this fiasco has come about and like most things there are numerous reasons and a long history of events that have culminated, to bring about the Judgement passed by Judge O'Reilly last Thursday.

The root of this issue lies in the College Court residents associations' objection to the renewal of the licences. This association is exclusive in that it does not allow students residing in the area to become members. It is made up of a number of "permanent" residents in College Court but does not represent all the residents of this particular area of Castletroy. The association is one of two residents associations in Castletroy, the other being the Plassey residents association, which has representatives from all the other estates in Castletroy. To date the University has enjoyed good relations with the Plassey residents association despite some grievances and difficult issues, the fundamental relationship has been a co-operative one.

Despite on going efforts in recent years, the College Court residents association have felt that the efforts of the University to deal with their grievances have not gone far enough. In the past three years the College Court residents association have lodged repeated objections to the renewal of the club licences. This is due mainly to the fact that a number of their grievances relate to student behaviour at night and of course this course of action was sure to grab the attention of the University, its management and its students. In an interview with An Focal last year, a member of the College Court residents association Ms. Ursula Stokes outlined three areas in particular that she was dissatisfied with, the UL Code of Conduct, drinks promotions and the cult of drinking in the Stables and Scholars, and the Governing Authority. "There are first year students who are just out of control and other students who are just bringing your name down, they are scum. When was the last time



The Scholars Club

someone was expelled from your college for vandalism or bringing the college into disrepute?" she asked. In a strong attack on the ineptness of UL, she believed it is an institution "to set you up for drugs and alcohol and to become an alcoholic." Having said this however, she admitted to knowing some exemplary students, and others who are very, very nice people. She believed the problem is with the upper management who she alleged are "arrogant and don't even listen to ye're (the students of UL) problems". It cannot be denied that the College Court Residents association have genuine issues that need to be addressed by the Students' Union and the Management of the University.

The decision not to renew the club licences was based on the fact that the club management have repeatedly failed to uphold the club rules, in particular rules relating to membership. The rules by which a club licence is issued are based on statutory guidelines and as such the rules for a club licence do not vary much around the country for premises that operate on a club licence such as Rugby, Golf or GAA clubs. For the sake of clarity I must point out that the bars in UL don't operate on the basis of a public licence, such as a typical bar on the high street. One of the key differences between the two types of licence is that a club may only serve alcohol to registered members and as such, the ordinary public may not

consume alcohol on the premises, unless signed in by a member.

It would be fair to say that many of the premises operating a club licence around the country do not adhere fully with the club rules and so this begs the question, why are these clubs still allowed to operate and ours are not. Quite simply, once the residents association objected and could show we are in violation of the club rules then the Judge is simply left with no option but to reject the renewal of the licences. This is the third consecutive year this case has been heard and in the previous two judgements the licences were renewed with conditions. The two previous decisions were based on assurances given by the then ULSU President Mick Phelan, where he gave evidence that both clubs were in the process of implementing various procedures and policies that would ensure their compliance with the rules and regulations. It is the responsibility of the management committee of the clubs to ensure the rules are being upheld. The management committees are made up of representatives from the University management and PCC Ltd. (50%) and the Students' Union (50%), in the event of a split vote the chairperson has the casting vote. Again for clarity, it is not the responsibility of the club operators appointed to oversee the day to day running, namely Mick Dolan (Scholars) and Michael Fagan (Stables), who for over three and

sixteen years respectively have run two excellent operations on campus.

For students who have been around for the past three years you may have noticed the extended door cover, where the production of ID is necessary and the necessity to sign in friends who were not UL students. There was one initiative in particular that sought to comply with the rules, namely the introduction of a Students' Union club ID card, at a cost of €24,000 per annum, to provide proof of age for UL students using the clubs, which was a major concern for the courts. The problem in this area is that your date of birth is not printed on your standard UL ID card. The University management stated that the date of birth could not be provided on the UL card as it represented an unacceptable security risk. The reason for this is, your date of birth is one the security numbers needed to access your record, along with your ID number and PIN and the University did not want two of the three numbers printed on the ID card. The idea for the Students' Union club card was abandoned, when the University stated they could use colour coding on the UL ID cards to distinguish between under and over 18 year olds and this would also overcome the security issue. So where are these colour coded ID cards, considering I was employed by the University last September to issue ID cards to our incoming first years, I can assure you the reader I didn't see any. This is

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but one example of where the management committee failed to uphold the conditions sought by the court. But even at this stage surely the management committee had a number of months to implement an alternative measure that would satisfy the courts conditions? Why weren't the rules upheld? The management committee will certainly have some tough questions to face at its next meeting.

What impact is this likely to have for the campus community? Well this is the one part of this fiasco that is undoubtedly clear to everyone. The consequences of this are dire indeed. The Students' Union issued a position paper on this very issue twelve months ago, is this paper the number of assaults in the city of Limerick was outlined. This was included to highlight the importance of the clubs on campus as a secure social environment. If this was an issue twelve months ago it's an epidemic this year and now the clubs are needed more than ever. This is sure to affect the number of first preferences UL will receive in the CAO, only last week our President Roger Downer explained to the national media, that students should not be deterred from applying to UL, as it is a safe three miles from the city. Well we can scrap that statement. The revenue the pubs generate also goes to fund the activities of Clubs and Societies on campus, which are already under severe financial pressure. With no pubs and little money for Clubs and Societies UL is set to become a dull campus indeed. The entertainments office of the Students' Union are busy making arrangements for mid-week events and also for Kollege week, everything that can be done will be done to ensure entertaining a safe venues in which students can socialise, arrangements will also be made to ensure the safe transportation of students to and from any ULSU gigs in the city. At this point I would also like to point out that it is also likely that Students will have more parties at home. I can't emphasise enough how important it is that students behave responsibly, maintaining community relations has never been more important. As was stated at the beginning of this article, poor community relations with some of the local residents was one of the root causes which has led to this situation. We're in bad enough shape at this point without adding media reports of public order offences to the

list of woes.

What is the future outlook for the clubs re-opening? Well the future in the short term is bleak. A motion was put before the court on Friday to allow the clubs to remain open pending an appeal to the circuit court, which was duly rejected by Judge O'Reilly. This decision is currently being appealed and is likely to be heard on Wednesday. Based on the results to date, it is unlikely this appeal will be successful and even if it is, it only represents a stay of execution. However, if successful it would see the clubs re-open this week. We must then wait for the

result of the circuit court appeal, which will be heard in April, at the earliest. It is the opinion of the author that it would be advisable for the club management to get their rules 100% in order before the circuit court appeal, as this can only strengthen our case.

INFORMATION NOTICE

WHY THE CLUBS ARE NOT REGISTERED TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT PRESENT.

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF THE STABLES AND SCHOLARS CLUBS WAS MADE TO THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF JUDGE REILLY ON MONDAY 03 FEBRUARY.

FOLLOWING THE HEARING, JUDGE REILLY GAVE HIS RULING ON THURSDAY 06 FEBRUARY. THE CLUBS WERE REFUSED RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION TO SERVE ALCOHOL WITH NO RIGHT OF APPEAL ON THE JUDGE'S DECISION IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

THE REASON FOR THE REFUSAL WAS ON THE GROUNDS OF A TECHNICALITY WITH REGARD TO THE MANNER OF ENROLMENT OF CLUB MEMBERS. THE JUDGE RULED THAT THE CLUBS WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CLUB RULES OR THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES ACT.

CURRENT COURSE OF ACTION

THE CLUBS' SOLICITORS ARE APPEALING THE DECISION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT. AN INITIAL APPEAL IS BEING MADE TO THE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE IN THE NEXT WEEK BEGINNING 10 JANUARY TO ALLOW THE CLUBS TO OPERATE AS NORMAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AN APPEAL AGAINST JUDGE REILLY'S DECISION CAN BE HEARD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

STATUS OF SERVICE

- THE CLUBS REMAIN OPEN AS SOCIAL VENUES FOR THE SALE OF FOOD AND NON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.
- NEITHER CLUB CAN SERVE ALCOHOL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NOTICE ISSUED BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE STABLES AND SCHOLARS' CLUBS.

Class Representative Certificates Presented

by Gemma Nolan

Hello Everyone & Welcome Back!

So your first set of exams for this academic year are over, it's the dawn of semester 2 2003 and thus the madness begins again! I am hoping that you are all well rested after the break and ready for what I am sure will be an interesting second term. Last semester proved to be exactly that so I am looking forward to getting back into the swing of things. To recap on the events of last semester, I would like to highlight the positive role the ULSU Class Representatives have played within Students' Union and University life on campus. Last semester the Class Representatives took part in an Administration Weekend in Ennis at the end of Week 3 where they received training and instruction for their roles for the year. All who participated enjoyed the training seminar and another training day is in the works for the coming semester. There was also the Anti - Fees march in Limerick and extremely good attendance at the Class Representative Council meetings. So thanks to one and all that took the time to join in with the happenings of the previous semester.

The highlight of last semester was of course the presentation of the Class Representatives Certificates of Recognition to the Class Reps from the previous year. The presentation took place on Wednesday 11th of December 2002 in Plassey House. A wine and cheese reception was held before the certificates were presented by Dr. Rodger Downer President of the University of Limerick and our own ULSU President Eoin ? Broin. Dr Downer's presence at such a long awaited event demonstrates that the Class Representative body is finally receiving the recognition it deserves not just from the Students' Union but the University also. Dr Downer's



Dr Roger Downer and Eoin O'Broin at the presentation ceremony

speech expressed the need for the links between the students and the University to be built upon so students and academics alike can get the most and the best out of college life. The parchments bare the University seal and crest, the ULSU crest, Dr Downer's signature and also the signature of Michael Phelan (last year's ULSU President).

The certs are aptly named "certificates of recognition" to portray the importance of receiving them. The weight of significance behind the presentation of these certificates goes hand in hand with a huge expectation of hard work and dedication from the Class

the University re-enforcing the fact that the Class Representative body is of extreme value to both entities of campus life. Now that such a ceremony has taken place the onus is on all current and future Class Representatives to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. Thus any students interested in becoming Class Representatives on behalf of their classes can now see that they will be rewarded for their efforts and will have a certificate of immense value, a worthwhile addition to their degree scroll when they leave college life."

To finish I would like to say Thank



The Class Reps outside Plassey House with Dr. Roger Downer

Representatives for a very often-thankless role. The Class Reps' must fulfil certain criteria before qualifying to be in receipt of such an honour which has a certain prestige attached to it now, as this is a joint award from both the ULSU and the University of Limerick.


Before I go any further it must be stated that this presentation would not have been possible if it were not for the efforts of the previous ULSU Education Officer Tom O' Donovan. Throughout both of Tom's terms in the SU he was involved in a relentless pursuit of formalised recognition for the Class Representative body from the University. Also his ability to consistently envisage how to better the system in place within the Students' Union through the use of the Class Representatives displays an amazing vision which has put the ULSU far ahead of many other Student Unions in the country. Thus the following are a few words of wisdom from the man himself:

"The presentation of the Certificates of Recognition was a significant day for last year's Class Representatives, the ULSU, the University and a very important day for students in the college to finally see their representatives being rewarded for their hard work. Such an award is unique and formalises the relationship between the ULSU and

You to quite a few people who helped in getting this presentation off the ground and ensured that it ran smoothly. Thank You to Dr. Downer for being present and taking the time to speak to each Class Representative and ULSU member in the room. Thanks to Dr. Downer's P.A.s Aelish Nagle & Susan Mulcahy who were a huge help and never got tired of my constant ringing and queries and thanks also to all the staff involved in preparing the wine & cheese reception it was greatly appreciated. Thank You to Mr. Leo Colgan of the Registrar's office and Calista Bennis who graciously allowed the ULSU to use the University seal and crest on the certificates. Thanks to all of my own work colleagues in the Students' Union for being present at the presentation and encouraging this initiative from the very beginning. Thanks to Paddy Buckley for taking the photographs, Eoin O' Broin for your speech to the Class Reps, Eamonn O' Flynn (Societies Officer) for helping when as expected last minute hitches occurred, Margaret Ryan (Education Officer), and John Mulcahy (Chair of the Class Rep Council last year) who spent long hours helping me prepare everything for the presentation of the certificates. Last but not least the biggest Thank You of all must go to Tom O' Donovan, without you Tom this would not have happened and for all the advice and help you have given me throughout the year. It is the beginning of a new term so best of luck and see you all soon.

