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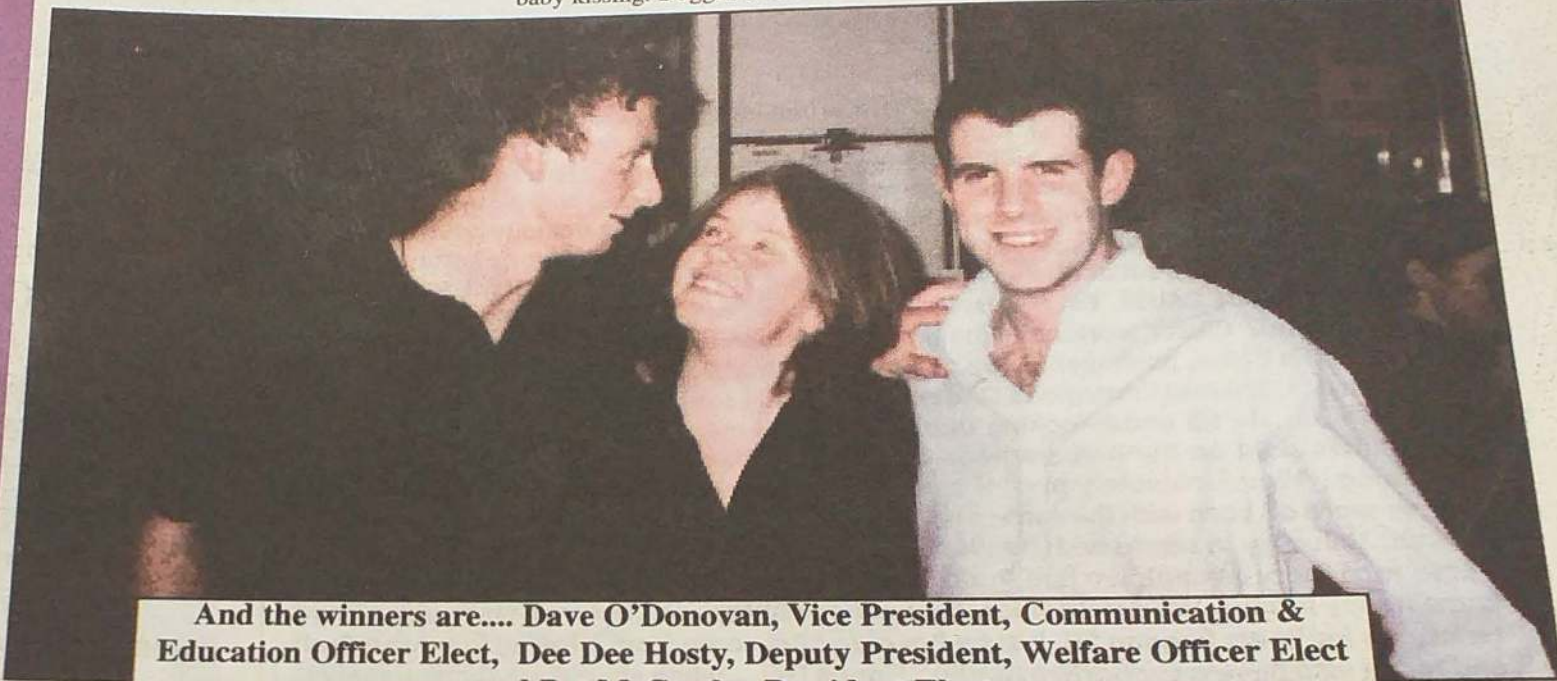
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It's Your Letters

A Chara,

Did you notice that there was no work done on the new Student Centre building site last week? Do you know what's going on in the "booming" building industry? Last year 19 building workers died in on site accidents. There were 40 such deaths in the previous 3 years (1994-97). Every day there are around 8 serious accidents on building sites in this country. Builders ignore the health and safety standards that are in place at the moment. Sites can easily be "fixed up" before an inspection, as advance notice must be given to the builder. Bricklayers, carpenters and other workers are not employed directly by builders. They must have a C45 certificate for self-employment. However, many builders will tender contracts without this C45. This is forcing many workers to work in the black economy. Labourers employed by these subcontractors are paid cash in hand. They have no insurance, or social welfare or pension rights. A little over one third of building workers were paying PAYE last year. Bricklayers went on strike last November, seeking direct employment and better working conditions, ie. the implementation of proper safety measures on building sites. This campaign climaxed with the jailing of two building workers in Dublin (the arrests were carried out in a very underhand way), and walkouts, marches and demonstrations in all the major towns and cities in Ireland. Joe Higgins, Socialist Party TD, was suspended from the Dáil after protesting at the government's complete lack of interest in the building workers. He held his hands up, handcuffed, and asked why workers were being jailed for picketing, and the bankers were getting away scot free for ripping off the people and the state with DIRT tax fraud. (AIB were being investigated at the time.) Two weeks ago scaffolders went on strike looking for better pay and working conditions. They are looking for an increase from £6.50 per hour to £16-£18 per hour. Scaffolders play a vital role in building site safety. A spokesperson for the Dublin Scaffolders Society told the Irish Times, "When the workers who build houses can no longer afford to live in them, then there is something seriously wrong." Last Wednesday over 1,000 tradesmen marched down O'Connell Street in Limerick in support of carpenters and woodworkers, who went on unofficial strike last Monday. Again, they are looking for direct employment, decent wages and better working conditions. The scaffolders can not get the backing of their union, SIPTU. The carpenters' and woodworkers' union, UCATT, will not put forward any proposals on their behalf. These workers have been forced to take independent action. BATU (Builders and Allied Trades Union) have taken them under their wing, and have spoken out on their behalf. At 3:30pm on Wednesday afternoon a spokesperson for BATU gave a statement from the Mechanics Institute: "The CIF (Construction Industry Federation) have refused proposals put forward by us. In a gesture of good will the scaffolders in Limerick were prepared to lift pickets from building sites in Limerick to allow negotiations move forward. CIF rejected the proposals, so it is now an all out strike in Limerick."

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Is mise le dáimh,

Ron Byrne. Socialist Party (UL). 9314091@student.ul.ie

All,

I am writing to comment on the car parking situation on campus and the enforcement (or rather non-enforcement) of parking regulations. On a daily basis cars illegally park in bus stops, bicycle racks, pedestrians walkways, handicapped parking spots, flower beds and block access to pedestrian walkways and cycle paths. Clearly the steps taken by the University to prevent this i.e. putting stickers on cars is not proving an effective deterrent as the situation is getting worse not better. The failure of the university authorities to enforce the rules is effectively discriminating against pedestrians, cyclists, bus users and the handicapped by constantly inconveniencing them and passing no regard to their need. The situation is all the more ironic in light of the traffic situation and the cost of providing parking that the university should be encouraging people to use more sustainable forms of transport. It is truly incredible that the university would spend fortunes landscaping and planning out the university and then allow the situation to descend into near chaos due to an unwillingness to enforce its own regulations. Why would anyone possibly obey the rules if it is clear that the management of this university has no intention of effectively enforcing them? It is leading to a situation of lawlessness such as the situation in front of the Lonsdale building where cars daily park in the flower beds - which can only be described as sheer vandalism. If a pedestrian student was caught causing such damage a prosecution and possible expulsion from the university would most certainly follow yet bring a car into the equation and it is de facto assumed to be acceptable as borne out by the fact that no action is taken. It is important that students demand their be rights protected and the rules enforced to make our campus safe, beautiful and one where individuals rights (even non-car users!!) are protected.

Is the University Management listening ???

Yours truly,

David Maher. UL Environmental Society



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HI, I'M SEXY, CAN I BE YOUR PRESIDENT?

Don't know if any of you were at the S.U. Election hustings 2 weeks ago, but I must say, after many a year here, I'm really starting to think that nothing fresh comes of new blood! The candidates' manifestoes were highly unimaginative and under-researched. Year in year out, how many countless candidates promise more computers, better security, extended opening hours for computer labs and the library? Yet how many actually point out HOW THEY are going to achieve these ends as opposed to all the others that came before? All the previous S.U. officers sat at all the same committees, so why are THEY going to make the DIFFERENCE? I AM CAUSE, I'M ME, isn't good enough really! Any particular poster campaigns in mind? Closer working of the Union with student groups to increase support and interest in the Union, perhaps???? On one hand, we had Dave O'Donovan, 'Hi, I'm running for Co-ordination and Educations Officer,...sorry, did I say EDUCATION?...I meant ENTERTAINMENT...'. He's a good-looking Dub, who hit the eternal student cliché of drink and good-times right on the nail; perhaps that's why he won??? On the other was, Aidan O'Gorman...'Hi unfortunately myself and Dave have nearly identical manifestoes...it's a pity we were all born with the same brain'. He did actually refer to his education policies though. Unluckily, it seems red-heads aren't in this year. For the awesomely varied two-horse race for president, we had Paddy Mac, 'Hi, obviously myself and Dave are of the same happy family...we are popular, I'm not as sexy as Dave, but we'll show you a good time!'. As for Denis Duggan 'Hi, just as Dave and Pat come from a loving family...myself and Aidan also have a supportive family...Fianna Fáil....when should we shoot ourselves in the foot?'. OPENNESS and APPROACHABILITY was something everyone was keen on this year.....At the hustings, Dave's and Pat's Happy Shiny rent-a-crowd were on the ball with the canned laughter and foot-stomping. For those people who had still to make their minds up, I wonder if the porn jokes did the trick. I hope the openness that everyone was so adamant about this year actually comes into play, instead of the usual Tight-Knit Union Club. All you have to do is ask first and second years; half of them still don't know where the union is!

We all know UL has a diarrhoea-type APATHY VIRUS.....it impregnates itself in your brain when you register and it feeds on lectures and pints. Unfortunately it seems An Focal and RAG Week have fallen victim to this vile disease. I hope Dave's a good Witchdoctor! The only known cure is to miss some lectures, and think for yourself for a change! So stop filing your buckets and light some fires!

A student looking forward to parole.....

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The Department of Law at the University of Limerick wishes to announce the commencement of a new Law Degree, with a first intake in September 1999.

Bachelor of Laws - LL.B (Graduate Entry)

This is a two year full time programme. Interested applicants must possess a primary degree in a discipline other than law. Entry will be by way of academic ability and competitive interview. Intake numbers are strictly limited.

An Information Evening on this programme, and other related offerings from the Department, will be arranged for those who register their interest with the Department by writing to

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ARE YOU GOING FOR A PINT?



Work on the construction of the new Student Centre may have slowed in the past week, but the development of plans for what's going into the centre has not lost momentum. Outlined here are some of the preliminary designs for the new student bar. While these plans are subject to change, this should give you some idea of how the space is going to be used. The Cafe/Bar has no direct theme, but is instead themed on comfort - the intention is being to create a relaxing environment. It is proposed to that this will be achieved through the use of soft lighting, bay seating, plane walls and strong colours. The designers are trying to create a location that they feel will be most attractive to students and so are going with a modern look that might best be compared to Pravda in Dublin.

The one feature of this new bar that is unlikely to change is the island bar, as this has been a feature of the bar since its conception.

Also worth noting is that the Stables is due to under some major refurbishment before September of next year, so wherever you decide to go for coffee next year, at least you know that you'll be doing it in style.

