

## Student Homes Robbed and Vandalised

**A** number of U.L. students returned to their houses after the Christmas break to find a very unpleasant Christmas present awaiting them. The houses, situated in the Elm Park Ave. area of Castletroy, had been attacked by vandals.

One house suffered a broken front window, while another had some damage done to its garage door. A third house however, was fully broken into. The thieves made their entrance through the back door, successfully negotiating two bolts and a lock, and made away with two

tape collections totaling almost a hundred tapes, a hairdryer a radio alarm clock, a camera and some items of clothing. An occupant of the house said that to their knowledge only one bedroom had been entered, from which the items were removed. When contacted by An Focal,

a spokesman for Henry Street Gardai warned students to be extra vigilant about security to their houses especially during periods of absence, and said that the matter was being referred to the Community Garda. Any information to the Gardai in Henry St. please.



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Edward Horgan, head of security at Aughinish Alumina Ltd, in Askeaton is to address the student's class reps at a meeting in week three of this term.

Mr. Horgan, who is a member of the Security Institute of Ireland (SII), said while he is not aware of any specific problems he has become "aware of the general concerns of students for safety on campus", following the recent attacks thefts and vandalism of last term, as reported in An Focal.

In his talk, Mr. Horgan will address the issues of personal attacks and how to cope with them, and said he would encourage students to react "assertively" rather than "aggressively"

to a personal attack. Mr. Horgan has stressed the usefulness of carrying a torch, a strong umbrella, a good quality whistle or a personal alarm. "Students, according to Mr. Horgan, "should walk in groups rather than alone" and should not carry any type of weapon, which, apart from being illegal, may "provoke an attack" or "make matters worse".

The talk, according to Mr. Horgan, will be "positively inclined", and be designed to put student's mind's "at ease". When speaking to An Focal, he stated that Limerick has a much lower crime rate than cities like Dublin or Cork, and that universities like Trinity are much more prone to crime than the current problem in UL.

The campus security/safety issue came to a head last term when the numbers of attacks on students, thefts and incidents of vandalism rose and were subsequently reported on in depth in an An Focal article which was picked up by the Limerick Leader and the Limerick Post. In that article it was found that a gang of youths from the Castletroy area calling themselves "The Mettlers" were responsible in part for the attacks.

## Students' Union welcomes College of Business Initiative

**A** consultative forum is to be created this academic year to discuss matters relating to the College of Business, reports Maria Casey.

The forum will be comprised of 25 - 30 final year students from the College of Business and will be jointly chaired by Professor Noel Whelan and Diarmuid Scully, UL Student's Union president.

Some matters included in the agenda for discussion will be timetabling of subjects, filler modules and semesterisation and it's perceived effect on the college of Business.

When asked to comment on the foundation of the initiative, Diarmuid Scully said that the Student's Union welcomed the forum on behalf of the College of Business and said "that the Student's Union applauds the Dean of Business for his openness and his willingness to co-operate with the S.U. and take the student's views into consideration, in formulating internal University policy".

## Open Day Success

**O**ver 1,000 secondary students visited UL on the university's Open day, Wednesday, week two. The visit, organised by the admissions office, involved most academic and technical staff in the University, in addition to large numbers of postgraduate students who acted as tour

guides for the visitors. The open day was designed to introduce the second level students to the range of courses at UL, and allow them to meet with academic staff and speak to them about their courses. The College of Engineering and Science also provided a range of technical demonstrations for the visitors.

## Dukes, de Rossa to Debate European Union

**F**ine Gael TD Alan Dukes and Democratic Left leader, Pronsias de Rossa have tentatively agreed to participate in a debate on European union at the University of Limerick on Monday next, week 4. The debate, details of which have yet to be confirmed with both deputies, is being organised by a student in the College of Humanities.

## Budweiser League Final.

**N**ext Wednesday sees U.L. soccer club travel to U.C.D.'s Belfield Campus for the final of the Budweiser sponsored national universities soccer league. This is the second year in succession that U.L. has qualified for the final. U.L. will be matched up against the University of Ulster, Jordanstown, who are the holders of the trophy. Last year U.L. were beaten on penalties so the team will be out to get revenge this time out. If anybody wishes to travel up for the game they should contact either John Jordan or Paddy Walshe.