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Bye Bye to the Smartie Man

by Jody Clarke

He's gone everybody. One of the most fundamental people in everyone's childhood. Gone. Just like that. He once drove round your neighbourhood, hell-bent on giving you a ride in the back of his car. But no way, not even the offer of a packet of smarties was going to get you into the back of that automobile. No, he was a stranger man told you. A weirdo according to dad. The elusive old man with sellotaped glasses according to your nerdy brother. To be quite honest you never knew or indeed saw anything of this man, but he was placed there as an element of fear by your parents. Always be wary of strangers. And then along came Brendan Smith and the seemingly endless stream of priests. They weren't strangers. They knew the kid. They knew the family.

It was bye-bye to this man in the long black coat figure and the stereotyped

image that he offered of paedophiles. With the coming of Tim Allen and other famous individuals

linked with child pornography such as Garry Glitter and allegedly Pete Townsend we have begun to realise that paedophiles need not be social misfits with no friends or family, exclusively old or indeed strangers for that matter. They were and are, on the face of it, ordinary men with wives, families and good jobs. They are people you would place your trust in. But why is it only now that we are examining the true roots of what essentially is a peculiar male sexual desire for children?

I mean, come on folks, its not like we suddenly got a shock that supposedly ordinary decent individuals could indeed be paedophiles? For years people had known that Baden-Powell, the founder of the scout movement, had abused young boys in his care and were aware of the true reasons behind why Arthur C. Clarke has never given a knighthood. Does anyone else find it quite ironic that for years priests sexually abused young children in letterfrack and Artane industrial schools, that ordinary people had heard unbelievable reports of what had gone on there yet did not feel impelled to protest or contact their local T.Ds?

Admittedly, they would have been labelled as crackpots by successive governments who wouldn't have wiped their own arses if they hadn't taken a walk up the bishops driveway first. And not only would the minister have done nothing, but the very purveyors of

"By paying for such material on the internet or abusing a child, a person has made a clear choice to do so."

Christ's message on earth would have taken every opportunity to disrupt legal enquiries into these wrong doings, throwing pitfalls for the investigators along the way like the importance of Canon law to the investigations as they have done up to recently.

There is no doubt we have failed in what was indeed a sexually stunted society in the past, to protect the weak. We now have the opportunity to redress the situation by taking action against paedophiles and child pornography on the internet. By paying for such material on the internet or abusing a child, a person has made a clear choice to do so.

Avoiding the borders of idiocy and nonsense as much as possible, the facts would seem to show that Pdraig Pearse held a sexual desire for children under his care. However, he did not, as far as we know abuse his position of power to fulfil such desires. Pearse knew it was wrong and he knew that he could exercise choice between right and wrong, and in this he chose the former.

Tim Allen knew that what he was doing was wrong. His actions, and the actions of people like him supported a sick underground industry that led to the abduction and abuse of the most vulnerable people in society. He may not have actually physically abused a child, but he indirectly helped others in doing so. It must be admitted, however, that he sought help for what he saw himself as a condition and hence the leniency of his sentence.

UCC researchers have just told us that more and more teenage boys between the ages of 16 and 19 are being seduced by child pornography on the internet. It is important that we act now by stamping out such behaviour as not only is it criminal, but it is psychologically damaging as well. It is important to reach out not only to these young men but indeed to others who are tempted to pay for such material over the internet or indeed in any other fashion, before they do go on to support this sordid industry through payments over the internet. Failing to do so runs the risk that paedophiles of the future will not be stopped before they take action on their present fantasies.

It is therefore encouraging to hear that UCC are developing a programme over the internet, designed to reach out to such young men. These are individuals who need clear psychiatric help for their condition, as locking them away for a couple of years will have no

meaningful effect if they do not also receive treatment for what they know themselves is wrong. Of the current inmates in the Curragh prison on sexual offence sentences, up till recently only half of these individuals were receiving psychiatric treatment. So when these guys go back into society after a four year sentence, do we just build higher walls around our houses to protect our children?

No we don't. That is no society in which children should be raised. It is the duty of the government to provide the services needed to ensure that men who may start off purchasing such material do not go on to abuse. The clear importance of this can be seen when supposedly 1 in 5 people who download child pornography on the internet go on to abuse. The media also have a duty not to hound individual people as was done with Tim Allen and pummel them with constant abuse. Doing so only leads to frightening these particular men so much that they will never seek help, and instead ensure that they stick with the internet which provides them with what they see as glorious anonymity. It doesn't cure a problem, rathor guarantees that it will fester on.

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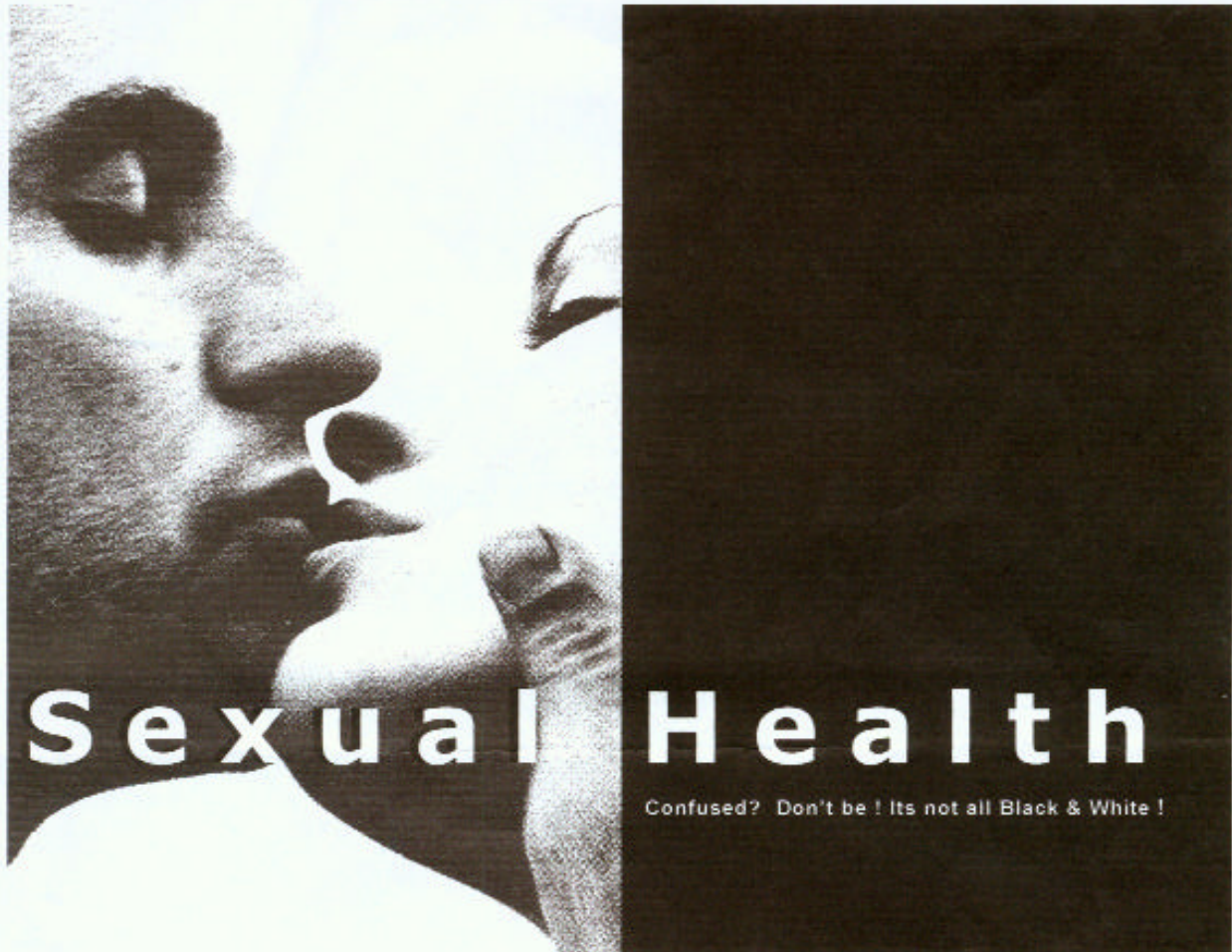
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Shannon Peace Camp

by Laura Greer

Shannon airport has been the focus of much attention in recent weeks due to the re-fuelling of planes and transfer of U.S. troops to the Gulf. The presence of the Shannon Peace Camp and recent criminal damage of U.S. planes resulting in a tightening of security at the airport have also highlighted the issue.

Two separate attacks, causing severe damage to U.S. planes, and fears by the US for the security of Shannon proved extremely embarrassing for the government. As a result 120 armed army troops are now patrolling the boundaries of the airport in order to prevent further security breaches occurring. The peace camp, which was seen as a threat to security, has also been disbanded.

In reaction to being moved protestor Catherine Hartford, a fourth year student, said "even though it is sad to see the structures going, moving a few caravans isn't going to remove the sentiment." The group intends to continue its campaign in a series of talks and demonstrations across the country. "We have a responsibility in



The Shannon Peace Camp

a democracy to tell the government what we want," said Ms Hartford.

The camp, which has been at the site since New Years, had 20 permanent protestors and over 20 supporting protestors. Protestors aimed to attract attention to the re-fuelling of U.S. planes, movement of troops and are monitoring the number of U.S. military planes, all of which they consider an illegal breach of Irish neutrality. Protestors feel they have had "amazing successes" in highlighting the issue in the Dail and in the Media.

There has been some negative public opinion as a result of the damage to the US planes. Some feel

that the breaches of security have damaged Ireland's national position. "Civil and international law is there to protect peoples freedom of speech and no organization or individual has the right to jeprodize this mechanism which is critical for society to work," said fourth year Thomas Russell.

Postgraduate student and protestor, Manus Bree was keen to point out that the Catholic Workers Movement were responsible for the second breach of security at Shannon, although Mary Kelly, who was involved in the first breach of security, was from the peace camp. "We're all coming form the same area, but some have a more direct action than others," said Mr Bree.

If the U.S decided to "go it alone" in a war on Iraq the Irish government has said it will review the situation on the use of Shannon. There is skepticism over whether the government will stop US use of Shannon under these circumstances or whether economic factors will influence the decision.

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Brian

Cowen last week said, "Inward investment into Ireland has been a major factor of our prosperity. It continues to play a major role in the whole question of our peace process. These are factors that need to be taken into account. It doesn't mean we're a military ally of the US."

Economic factors are also a consideration in the US use of Shannon. Fourth year Conor Ryan from Shannon said, "the people of Shannon can't really say anything as we are dependent on the US for tourism and investment. Hands are tied unless word comes from Dublin to stop using Shannon."

It is clear that the debate over the use of Shannon will remain an issue in the coming weeks as it has large implications, both politically and economically for Ireland's future and it is one that will be revisited often as the onset of a possible war looms ever more closely.