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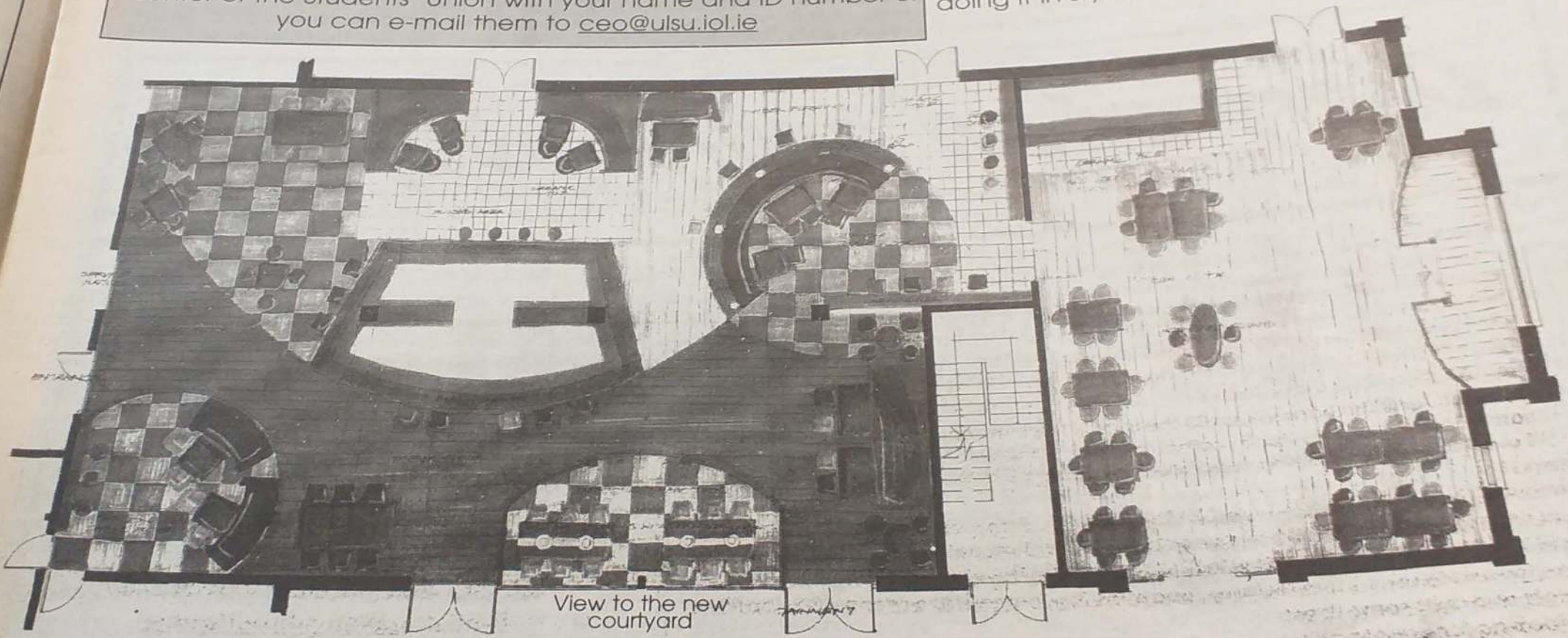
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View to the new courtyard

The mind of Kaiser Sosa...

...on study and time

Well you see, it's all about the old bohemian art of time management. When one foregoes a drinking session to do nothing but study then one is surrendering to the evil mists of time. Time is synonymous with reaching inebriated states of intoxication - "Time, please", "time for another", "another time perhaps". In our all-consuming desire to be part of capitalism, we are wont to ignore the beautiful essences of time. In that time honoured tradition of Budweiser, I think we'll all have time for some Guinness this evening.

...on life

Life is something in which we should invest vast amounts of our precious time. An ideal life is one in which no-one has time to work, only time to enjoy the beauty and magnificence of the opposite sex. It is indeed the prelude to paradise. Life, contrary to what Forrest thinks is not, like a box of chocolates. Life is an all-encompassing roller coaster of emotional discharge, where frequency of laughter and shrills of joy fast outlive the dark winters of sadness and fear.

...on students

We are stuck in a vacuum of time, living out a life of unmitigated fantasy, in a setting which forbids the shackles of responsibility. We are amassed with an abundance of joy and romance, coupled with an oasis of hysterical abandonment. An oasis devoid of strangers and reality, but filled with happy days and high nights, where the winters and springs are hidden by prolonged indulgences of passion and excessiveness.

...on alcohol (not -ism)

A bright and colourful darkness, that precedes a dark and desolate dawn where the wanton thoughts of indifference forego the empty spirit. A stripper of defences, a teller of truths, a betrayer or lovers, a magical journey into feared and beautiful territory, this silent talker emerges, as the inner sanctums and final defences, come rushing out and crashing down, in a hazy state of total inebriation and joyful exuberance.

....on Clare Hurling

We have a wonderful history full of tales of lore and legend. It may not be a successful history. Indeed the history of Clare Hurling is one of despair and dejection, of bitterness and self-pity. But we are a proud people and are proud of our heroes from the days of yore. These were the men who year in year out subjected themselves to the tyranny and foreboding of a ruthless and tyrannical enemy. These great men have passed on through the winters of time. Their passion and legend is harvested in the beauty of our beloved music and song. And it is through this pageantry that we now celebrate the men, who, from the mists of time, have opened our eyes to the beauty and solace of the passionate and all-consuming warrior.

....from Kaiser Sosa

The anti-Clare conspiracy

You think it all started last year when they couldn't beat us in hurling - priests, councils, Presidents, media and 31 counties all against us? Just the tip of the ice-berg. This has been going on for centuries. Ever since Brian Boru, took on the Vikings at Clontarf. Yes Brian, the first legend of the Dalcassians, fought valiantly and bravely for his beloved country. Mysteriously, but not if you're from Clare, he was allowed to be killed just as the battle was won. The first attempt by a vast conspiracy to get Clare and its people. The first attempt by a vast conspiracy going on for ages. Through-out the struggle for Irish freedom, there were great rebellions stretching from Tir Chonaill to Wexford and Kinsale to Dublin. No-one ever bothered to ask Clare. We had our own and we did fine, winning an historic election in 1917, in East Clare, (you know who's country - GL). De Valera came along (elected in Clare), and did great, but again this anti-Clare conspiracy saw fit to blame him for this and that.

And so the years passed by and the hurlers of Clare came to bear the brunt of this conspiracy. Everything was done to beat us. They made us play the great powers every year. If we beat Cork then we had to play Tipperary. They often shared players, to try and beat us. And when we beat both like in '55, the conspirators made it rain and upset our game plan, against Limerick. What did Mackey say to Ring in that famous photo - "Anti-Clare conspiracy meeting in Thurles tonight". And then we produced that wonderful team in the seventies. About to beat Cork and the conspirators went and sent off our full back for nothing. And again, the year after when they conspired to move the goal posts every time our forwards tried to score. A total set up. The 1980s saw someone make a big hole in the ground, just as one of our forwards was about to score a winning goal. (You had to be there). And when finally our footballers reached the promised land in 1992, the anti Clare conspiracy contrived to have a perfect goal disallowed. And why did Nicky laugh in '93? Because he knew about the anti-Clare conspiracy, when none of us did. But we beat them all in '95 and '97, the conspiracy got Ollie in '96 in order to open up the middle of the Gaelic Grounds for Ciaran to run through. And then '98. A new conspiracy committee was established. And you see what they did? Everything. Only video evidence to be used against Clare. If they're winning near the end, stop the game. (Did you know that certain fans had a secret drill on a Thursday about invading a pitch). Ban their best players for doing nothing. Make them so tired that they can't play. Stop their managers from talking to the players. Well roll on '99. Don't be surprised if you see a NATO plane bomb Shannon (by complete accident) just as the Clare team are about to embark on another glorious voyage. Yes, they're in it too, as are the UN, the Iraqi's (won't buy our beef) and even the Russians.....this is only the tip of the iceberg regarding the anti-Clare conspiracy.

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CLIPPING IS A STUPID SPORT Diary of an angry b-boy aged 29

Why isn't there a RAP OLYMPICS - I'd represent

14th April

Went to the record shop today. Saw a girl in there. She was carrying a
record bag and following her stupid boyfriend around who didn't know
what the f&ck he was talking about. I barged past him by accident
[on purpose]. Why do people carry record bags when they don't know
what the f&ck they're talking about? I bet she doesn't even own a
f&cking record. I bet he doesn't even own any records on Tommy Boy,
let alone NIA or CCL. Girls don't know about Hip Hop, they buy New
compilations.

15th April

Had breakfast early and went to the record shop. Made sure I got there
before they opened. That idiot always goes on Wednesday and they're
getting a shipment in today. I have to get there before him. Waited till
lunchtime, the guys in the shop told me to get lost so I stole the cover
of their only original Breaking Atoms LP. That brief lesson in defla-
tion will teach them to boss me around. Got a sandwich. Got back ten
minutes later. Agggghhh. That f&cker got Marley Marl. Why does
that always happen? Step outside for ten

minutes. Shouted at the staff. Went home and maimed my pet hamster.

16th April

Got my haircut. Got the hairdresser to shave Tuff City into my head.
Some ravers looked at me if I was stupid. House is s&mt and I told them
so. It's for puffs. Went to the record shop. My luck was in. New ship-
ment. I could see that beauty behind the counter coming towards me.
Come here baby, come to daddy. Got it. "Eric B For President" is all
mine. On Zakia. I know that stupid idiot hasn't got that.

18th April

Had a day off from digging. Did a mix-tape with all my A Tribe
Called Quest promo's. Except for "Bonita Applebum". I messed up
halfway through. Shouted at my Mum, told her to my lunch or I'd kill
her. Calmed down and decided to do a tape of classic Bronx Hip Hop.
Started with "The Bridge", then "F&ck Compton". I hate West Coast
s&mt. They're all bitches with curly hair. Everyone knows that Hip Hop
started in the Bronx. Tattooed BRONX on my arm using a needle and
a felt pen. Rearranged my records into label order, then back into
alphabetical order. Why do groups split up? Now I have to separate
Rakim from Eric B & Rakim. That makes me sad and my arm is

very sore.

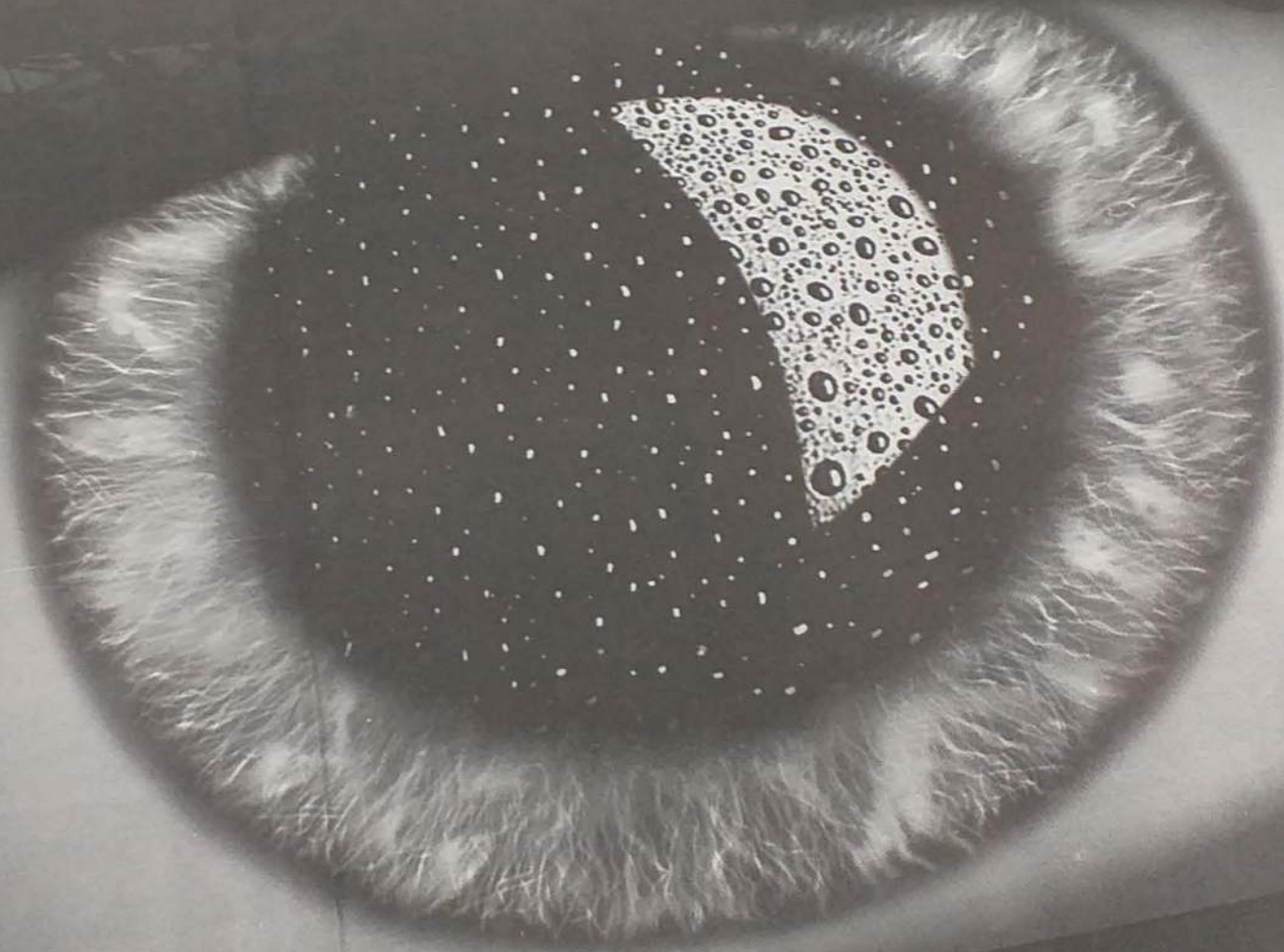
19th April

Sat in casualty now and it's 1pm. If I don't get to the record shop I'll
miss something. Went home and burnt all my back issues of The Source.
Except the first five and the 50th. I still haven't answered all the
questions from their Old School quiz. What was the name of
Ramellzee's dog? Renamed my dog Ramellzee. I got bored of calling
him Biz.