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## Semester Model Proposed

**A** proposal for semesterisation has been prepared by a university committee. The committee was set up by Academic Council following the vote by the student body in favour of semesterisation last year.

In the report the committee proposes two terms of fifteen weeks, each consisting of thirteen weeks teaching, followed by one week reading and revision time. The fifteenth week would be exam week under the model. The model also proposes

a two week break between semesters. The committee rejected an alternative model consisting of two terms of unequal lengths.

In arguing in favour of the model, the committee says that it increases the 'effective

learning period' to 28 weeks. It also says that time currently lost in December would be put to academic use, and would in effect bring forward the teaching period presently occurring in late May and June.

The proposal has been submitted to the Faculty Boards and Departments for consideration. If approved, this will clear the way for the new Governing Body to consider the proposal. The previous Governing Body deferred decision on semesterisation following strong objection from the University President, Dr Walsh.

## 'Parl Debs' Triple Success

**T**wo UL speakers were the only Irish competitors to 'make the cut' into the final rounds of the World Debating Championships held at Oxford University during week one.

Ms Niamh Lyons and Mr Diarmuid Scully represented the Parliamentary Debating Society at the event, and were defeated at the quarter final stage by the eventual winners, a team from Harvard University.

The other UL team of Mr Hugh Gallagher and Mr Matthew Hamilton, representing

the Literary and Philosophical Society were unsuccessful in making the cut.

The success of the team from the 'Parl Debs' follows their success in the Irish Times Debating Competition where they have reached the semi-final stage. This is the furthest a UL team has reached in the Irish Times competition, although Mr Cathal Kelly did reach the semi-finals in the individual competition some years ago. The debate in the semi-final is due to be held shortly.

The society have also been successful in their bid to host the finals of the Irish competition. The Irish Times Convener agreed to the request from the society to hold the final of the competition in the Jean Monnet Theatre this spring.

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# Letters

## EDITORIAL

### The Arts in UL

In case you haven't noticed, the University is currently in the throes of the annual Arts Days. This event-packed festival of bacchanalia and culture reflects on the healthy state of the Arts in Ireland. Indeed, in almost every other University in Ireland, the Arts prosper through proper academic structures. So, why not UL? In a University that prides itself on the healthy state of the over 20 societies, including debate, drama and film, a Chamber orchestra, the UL Choir, Daghdha Dance, the resident dance company, The National Self Portrait collection, The Hunt Museum, the first purpose-built Concert Hall in the history of the state, etc. etc. I think you get the message. Why then is there a lack of proper funding for the Arts? It's time the University stopped treating the Arts as a luxury and decided that the Arts in Education are a necessity. It is interesting to note that the new Minister responsible for the Arts is a University lecturer, Mr. Michael D. Higgins T.D. . There is a positive movement in Ireland today towards the Arts, Education and the combination of both. Why then does this University not follow suit? By the time we catch up on the inroads made by the other educational institutions in Ireland it will be far too late. We in this University will be seen as the robotic mechanics in a country of philosophers. We are all trying in our own ways to be well-rounded individuals, with a balanced diet of culture, appreciation and a splash of work-ethic. As you sip your Harp and enjoy the craic this week, reflect on the hypocrisy inherent in the system. The Arts aren't a luxury, but ignoring one part of your education at the cost of another is. Expose yourself to the Arts, and forget your QCA, because it's only handed to you once a year. At all other times in this University you have to go and find it for yourself.

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## Sex (in big letters)

Dear Editor,

In response to the claim of regular sex in a Plassey village wardrobe, which appeared in last weeks issue, we feel compelled to inform envious non-residents of what they are really missing:

Wardrobe measurements: approx 4' \* 7' \* 2'

This utopia is enclosed on all sides with the option of open (Patio?) doors to the front. Four drawers to the bottom, shelf to the top (in between open to personal discretion (obsession?))

Having Labouriously pursued Kama Sutra techniques using all mod cons available, we feel this students regular wardrobe pursuits must extend the human physique to it's absolute limits.

How does she do it??!

Yours Inquiringly,  
Residents of 63 Plassey Village.