The Future of Croke Park

by Brendan Coffey

The contentious issue of whether Croke Park should become our national stadium has dominated many column inches of late, not least An Focal.

The last article, which appeared here, proposed an affirmative stance on the matter, but I must disagree. In the last article, the unidentified author called on the GAA to open up Croke Park and make it our national stadium, but what he/she fails to recognise is that it is the Irish people that determine a national building through our elected representatives, not a sporting organisation-which in its time supported the IRA's campaign of terror. The 'Bertie Bowl' was what this nation needed and whilst cost, location and execution combined to consign the idea to the scrap heap, the idea was headed in the right direction. It is for the people, through elected government to furnish us with a national stadium.

The very idea of a national stadium suggests one of the people, not one that is subject to GAA discretion, as the proposed move would entail. We

should not expect the GAA to furnish us with a national stadium, for we do not make similar demands of competing sports bodies like the IRFU and the FAI. And neither would it be right for any such organisation to provide us with a stadium as they would not only be compromising the interests of their own members, but we, as a nation would be subject to the vested interests of any particular organisation, in this case the GAA. Yes, if the GAA wants to let its stadium to other sports, then by all means we should not stop it as it is a private organisation, but it would defeat the very purpose of our modern nation to allow such an organisation hold the deeds to our national stadium.

The notion of entrusting the GAA with the deeds of the national stadium is quite frightening considering it banned players from attending and playing other sports until the '70's; it has similarly banned 'foreign' sports from its hollowed turf right up to the present day; and whilst it not only encouraged sectarianism through its bad on RUC members until recently, but

it openly supported the actions of the IRA. In its Congress of 1979, the



Croke Park

GAA passed motions supporting the IRA hunger strikers in the Maze, and one that read, favour for "unequivocally supporting the struggle for national liberation". Do we not want to encompass all types of sport; all types of race and creed in the modern-day Hibernia? The fruits of the Celtic Tiger-which encapsulates the new found success and inclusiveness of our society-should be put to the creation of a national stadium, that would symbolise our fervour for ambition and doing things for ourselves.

Croke Park should not be the home for Irish sport and culture, onsidering both its past and present actions, and whilst the façade may have changed,

the Puritanism and shortsightedness, which lay beneath, have manifested itself in the GAA of the 21st Century. However, the fruits of the Celtic Tiger have run-dry, and instead of investing in a sound capital project that would eventually return money with the housing of games and concerts, we knocked the government for its bold move to create such a fine structure indicative of modern Ireland. And yet, that same government has been elected with a Programme for government, which makes provision for the building of a national stadium. Where does the hypocrisy end? Certainly not, in the elevation of Croke Park to the status of national stadium.

Outdoor Pursuits Club Assault on Aconcagua

by Frank Cox

A team of seven climbers from the University of Limerick will be leaving this weekend to start their expedition to climb Aconcagua (6962m) in Argentina, the highest mountain in the Southern Hemisphere.

The planning for this expedition has been ongoing for the past year in preparation for this highly demanding four-week expedition. During this time the team will have to deal with the problems associated with climbing at these very extreme altitudes but also the overall physical demand on the body to survive at these heights.

The team of seven that will travel to Aconcagua are all either past or present students of the University of Limerick. Frank Cox, Darragh Dolan, Barry Watts, Ed Earle and Tom Earle all of whom are from Limerick with John Paul O'Gorman from Cork and Liam Gahan from Waterford. There is a wide range of experience in the team, including ascents of Kilimanjaro, Mt. Blanc and the Matterhorn. The members have been training continuously in the Galway and Kerry mountains.

The team will climb the mountain via the Polish Glacier, which is a relatively technical route and the use of ice axes and crampons will be needed.

The climbing of this peak will involve a three-day hike and the use of mules to carry our food and gas supplies as far as Base Camp (4,100m).

From Camp 2, the team will start their summit attempt, which should be happening around the 14th or 15th of February. The summit day will start at 1am with a large portion of the climb been done during darkness and planning to reach the summit at around 1pm. A 6-hour descent is then involved before the team can reach the safety of Camp 2. From here they will then start to carry down all the equipment from Camp 1 and Camp 2.

The expedition will be the first student organised expedition of this size to leave an Irish University and will be a unique challenge for the whole team.

The expedition members would like to thank its sponsors - The University of Limerick - Students Union, Sports Department and Foundation, United Drug, Cascade Designs and Castle T Furniture.



The OPC outside the Students' Union before they left

Expedition Report

Hi there,

It is now 12:53am in Mendoza and tomorrow the team of 7 will leave for the start of the approach to Base Camp.

Since I E-mailed last the rest of the team arrived from Ireland (Barry, Ed and JP). We were all up early this morning to sort out the food and fuel and to pick up the last bits that we need to get before we leave for Puenta del Vacas where we will start into Base Camp. The heat in Mendoza today reached a high of 38/39°C and with cloud cover the humidity was very high.

Today there was alot to be sorted with all the equipment, food and fuel been packaged correctly so that it can be transported to Base Camp in duffle bags with out any damage. To date we have not meet any problems with the expedition but the weather is not the best at the moment. A number of team have summited but the conditions are reported very cold and windy at the moment.



Mount Aconcagua

We will enter the Aconcagua National Park on Thursday morning and this will allow us 20 days to reach the summit and descend again. We should be back in contact for the night of the 17th of Feb. so I will be able to then tell you all how the expedition went.

The team at the moment are all well and healthy. Today we the start of us having to all really work together and things are working fast and effective. I think that we are all starting to feel the nerves and tomorrow morning will be really the start of it all. We are all hoping for improved weather at the moment.

Till the 17th of Feb, I say by goodbyes from me and the team and we are all hoping that things will go well. Once again to all the people who have help me and team out for the expedition we are all very grateful and I hope that a successful expedition will follow as thanks.

Till the 17th, I hope that all is OK in Ireland and hope to talk to you all soon.

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The Leeds Crisis

by Anthony Kilpatrick

Prior to the F.A Cup fourth round replay victory against Gillingham Tuesday night of last, Leeds United appeared to be a team in utter turmoil. Since the beginning of the season, the unfortunate tide of bad results, mounting debt, and selling of valuable players, has plagued the Elland Road club into a spiralling out of control journey, which as a result sees them lie in the bottom half of the Premiership: very uncharacteristically for one of the biggest clubs in England.

So what went wrong before the start of the season? Expectations were high after finishing fifth in the league under Irishman David O'Leary, but a dramatic u-turn of the 'prosperous' atmosphere at Elland Road has



Terry Venables

hampered a club who, in my mind, could have won much glory domestically this year.

Well in the last number of weeks, the truth about the problems at Leeds

United has been emerging: especially from the current manager Terry Venables, who was at first blamed for the current crisis.

Venables, or 'El Tel' as dubbed by the media, was appointed during the summer concluding the dismissal of David O'Leary. He is a man of great experience, and has coached the English national squad in his time. There was such an air of expectation when El Tel was unveiled as the new Leeds boss, that the fans and players alike were all insisting they were going to be treble winners come May. How little they all knew of what the season was to bring.

By the end of September, El Tel was having his resignation called upon by everybody concerned. Leeds had slumped into the relegation zone for a time, and the prosperous, shining atmosphere at Elland Road had most certainly become a stormy one. It actually took quite a while before the public was convinced that Leeds United was at fault because of one man: director Peter Ridsdale.

Ridsdale had, and is still doing the club out of thousands, and even millions of pounds. This is due to his excessively own high wages, and spending sprees on players who he cannot even afford.

As of September, Leeds was a club in crisis: both on, and off the field. For starters, five of their best players on the team needed to be sold to claw back the 95 million pounds debt reported by the chairman. So over the preceding months, we said goodbye to Irish saviour Robbie Keane who went to Tottenham. He was followed out of Elland Road by

Jonathan Woodgate to Newcastle United, Rio Ferdinand to Manchester United, Olivier Dacourt to Italian giants AS Roma, and finally Robbie Fowler to Manchester City.

Although these sales might have finally eased the cash-flow crisis at the club, it has not done them any favours on the field: Leeds are still lying in the bottom half of the Premiership, and have no hope of progressing into a European tournament for next season. Not



Robbie Keane celebrates after scoring for Leeds

news the fans are too pleased at. Things have gotten even more heated and restless in the last number of weeks again, especially when Jonathan Woodgate was sold to Newcastle behind the manager's back. Due to this, Venables up until last week was pondering leaving Leeds and it's sly, devious omen in Peter Ridsdale. Many protests by Leeds United fans were carried out outside the Elland road stadium before matches, and more notably at Goodison Park against Everton two weeks ago, in which violence occurred. All are calling for the

resignation of Ridsdale, and not Venables. A dark twist in the tale was viewed last Monday however, when we saw death threats being directed at the director and his family.

So where to now for Leeds United? Well Venables has been assured no other players will have to leave Elland Road in the foreseeable future. In return to hearing this news, Venables has told the media that he will be staying at Leeds until his current contract runs out. El Tel has



also been told that he now has permission to purchase his Brazilian miracle man Emerson, thus giving some much needed stability and flair in the midfield. Now all the sixty-year-old manager needs to do is get results, and he began the club's new lease of life last Tuesday, with a very important 2-1 victory over Gillingham in the F.A Cup.

It remains to be seen if El Tel will be successful with the task at hand in Leeds. I join the majority of football fans in saying that I am confident he can adhere to the job in hand though. Now if only he could control Mark

Child Pornography and the Tim Allen case

by Brendan Coffey

The recent vilification of the Allen family over the perceived leniency of the sentence handed down to celebrity chef, Tim Allen, fails to recognise the actual outcome of the case.

Let me remind you of the facts of the case. Tim Allen had downloaded child pornographic images on to his computer. He pleaded guilty to the charges put before him, whilst he has sought and received counselling for his activities. Now the fact that the DPP brought the case before the District Court would suggest to me that this was a minor offence, with which the District Court has jurisdiction over. Not only was guilt admitted to this minor offence, but the guilty party was landed with over 200 hours of community service and a fine of EUR40,000, which is quite

steep considering the District Court can only impose sentences of up to twelve months imprisonment and/or a fine of somewhere in the region of EUR1500. To any "official bystander", the man would seem to have been treated quite harshly, irrespective of his wealth and status. The fact that he is quite well known seems to be part of the argument of those who are outraged at the leniency of his sentence. Let me first point out that a EUR40000 donation is a lot more beneficial than Allen's residence in jail for twelve months at the taxpayer's expense. The man is also undergoing rehabilitation and is due to give over 200 hours of service back to the community, which seems, objectively, to be a most sensible and practical decision of the court. Allen has not only been punished financially, but because of his fame, he will suffer even more so the social stigma of this offence, more than any

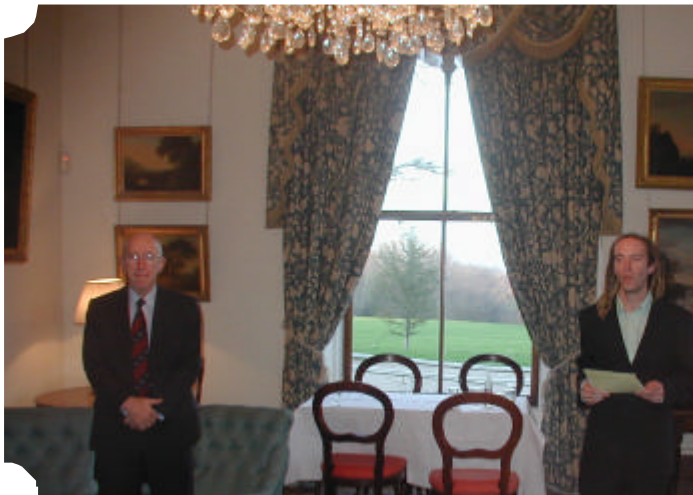
other offender of this crime. He will also have to sign on a sex offender's register for the next five years.