20th April

My arm feels better although the bandaging hinders digging ability.
Went to the record shop. Had an argument with the staff. They wouldn't
sell me "It's Yours". They said it was a shop copy. I said "Why the
f&ck do you run a shop if you don't sell your records? Have you heard
of Adam Smith or Supply and Demand?" Settled for Gang Starr's
"Take It Personal" with a picture sleeve and it only cost £35. I already
have one but it will be worth crazy loot one day. Premier is God. Bought
a camouflage jacket just like his. Now I feel like killing some drugdeal-
ers.

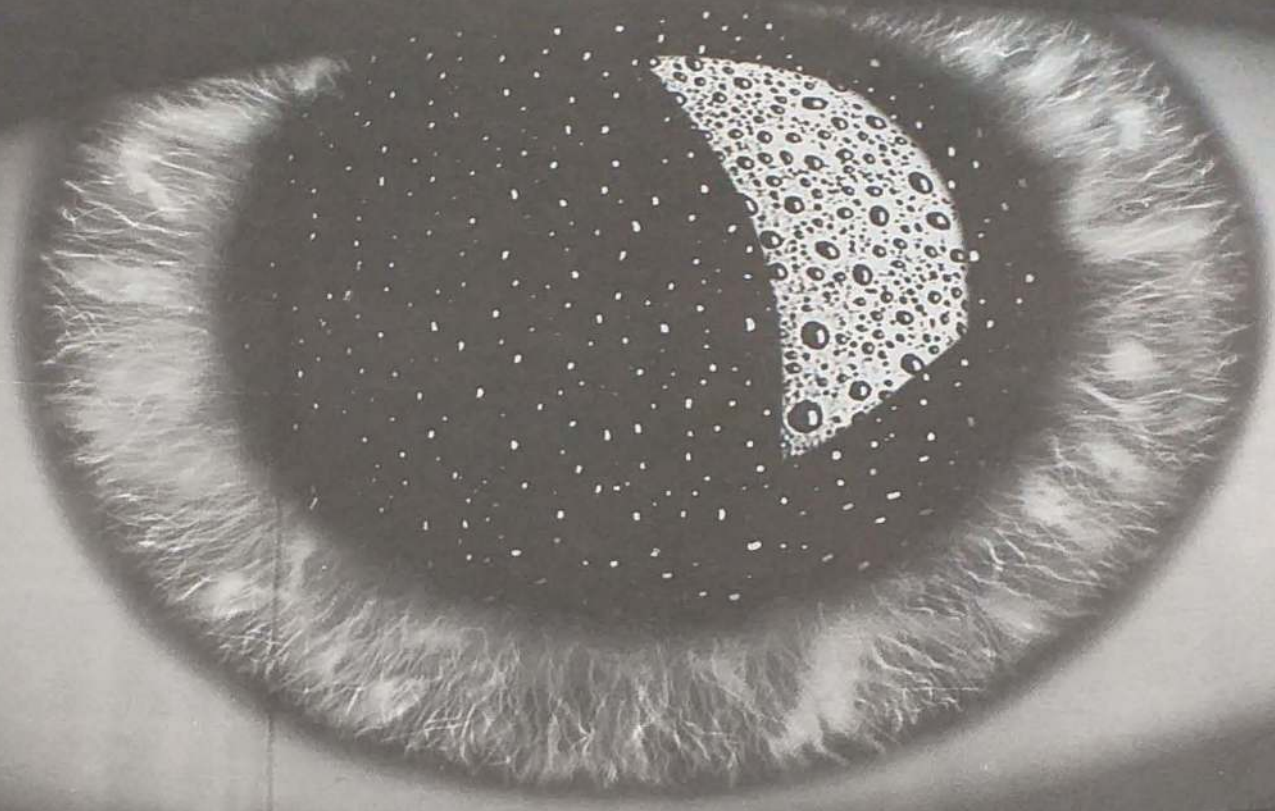
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Appointments

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ELECTIONS

BY THURSDAY OF WEEK NINE, YOU WERE PROBABLY WELL SICK OF ELECTIONS AND CONSIDERING HUNGER STRIKE RATHER THAN HAVING TO FACE THE THOUGHT OF GOING WITHIN A ONE HUNDRED YARD RADIUS OF THE CANTEEN. IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, THE CANDIDATES, BY THURSDAY, WERE EVEN MORE SICK OF EVENTS. BUT NOT SO MUCH SO THAT THEY GIVE CUPLA FOCAL TO AN FOCAL.

Pat McCarthy - President Elect

Just a quick note to introduce myself as next year's President of the SU and to say thanks to everyone that got me here by voting for me. It was a tough election week and there's no doubt that I couldn't have done it without the help of everyone involved. Brian, Eugene, Des, Ivan, Sarah, the whole campaign team, everyone else.....THANK YOU! For those of you who are here next year, I hope, along with Dave and Dee Dee, to bring this students union into the new millenium as a union that ye are all proud to be members of. Thanks again and I look forward to working for you.
Pat McCarthy.



Dee Dee Hosty - Welfare Officer Elect

My name is Dee Dee Hosty and I am Welfare Officer for the 1999 - 2000 year. My issues include the opening of the new creche and ensuring student priority, continuing the work done on improving security on campus, and also providing information on housing and accomodation problems. As Welfare Officer I would like students to be able to approach me with any problems or questions. Pat, Dave and myself will do our best to assist you in every way we can.
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Dave O'Donovan - Communication & Education Officer Elect

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Dave O'Donovan

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GRACIOUS IN DEFEAT...

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my supporters during my election campaign. I am extremely grateful to all those people who spent their valuable time canvassing on my behalf and helping out with the million tasks that have to be done behind the scenes from painting posters to handing out flyers. Special thanks to my campaign manager Eoin Brazil and to Olga and Chris for all their time and effort.

I would like to thank everyone who voted, even if it was for my opponent because that's the way that democracy works. To the enlightened few who voted for me, an extra special thanks and thanks to all those who promised me votes but were too busy to turn out on the day!!!

It was a mad manic week, one that I will never forget nor regret. Finally I would like to congratulate Pat, Dave O' and Dee Dee and to wish them all the best of luck next year.

Aidan O' Gorman

For those of you who don't know at this late stage, I, Denis Duggan was unsuccessful in the presidential election. Firstly, congratulations to Pat McCarthy, ULSU President Elect. Secondly, I would like to thank all those people who voted, almost 2100 of you. Particularly, thanks to the 548 of you who voted for yours truly. Special thanks goes to my Campaign manager, Aengus O' Malley for all his time and effort. To Deirdre, Johnny Cash, Joan, Tony, Noel, Noirin, Muiris, Lorna, Sean Óg, Eddie, Adrian, and everyone else who helped out in any way, it will not be forgotten. I would have no hesitation in recommending a week of kissing babies, pressing the flesh, meetin' n' greetin', and knocking on doors to anyone. It was one hell of a week, one which I have no regrets over and a final Thank You to one and all. Thank You.

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ULSU - Unplugged

Last week saw the release of the first CD featuring bands from UL. The brainchild of Jon Snott, the CD features 18 of the college's best bands, playing original acoustic songs. An Focal talked to Jon to find out where the idea came from, and how it got from his head to your CD players.

aF - So, who is Jon Snott?

JS - I'm a postgraduate student in the college here. I spent five years on the piss getting a shit degree, and decided to come back and find out about the working side of UL. I'm doing the software localisation course at the moment.

aF - What's the UL unplugged CD all about?

JS - It's a charity CD in aid of the memorial walkway, and in doing so, it showcases some of the musical talent that's about the college. It gives the college's bands a chance to get on a CD that gets an official release. It's an opportunity that a lot of them mightn't get otherwise.

aF - What gave you the idea?

JS - It was Arts Week last year when it started. There was an acoustic competition in Kilmurray Village Hall and the talent was great. I was one of the judges for it and I was amazed at some of the people playing there. But I was in fourth year and I was really busy with my project and everything, so I didn't really have time to take it on. When we came back this year though I still had the idea, and every one I said it to gave me loads of encouragement and said they'd help me. They all fucked off though, apart from one guy, the other half of Duende, dayvoh.

aF - What's Duende, by the way?

JS - It's me and Dave doing shit that we shouldn't be doing and we use the name to stay out of trouble. Ah no, we're good mates who run gigs and do interviews with bands for An Focal and Wired FM and stuff like that (as well as the odd bit of raping, pillaging and plundering).

aF - How did you go about putting the CD together?

JS - The first term this year was all about getting the information and doing the research, finding out how to go about it. We had to find out where to get it pressed, advertise for the bands, get all the details of the bands. (A viscous rumour has it that during

Duende and commented on how cute he is, somewhat breaking Jon's concentration.) This term, after some difficulty we got access to the studio in the Schuman and got great support from Dr. Roger Downer. We started recording in week 4 and finished in week 6. We had a few problems with the studio in Dublin where the CD was being pressed so that delayed the release until week 10. Thanks to Mark O'Connor, Mark Henry and Helen Arthur for all their late hours in the UL studio.

aF - Why did you pick the memorial walkway as the charity?

JS - I knew two people in the college who passed away, so the memorial walkway was strong in my mind. It just seemed like an appropriate charity for what we were doing.

aF - How did you feel when the CD finally came out?

JS - Happy, relieved and tired. I was impressed with the overall layout, specially the artwork which was done by my brother Steve and Val, his girlfriend along with a guy called Ian Smith.

aF - Where can you buy the CD?

JS - You can get it in the Students' Union office or the Students' Union shop, in O'Mahony's, the Stables, the Paddocks and RTV rentals in town. It's only a fiver as well so it's well worth the buy. You get original songs from 18 of the college bands, plus more songs and information about each of the bands on the CD ROM.

aF - Glen Hansard from the Frames was meant to do a song for it, did that work out?

JS - In the end, we had so many UL bands, we didn't need a song from him. We asked him when the Frames played the student Centre at the start of this term. He was great, said he'd do it no problem, but I would have had to leave a song by a UL band off if we were going to use the one he gave us, and I didn't want to do that. He's still on the credits though, the cover was gone to print before we'd selected the final track listing.

aF - The \$64,000 question, what's the best song on the CD?