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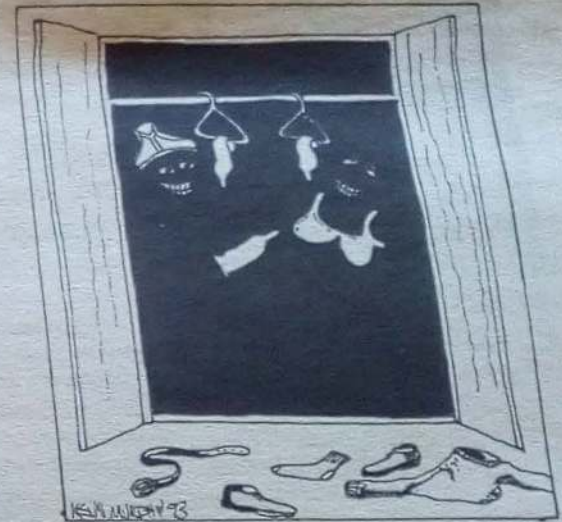
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Yours sincerely,  
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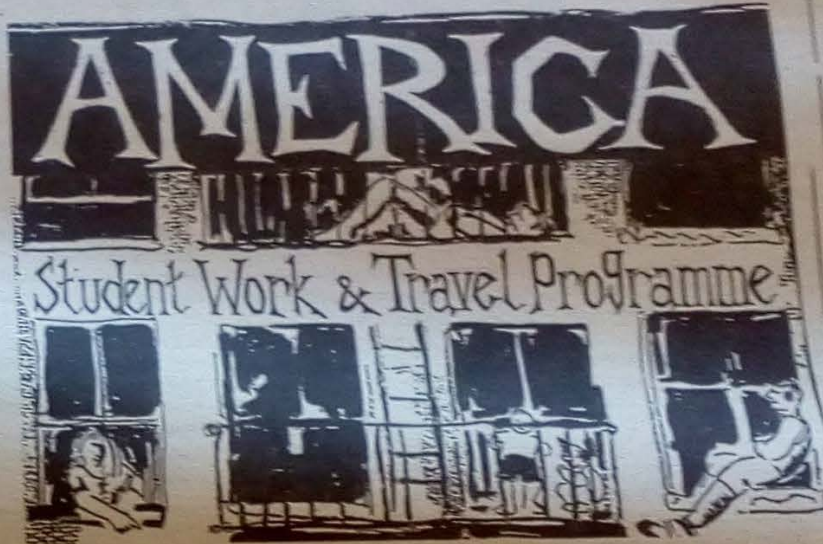
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# Features

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## Annie Horribillium - Horrible years.

This week - the teenagers.

Last week we spoke about the trials of childhood in the 1990's. The loss of innocence and the emergence of "horror-children". As time passes, as it does, these children grow up, and become adolescents.

Teenagers, that quintessentially 50's term, has come to mean more than just a phase of life. Indeed, "The Parent's Handbook" defines 'Just a phase' as, "a period of time no shorter than a haircut and no longer than Sonic the Hedgehog 2". The teenage rebel, personified by James Dean, has more attitude than Student Grant and more spots than a palsied leopard. Attitude usually comes from either clothes or music, both of which the teenage misfit spends his parent's money on. Money, parents and how to get the most out of both is a preoccupation of every teenager. I know of one person, when at 15 he spent a king's ransom on their credit card while his parents were away. Although it may sound like a soap opera cliché, the shit really hit the fan when his father had to sell the family car to pay off the Visa Man. The adolescent compounded the error by laughing hysterically every time the ads for the Flexible Friend

system to float the Titanic. I can only speak for the male at this juncture, but I would welcome any comments about Oestrogen or the other one from any female reading this who can remember her turbulent and emotional teenage years. Indeed with the way things are going education-wise, most of you probably still are teenagers. Poor sods. Anyway, sex and teenagers are interlinked in a most complicated manner with clothes, music, spots, soiled bedclothes and how long they'll let you stay out at

no different. However I've never met one, and I certainly wasn't one myself. I gave my parent's hell, and I suppose looking back on it, I'm not one bit sorry. I enjoyed it, even if they threatened everything from assassination to legal action. Which brings us to the recent case of the 13 (thir-teen) year old in America who divorced his parent's and demanded to be put up for adoption. Smarmy little bastard. This was the first case of it's kind, but I'm willing to bet whatever they pay me for this that it won't be the last. I can see it now, millions of children all over America watching this spilt little brat grinning at the news cameras and thinking that if the auld pair don't come up with that Nintendo sharpish it'll be a trip to the lawyer and a lawsuit will be slapped on the kitchen table before you can say "I'll be back by 11".