Is this sentence lenient? Is EUR40000 not more than the average industrial wage? Is the social stigma not hugely magnified because of his fame? Is a sentence of community service not far more beneficial to society than a jail sentence at the taxpayer's expense? This is of course regardless of the fact that the man has admitted guilt and is seeking treatment. Those who see this as a lenient sentence are not only living in a Victorian world but are oblivious to the punishment, quite severe at that, that this man will suffer both publicly, financially and emotionally. And, yes those children contained in the pornographic images have suffered similarly. But, as the old utilitarian argument goes, the guilty party is serving punishment for the crime he has committed; he

has gotten his 'just desserts'.

The argument of deterrence that emanated from the 'just desserts' theory, suggests that the sentence should seek to deter others. Well, if you really want to deter paedophiles, you'd better publicly flog and hang Tim Allen, as well as making him and his families pariah's of society, because paedophiles suffer from urges, thankfully most of us will never know of. They must repel those urges as vociferously as they can and we must help them for our children's safety. We shouldn't be persecuting the Allen family for crimes they haven't committed and we shouldn't persecute Tim Allen more than he already has been by the justice system, which has, in my book, handed down a very severe sentence, and by the inner demons, which drove him to this heinous crime.





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Review Glen Hansard in the Monnet

by Peter Burrows

Those of you who are fans of the Frames, know what a mouth-watering prospect the band is live. For me they are up there with the best live acts in the world, thanks mainly to the combination of musical excellence and the ability to create an atmosphere of intimacy which is due in no small part to the humbleness of lead singer Glen Hansard. Taking a break from a long tour, the band are enjoying some down time, but ever restless Glen is availing of the opportunity to do a solo tour and perhaps gauge audience reaction to a spate of new songs. University of Limerick's Jean Monnet theater played host to one such gig on Friday evening last with support being provided by upcoming singer/songwriter Mark Geary.

I saw Mark support Josh Ritter a couple of months back, and although I was impressed even then by his unique voice, intelligent lyrics and strong melodies, he was a nervous wreck on stage. I feared a packed Jean Monnet theatre would be too much for Mark. Thankfully he failed to live up to my expectations, in fact what I witnessed was a changed man. He may still shake on stage but his music shows no signs of nervousness.

Opening with a new song "Morphine" he immediately began to draw in the crowd with his easy guitar playing and amiable sense of humour. Mark has obviously learned a lot from touring with Josh and Glen, songs such as "The Gingerman" "Ghosts" and "The Volunteer" which were edgy and coarse six months ago, now flow with a polish which comes from performance, the audience lapped them up. Perhaps boosted by this, newer creations such as "The only girl for me in this town", and "Some other time of year" intermixed effortlessly with the more familiar. Finishing his set with "Adam and Eve" with the crowd joining in on

the chorus, Mark promised he would float home. The thunderous applause may have spoiled that a little.

I am sure it must have felt a little strange to Glen to be completely ignored at the back of the theatre as many of the crowd rushed to purchase Mark's album. Mark must also have cursed himself for only bring fifteen copies. Indeed it was an unusually quiet Hansard that began his set, opening with a new song whose title I failed to catch but was much in the vein of the opening from the album "For the birds". It was no surprise when "Lay me down" followed. The gig began to take on



Glen Hansard in concert

an experimental feel when Glen played four new songs "Locusts", "Races", "In this boat together" and the audience titled "Fake" (the song doesn't have a working title yet). These were mediated only by the familiar "What happens when the heart

just stops". The new songs are mostly ballads and echo the quieter side of Glen while still maintaining a rock edge, especially in the heavy guitar riffs of "In this boat together".

As the crowd warmed up, we were treated to the trinity of "Headlong", "God bless mom" and "The stars are underground" with an impressive acoustic - distortion pedal combination at the end of "the stars". Another new one then "Caution to the birds", which particularly impressed me as mellow mixed with mayhem in characteristic Frames style. Everyone was clearly enjoying it now and even though the audience was less inclined to join in than at previous Frames/Glen gigs, "The Blood" provided us with the opportunity to fill in for the absent violin and proved most people can't whistle. A standing ovation followed, I looked at my watch, two hours in and no sign of stopping. The first encore was Mic Christopher's "Heyday" a song as much about the celebration of life as it is the commemoration of a death. Add "Your Face" the new "Hopeful" before calling Mark Geary back to finish with a completely unplugged and P.A-less duet of Mark's "It beats me". Utter mind-blowing stuff!

This gig typifies for me a movement in Irish music which has been growing over the last couple of years led by bands such as "The Frames", talented people who make music for music's sake. I find it sad and disheartening when Glen admits that part of the reason for the solo tour was financial, because the group is just about surviving. It was a privilege to be in the audience on Friday night, an honor to witness artists pouring themselves into their art and a pleasure to write this review. Mark's album is out on Feb 14th and is called "33 1/3 Grand St". Check out www.theframes.ie or www.markgeary.ie for upcoming tour dates.

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IVOR THE INSOMNIAC Director : Shimmy Marcus

Y TU MAMA TAMBIEN (And Your Mother Too) Director : Alfonso Cuarón

The film centres on a pair of macho flâneurs in Mexico City, the good-looking 17-year-old brats Tenoch (Diego Luna) and Julio (Gael García Bernal). Tenoch is the son of a rich politician, his Aztec name being a vote-winning ploy of his corrupt father. Julio's single mother is a secretary in a big corporation, his sister a left-wing student activist. The arrogant, charming lads are devoted to sex, drugs and alcohol. But they have poise and rather grand literary ambitions, and they lead a privileged fraternity called the Charolastras (the celestial cowboys) with its own special code of conduct. One day, shortly after their girlfriends have left to spend summer in Europe, they attend a surreal wedding reception held in a small bullfighting arena where the guests sit around the ring and a mariachi band and an equestrian team perform in the centre. At this bizarre occasion they meet the 28-year-old Luisa (Maribel Verdú), a dental technician who has come from Spain with a cousin of Tenoch's, a writer educated in Europe. The sophisticated duo gallantly invite her to join them on a forthcoming trip to an idyllic beach on the Pacific coast for which they invent the name Boca del Cielo ('Heaven's Mouth'). She graciously refuses their overture. But a couple of days later, when her drunken lover calls with news of his latest infidelity, she phones the boys to take up the offer. They are thus forced to get hold of a car and embark on a journey with Luisa to a place that doesn't exist. Their drive across the dusty, thinly populated state of Oaxaca, handsomely photographed by Emmanuel Lubezki, Cuarón's regular collaborator. There are no strange encounters on the road and they don't pick up any colourful hitchhikers. But they do pass a bride and groom squeezed into a VW Beetle, a rural funeral procession, and a village where a collection is being taken up for the local fiesta queen. Everywhere the police and the army are stopping and searching vehicles, but not the one Tenoch and Julio are driving. Along the way there is a gradual movement by which Luisa - first slowly, then suddenly - takes command of the party. In turn the boys become her lovers, which first provokes them to rivalry and mutual recrimination, until she bursts the bubble of their machismo by criticising their sexual performances. She teaches them that the greatest pleasure comes from giving pleasure to others, and both the language and the love-making have a frankness that manages to be erotic without being prurient.

KID BISCUIT AND THE KING 8MMFILM.COM

Director : Rory Bresnihan

24 HOUR PARTY PEOPLE

Director : Michael Winterbottom

Here's the real deal in a rock movie. It's a fractured fever dream that looks at the British music scene through the drug-glazed eyes of Tony Wilson, played with hurricane force and bruising wit by Steve Coogan. Remember the name. Brits know Coogan as the chat-show host Alan Partridge, a character he plays for laughs on the local telly. Most Yanks don't know him at all, but we will after this. Calling Coogan's performance dynamite doesn't do him or the movie justice. Wilson is the Manchester TV journalist who founded Factory Records after his first look at the Sex Pistols in a dingy club, circa 1976. "There were thirty-odd people there," says Wilson, addressing the camera, "but how many people were at the Last Supper?" Energized by the anarchy of punk, Wilson and his chums Alan Erasmus (Lennie James) and Rob Gretton (Paddy Considine) sign up such bands as Stone Roses, Happy Mondays and Joy Division, later called New Order after lead singer Ian Curtis (Sean Harris) hanged himself. Wilson didn't believe in contracts. He went broke doing out artistic freedom and turning a warehouse into a club called The Hacienda, where he indulged in every sex, drugs and rock & roll excess -- his marriage to Lindsay (splendid Shirley Henderson) was an early casualty -- until the fantasy ended in 1992. 24 Hour Party People could have been a cautionary fable about demon rock. But director Michael Winterbottom and screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce - Manchester lads just like Wilson and Coogan -- make bloody sure it isn't. Winterbottom -- free of the grim literary constraints of Jude and The Claim -- seems to enjoy running fast and loose. Shot on digital video by brilliant cinematographer Robby Muller, the movie really is a blast, mixing newsreel footage with the made-up stuff, throwing in celebrity cameos (including one by Wilson himself), and skewering whatever bull gets in its way. Like the music, the film is outspoken, roaringly funny, defiantly sexual and relentlessly in your face. I couldn't have liked it more.

MONDAY 24 February



Clubs & Societies Events: Week1

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Clubs & Societies Events: Week 2

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Athletic Club Win in National Championships

by Maria Sheehan

Here it is, my hands and fingers have recovered from the frost bite I picked up in Nenagh, and I am finally able to bring ye a round up of the magnificent feats of the members of UL athletic club from the intersvarsity indoors. Last December the group competed over two days in what has to be the coldest place in Ireland and both the men's and women's teams came back with the overall titles and most importantly the overall cups.

The men retained their title from last year with the help of some very impressive performances. Both Kevin Burke and Brendan Guiney joined Darragh Graham in the final of the 60m. Darragh went on to win and Kevin picked up valuable points. Brendan one of the growing number of the GAA fraternity to join us did impressively well in getting to the final. Now Darragh's job didn't finish there, this talented guy also ran in the 200m where Dave McCarthy joined him. This race indeed proved to be extremely exciting with Dave narrowly beating Darragh for the first spot. However the most amazing part of this race had to be the fact that Darragh made the race on time. Earlier that morning Darragh preferred the land of nod to the freezer box (sure who could blame him) and slept in. However for the outdoors ULAC will be advertising the post of Guardian for Darragh so watch this space for more information.

Dave also doubled up in the 400m where he not only managed to win but he also broke the championship record for that distance in a time of



David McCarthy

48.88. Teammate Col Lynch also ran a blinder to finish third.

In the 800m, team captain Michael O'Shea and John Egan ran bravely in a very tough race and the 1500m saw first year Robert Bear run in an impressive manner in top quality company to finish fourth. Nicholas Walsh ran well in a very competitive 3000m and Colin Griffin won the walk with ease, an event that he has made his own in the last couple of years.

This year saw the welcomed return of Master Brendan Burke to the team. Brendan ran in the hurdles and finished second, and he competed in

the weight for distance and the shot finishing third and fourth respectively. He was joined by Brendan Doyle in the hurdles where Brendan also finished in a points scoring position.