JS - Without a doubt, number 18, the closing track. And it's not just a good song, they're good looking

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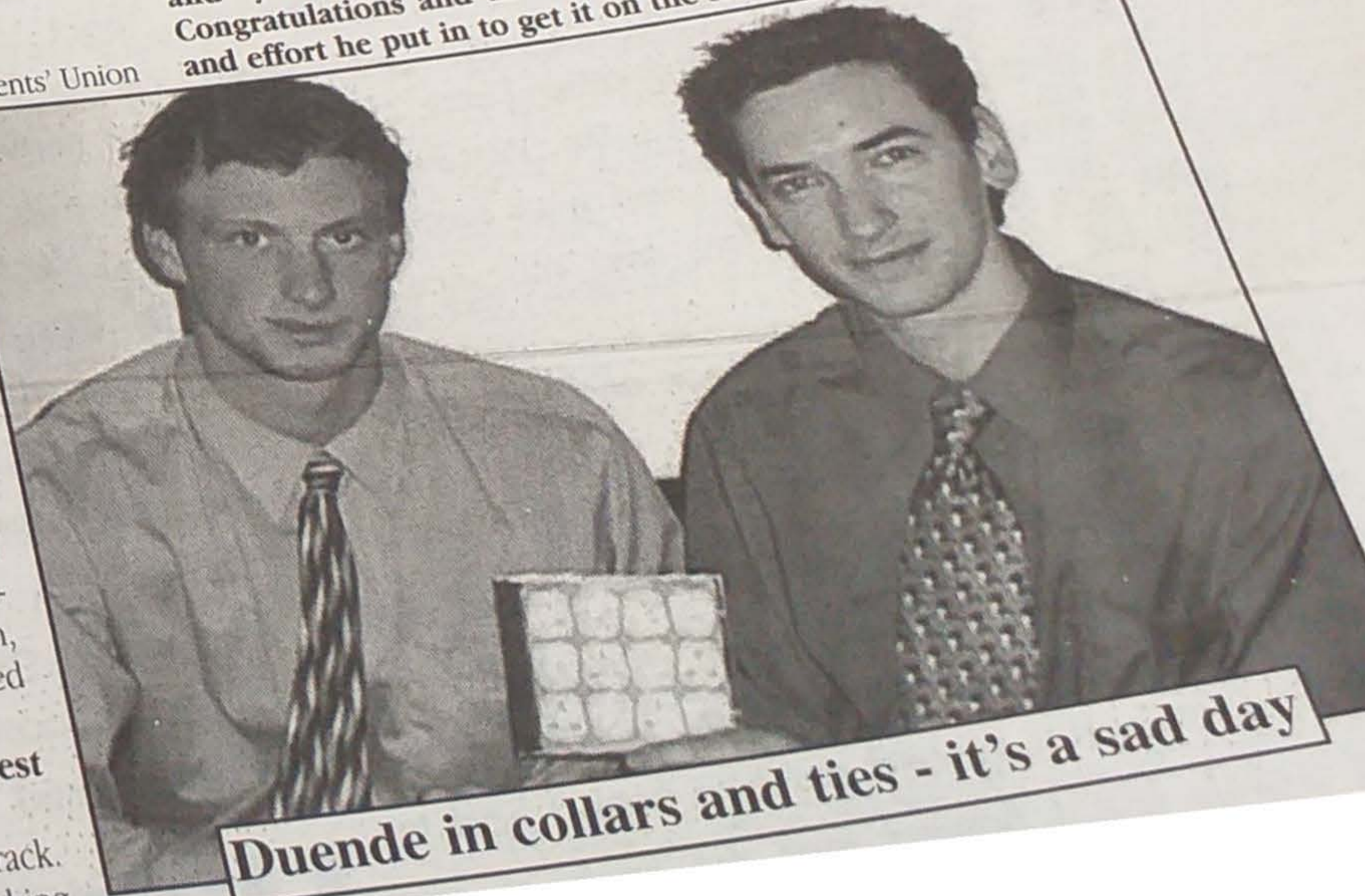
aF - What's next for Duende so?

JS - Same thing we do every day, try to take over the world. Ash no, we'd like to release a CD of people making dance music in the college, but that will be a project for next year, so that gives people plenty of time to get busy with their samplers.

aF - Anyone in particular that you'd like to thank now that it's released?

JS - Yeah, loads. The Bull McCabe, Keith Piggot, Mike Knightson, Garreth Eason, Fergal Glynn, the two Marks and Helen, Stan Blenerhasset and every one else who knows me!

The UL Unplugged CD is available now in all the places Jon mentioned above. Buy it and your supporting the Memorial Walkway, a memorial garden for students of UL who've died, and you'll also be supporting a lot of UL bands. Congratulations and thanks are due to Jon for all the work and effort he put in to get it on the shelves.



Duende in collars and ties - it's a sad day



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Of Gerbils and Men...

Savage woofed. He was sitting on the armchair again. Occasionally he looked at the TV. Mostly he was looking at me looking at the TV. Savage didn't want me there, there in Sara's house that I was supposed to be looking after. I looked at him now a big Irish Wolfhound, deep dark eyes. In one I could see Sara telling me to take him for walks but not to take him off the lead as her hadn't been squirrel trained and in the other I saw me saying "Yes, and don't loose the keys like you did last time, you worthless little prick. God your mother hates you." My brother was there over my shoulder for that bit.

I double locked the front door and looked at the keys. "What shall we do with these?" I said to Savage. He looked quizzical. "Probably better to leave them safe in there, isn't it?" I said and posted them back through the door. Now don't loose the dog. I made a noose with the handle of the lead and looped it around my own neck. I had to stoop slightly but I figured that the knob of my head would stop us ever getting separated. So we clattered to the park. Savage galloping ahead, me stumbling behind like a bear running too fast down a hill. Twenty yards into the park, Savage spotted the duck pond and bolted. I landed in the shallows as Savage closed his jaws on the nearest mallard. He shook his head violently so that it's quacks were broken like the honks of a goose in a cement mixer. A little girl was crying. "Help the ducky," I dripped stupidly. The girl's father grabbed the duck and snapped at the dog's nose.

us. A bus was pulling off twenty yards from the gate. I overtook the dog and launched us into the *Old Ladies Please* section. He leaped on to the seat beside me. "What the fuck is this?" he said "I only go in taxis. You can't expect me to look after your legal case in this condition." "Legal case?" I said.

He eyed me directly. "Just think about all the things that you've been doing wrong, somebody's got to defend them."

A tiny electric pang of panic. I began to recall the time when I was seven and a gerbil had started swearing at me. Amongst other things, it had told me that my dad was having an affair. I had told my mother, and soon afterwards the family had split up.

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"Now you're loosing it," he replied.

"Yes?" interrupted the conductor. I had no money.

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to answer my question easily. I know that I have to find something very mundane and ordinary to do to talk myself down.

"Have some tea," suggested the dog.

"I know that," I said. I know that.

The café was full of people smoking and eating bacon & eggs. The dog sat down next to me demanding a full Irish breakfast.

"Stop freaking me out," I muttered.

His lip curled with disdain. "Get me some breakfast now, bitch."

Then a new voice. "Get that dog off my seat."

The café lady was angry.

"Tell that fat cow that I sit in a seat every day of my life and I'm not shifting now," said the dog.

"Are you going to get him off?" asked the woman more angrily.

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"Can we pay on account?"

The conductor eyed me suspiciously. "Pay your fare now or get off"

"Tell him you'll only pay if he can prove that you'll definitely get to the next stop" suggested the dog. I did. The conductor looked at me as if his mother had just walked out of my nose.

"Tell him that I'm a lawyer" the dog said. I knew I shouldn't, but I did that too. At the next stop we were shown the pavement. I looked at Savage.

"Why are you talking?" I said. "Dogs don't talk"

"So why are you asking me?" he replied.

"Don't try to be clever" I said.

"No, I am being clever."

"Well that's ridiculous I said, because you're only a dog"

"Well if I am only a dog, then you should be able

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but I'm still not sure. However, I don't want to risk throwing my lawyer onto the floor bearing in mind the number of things that I've done wrong." She glared. I felt a situation coming on, but I didn't know where it was coming from.

"Er, are you angry with me because he just called you a fat cow?" I said.

In the street, Savage called me a hapless tit. He told me that he had an empty stomach and was unlikely to get a single detail of my case correct. I told him that I didn't care because since I had known that he was my lawyer, things had only got worse. Our bickering turned to swearing as we leavelled with the church gate. A family was getting out of a car. Savage cheered up when he saw this. "That little girl has a snotty handkerchief in her pocket," he said and tugged me towards her. "Why couldn't I control anything?"

The little girl tweaked with delight as Savage stuck his nose in her pocket. Her mother patted him on the head and asked me how old he was. The dog said he was five. "He says he's five, but in fact he's seven," I said. The mother looked at me and decided that I was joking. Savage rooted for the hanky, but the pocket was small.

"Look, if you don't stop this now, you're fired," I shouted. The family were looking at me now. I knew that it was bad for people to see me threatening to sack a dog, so I repeated myself, but this time in dog language.

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There is," I mumbled. All eyes turned to me. "What?"
Hot iron in my nose.
"Look at the baby," said the dog.
I looked at the baby. Its head rotated slowly towards me. Then it screamed.
"Tell them that my mother is a slut and that the priest pays for her services," the baby howled.
"Oh, now look what you've done!" I said to the dog.
"I've seen his notes," said the dog. "It's true, you must tell them."
"What's the problem?" begged the priest.
Sheet lightning in my stomach - the baby still staring at me. "Go on."
"Men pay willingly for her services and you are her most valued customer," I stuttered through the gagging tears. The priest's mouth fell open. The baby said "sucker". Its father started towards me.
The baby told me," I stammered, but this only made him move faster. Savage lurched towards the little girl who was waving her tissue. The baby's father grabbed me by the neck. The dog leapt. The girl's mother plucked her from the floor and the dog clattered into the priest, knocking the baby from his hands. The baby's mother screamed. The father released my neck and spun towards his wife. I looked at the dog.
"Ha ha! You're doing all this," he laughed and grabbed the tissue

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Sparrows singing The Partisan.
"Could you recommend some one?" I asked.
"Try the baby!"
"Really?"
"Oh, yes," he said and smiled, before going quite quiet and still.
I managed to crawl back to Sara's house. The baby had not been much use, but its father had given some advice to the soft tissues in my face and groin. I lay outside her front door and wondered what to do. The best thing would be to write a note. Yes, a note that will explain everything. My note said:
thanks for sara...sorry about the dog...the duck was in bits...the thing is talking as well, but told me not to say but I followed it...the cars did it... The keys are in the wrong half...I went away...it's all right please...
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It was a christening. The tissue girl and her parents had joined the others around the font. A priest was holding a baby over the water and the baby was shrieking like ripping metal.

"I can do that," said Savage and began to howl idiotically.

"Shhhhhh!!!" I said and tried to hide it with a cough. "Is there a problem back there?" asked the priest.

"A fat drumming now in my skull. You're ruining this christening," I said.

"It's not me, it's you," said the dog.

"What?"

"Well, I only came in here so you could seek forgiveness from God."

"What for?" I asked.

"For what you are about to do," said the dog looking straight through my eyes. I felt sick as diesel.

"Is something wrong?" asked the priest.

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"Ha ha! You're doing all this," he laughed and grabbed the tissue from the girl's hand. The baby was still in the air. I looked at the dog again.

"What the fuck do I do now???"

"Don't ask me. I'm only a dog," said Savage before pelting down the aisle, through the porch, down the path and straight onto the road where he collided with an oncoming motorbike, before staggering around and falling over.

Manic bird song

I dropped to my knees on the road. Blood trickled from his ear.