Adolescent television has the distinction of being totally crap. Albert. In Ireland they feed the pubescent couch potatoes with regular doses of Home & Away and Rant, the programme that has caused more projectile vomit than

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## New Year's Resolutions - or Revolutions?

It is difficult to believe that we are only two weeks into the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety three, and with the celebrations of the birth of the new year barely behind us, it is time to check up on our new years resolutions.

My new years resolution last year was not to make any more new years resolutions, but due to the copious amounts of bonhomie and alcohol which flowed freely on New Years Eve I caved in, and joined the millions of other people who with one or two sentences hope to change their lives forever, or at least until February! With images of repetitive monologues about giving up drink, cigarettes and drugs, and going on diets, I wandered out and about among the real people of this College this week to find out about the brave starts to 1993 some of you are making. Here is a selection of some of more interesting ones .....

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Caroline, 4th year Man

Some other well known faces from around the college were also eager to talk about their resolutions, some of these were.....

- Linda from the Students' Union who has started Yoga in order to relax from the stress of looking after students, but is now so relaxed she is "in danger of falling asleep"; - The ever smiling Dave Culliton of the Ents Crew wants "to find Billy Kirwan" ("sorry can't help you there"); - Kevin Messere Administration Officer wants to "continue expanding the present range of services provided by the Students Union"

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the ad's for the Flexible Friend appeared on T.V. That's the problem, they're too big to slap, they can't ground them because there's only so much abuse a parent can take and if you cut off the money supply, their friends tell their parents and the elders are seen as no better than Vlad the Impaler. Twice. Which leads us nicely into the next paragraph.

**Sex.** At once both a pubescent's nightmare and wet dream. Teenage fumbblings in the darkness of the sweaty disco are occasions to look back on now and laugh. For some of us, (Many of us have never grown out of this peculiar mating ritual. cf: Thursday night, UL disco.) the greatest anxiety of the typical teenager is, for the male (typically) asking an object of desire (usually female) to dance, and for the female, acceptance or rejection. With acceptance, no problemo, instant mutual liplock. They're on the highway to sucking face. With rejection we enter a zone of peculiar depression. Inward lust turns to outward aggression. Testosterone is a powerful hormone, and there's enough of it in the teenage male's



night. Basically, the check-list for the teenager of the nineties is 501's, Nirvana (or any other grunge band), Blactol, one off the wrist and a 4.00 a.m. curfew (week nights). Indeed, on the topic of masturbation, I know of one chap who enjoyed his adolescent cock-knocking so much that now, somewhat older, when he makes love to his partner, he fantasizes about having a really good wank. There are some things you never forget how to do, and masturbation, along with lying and combing your hair is one of them.

The question most feared by teenagers is "What do you want to be?" One particularly existentialist young friend of mine gave the riposte, "I already am." Didn't go down too well, to be honest. Parent's just don't understand, as the song goes, and the new attitudes in adolescence are, in fairness almost as complicated as a Fourier Series or a particularly difficult accounting problem. The adolescent of the 1990's has become akin to a fiendish VAT question, or perhaps a Bank Reconciliation. After a while you just give up on it.

There are, of course exceptions to every rule, and this one is

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Def II's "Liquid Television". Both must-see's for the discerning adolescent tube gazer. Saturday Night Live's "Waynes World" has us watching two grown men mocking American teenagers and becoming rich and famous in the process. Like the legally minded 13 year old and his flock of L.A. Lawyers, it could only happen in America. The 1990's will be remembered for the *zeitgeist* of young rebels without applause. Loud music, bad television, bad clothes and Sega, these are a few of the teenagers favourite things. Thank God I escaped it when I did.

### 5 things to do if aged between 13-19.

1. Be moody. There hasn't been a teenager yet who could raise a smile.
2. Have crushes. Unrequited preferably. This will continue well into middle age.
3. Annoy everybody, all the time. No exceptions.
4. Worry about spots, the size of your bodily parts and the current state of the planet. The environment is not as important as your hair, however.
5. Give up establishment things like religion, school etc. Remember to go back to these things as soon as you reach twentysomething.