The high jump and triple jump saw Philip Kearney finishing in first and third position respectively and young Tomas (T-bird) Burke competed in the high jump to finish fifth. Our two Kevin's gave excellent performances in the multi events with Kevin Burke winning them and Kevin Grant finishing in fourth position. They deserve a special mention as both competed in more than five competitions over the two days with Kevin Burke winning the long jump and Kevin Grant finishing fourth in the pole vault, the pole vault also saw first year Fintan Gillane pick up points (we think ourselves he was aided by that impressive blue hat he stole from Brendan).

The 4*200m relay confirmed the UL men's teams' dominance, the team of Darragh Graham, Dave McCarthy, Colm Lynch and Kevin Burke won quite easily ahead of UCC and they made life a little easier for themselves this year and didn't drop the baton.

Now for the women's team. Both Carol Staunton and Lisa Quinn made the final of the 60m and ran extremely well in a very fast race. Carol Fortune continued her success from last year to finish fourth in the 200m and the 400m saw Orla Power run a fast time to finish an impressive

second. Second year Michelle Harvey stamped her class all over the middle distance events winning third place in

they must have been incredibly tired. The ladies 4*200m relay team came



ULAC Members in training in the University Arena

the 800m and taking the first spot in the 1500m. In the 1500m she looked most impressive as did her teammate first year Ruth Foley who finished fourth. The 3000m saw the return of Teresa O'Hanlon who ran her heart out to finish fourth and pick up valuable points.

Our multi talented multi eventers Orna Donoghue and Rosie Daniel were major points scorers and again like the boys deserve special mention, they were as Dermot would say 'Real Heroes' and all credit must go to them all, for putting so much effort into all their events even when

extremely close to breaking the championship record, the team comprised of Carol Fortune, Orla Power, Maria Sheehan and Orna Donoghue however special mention must go to Sheila Buckley who ran a blistering leg in the semi-final making up a lot of ground for the team.

The title for the overall ladies team came right down to the line this year with UL defeating a very strong TCD team by the narrowest of margins. The men's team however won by double points. Special credit must go to those who took part in and competed in events in which they do not normally compete. Carol Staunton ran in the 800m after finishing the 60m, Katie Enright competed in the walk something she had never done before. Mary Kilkenny pole-vaulted and picked up points and Emma Daniel joined her in the weight for distance.

Ger O Shea, one of the newest members of the sprints group, ran his heart out in the 1500m and Big Der took part in the 16kg weight for distance. John Stacey was at hand to fill in any events that needed to be filled such as the pole vault, the long jump and the triple jump. These performances were extremely important in getting points that were valuably needed by the team, these people showed great team spirit in trying out the new events and doing so well in them.

All in all the weekend proved to be extremely successful and this wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of many people. Well done Mike on organizing a lot of the weekend, thank you to the Sports Bar and the Market. Thank you to the coaches Danny, Sean and John for all the hard work you have put in over the year. If I have left anyone out I am so sorry and on a final note well done to everybody who took part in the competition, ye kicked ass.

IUAA National Championships Results

Women's Event Winners

60m Anna Boyle, University of Ulster, 7.86 (7.70 semifinal)
 60m Hurdles Orna Donoghue, University of Limerick, 9.00
 200m Anna Boyle, UU, 25.80
 400m Joanne Cuddihy, NUI Dublin, 57.32
 800m Jennifer McKenna, Dublin City University (DCU), 2.15.78
 1,500m Michelle Harvey, University of Limerick (UL), 4.49.72
 1,500m Walk Kathryn Kelly, DCU, 7.31.84
 3,000m Kathryn Casserly, NUI Galway, 10.06.66
 4 x 200m Relay UL, 1.47.56
 Long Jump Mary McLoone, Trinity College Dublin (TCD), 5.49m
 Triple Jump Mary McLoone, TCD, 11.69m
 High Jump Rosemary Daniel, UL, 1.65m
 Pole Vault Edel O'Meara, NUI Galway, 2.60m
 Shot Putt Aoife Hoey, NUI Maynooth, 11.72m
 Pentathlon (60H/HJ/SP/LJ/800m)
 Orna Donoghue, University of Limerick, 3344 points

Men's Event Winners

60m Daragh Graham, UL, 7.08
 60m Hurdles Chris McDermott, NUI Galway, 8.40
 200m David McCarthy, UL, 22.30
 400m David McCarthy, UL, 48.88 - IUAA Record
 800m David Kelly, IT Tallaght, 1.55.40
 1,500m David Kelly, IT Tallaght, 4.12.62
 2,000m Walk Colin Griffin, UL, 7.52.32
 3,000m Gary Hynes, Dublin IT, 8.36.10
 4 x 200m Relay UL, 1.32.63
 Long Jump Kevin Burke, UL, 6.52m
 Triple Jump Sean Lonergan, IT Carlow, 14.06m
 High Jump Philip Kearney, UL, 1.85m
 Pole Vault Liam Houlihan, Waterford IT, 3.60m

Soccer Club Report

Ballylanders (0) ULAA 'C' (3)

ULAA won this tough, close and entertaining contest. The home side started well, but ULAA soon came into the game with Mike Hanlon and Cyril Connolly both playing good football on the wings. Both defences were playing well with Ronan Kelly and Pat Dillon in great form for the visitors. 15 minutes into the game ULAA went ahead when Carl Widger scored with a superb header after a great cross by Tony Connolly. Both sides struggled to play good football as the pitch began to cut up. The visitors doubled their lead on the half-hour when Shane Walsh scored with a great long-range effort after some good work by John Collins.

A determined Ballylanders threw a lot of players forward in the second half but Conor O'Donoghue and Tony Connolly were in great form in the centre of defence. ULAA extended their lead when Carl Widger

converted a penalty after some great work by Padraic Hickey. Ballylanders deserved to score but they were denied late in the game by two superb saves from Ricky Cosgrove. The visitors were dangerous on the counter attack with Conor O'Sullivan and Oleg Piletsky playing well. John Collins and Brian Ahearne were both denied by the Ballylanders goalie in the closing stages.

ULAA 'C' Team: Ricky Cosgrove, Pat Dillon, Conor O'Donoghue, Tony Connolly, Ronan Kelly, Mike Hanlon, Cyril Connolly, Shane Walsh, Padraic Hickey, John Collins, Carl Widger. Subs Used: Conor O'Sullivan, Brian Ahearne, Oleg Piletsky.

Camogie Club Update

by Aine Power

League Results:

UL 1-1 WIT 0-3
UL 2-4 UCC 0-10
UL 2-9 CIT 1-5
UL 2-8 WIT 2-5
UL 2-2 UCC 1-6
UL 9-3 CIT 0-3

As the above results indicate, UL senior camogie team are in a commanding position in the Division 1 of the CCIA League. The team accumulated nine points out of a possible 12 and is likely to take part in the latter stages of the league for the first time in many years. The league results this year were very encouraging particularly as the early stages of the intervarsity camogie season involved a lot of team experimentation. It was very much a learning process as new and more experienced players attempted to gel into a cohesive unit. The first years, following on from their success in the Freshers Tournament, settled in very well while the older members of the team contributed handsomely to the early season successes.

More recently the senior team faced up to Athlone in the qualifier for the Intersvarsity Cup competition, the Ashbourne Cup. The match took place in Athlone on 29th January. UL emerged victorious by a margin of 3-9 to 0-3. The scoreline, however, could not be said to be an accurate reflection of what proved to be a very physically challenging game. The home side were determined not to let themselves down in front of their home crowd and battled on

admirably until the very end. Were it not for some excellent, and at times heroic, defending by UL, Athlone could have come significantly closer to UL on the scoreboard. Ultimately, however, it was UL's ability to get the important scores at the crucial points in the game that laid the foundations of their victory.

The club hope that this victory will be repeated on 15 February in Cork when the team take on a strong UCD team in a very evenly matched semi-final. It is 1995 since UL last won the Intersvarsity competition and all involved with UL Camogie Club sincerely hope that 2003 will be the year that the Ashbourne Cup returns to Castletroy where it would certainly be made to feel very welcome.



UL Camogie Club in action

University of Limerick FC Claim 2nd

Consecutive Freshers Title

ULFC hosted the WSCAI Freshers Tournament in Semester 1 for the 2nd Year in a row, and came out on top! Teams from Trinity, UCC, DCU to name a few, also took part. Captained by Michelle Ryan 1st P.E., UL played 6 matches, winning all of them, scoring 20 goals in the process and conceding none.

The winning squad included Sarah Kelly, Niamh Thorp, Eilish McNulty, Eimear Johnston, Caroline Moran, Alma Conroy, Jessica O'Donnell and Selena Travers.

Premier League Update

As we enter the month of February, UL find themselves on top of the WSCAI Premier League, despite claiming only 1 point from the first 6! However, 6 straight wins in a row have seen us overtake Sligo IT and UCD and we are now just 2 wins away from reclaiming the title we won last season.

CIT.

Upcoming Fixtures -

Feb. 12th Home to UCD
Feb. 19th Away to UCD

Squad : Paula O' Connor, Emma O' Halloran, Jessica O' Donnell, Louise Henchy, Fiona Hayes, Jane Kennedy, Julie Kirwan, Eilish McNulty, Patrice Dennehy, Niamh Thorp, Rachel Hickey, Michelle Ryan, Selena Travers, Valerie Mulcahy & Alma Conroy.

Results to Date -

UL 1-1 Sligo IT, Colaiste Ide 0-11 UL, CIT 1-2 UL, UL3-1 Inchicore, Sligo IT 0-3 UL, UL 5-0 Colaiste Ide, UL 5-0

Regional League Update

UL entered the Munster/Connaught Regional League for the first time this season, and won their opening two matches. The aim of this squad is to enable players to get full matches in order to impress and try to make the breakthrough to the Premier team. So far this season, Eilish McNulty and Alma Conroy have gone on to start in the Premier, after solid performances in the Regional team.

Squad : Sarah Jane Kelly, Kate Foskin, Eimear Johnston, Roisin Neville, Niamh O' Connell, Antionette O' Sullivan, Roisin McNulty, Ruth Allen, Ciara O' Connor, Caroline Moran, Mary O' Brien, Orla Corry, Rosie Lohan & Eilish Finneran.

Results to Date -

UL 3-1 Sligo IT, UL 5-1 Castlebar IT, UL 2-1 RCSI (Challenge Cup)

Upcoming Fixtures -

Feb. 12th Home to DIT (Challenge Cup ¼ Final)
Feb. 22nd Away to Sligo IT
Feb. 29th Away to Castlebar IT

The Ladies Scene has gone from strength to strength in recent seasons in UL, and the Freshers Tournament saw many of our Munster/Connaught Regional Squad players taking part. This Squad acts as a back-up for the WSCAI Premier League Squad, who are defending League Champions. UL also won the WSCAI Indoor Cup & Plate in UL, as well as the Intersvarsity Plate, last season.

UL Ladies are sponsored by **THESTABLESCLUB.COM** and **THE LODGE NITECLUB**.

The team is Coached by Mr. Derry Vaughan and Managed by Eoin Killackey 3rd Law & European Studies. Any queries about the club should be sent to ladies_soccer@hotmail.com.

Tang Soo Do

by Lisa O Donoghue

Introduction

Tang Soo Do, being a Korean style, is especially renowned for high, jumping and spinning kicks. Since Tang Soo Do is an art based on classical form rather than on competition or sports form, the repertoire of techniques is far greater than many other arts.

Although it is widely acknowledged that Korean styles have lifted high kicking to an art form, many styles in which kicking is favoured have lost a significant part of their hand attack syllabus. This is not the case with Tang Soo Do - the complete syllabus of hand strikes and blocks is retained.