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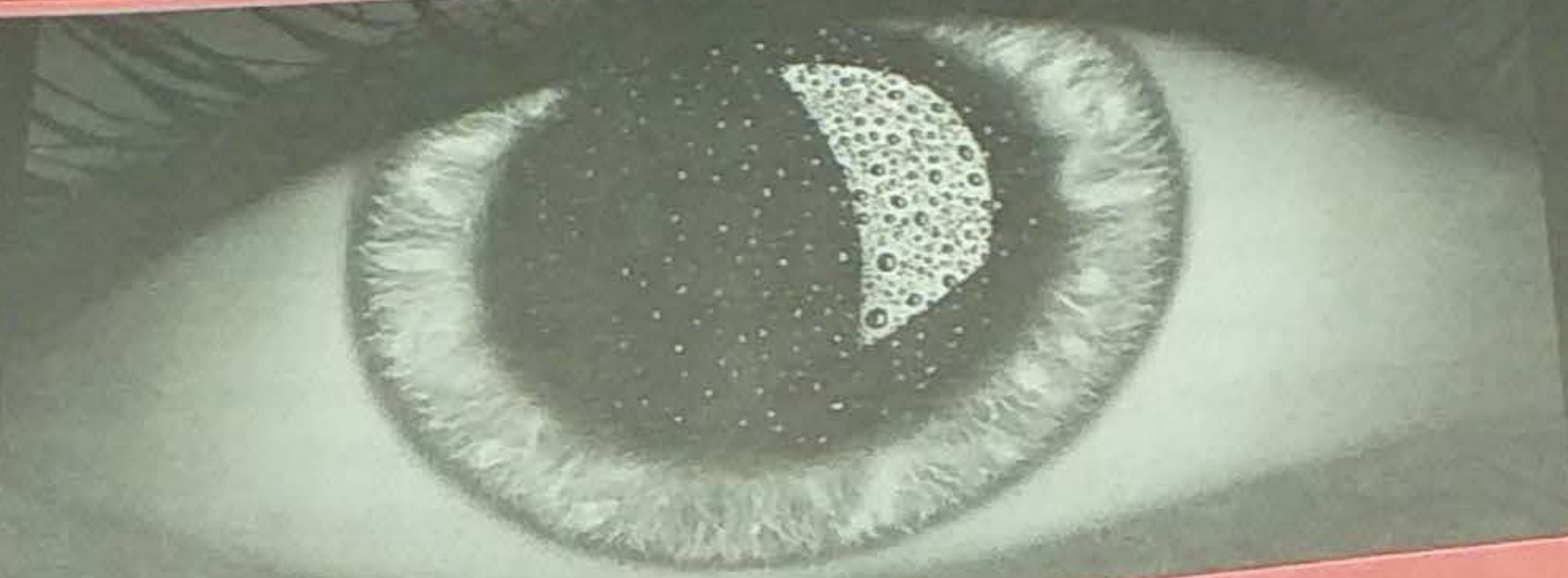


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KOLLEGE WEEK

It's all over for another year. Kollege Week has come and gone but boy did it leave some indelible imprints on the memory. In terms of money raised for charity it's the best ever. In terms of every night attending events it's the best ever and in terms of people having a great week without destroying the neighbourhood. That generally means the week has been a great success and before we even start talking about the week itself we have to say a big thank you to everyone who participated, everyone who got involved and everyone who made a concerted effort to go out and enjoy themselves.

THE MARQUEE

Undoubtedly, the success of the week was the marquee which sold out 5 nights, the marquee played host to some of the best nights ever on campus.

Monday

The Frames supported ably by That Fabulous Feeling and Sutras. The outstanding memories are definitely Glen Hansard singing Rhinestone Cowboy with the Fatboy Slim Stetson, Debaser at the end of the night and newly elected C.E.O. Dave O'Donovan doing the most unbelievably athletic piece of stage diving seen at a UL gig in years (Dude we're still pissed).

Tuesday

Abbaesque. 25 years to the day after ABBA had won Eurovision. Abbaesque provided an awesome night and all for 3 punts. They had the crowd of 1200 people in the palm of their hands and then everybody headed into a very dressed up/down crowd in Doc's at the Pimps & Prostitutes Ball or you might have headed to Dolans to be entertained by the mighty Watercross either way it were a quality night. and don't forget we also had the Dublin City Ramblers belting out the ballads in the Stables to a packed crowd. You really were spoiled for choice.

Wednesday

This was supposed to be the quiet night, the night we all took a breather. Boy were we wrong. First of all a massive crowd up for the match. (sorry about the reception but the video was a bit of alright.) and then even more turned up for the Immrama DJ's ably supported by UL's finest Decie Houlihan, Keith Ahearne and Francis Cooke. It really was one of the best (unexpected) nights in the week. Thanks to everyone who made it the night it was.

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Rumour had it that he had cancelled and Mark Kavanagh was doing the gig. Well he didn't Tall Paul showed up and not only did he show up he "rocked". 1200 people everyone of them having a stormer of a night. In my two years as Ents. Manager I've never seen a UL crowd react as well as they did that night it was the best gig I can remember and there's not much more to say after that.

Thursday

We were expecting another quiet night but it didn't happen. The Beach Party was another great night. Inflatable jet-ski's, crocodiles, paddling pools, beach balls, buckets and spades, 30 tonnes of sand and the hot dog man. What a night and the Stables was full too. It just couldn't have got any better and was the ideal way to say goodbye to Kollege Week 1999. Thank you to :- Barry, Tara, Kieran, Mike, Stan, Dermot, Gerry, Caroline, Aisling, Rebecca and Louise in the SU. All the crew who worked their collective genitalia off during the week. Everybody in the Stables - staff and management both in the Stables bar and Marquee bar. Thanks for keeping the drink flowing and your huge contribution to a great week. Thanks to Claire for putting up with the stress before and during the week. Thanks to all the volunteers and collectors during the week and the Saturday before. Thanks to all our sponsors especially Guinness whose contribution was essential to the success of the week. Thanks to the Bands and the DJ's who gave 100% and made sure everyone enjoyed themselves. And finally thanks to you the students who went out in your masses and gave the week 100%. It was a massive success and the reason for that is all of you!!!

Friday

I know I've forgotten people here. Sorry! but thank you anyway. This is just a note to let you know that I'm finishing up as UL Ents. Manager its been two years now since I got the job and by and large its been good fun. Ents. isn't what it was 3 or 4 years ago but Kollege Week proves that when UL students decide to party they really do know how too. So keep on doing it and let's make this place a better place than the college want it to be. Thanks to everyone who helped me out over the two years clubs and socs, class reps, Union Staff the Stables, pubs and clubs in Limerick, Barry, Tara, Kieran, Bobby, Elaine, Ivan and Baldy Mike. I could go on for ages and ages thanking people etc. etc. So basically I'm just writing to say thank you its been a pleasure working with you and for you and I'll miss it.

Yours sincerely
Keith Pigott.

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- Public question & discussion time
- Artistic performance by **Helen Houlihan** (Soprano)
& **Colette Davis** (Piano)
- Free refreshments
- Women's Studies subject information desks
- Brief focus/discussion group on contemporary women's
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Health Boards

What they say...

"The Law touches every facet of women's life but people often don't realise just how much the law impacts on their everyday life. For example, a lot of women don't realise unless they make some sort of financial contribution to the family household, they have no entitlements to family property - regardless of how many years they have spent servicing the family through childcare and domestic labour. So there are huge legal implications around so many areas of life (employment, welfare, parenting, harassment, family property, domestic labour and childcare - to name just a few) and this module gives women, non-specialists, a new tool to analyse not only the workings of society but also their own personal lives..."

-Lucy-Anne Buckley, Lecturer in Women & the Law

"I find teaching women's studies very enjoyable because of the student's high level of motivation and the exciting exchange of views, ideas and experiences. The students find it challenging - the course gives them a grounding, a theoretical basis for their life-experience. It greatly increases their probability of employment as Women's Studies graduates are specialised in the areas of education, and research and there's great employee demand in these areas. As a past graduate myself, I found it great to recover the female perspective back in to what I already knew- like finding a missing part..."

-Mary McGrath, Tutor

"Women's Studies was a challenge - enabled me to theorise my actions"

-Ciara '98/'99 student

"The study of the history of women is important. Firstly, to provide women with a history. Secondly, to give women a sense of self. Finally, to move towards a history of humanity."

-Bernadette Whelan,
Lecturer in Women's History

"Women's Studies I view as a means of empowering women - as individuals or as a collective - by enabling a deeper understanding of what it constitutes to be a woman within a patriarchal capitalistic society - and by challenging all the myths and "common-sense" notions and social expectations that we bring with us."

-Mary O'Donogue, Lecturer in
Sociology of Education

"Empowering, gave understanding to my arguments and beliefs... Eye-opening."

-Niamh '98/'99 student

GENDER DOESN'T MATTER? A FEW FACTS...

Power

"Even today in Ireland men make up approximately 95% of those in senior positions in the civil service, the local authorities, the health boards, etc." Culturally and structurally, there is the deeply embedded idea that women are not suited to authority. (O'Connor, 1998:8)

15% of our Dail representatives are women despite 51% of our population being women. We surely cannot believe "that there had been some cosmic accident in which bodies with penises happened to land in positions of power and proceeded to recruit their friends with penises to replace them ever after" (O'Connell: 95:231)

Worldwide

"In no society today do women enjoy the same opportunities as men"
- United Nations, 1995:29

Ireland comes 27th on the Gender Development Index including same indicators but on inequality between men and women (GDI: 1998)

Social Traits

"While caring for others, being considerate and sensitive are undoubtedly valuable qualities, they become social millstones for women, when men are not socialised into them as well" (Drudy and Lynch 1993:186)



Sexuality

The "persistence of the sexual double standards still exists" where social expectations are that women should be sexually attractive, but not obviously sexually active. Those that are are labelled sluts, whereas men that are commended for being studs. (Inglis, 1998)

Harassment

28% of girls in mixed schools reported that remarks of a sexual nature which they found offensive had been made, and 1 in 4 had been 'touched up' or 'groped' by the boys in school. (Hanafin:1992)

40% of a non-random sample of gay men and women were threatened with violence because of gayness

Feminism

Feminism is "resistance to invisibility and silencing" (Faith, 1994:37)

Work

"Men receive the lions share of income and recognition for their economic contribution while most of women's work remains unpaid, unrecognised and undervalued. In industrial countries, 2/3 of men's work is paid as is 1/3 of women's' and in developing countries, _ of men's work was paid in comparison to 1/3 of women's work" (UN report: 1995:88)

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Teaching

77% of primary teachers are women yet hold just 48% of principalships.
21% of university academic staff are women but hold just 4% of professorial positions
- the same % as in the mid 70s!
TCD has the highest amount of female professors (8%), UCD the lowest (2%),
with UL boasting 96% male professors or 4% female professors
-Role models where are you??? Even Turkey has 30% female professors.....

Housework

Between 50% and 75% of wives are solely responsible for the dishes, shopping ironing and hovering - Repairs and controlling the remote control are the only 'tasks' for which most fathers were solely responsible (Kiely:1995)
The proportion of Irish men who are willing to cook, clean, shop or dress children is lower than any other EU country (EU study: 1995)

Patriarchy

Patriarchy is a system of social structures and practices in which men dominate, oppress or exploit women.... The key elements in the material reality of patriarchy include men's control over women's labour power, as reflected in expecting women to provide personal service work (housework, child care etc.); attaching lower value of women's work in the paid employment area and creating and maintaining paid employment structures which reflect these assumptions."

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-Irish women's labour force participation has risen from 28% in 1971 to 39% in 1996 yet women's work tends to be low paid, poor working conditions and without the availability of child care.
-In 1996 women's average hourly rate is 74% of men's, weekly earnings are 65% that of men's. (O'Connor 1998)
-UN (1995) report found that women make up 15% of managers/administrators in Ireland in comparison with 58% in Hungary.

Education

At Leaving Certificate "girls significantly outperform boys, with a difference of three quarters of a grade" (Hannan et al, 1996:147).
"In 1994, 43% of girls and 36% of boys were in third level - girls are more likely to continue on to third level. YET girls have a poorer academic self image than boys, reflecting girls lower levels of self esteem." (Hannon et al, 1996)
"The stubborn empirical reality is that girls outperform boys academically and yet still have lower academic self-esteem" (O'Connor, 1998)
"At third level 86% of those entering Social Science and 65% of those entering Arts are women and 81% of those entering Engineering were men, and 67% of those entering Agricultural Science are men." (O'Connor, 1998)

For further reading, see O'Connor, Pat : "Emerging Voices: Women in Contemporary Society" Dublin (1998) Institute of Public Administration

Personal Safety

In the interest of personal safety we request that all students, both male and female take precautions if walking along the Dublin Road area. Should you notice anything suspicious please report immediately to the Students' Union or the Gardai at Henry Street Station, Tel: 061 414222

FINANCIAL AID

Please call Tuesday of week 12 between 10.00-11.00 on account of the Bank Holiday Monday

Crèche

Expressions of Interest

If you are interested in the Crèche facility which is to open week 3 of semester 1 next year please give your name to Welfare Officer, Students' Union. Anyone who filled out the crèche survey please note that this was an anonymous survey and contact name and address is needed for further contact if interested.

CRÈCHE BURSARY is available from Students' Union please contact Tara

Outreach Society

Presentation of certificates for group 1 will take place Friday 14th May at 2.30pm in the East Room, Plassey House. All are welcome.

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New Programme Notice

Graduate Diploma in Chemical Engineering

It is anticipated that in the Fall of 1999 the University of Limerick will introduce a new programme leading to a Graduate Diploma in Chemical Engineering.

If you will be graduating with a degree in Science or Engineering, you might be able to retrain as a Chemical Engineer in only one additional year.

For further information, contact

Victor J. Law
Professor of Chemical Engineering
University of Limerick
Foundation Building (FG-013)
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Email: Victor.Law@ul.ie

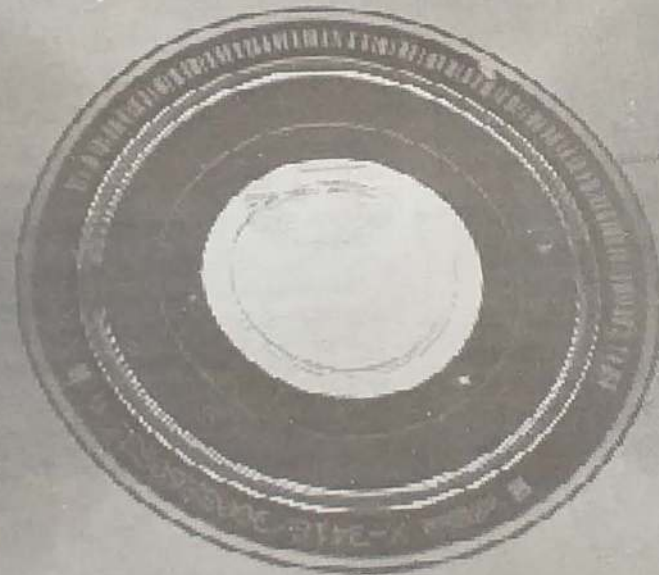
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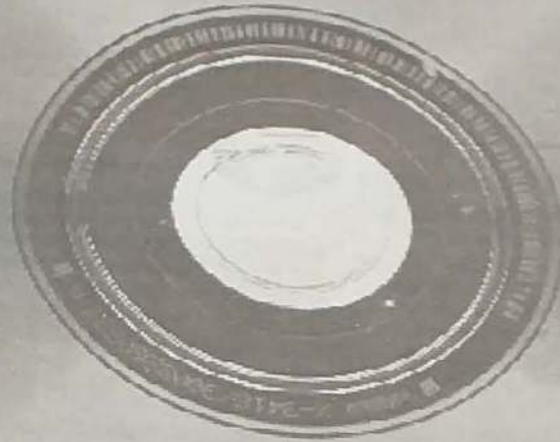


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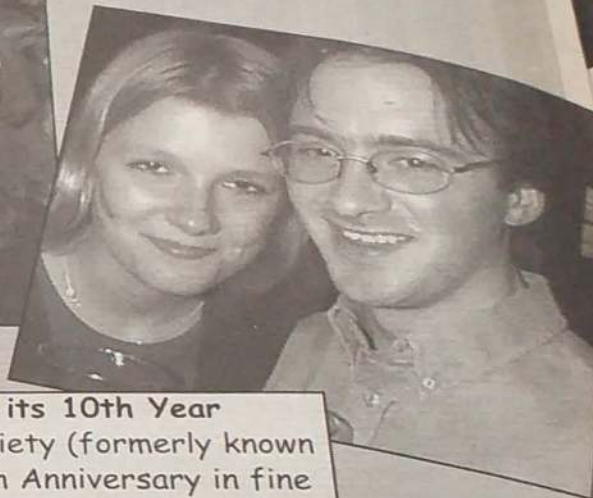
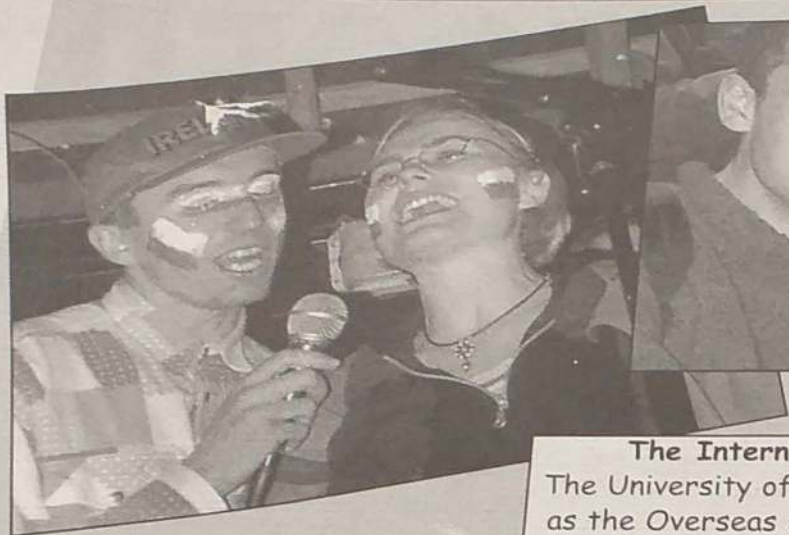
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The International Society Celebrates its 10th Year

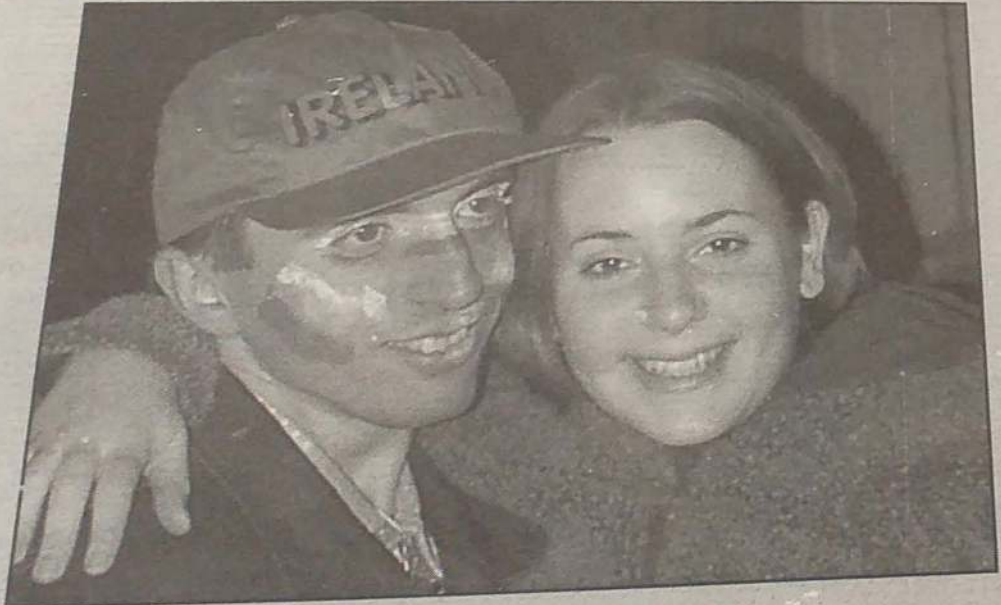
The University of Limerick International Society (formerly known as the Overseas Society) celebrated its 10th Anniversary in fine style during the week. On Thursday night the Inaugural UL International Singing Contest was organised. More than 16 countries entered (Ireland, Spain, France, The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Finland, Greece, Uzbekistan, Libya, Ivory Coast, Italy, Poland, USA and Canada.

The winners were Poland, with Ivory Coast and Italy joint second. On Friday night a Ceili was held and great craic was had by all. Here are some of the pictures of the great International Festival.



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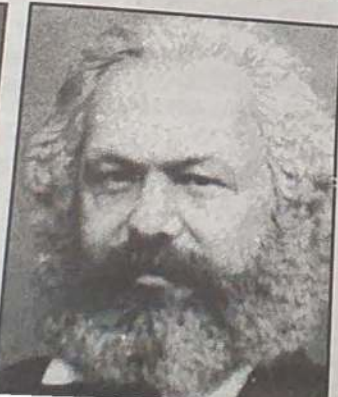
The Heineken Clubs & Societies Ball

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who turned up on the night in the Limerick Inn on Tuesday 20th of April for our annual bash. It is not a massive event (yet!) on the scale of "Annual Balls" in the University by any stretch of the imagination but was by all accounts one of the most enjoyable and two bottles of wine and numerous Heineken products would have me second the motion unanimously. As with most events of this nature it takes a lot of organisation to run even the smallest of events and this was no exception, and I would like to extend my thanks to the following people for their help in organising the Heineken Clubs & Societies Ball and also to those who have contributed to the on-going development of Clubs & Societies in the University of Limerick. Thanks to, Barry McLaughlin, Tara Mc Cabe, Kieran O'Hara, Keith Piggott & All those who make up the Students' Union The Clubs & Societies Executive: Stephen Driver, Garvan Barry, Sylvia O'Mahoney, Mike Knightson, Aideen Clarke, Muirir O'Sullivan, Caroline Timmons

And of course our generous sponsors Heineken. Now unfortunately for me when I went to thank all the above on the night I made one glaring omission so this is my apology and thanks to our very own Heineken Representative here on campus

WALTER STANLEY (sorry for Tuesday Walter I'm blaming the wine and Heineken). As many are undoubtedly aware, Walter has been a great help to Clubs & Society Activities individually and collectively throughout the year and none more so than this office with both Administration Weekends, SoUL Week and of course the Heineken Clubs & Societies Ball, thanks again Walter & sorry for any inconvenience caused. Finally congratulations to the following award winners on the night,

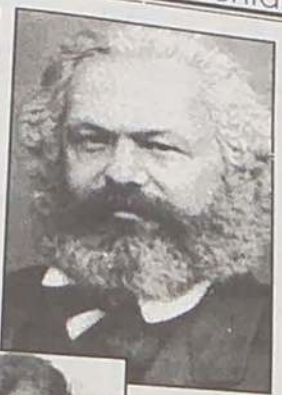
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 - Yours sincerely,
Paul Lee
Clubs & Societies Development Officer.
- The Rowing Club
 - The Collingwood Cup -Mens Soccer
 - Garvan Barry- Mens Hockey
 - Celtic Supporters Club
 - History Society.
 - The Viking Re-Enactment-History
 - Ron Byrne- Socialist Party.
 - The History Society.



WE KICKED ASS - AGAIN !!!!

UL EQUESTRIAN CLUB AND THE EQUINE SCIENCE CLASS DID IT AGAIN!
They have had nothing but success throughout this year. First of all they hosted the very successfully run Guinness National Intervarsity Tetrathlon Championships in November of 1998. Not only did they take on

...representative here on campus
 ...yours sincerely,
 Paul Lee
 Clubs & Societies Development Officer.



The link between Socialism and facial hair

The gimps have uncovered a strange link between Socialist thinkers and activists and facial hair, even within this University. Ron Byrne's recent prize for society person of the year brought attention to the extremity of his facial hair. His massive achievement brought us into comparing his look to other great political gurus. To our astonishment, any famous Byrnes lookalike we could come up with was firmly connected with socialism. Examples include: Lenin, Dick Spring, Karl Marx, Prionsios De Rossa, Che Guevora, Eckler, Fidel Castro and other reds not photographed including Stalin. Arguments have been put forward as to why other members of the UL socialist party do not sport such hairy visages. We at the gimps would like to point out that Ron is not as young as many UL students and that perhaps no self respecting socialist would grow a beard until it was at its pinnacle of growth!!



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After this it was up to Enniskillen to the very challenging 1999 National Equivarsities hosted by Queens University Belfast. UL Equestrian Club were placed 2nd over all!! The success in these two events made history for the club - to win one varsities and then come second in the other! And as if thats not enough, next week, the club proudly sends two of its members, Ciara O'Leary and Aisling O'Keefe, to represent Ireland in the Student Riders Nations Cup in Romania. Best of luck to them both!!