The system is scientifically worked out and no prior experience is necessary. The syllabus begins at white belt and moves up through another 9 coloured belts to first Dan (black belt), which is symbolised traditionally with a midnight blue belt. Students are required to reach certain levels of proficiency in various techniques in order to grade to the next belt level. These gradings occur every 3 months and ensure rapid

brought an end to the ruling Korean Dynasty. From 1907 until the end of WW II in 1945, the practise of Korean martial art was discouraged as the invaders brought the Japanese arts of judo, kendo, aikido and karate to Korea. After the war, five different Korean martial arts schools opened: Moo Duk Kwan, Changmu Kwan, Sangmu Kwan, Jido Kwan and Chungu Kwan.

In 1965, the Korean government united many Korean arts under the name Taekwondo. The move was not universally well received, and Grandmaster Kee (Moo Duk Kwan) along with the grandmasters of many other styles broke away. He renamed his school Moo Duk Kwan Tang Soo Do, which means "the way of the open hand".

In 1957 Grandmaster Jae Joon Kim, student of Grandmaster Kee, began teaching Tang Soo Do to American G.I.'s stationed in Korea. In 1969, he then set up the World Moo Duk Kwan Tang Soo Do Federation, which currently has associations in 36 countries world-wide, including Ireland, Limerick.

Tang Soo Do University Club

Training takes place under Instructor



UL Tang Soo Do Club sparring

progress through the belt levels while allowing sufficient practice time for proficiency.

A Brief History

Tang Soo Do stems back to AD 37-668 Korea, where the martial art was practised by warriors. These warriors were skilled equestrians, archers and swordsmen. They also showed great skill in unarmed combat. The art flourished under the Silla dynasty (AD 668-935), Kokuryo Dynasty (935-1392), Yi dynasty (1392-1907).

In 1907 Japan invaded Korea and

Pat Forde Second Dan Black Belt who is the president of the Tang Soo Do University Club. Mr Forde has studied under Master Des Galligan, who is the chief Irish representative of the federation and silver medal winner in the 1997 World Championship for sparring &

Grading System

There are ten belts in total precursing first Dan Black Belt. Each colour has a significant meaning which relates to each level of training.

1. **White:** The beginners Belt. White represents a primitive stage ready to learn and grow. It is the dormant stage of a new member.
2. **Yellow:** Represents the sun that is ready to rise. A new beginning and a new dawn for the student.
3. **Purple:** Represents new growth, like the spring of the seasons. The member has a new knowledge to grow and a sense of Tang Soo Do direction is developing.
- 4.-6. **Green:** represents the speedy development of youth as summer arrives, a sense of pride comes over the member.
- 7.-9. **Red:** power, stability and agility, weight and wisdom. The member begins to flower and bloom
10. **Dark Blue (Black Belt):** represents maturity, respect and honour. It is the completion of a goal of one stage of life. The mind is clear and calm. The body is a machine that can react in a split second.

patterns. Master Galligan also came 4th overall in the 1999 competition and in the same year was presented with a special trophy by Grand Master Kim recognising his superior martial art spirit.

Training in the University Club involves many different aspects and skills including:

- Kicking - including round house kick, side kick, front kick, spinning kick, back spinning kicks, concentrating on technique and flexibility.
- Hand Techniques - involving a range of punching, blocking, knife hand strikes and cross blocks.
- Combination Work - pre-prepared hand and kicking combination techniques for self defence and reflex building
- Patterns - sequential steps using learned techniques in a predetermined pattern. Patterns are used to focus the mind, improve techniques and agility, and regulate breathing pattern



UL Tang Soo Do Club

-Sparring - Light contact sparring

Classes commencing Tuesday 11th Feb 2003 (Week1)

Seminar With Grandmaster Jae Joon Kim

In 2002, Grandmaster Jae Joon Kim honoured the Tang Soo Do University Club with a visit. A Seminar with the grandmaster was held on the University Grounds where he instructed the class personally.

Training times for the Tang Soo Do University Club:

- Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Old Sports Building, UL
- Thursdays, 7.30pm, Old Sports Building, UL



The Games Society that never sleeps



by Keith Nolan & James Drohan

Last semester the UL Games Society held one of the largest LAN parties in Ireland with over 60 people attending, our players ranging from students to working professionals coming from all over the country to participate, something we hope to achieve again this semester.

What is a LAN party?

If I have lost the non-computer people already! A LAN (Local Area Network) Party is where lots of people come together with PCs, hook 'em to each other, and play lots of multiplayer computer game: games where lots of people can play against each other simultaneously; either a team versus another team or all players out to get everyone else. Simple!

When and Where?

We ran the event in the SU over the weekend of the 06th - 09th December. The first two nights we went the whole hog and ran for the full 24 hours on each day and finished at around 8 o' clock on the Sunday.

What did we do?

Played multiplayer computer games till our eyes fell out, got some kip and then a few cans of coke, and went back at it again. We had a mix of players, ranging from the casual gamer such as my self, to people who play quake for the Irish quake team; all skill levels were catered for.

Pacman, Doom and Minesweeper?

One of the most popular games for a long time now is Sierra's 'Halfife Counterstrike'. This and combinations of Quake III Arena, Unreal Tournament and others was how it got started. The major hit of the weekend was the relatively new 'Battlefield 1942' which lead to games of around 12 people or more playing out this excellent multiplayer war sim. FPS were the obvious favourite but I spotted 'Homeworld', 'Starcraft', 'Mobile Forces' and 'Operation Flashpoint' to name but a few interesting matches taking place.

Who came, sought and conquered?

We had a lot of people from outside Limerick most staying for the entire weekend; most had organised accommodation but for those who had no accommodation and those who just wanted a little shut eye we had a "kip room" set up for all of the players; if you wanted a few hours sleep you could just dig out your sleeping bag and sleep on the floor; a facility surprisingly few people took advantage of over the entire weekend, adrenaline was their sleep substitute.

So what do you need to take part?

First you need a PC with a network card, secondly a sleeping bag and thirdly money to buy lots of coke and food. However InTouch can supply a few awesome rental PCs for a small fee for those who



Wipeout!!



Meeting Room 5 in the Students' Union during the Lan Party

wish to leave their machines at home or don't have their own on a first come first basis. When it comes to minimum specifications for PCs, it depends on the game but anything lower than a Pentium II isn't going to serve you very well. Contact us if you're interested and have a PC that you're not sure about.

If you would like to take part in the next LAN it will be running this semester; get in touch with us, especially if want to take part but have no computer; we will see if we can supply a rental machine.

You can get in touch by mailing 0025879@student.ul.ie or by looking up our

website www.gsoc.net

Special thanks to:

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Sex UL

by Ruth Bagnall

Are you sick of going to the 'campus bar' and then to a 'club' and just getting totally sloshed and scoring with some random? Does waking up next to something that could be an extra in Star Trek make you cringe? Have you ever wanted to saw your arm off to rid you of the sight that is lying beside you? Perhaps its time you reconsidered your scoring technique. Sex UL is an up and coming society that will hopefully have been recognised by ULSU this semester.

Sex UL wants to provide students with a means of meeting other people. Courting was just so easy in the olden days! A man could approach the father of a pretty girl and ask for her hand. She didn't even have to meet him before permission was granted. Before that you could just club the object of your desire over the head and take him/her back to your cave. Now things are different, probably due to equal rights



Want to know something? Afraid to ask? Then join Sex UL!

and all that. Dating rituals are changing rapidly and beer-goggles are tainting the decision-making skills of student's nation wide. It's becoming an academic epidemic.

'Mantrapping' (a sport enjoyed by

hundreds of women) is just not as much fun as it used to be. Bouncers seem reluctant to allow females enter clubs wielding a harpoon and some nets! Some people, eh! How else is a Noughties girl supposed to score? Sex UL is here to solve your

problems, well some of them anyways.

The society is open to all men and women, 9 to 90, of all sexual persuasions, preferably single to begin with. We are hoping to have weekly meetings - over coffee perhaps, or a glass of wine! Members will be asked to volunteer some information about themselves when they join and hopefully our computer (?) or some blind bit of luck will pair off couples to go on blind dates!

Other possible events include 'scoring at the 35's' and 'pulling with clubs'. While these could be technically described as sports, Sex UL is eager to maintain society status.

Our posters will be all over campus during the first few weeks of term - keep an eye out for them. Otherwise enquiries can be made in the ULSU Clubs and Societies office. More information regarding Sex UL should appear in the pages of An Focal.

Amnesty International: Grigory Pasko Released

by Ciara Cloake

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the University of Limerick students who participated in the UL Amnesty society action on December the tenth, which was International Human Rights day. You may remember that there was a cage set up in front of Scholars and the Students Union, during the day many people came over and signed a petition to release Grigory, at UL we collected over 400 signatures.

Grigory is a Russian journalist who was imprisoned for writing a story about the Russian military dumping waste in to the ocean. The had been in a hard labour camp for a number of years, thanks to your efforts and those of Amnesty International Members all over the world Grigory is now free. He was released on the 23 January. Amnesty are not leaving the campaign there, they will continue to campaign for justice in the Russian Federation. The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg has taken Grigory Pasko's case and is expected to reach a decision by the

end of 2003.

There will be a meeting of the UL Amnesty Society in WEEK 2 of the semester all those who gave me their email addresses will be notified, if

any one else is interested at all please contact me at ciaracloake@hotmail.com new members are always very welcome.



Grigory Pasko being interviewed at his recent release

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1993 Grigory Pasko filmed a Russian navy tanker dumping radioactive waste in the Sea of Japan. The film, Extra-dangerous Zone, was later shown by the Japanese TV station Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK), Japan Broadcasting Corporation, and by a TV station in Primorsky region, in far eastern Russia. In this film and in further articles he exposed the threats to the environment caused by the Pacific Fleet. According to Russian laws information about ecological threats should not be withheld from the public.

Grigory Pasko also reported on corruption inside the fleet and he passed on public information on both of the above mentioned issues to Japanese journalists. In November 1997, on his return from Japan, he was arrested and accused of espionage and treason. After 20 months in pre-trial detention he was sentenced in July 1999 to three years' imprisonment for abuse of his position but was immediately released under an amnesty.

Both Grigory Pasko and the Military Prosecutor of the Pacific Fleet appealed against the conviction, Grigory Pasko asking for an acquittal while the prosecutor considered the sentence too lenient. In November 2000 the Russian Supreme Court decided to return the case to the Military Court in Vladivostok for further investigation.

After numerous delays the second trial started in July 2001, and in December 2001 Grigory Pasko was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in a labour camp.

Irish Peace Society Lebanon Trip

by Elaine Byrne

At the time of print, fourteen members of the Peace Society will be in the Lebanon undertaking an educational tour of the peace building measures within the region. In the current context of the threat of war in the Middle East, this tour is more than ever relevant with its focus on peace building and meeting those who have directly suffered the many consequences of war. Because of this volatility, the schedule is subject to change.

The itinerary is quite intense. We will be meeting with Abass Awala, UNIFIL interpreter and Operations Officer to UNIFIL, Melhem Khalaf on Offre Joie, the journalist and author Robert Fisk at his home in Beirut, Cilina Nasser, a journalist from the Lebanese newspaper The Daily Star held in Shatila with survivors of the 1982 massacre. We will also be meeting with the Professor of Behavioural Studies, Samir Khalaf, at the American University of Beirut, Timur Goksel, a UNIFIL spokesperson and an Irish officer and Ambassador Shafiq al-Hoot at the PLO offices in

A breakdown of this figure demonstrates the following:

Bag packing Tesco Shannon, 5-6 Dec '02--€920;

Pub Quiz in the Scholars, 10 Dec '02--€290;

Raffle during the pub quiz--€70;

Bag packing Dunnes Parkway and Sarsfield in Limerick, 19-21 Dec '02--€1646;
Christmas Days at the Scholars--€922;

Fundraising in Limerick city, 18 Jan '03--€673;

Hairdressers, Bunratty village--€20;

Creamery Bar, Bunratty village--€100;

Bunratty Tyre Centre--€40;

Army barracks, Cork--€133.71;

Traditional music in Ballineety, 24 Jan '03-- €335;
Raffle Co-op ball 26 Jan '03--€550;

Raffle, draw took place 28 Jan '03--€1190;

Raffle Donations from the Southcourt Hotel, Byrne's pub Crablane, Wicklow, The Scholars, SuperQuinn, The Parry Family.



Robert Fisk, who will meet the Irish Peace Society on their trip to the Lebanon

"I know that these 10 days in the Lebanon will change my perspective of the Arab world. Even after three days, I feel I have acquired a deeper understanding and respect for the culture. Unfortunately, I know if I go on a U-Bahn (Underground) in Hamburg in a year and a group of young Turkish guys got on wearing the black bomber jackets and slicked black hair, I will probably still get the same feeling of suspicion, fear and revulsion as I did one year ago

Will 'modernisation' help? From what I have seen of Beirut I don't think so. Being honest, Beirut is a disgusting, self-devouring city. This is not to be solely blamed on the Lebanese people. On the contrary, it is to be blamed on the proponents of so-called modernisation. For me the real Lebanon is encapsulated in the embarrassing hospitality of the Awala family in Toulain, the wise old cedar trees on the Chouf mountains. But that is just my opinion."

Written by Paul Dowling

Beirut. He's one of the founding members of the PLO. Also on the itinerary is a visit to The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) at their headquarters where we will be met by the leading human rights lawyer Chibli Mallat, who has brought Ariel Sharon to court over human rights abuses.

Subject to circumstances within the Lebanon, it is hoped to travel to the Palestinian refugee camp of Ain el-Helwe in Saida where we will be met by the PLO commander Mounir al Maqdash.

We will also travel to Tebnine and stay in the UN compound there, previously known as Camp Shamrock, the headquarters of the Irish contingent of UN peacekeepers. We will visit the orphanage located at Tebnine and donate books and monies funds raised. We will also visit the literacy programme that is active in Toulain and donate monies raised.

As regards fundraising, the Peace Society have raised in total, €6889.71. This excludes the books and stationary donated by O'Mahony's and the sponsored raffle prizes.

The Lebanon tour was budgeted for by the Peace Society in its annual budget which accounts for a limited partial cost towards flights, accommodation and other costs. Members fund the remainder individually with monies fundraised going directly towards the Toulain literacy programme and the Tebnine orphanage.

Fundraising was at times intensive, definitely exhausting and always imaginative. Like everything, it had its successes and disappointments but fundamentally it had behind it a team of committed people with an acute sense of parallel determination and purpose.

"I came to Beirut to view the situation of Palestinian refugees, to examine reconstruction in a post-conflict environment, to assess the level of sectarianism in Lebanese society. Instead of an academic journey, however, I now find myself undertaking a personal journey. I am questioning the fundamentals of my religion, the legitimacy of different forms of violence in a 'resistance' struggle, and struggling to realign my stereotypical images of groups and people with the realities of human beings.

We were invited into the home of a Palestinian refugee yesterday. Distinct from the party borders talking of politics, here was a man talking of his life. Muhammed was angry, bitter and disillusioned. He spoke of the murder of his family during the 1982 massacre. He spoke of his struggle to continue his university education in cramped living conditions with irregular electricity supply and he spoke of his frustration at the lack of concern worldwide for the plight of the Palestinian refugees. An articulate, intelligent man, roughly dressed, he stared at me intensely with dark brown, angry eyes. He was not a politician explaining his cause, he was a man challenging me to understand his life.

This was an intensely personal experience for me. Walking through the camps I felt and saw a tragedy which we have long neglected. By my silence and inaction, up to now, I feel culpable."

Written by Karen Ferris

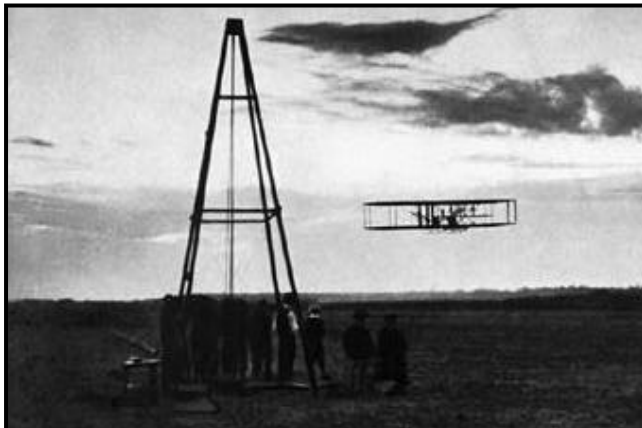
Upon our return, there will be an information evening on our experiences in the Lebanon in UL. Upon our anticipated safe return, a complete account will be issued in An Focal. We will also have with us a designated photographer. RTE radio will be broadcasting a four-part documentary upon our return. Details to follow. Further information on the charities involved and the ever expanding activities of the Peace Society can be found on our website. Brief reports on the Lebanon journey will be posted on our website, www.peace.ie

The society wishes to issue a most sincere, heartfelt appreciation to those whom supported the various fundraising activities in the many different ways. From small acorns, may great oak trees grow. Thank you.

Aeronautical Society Report

by Ruth Bagnall

All over the world on December 17th 2003 people will be commemorating the centenary of flight. On this date in 1903, two brothers, Orville and Wilbur Wright were the first to maintain a controlled, sustained flight in a heavier than air aircraft. Although the aircraft only flew for 12 seconds, covering about 120ft, this was one of



The Wright brothers first flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903

the world's most significant milestones.

This year is a very significant one for UL's Aeronautical Society. While celebrating the centenary of flight the society is also celebrating its 10th birthday. Established in 1993 in response to a new course being offered by the University, Aeronautical Engineering. The society now boasts a membership of

nearly 100 aviation enthusiasts. This ever-growing society has members from all disciplines in the college, from Aero Eng to Public Admin, and many in between.

With a very successful semester 1, the society has some new and exciting plans for semester 2. Starting off this year with an Aviation Exhibition (with flight simulator) at 2pm Wednesday Week 1 (SU ROOM 5) we hope to touch base with all our members. Tea, coffee and some 'choccy bikkies' will be available. This is an opportunity for all aviation enthusiasts to meet up and discuss whatever they wish. Feel free to drop in at any time (between 2 and 4) .

FLS Aerospace, Dublin is the destination for a trip in Week 3 (TBC). The group will be visiting the line maintenance facility there and hopefully will get a look at the A321 flight simulator. Places on this trip will be scarce so check out the website and be sure to book early.

Another piece of great news that we received recently is that an Air Show will be held in the Limerick Race

Course this year (September). This is being organised by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). The EAA have asked UL Aeronautical Society to assist them with this event. The Air Show will include light aircraft displays and static displays. A guest speaker will be joining us in Week 2 (TBC) to explain what is being planned and to look for suggestions. If you'd like to get involved with this event please email us.

The committee is also organising 'hoodies' for the society. These will cost about €20. All suggestions for designs are welcome. These will be available from committee members early next semester.

Finally, keep checking the website www.csn.ul.ie/~aerosoc for more society information. Please send the committee any suggestions for possible events or trips. Events will be taking place globally to celebrate this significant year (ULAS 10th birthday :) and we are going to get involved as much as we can. Have a great semester agus go n-éirí an t-adh libh go leir.

Enviro Soc End of Year Report

by Denise Ryan

Hey everyone, welcome back, yep the enviro soc is still alive and kicking. I admit we haven't been particularly active on campus last semester, we've lost some really valuable members who have had to fly and do their own things. Also, enviro soc has been mad busy doing stuff off campus, so just because you don't tangibly see us around, we're out there, promoting and protecting our environment and earth. We had a great "Green Fair" in UL in November, thanks to everyone who got involved and here's some of the other stuff that we've been getting up to.

The illegal military use of Shannon Airport by the U.S has been at the forefront for us, like many other societies in UL. The enviro soc has been fully supportive of and backed the Shannon Peace Camp, since its set-up in January. We're out there a lot showing our solidarity to the camp and helping them to monitor the war planes passing through each day. We've been involved in many anti-war protests at the airport but the biggest to date will be in Dublin on February 15th, International Anti-War Day, when hundreds of anti-war demos will be held around the world. Thousands of concerned anti-war citizens are expected. Be there, show your disgust at this unjust declared war for (or oil) on Iraq, at the military use of Shannon by the US to build up their war machine in the East, at Ireland taking part in this inhumane insane war, show your solidarity to the innocent people of Iraq. There will be many buses going from Limerick

to the demo in Dublin, contact us at environ@csn.ul.ie for details. The enviro soc are also going to launch a "Food not Bombs" campaign this semester. Watch this space.

Ireland believe it or not is one of the countries at the forefront of the international anti-war movement right now. Never before, since the Vietnam War have so many ordinary citizens taken to the streets to protest the utmost to Bush's war. Eyes worldwide are on us and Shannon as we speak. Already thanks to the people of Ireland standing up to Bush and Bertie, thanks to the dedicated people at the Peace Camp, the media (here and abroad) have continually focused on Shannon, the government have been forced to address the issue and just a few days ago World Airways announced plans to stop planes refuelling at the airport (or warport). Woo hoo!

The peace camp welcomes all visitors, any time, especially students. There's plenty of warm covered sleeping space, just bring a sleeping bag if staying overnight, food if possible and your support. Give them a ring beforehand if you can (shannonpeacecamp@hotmail.com) but its not totally necessary. Buses go regularly from Limerick station to Shannon each day. Contact us for more info.

You as an individual can also do your bit, write to or visit your local TDs or councillors, go to local anti-war meetings and demos, set up your own anti-war group, talk to people! There's a brilliant anti-war group in Limerick called MAMA, (mid-west alliance against military aggression),

they meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in Halla Ide, Thomas St. in town. Check it out. As well as the 15th, a day of action has been planned for Shannon Airport on the 1st March.

The enviro soc, along with the students union have been heavily involved in the Nestle Off Campus campaign last semester. The Nestle issue has been a long-standing one here in UL and other colleges. Most students know the deal with these guys. Briefly, Nestle, a huge international food company, have continued to break health and environmental laws, they continue to strongly promote their artificial breast milk in 3rd world countries, which when mixed with the forever contaminated water of the regions of these countries results in the deaths of millions of babies each year. Nestle are known to exploit vulnerable coffee workers in 3rd world countries also...the list goes on. Nestle boycotts are happening all over world. People have had enough of this arrogant, extremely harmful company and demand it cleans up its act. There's a meeting going ahead today in UL, Monday 10th Feb with the students union, us, all the Nestle sellers on campus and various speakers. You should go along, get updated and informed, add your own opinion. Call into SU for info on meeting and see www.babymilkaction.org.