But last Tuesday night they really bit the biscuit when 6 out of the 12 riders selected to compete for Ireland in the World Students Riders Combined-Training Championship being held in the USA and Majorca this summer, were from UL Equestrian Club. The selection trials were held in Portlaoise Equestrian Centre and the places were hotly contested by excellent riders from colleges all over Ireland. Included amongst the competitors were some very prominent National Dressage, Showjumping and Event riders. Those selected from UL to compete for Ireland in Conneticut, USA, were Tamsin Coombs, Aisling O'Keefe and Paul Kilbride. Those selected for the reserve team for both Majorca and Conneticut were Robert Downes, Louis Conlon and Nia O'Malley. It is a very proud time for both UL Equestrian Club and the Equine Science degree programme. Best of luck to everyone, we're dead proud of yis!!!

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK TO REPRESENT IRELAND

The University of Limerick ladies basketball team successfully defended their intervarsity title in Dublin recently. They have dominated the tournament since 1990 winning eight of their last nine titles. The ladies won their pool easily beating College of Surgeons, University of Ulster. In the quarter final against Queens University all twelve UL players scored. Queens were kept scoreless in the second half and UL emerged winners by 69 to 13. The semi-final against NUI Galway required the UL women to dig deep to see off the treat of Galway's outshooters and tall guards. The defensive work from UL was excellent particularly Emily Bryan. Some great scores from Orla Nolan under pressure and constant hard work from Nicola Farrell. Eimear Kyne and Frances Shiely kept the UL ladies in touch with the first half and a three pointer from Frances Shiely kept the UL ladies in touch in the first half and a three pointer from Frances Shiely on the buzzer of half time gave them a six point lead. After an unsteady start to the second half, the UL women once again found their form. Five three pointers from Frances Shiely, gave UL a winning margin of nineteen points. The final was against DCU the UL women took a fifteen point lead which was reduced to three points by half time, with four minutes to go the UL women were behind by nine points but a team talk from Captain Orla Nolan worked wonders for the girls and this deficit was quickly reduced to three points. A three point play from Nicola Farrell drew the UL girls level, another great basket from Nicola and drawing the foul meant that UL were in the lead for the first time in the second half. UL held on to their lead for the final 46 seconds and this meant that UL had another varsities title. Congratulations to Orla Nolan and Nicola Farrell on being selected for the All Star team of 1999, also well done to Orla who received MVP of the ladies tournament and to Rob Lynch form the men's team. This is the first time that both MVP's went to the same college UL team Orla Nolan, Eimear Kyne, Nicola Farrell, Frances Shiely, Emily Bryan, Marie Moriarty, Laura Connolly, Annette O'Toole, Elaine Murphy, Fiona Larkin, Eimear Foley and Sinead Gordon. As a result of these great records both the UL women's and men's teams have been invited to represent Ireland at the Tantalus European Basketball Tournament in Eindhoven, Holland. To represent one's country in any event is the primary goal of every aspiring athlete or team not to mention those already established in their respected sports. It is because of this that UL take pride in announcing their invitation to this prestigious tournament, this May bank holiday weekend. Confidence is high in both camps due to their excellent varsities record and they will be hoping to achieve the same success as the ladies achieved in Paris in 1994. The opposition promises to be of top quality with representatives from 29 European countries. The basketball club would like to extend their warm thank and appreciation to all their sponsors to date including, The University of Limerick Foundation, The Kilmurray Lodge Hotel, Plassey Campus Centre, Guinness, Frank Hogans Garage, Bank of Ireland, Martin Hehir, Allied Irish Bank, Textile Printing. Anybody wishing to support the team may contact either Ber Angly 087-2484237 or Frances Shiely 061-332452.

<<<Hurling Club News>>>

University of Limerick Hurling Club 1998/99

The University of Limerick Intermediate hurling team was coached by David Keane, the current Limerick U-21 manager. The physical sessions were taken by Ger Cunningham, Ger Cunningham's loyalty to hurling within this college from Freshers right up to seniors is unparalleled. You can travel the length and breath of the country, and I can assure you, that you may find good trainers who are enthusiastic, dedicated followers of the game but no one can surpass Ger Cunningham's dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism from start to finish. Ger is not only a great trainer, but a good friend to everyone in the club, and after all the games are played and when all the training is over, I know that the memories of the hurling in the college will always be with us. As a famous hurler from Limerick once said "God gave us memories so we may have roses in December".

This year, we found it very hard to train due to the weather conditions but we put in as many sessions as we could fit in before and after Christmas. There were also voluntary sessions with the seniors on Tuesday's and Thursday's which were well attended by all the intermediate panel. The intermediate hurling league/championship was cut short due to the un-playable pitches around the country. We played two league/championship games this year but we lost narrowly on both occasions to UCC and CIT. This year we had over thirty players on the panel with over thirty three on the senior panel, good times certainly lay ahead for UL Hurling Club. David Keane's interest and enthusiasm was always a driving force behind this years intermediate team, and even though we didn't come away with the silverware this year, what we as a panel gained from the year was invaluable. We can only hope that David Keane will be with us next year and go one better.

Throughout the year many events have taken place to raise money for the running or the Hurling Club. As everyone knows running a club is very expensive and time consuming, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank especially Murphy's Heineken for their sponsorship and support throughout the year and a special thanks has to go to Mike Moynihan, Niall Moloney and Walter Stanley for setting up the sponsorship. Without their sponsorship the Hurling club would not survive, we thank them sincerely for their support and everyone knows they play a major part in providing our club with the necessary funds to make our Hurling year a success in every way. I would also like to thank Guinness for their scholarships, the Student's Union who are so understanding and whose major contribution we are eternally grateful for. Paul Lee in Clubs and Societies office who has been so helpful and considerate, not only to our club but to all clubs and societies in the college. Nothing is too much trouble for him. We also received sponsorship from the Stables Club who served us extremely well during the year and also McElligotts for their co-operation with regard to transport services whenever they were required, even at the most awkward of times they made buses available. Finally I would like to thank John Lenihan of Lenmac Mechanical Services, this man is UL Hurling Club, I can't find enough words in the dictionary to describe what he has done for UL Hurling Club, the lads in the club reckon there isn't a hurling heaven big enough for him. His interest in the games and all the hurlers blooms even in the most gloomy times. He is a shining light within our club and I hope that next year and the years to come, the officers of the club will follow his awe inspiring example. I would also like to thank Bank of Ireland for their services throughout the year.

Thanks Ciaran, JK and Cormac.
Paul McCarthy \ UL Hurling Club.

U.L CELTIC, YANKS AND ALL

SIX TIMES OVER, SIX TIMES VICTORIOUS. U.L C.S.CS EXCURSIONS TO PARKHEAD ARE BECOMING ALL TOO REGULAR AND ALL TOO EASY. AS HISTORY DICTATES, WE BEGAN IN THE STABLES THE FRIDAY BEFORE AND THANKS TO THE FRIENDLY, CHARMING, AND EVER HELPFUL SERVICE PROVIDED BY DONAL, DECLAN, BRENDAN AND THE LADS WE LEFT IN HIGH SPIRITS (WELL ALL EXCEPT ADRIAN O'LEARY WHO HAD TWICE HIS USUAL LIMIT OF TWO PINTS, SO NEEDLESS TWO SAY WHILE THE REST OF US WERE HAVING PISS STOPS POOR ADRIAN WAS LEFT COUGHING HIS DINNER UP BY THE ROADSIDE). AFTER THE STABLES WE SALLIED FORTH TOWARDS PARADISE. ALONG WITH BEING ENTERTAINED BY O LEARYS LIGHTWEIGHTEDNESS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WAS SET, DUE TO THE DIVERSE GROUP WHO WERE TRAVELLING A BLARNEY PILGRIMS TAPE WAS SILENCED TO BE REPLACED BY EIGHTIES POP MUSIC (NOW THATS WHAT I CALL BHOYS AGAINST BIGOTRY). UPON REACHING THE GREEN HALF OF GLASGOW WE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE BARROWLANDS AND ITS COSY CELTIC SURROUNDINGS. THE GAME ITSELF (NOT FORGETTING THIS WAS THE REASON WE CAME) WAS HYPED UP TO THE HEAVENS AS THE EXPECTATION OF THE APPEARANCE OF BILLY WRIGHTS BEST MAN ANDY GORAM MOUNTED, AND ONCE AGAIN SCOTLAND'S FAVOURITE SCITZO TRIED HIS BEST TO BREAK CELTIC HEARTS. IT WASN'T UNTIL MIDWAY THROUGH THE SECOND HALF LONG AFTER THE GRACIOUS GORAM HAD TO ENDURE "CHEERIO TO YOUR TEN IN A ROW" AND "THERE IS ONLY TWO ANDY GORAMS" THAT CELTIC VIA THE DAZZLING EXPERTISE OF HENKES PENALTY TAKING TOOK A WELL EARNED LEAD, THIS WAS UNDOUBTEDLY WHAT WE TRAVELLED TO SEE BUT THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE 90 MINUTES FOR ME WAS THE HEART RENDERING SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE 96 HILLSBOROUGH VICTIMS WHEREBY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND HALF THE ENTIRE LEGIONS OF CELTIC SUPPORT SPONTANEOUSLY LAMENTED "YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE" THAT SINGULAR GENESIS SUMS UP WHY CELTIC SUPPORTERS ARE IN MY UNBIASED OPINION THE BEST AND MOST LIKED FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS IN THE WORLD. CELTIC CONTINUED TO PILE ON THE PRESSURE BUT TO NO AVAIL AS THAT LINGERIE WEARING SEX PEST OF A GOALKEEPER PULLED OFF SAVE AFTER SAVE TO DENY THE EVER LURCHING VIDUKA AND LARSSON. WITH A LATE BOUT OF PRESSURE FROM MOTHERWELL COUPLED WITH EIGHT MINUTES OF INJURY TIME THE NERVES OF ALL THE BHOYS IN THE STAND WERE STARTING TO GO BUT JIMMCCLOSKEY DID EVENTUALLY BLOW UP AND THE 38TH GOAL OF THE SEASON FROM SCOTLAND'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR WAS ENOUGH TO SEAL IT FOR THE CELTS. DEPARTED WE DID IN OUR HORDES FOR THE BRAZEN HEAD (EUROPE'S ONLY IRISH /ITALIAN PUB) AND A GREAT CELTIC NIGHT WAS HAD BY ALL ESPECIALLY THOSE FIVE FEISTY AMERICAN FILLIES WHO TRAVELLED OVER WITH US. JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT IT COULDN'T GET ANY BETTER WITH THE CELTIC STARS OF TODAY AND YESTERYEAR BEAMING OFF THE VIDEO SCREEN AND CHARLIE AND THE BHOYS BLARING THROUGH THE LOUDSPEAKERS, VIDAR RISETH THE DAYS MAN OF THE MATCH CAME INTO THE PUB TO GREET THE BHOYS FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS AND THE BRAZEN HEAD WAS ROCKING LIKE A BON JOVI CONCERT. SUNDAY AS WE ALL KNEW WAS GOING TO BE SORE AND ENDURING AND IT WAS BY NO MEANS HELPED BY THE ZIGZAG DRIVING OF OUR BUS DRIVER, BUT DUNDEE'S TAMING OF THE ANIMALS LIFTED OUR SPIRITS SKY HIGH AND BY 1 AM WE WERE ALL SAFE IN BED LEFT DREAMING OF THE DOUBLE.

U.L C.S.C 20 MONTHS ON 1998/99 U.L NEW CLUB OF THE YEAR.