The enviro soc are continuing their fight against the university to the bridge being built soon behind Dromroe. Following a successful campaign in UL and Castletroy as well as an An Bord Pleanála oral hearing with us and UL last March, we're even more determined to stop

this. Its not the planning of a bridge that we have a problem with, we realise the need of a link between both campuses (but there are other possibilities besides a bridge), it's the proposed plan and size of the bridge in question. Without getting into the ins and outs of it, the bridge would SERIOUSLY damage and harm the natural habitat of the area, especially interfering with the salmon spawning grounds of the river and other wildlife, not even mentioning the visual impact. This is a serious issue, that will effect students and the future of UL forever. Get involved, email us. The struggle continues, we're optimistic

There's a load of other stuff happening this semester with enviro soc. The Grassroots Gathering, a gathering of mixed environmentalists, socialists, greens, activists, etc with non-hierarchical thinking in mind is coming to Limerick this March! Limerick will be rocking this Paddy's weekend with the Grassroots Gathering, we'll be adding our anti-war theme to the parade, there'll be many interesting work-shops and discussions going on, you'll get to meet with some really interesting people from all over Ireland and learn a lot. There's a Faslane Blockade going on the 22nd April, and then the G8 summit in Grenoble, France in early June, to which we hope to get at least one Irish bus over to...That's all for now, email us at environ@csn.ul.ie if you wanna join us or get involved in a certain issue... new members always welcome! In peace, Slan. "The world is too round to sit silently in the corner"

Row, Row, Row your boat

by Geraldine Quain

*" Row Row Row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily oh
Life is but a dream "*

This I'm afraid was my preconceived misconception out the sport we call rowing. All my illusions were shattered on sitting into the boat for the very first time, when things like square blades, feathered blades, balancing the boat, stroke side, bow side, coordination, catch & finish together and of course the all important 'catching a crab' (& I'm not talking seafood) came into play. This lingo, which was common knowledge to everyone else, was double Dutch to me. I also discovered, much to my horror, that one could not just sit there as a passenger admiring the 'scenery' and assume that it would all come naturally. This thing called skill, which takes years of practise to perfect, is oh so important.

For the first couple of weeks, I just kept wondering what the hell had possessed me to join up to this club that day in the cafeteria. Then after a while it all began to click, suddenly it started to be fun and now I believe that I am hooked!

Rowing in a boat with a sliding seat is one of the best forms of aerobic exercise, using muscles of the arms, legs and torso - basically providing a complete body workout, and because the boat supports the body there is little risk of stress injuries or jarring of joints - Bearing all this in mind who wouldn't want to be a rower! I meant you could get used to the 8.30 Saturday and Sunday morning starts easily enough - sorry



did I say 8.30? I meant 7.30!

I think the reason that the early morning starts are so difficult for us all (Yes, I lied, you never get used to the early mornings), is because the social aspect to the club is almost as important as the sporting one as far as I can see. - I believe the term 'any excuse' could be used here quite appropriately! The rest I'll have to leave to the imagination and say that you'll have to join the club and experience one of these social outings yourself to fully understand what I mean!

Of course I'm only new to the whole thing, being of the raw novice breed, but if what I'm told is true the fun is just beginning. Racing season is upon us and our first race is on February 1st so we're all looking forward to that, and I'd say there'll be some serious racing,

and post race craic to be had by all concerned. I'm delighted that I decided to join the rowing club here at U.L. and I hope that I continue to enjoy it in the future as much as I currently do...



A Rower's Tale

by Cian Gogarty

I'm not exactly sure what made me sign up to join the Rowing Club in the canteen but sitting here writing this article I am extremely glad that I did. The fact that training consisted of six or seven days training a week, five in

the gym and two on the water in Castleconnell, seemed very daunting at first but within a week or two it became second nature.

The first weekend we spent thrashing about on the water not having a clue about what we were doing but thanks to the persistence and dedication of existing Rowing Club members we have progressed immensely so now at least we may look like we know what we're doing. Rowing, although extremely enjoyable is not something that can be picked up in a weekend - it requires dedication and practice...but is great fun trying. Having said all that it's not all about training and there is great craic to be had in every training session and spin on the river and many, many piss ups.

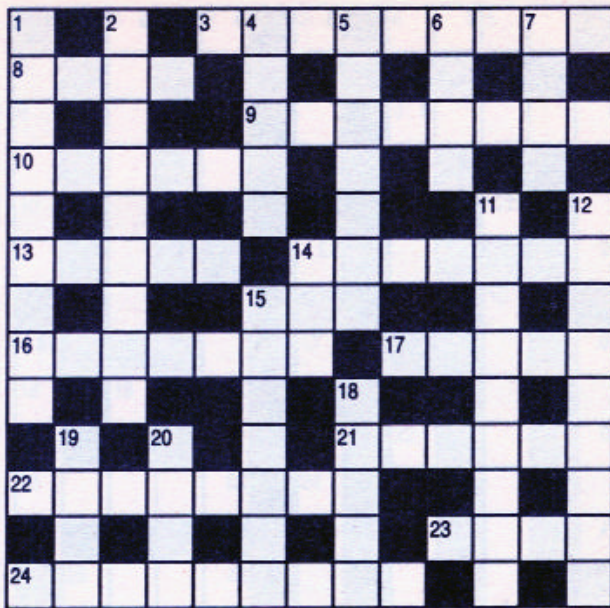
There are many competitions throughout the year, which ensures that you never get bored and gives everybody something to work towards. To some people the thought of getting up at 7 on Saturday and Sunday winter and summer mornings to cycle the seven miles to

Castleconnell for eight would have seemed preposterous and I would have agreed whole heartedly until I tried it for a few weeks. This may sound pretty weird but I have begun to enjoy the early mornings on the river. But I must admit that when I joined the thought of having to do a short run of only four or five miles (short was not what I would have called it), would have sent me seeking somewhere to hide but as each week progressed the runs became longer but easier. There is certain self-satisfaction to be achieved when one gets better scores on the ergometers (rowing machines).

As of yet we haven't competed in any race due to the fact that St Michaels Head was cancelled in December but it has subsequently been re-organized for February. This will be our first real test but will also be a lot of craic (but then what is to be expected when a club's motto is "Work hard, play hard"...and that is exactly what I intend to do).

ULRC are recruiting both rowers and coxes of all experience for the coming season and anybody interested is asked to e-mail irow@ul.ie, or visit

Cross Word



ACROSS

- 3. Worship (9)
- 8. Of heroic scale (4)
- 9. Anything which (8)
- 10. Looked suggestively (6)
- 13. Very light wood (5)
- 14. 1960s hairdo (7)
- 15. Bowler? (3)
- 16. British animal? (7)
- 17. Hidden supply (5)
- 21. Lethargic (6)
- 22. Study of religion (8)
- 23. German man's title (4)
- 24. Defamed (9)

DOWN

- 1. Soft gelatinous sweet (5,4)
- 2. Flower named after striped animal (5-4)
- 4. Unfashionably dressed (5)
- 5. Printed sheet (7)
- 6. Old "you" (4)
- 7. Spell of bowling (4)
- 11. Had attack of wind (9)
- 12. Mythical (9)
- 14. Small sack (3)
- 15. Gland secretion (7)
- 18. Mode (5)
- 19. Man's name (Collins) (4)
- 20. Fortuitous gift (4)

Brain Teasers

My Dad has a miniature Pyramid of Egypt. It is 4 inches in height. Dad was invited to display it at an exhibition. Dad felt it was too small and decided to build a scaled-up model of the Pyramid out of material whose density is (1/10) times the density of the material used for the miniature. He did a "back-of-the-envelope" calculation to check whether the model would be big enough.

If the mass (or weight) of the miniature and the scaled-up model are to be the same, how many inches in height will be the scaled-up Pyramid?

These brain plexing words and shapes, and their positions, can be used to derive a word or saying.

you cont of r = you are out of control
 eeeeeeeec = ?
 N N N N N N N
 A A A A A A A = ?
 C C C C C C C
 aalll = ?

Answers next week

Your Stars

by Mystic Meg

Aries: (March 21—April 19)

You'll have a thrilling adventure whose recounting will be greatly enjoyed by those willing to sit through your seizures to get to the sign language.

Taurus: (April. 20—May 20)

You're beginning to wonder exactly who is in charge of quality control for all those treasure maps.

Gemini: (May 21—June 21)

An otherwise enjoyable week is shot to hell when you have several phone conversations with people from Kerry.

Cancer: (June 22—July 22)

You will be the toast of forensic investigators from coast to coast for your ability to really spread the ol' fluids around the murder scene.

Leo: (July 23—Aug. 22)

The stars say this is a good week for romance, but lately you've been getting the feeling they're not talking about you.

Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22)

You will come very close to acting heroically when you push an old lady out of the way of a hurtling bus and underneath a cement truck.

Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23)

Certain shortcomings in your education and upbringing cause you to read meaning into the relationships among various celestial bodies.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24—Nov. 21)

You were a cop, and a damn good one at that, but you committed the ultimate sin and testified against one of your own. Now, you must pay the price and be doomed to late-night cable syndication.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21)

You'll soon meet someone who helps you forget all about that previous bad relationship by forcing you to focus on putting out constant fires.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22—Jan. 19)

Your troubles will be over before you know it, but most witnesses will agree that you probably didn't feel a thing.

Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18)

Now that you've achieved exactly half of your life's goals, it's time to start thinking about eating a second whole turkey.

Pisces: (Feb. 19—March 20)

Narrow-mindedness and jealousy on the part of your coworkers will lead them to denounce your neckties.

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as "commercial enterprises".

The Stables and Scholars management committees are now considering their options. The Clubs solicitors will be appealing the decision to the Circuit Court. An initial appeal is being made to the Circuit Court judge next week to allow the Clubs to operate as normal until such time as an appeal against Judge Reillys decision can be heard in the Circuit Court.

The management committee of the Stables and Scholars Club issued an information notice on Sunday evening. The text of the notice is as follows.

"WHY THE CLUBS ARE NOT REGISTERED TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT PRESENT.

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF THE STABLES AND SCHOLARS CLUBS WAS MADE TO THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF JUDGE REILLY ON MONDAY 03 FEBRUARY.

FOLLOWING THE HEARING, JUSTICE REILLY GAVE HIS RULING ON THURSDAY 06 FEBRUARY. THE CLUBS WERE REFUSED RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION TO SERVE ALCOHOL WITH NO RIGHT OF APPEAL ON THE JUDGE'S DECISION IN THE DISTRICT



COURT.

THE REASON FOR THE REFUSAL WAS ON THE GROUNDS OF A TECHNICALITY WITH REGARD TO THE MANNER OF ENROLMENT OF CLUB MEMBERS. THE JUDGE RULED THAT THE CLUBS WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CLUB RULES OR THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES ACT.

CURRENT COURSE OF ACTION

THE CLUBS' SOLICITORS ARE

APPEALING THE DECISION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT. AN INITIAL APPEAL IS BEING MADE TO THE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE IN THE NEXT WEEK BEGINNING 10 JANUARY TO ALLOW THE CLUBS TO OPERATE AS NORMAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AN APPEAL AGAINST JUDGE REILLY'S DECISION CAN BE HEARD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

STATUS OF SERVICE

- THE CLUBS REMAIN OPEN AS

SOCIAL VENUES FOR THE SALE OF FOOD AND NON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

- NEITHER CLUB CAN SERVE ALCOHOL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NOTICE ISSUED BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE STABLES AND SCHOLARS' CLUBS."

THE MARKET
U.L. Semester 2

Wednesdays: FREE ENTRY B4 12am
Karaoke in Bar @ 10pm

Thursdays: Official U.L. Party Night
Dance/Chart Main Room
Disco Inferno Upstairs
- Tickets from SU, Buses from 11pm

Fridays: Bump'n'Grind R'n'B/HipHop

Saturdays: Dance/R'n'B/HipHop
Disco Inferno Upstairs
Doors open @ 10pm

Promotions Every Night : Pre-Club Party in McDaid's