IT WAS A COLD OCTOBER MORNING OF WEEK TWO SEMESTER ONE OF THE YEAR OF THE LEAGUE CUP VICTORY NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN, THAT I HAD A LONG OVERDUE BRAINWAVE AND DECIDED TO SET UP THE U.L CELTIC SUPPORTERS CLUB. WHAT WAS MEANT AS A SHOW OF STRENGTH AND MORAL IN THE WAKE OF THE EVIL ONES' BRIBING THEIR WAY TO BE THE SECOND TEAM TO WIN NINE IN A ROW, TURNED OUT THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF ITS MEMBERS TO BE THE BIGGEST AND MOST ACTIVE CELTIC SUPPORTERS CLUB AMONG ANY UNIVERSITY ON THIS ISLAND, AND PUT US UP THERE AS ONE OF THE LARGEST CLUBS IN MUNSTER. OUR TRIPS HAVE BEEN NEVER SHORT OF EXCITEMENT WITH THE CELTS WINNING ON EVERY OCCASION WE HAVE TRAVELLED AND ON OUR FIRST TRIP WE MEET BILLY MCNEILL AND ON OUR LAST WE ENCOUNTERED VIDAR RISETH. THE SECRET OF OUR SUCCESS HAS BEEN THE TROJAN WORK AND COMMITMENT SHOWN BY OUR MEMBERS. PEOPLE LIKE THE ETERNALLY SOBER DARACH KENNEDY WHOSE REGULAR ARTICLES ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR CLUB HELPED TO INFORM THE STUDENT BODY AND ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR RANKS (HAIL, HAIL DARACH NO TRIBUTE TO YOUR WORK OVER THE PAST 20 OR SO MONTHS IS TOO GREAT). IF IT WASN'T FOR THE GALLANT EFFORTS OF DONAL MCDWYER IN HELPING TO ORGANISE OUR EARLIER TRIPS THE CLUB WOULDN'T HAVE COME AS FAR AS IT HAS TODAY. THE DEDICATION AND HUMOUR OF JOHNNY CASH MUST NOT GO UNMENTIONED FOR IT WAS THIS MAN'S ANTICS WHICH KEPT MANY A BHOY AMUSED ON OUR PILGRIMAGES TO PARADISE. LAST BUT NOT LEAST THE STERLING TOIL PUT IN BY KEITH O'SUILLEABHAIN WAS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMMITTEE THIS YEAR. ALSO DESERVING A MENTION IS EGIN MCCARTHY, MIKE FLANNERY, DANIEL KENNEDY, LIAM DINNEEN AND ALAN CUDDIHY WHO HELPED TO PLAY THEIR PART. A BIG THANK ALSO TO MARK WALSH AND ALAN HOLLAND FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR US. THANKS MUST ALSO GO TO THE STUDENTS' UNION FOR THEIR HELP THROUGHOUT OUR EXISTENCE, ESPECIALLY TO PAUL LEE FOR HIS BRILLIANT WORK THIS YEAR IN THE CLUBS' AND SOCIETIES' OFFICE. SINCERE COMMISERATIONS TO OUR MOST ESTEEMED MEMBER MUIRIS O'SUILLEABHAIN WHO NARROWLY MISSED OUT ON BECOMING SOCIETY PERSON OF THE YEAR. FINALLY WE END THIS YEAR WITH THE VISIT OF THE BLARNEY PILGRIMS ALL THE WAY FROM GLASGOW, WE ARE HOSTING THEM IN DOLAN ON MONDAY MAY 3RD.

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<<< UL Women's Hockey Club

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Well it's another season over for the busy hockey girls. Overall. Not bad for our first year at senior level. On the Intervarsity side of things, we played quite well but unfortunately did not get any further as we did not qualify on goal difference. On a better note from the Intervarsities, three of our players were picked for the combined team: Caroline O'Connor, Hilda Barron, Rachel Brophy. This was a great achievement considering our disappointing performance. Overall the season ended up better than we thought it would in the beginning, with three of our players playing Interprovincial hockey for their respective provinces. Lisa Smyth, Rachel Brophy and Sonia Dwyer, with Lisa Smyth being picked to go forward for Irish U21 Trials. On the coaching front, Sally Ann Mc Auliffe and Deirdre Ni Chroinin coached the Limerick U14 school team and they then went forward for trials with Munster in Cork. Therese O'Keeffe was assistant coach to a victorious U16 Munster hockey team. As well as this she also was captain for the first half of the season and put in a tremendous effort and commitment in keeping the spirits high, despite the run of bad results. Another thank you to Sally Ann Mc Auliffe who took over from Therese when she went on Co-Op, and managed to finish the season off on a high note. This however, could not have been done without the commitment from the various players, and a special thank you must go to them. They continued to go to training and travel to all the matches despite the poor results. But they stuck it out and it turned out to be a much more successful season than we first thought it would end up. After a couple of years of experimenting, we decided to enter a second team into Munster competition. Their season however, was much more successful with them winning the double i.e. the Munster Cup and the Munster League. Throughout the league they only lost one match with Keira Mooney being the top scorer of all Munster with 17 goals to her credit. This is an outstanding achievement for this team, made up mostly of first years and some more senior players, and a special thank you must go to them. They continued to go to training and travel to all the matches despite the poor results. But they stuck Rag week' Ni Chroinin who will all be sadly missed next year. A lot of credit and thanks to Jennifer Ring for all her hard work and commitment which paid off as she went up to collect first the Munster Cup and then the League Cup. Without her hard work none of this would have been possible. We would like to thank Mary Smyth for all her hard work and support throughout the year, without the club would not survive. We would also like to thank our coaches Catherine Bird and Sarah Devane for all their hard work and commitment throughout the entire season. On the financial side of things, we would also like to thank Dermot Coughlan for all his help in getting sponsorship from various sources and also for his attendance at matches especially at the Intervarsities in Dublin. We are also very grateful to Coopers and Lybrand and Bank of Ireland for the generous contribution to our club and also to Guinness for a set of teachers. Another thank you must go to The Hurlers for another set of t-shirts for the second team after their victorious win. Without all of these people the club would not be as successful. We would also like to wish the outgoing players Susan 'Dolly' Brady, Ann 'I like authority' Murphy, Niamh 'Jailbird' Spratt, Caroline 'I like hurlers' O'Connor and Hilda 'The dancing Queen' Barron who will be irreplaceable (They wish) Ha!Ha! Here's Fiona Higgins - Sally Ann Mc Auliffe

>>> Badminton Club

The badminton club would first of all like to thank all the sponsors who helped in making this a highly successful year for the club; they include Carlsberg, Bank of Ireland and the Stables. The year started off in the usual style last October, the sports hall was packed to the rafters with students trying to get a game, but after the dust settled from the first few weeks the club got more organized. The club's first outing was against DCU in the 35 cup, this gave us a chance to check out some new players who might be good enough to make the senior squad. With over half the team playing for the first time, our 8-0 result was almost unimaginable beforehand. The next item on the agenda was the first of our two Carlsberg sponsored club tournaments. Over fifty intermediate and beginner participants battled it out for the top prize. The second semester started with heavy training for the finalized senior squad, this squad consisted of 4 women and 7 men, they were: Anne-Marie Reid, Karen Cinnamond, Andria Beazley, Darina Doyle, Richard Lally, Eric Nelligan, John Doyle, Alan Nelligan, Bobby Cogan, Shane O'Sullivan and Michael Leonard. With the intervarsities on from the 12th to the 14th of March the team set off to the furthest away point of Ireland to Coleraine. Nine hours after leaving Limerick we finally arrived, (a lot more for the 4 student teachers who had the Thomond Ball the previous night). Our qualifying group consisted of Queens, Coleraine and the Royal College of Surgeons. After three 7-0 wins (without dropping a set) the team looked forward to the semi-final against UCD the following morning, but before that some serious partying had to be done. Friday and Saturday night will remain in memories of everybody there for a long time to come. The alcohol flowed into the wee hours, Alan, Andria and Karen made a pact to get to know as many of the opposite sex as possible and they did a great job (well into double figures) while the rest of us danced the night away (on tables). The following morning arrived before we knew it and our semi-final versus UCD awaited. After finally arriving 1 hour late with hangovers the size of Mt. Everest the play got underway. Despite every other college behind us we finally succumbed after 6 hours of Badminton by a score 4-1. This was the same as last years score however this year 3 of the 4 games we lost went down to the last point. Not to disappointed with our defeat, the team continued with the celebrations for the rest of the night. The trip home the following day was a chance to catch up on lost sleep and plan for next year. With 9 of the team definitely around next year the future looks promising. The final part of the clubs competitive calendar was the second Carlsberg club tournament of the year. Around forty members took part, the winners of the cup section were: Turlough Flood & Beatrix V. Arnim while the winners of the plate were: Greg O'Shea & Fergal Fennessy. The final major part of the club's year was the night out which took place in the stables on Wednesday Wk 7. The drinking began at 7.00 with a Carlsberg sponsored Keg, after a serious amount of drinking, the serious drinkers of the club continued on up to the Kilmurry Lodge to finish off the night in style. The club would like to congratulate Richard Lally and Darina Doyle who finally ended up together (who said the club was all about Badminton) after the seeds were sown in Coleraine. The club would like to finish by thanking everybody who helped the club during the year (Barry, Paul, Catherine, Padraic, Martina...everybody else) and by wishing all it's members good luck in the forthcoming exams.

PS Good luck to anybody who wants to try out for next year's team, we had 2 first years on the team this year, and also the winner of last years club tournaments.

Waterpolo

It was to be an evening of chaotic activity for UL Ladies' and Men's waterpolo team. We set off for Clonmel at 6pm on Saturday the 10th April. From the journey down through the endless traffic and the constant chatter of rag week activities, their was a nervous, excited air to be found. This was an important away match for UL ladies to see them win the league. As we drove through the town to the pool we knew it would be a battle against tough, fit Clonmel teams. The ladies were up first and it was all action from the moment Cait swam for the ball. The game was tough with a fast pace throughout, countless frees were awarded for such vicious playing and fighting. In the end the more experienced older and dirtier team won. Clonmel beat us 5-4 which means we have to play all over again in a playoff for the league title. Thanks the girls who played great stuff after an exhausting and tiring rag week, Edel, Aoife, Cait, Lexi, Louise, Sarah, Neragh, Cathy, Georgina, Martha and Colleen. The men's team played easily overcoming Clonmel. The Clonmel team had to surrender to the physical strength of UL with a score line of 12-3. Thanks to Eddie, Seamus, Pdraic, Gearoid, Seamus O'C, Mario, Oisin, Adrian, Brian and Axel who played a great match.
Edel Quin

Greetings Student Teachers

(& anyone else who reads this article feel free to join?)

Firstly well done to the organisers of the Clubs and Socs Ball on their great night ion the Limerick Inn. Congrats to all the worthy award winners, most notably the History Society, for sweeping the boards, hardluck on just missing out on the "Best use of" - Again congrats to all!! Back to serious (and a little bit depressing) business, no-one knows better than the Student Teachers that the semester is drawing to a close! Course work up to your ears, lab books to get in ..."@#*~ there wasn't that many, was there!?", FYP presentations or maybe one last Tutors visit. Whatever your story may be, whatever year your in, regardless what boat you are rowing, were all in the same one with the one hope-ful sentiment (with the possible exception of 4th yrs!), and that sentiment is, "things can only get better next semester!", Dont be a foolish silly-billy, of course it doesn't get better, you just get that bit closer to leav- ing. To ease all this stress and burdens, the STS want to give you the members a night out!!! As you know we're a new Society and proud to have survived the academic year. To tidy up things for the summer we need to hold an EGM. To allow the 2nd year members to attend (after TP), this has to be in week 13. So mark your diaries, get your dancing shoes on 'coz we're having a premature Birthday party. All members must attend, bring id and leave your wallet at home!!! Translated; the drinks are on us and so is the niteclub!! (Pretty strong aren't we!?) Check the notice boards for details, Hope to see ya'll there!

University of Limerick Cycling Club

John Dempsey wins Mountain Bike Intervarsities

John Dempsey a member of the Giro sponsored cycling club competed in the mountain bike intervarsities in Wicklow recently. Been in Wicklow it was a very hilly course that included a technical descent to test bike handling skills to the full. This made it a very tiring experience for all involved especially for the Limerick riders as they had left Limerick at six o'clock that morning. Riding a mountain bike race is hard enough but having to get up at five makes it just that bit harder. The race started at the foot of a long climb under overcast conditions. John made a slow start but had gained the lead by the end of the first four laps. From there he on he pulled away from his rivals without too much trouble to open up a three minute lead by the end of the race. This was a great win for John and the club - it was the clubs first mountain bike win. The club would like to thank the Eason and Allen families and our sponsors Giro helmets.

UL cricket club

Training in Nets beside GAA pitch,
behind track.
Tuesday & Thursday @ 6.00pm
Everybody Welcome

Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous

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At 6.30pm

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