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Caroline 4th year Man Tech would like to "seduce as many men as possible - for a change!" (look out boys!); - Sammy the eternal student wants "to become a mercenary in war-torn Yugoslavia before the year is out" (attention Co-op office!);

- Eleanor 3rd year Business, would like to "shag as many amphibious frogs as possible this year"; - while E. Arrill 4th Eng. says "I want to save all amphibious animals from the evil clutches of Eleanor".

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Deputy President of the Students' Union, Enda Loneragan says that he wants "to ensure there is a repeat structure for students" and "to keep a smile on Linda's face, but don't quote me on that or Annette will kill me!" (Sorry Enda!); - Students' Union mascot, Tony O' Donnell, doesn't have a new years resolution; - Students' Union Food Shop manageress, Marie Kennedy's resolution is "to make the shop a more pleasant place to shop in".

Finally, Chris Carey, (alias Mr. Carmel Ryan, ) and all his co-workers have a very positive resolution for the new year, they "want to be better plumbers for U.L. in 1993"!

by, Mav Erick.

p.s. Overheard while queuing for the loo in the Stables on Thursday night - "This place is no longer U.L. it's Q.L." !!



# Features

## Television - Your Weekly Fix of the Drug of the Nation

**"I love you so much .... You are my best friend, you never let me down, I'm never sad when you are with me".**

A beautiful quote, no? Not one of your poets or a great literary genius, just a friend of mine professing his soul to the television. Of course, then he proceeds to hug and kiss the T.V., blocking out the picture in his embrace and licking the screen, making the picture go all funny and revealing these green & red dots you see when you go too close to the screen.

He shall remain nameless, but I had to publish such prose. This article is solely concerned with the worship of T.V. so I had to begin with his scripture.

Tuesday was good, just as the STAR TREK THING finished I saw PLANET OF THE APES, the film.

Now, of course I've seen it before, but only in my hazy childhood, and I can't remember falling for NOVA, Charlton Heston's mute, gorgeous, wild mate.

Picture this, Charlton locked in a dirty steel cage, dressed in rags, is presented with NOVA, on a leash by a dirty great ape. If I've learnt anything from Television, only the beautiful fall in love, and naturally Taylor (Heston) immediately

ingly at her doting husband.

After that it's STAR TREK overdose! Five pm we've got TNG on Sky 1, followed at six by the original Captain Kirk and crew on BBC2 and then we've got TNG on RTE 1 again. This scheduling always fires up that boring old debate over how although The Next Generation is a far superior series, it will never gain the credibility of the original. The answer is that both are equally good but the charm of the original is replaced by the sophistication of TNG.

I watched the same episode, twice tonight, which I only do in emergency. I had noticed that when the ship was momentarily deprived of oxygen, Cmdr. DATA passed out along with the rest of the crew. This must mean that either, Data has finally be-

Unfortunately at about twenty five past STAR TREK I remembered I was missing Channel Four's re-run of The Prisoner. I turned over to find Number Six reading a book called "Village Stories" to his children. I thought it must have been the final episode, everything before must have been fairy tales, but then the camera panned to a shot of Number Two watching six from his control room. Thank God.

If you've not understood the last couple of paragraphs. The Prisoner is set in a place called The Village. Number Six is the hero who refuses to forget his previous identity and accept his place in the Village. Why aren't you watching this? (Channel 4, Wednesdays 11pm).

Should anyone wish to follow this, ridiculous but weekly column, I've prepared a watching list. The basic principle is Too Much T.V. is not enough.

### Do Watch

All episodes of Star Trek  
Sesame Street  
The Prisoner  
Good Morning  
Anything on Sky, but not Alf,  
Studs or any equivalent  
dating show  
and almost everything  
in between

### Don't Watch

Rainbow  
Newnight, G & Ans.  
News; except Sky news  
Most soaps, unless you have to  
Aertel  
-of course this only applies when  
there is something else on.

## Schoolkids First Impressions on Open Day

**R**ecently the University suspended all lectures and threw it's doors open to the secondary school students of Ireland, writes John Mc Gann.

An Focal attempted to gauge their impressions of the University and to see, if they did want to come here, WHY?

In keeping with our tradition of academic excellence, I thought it necessary to find whether or not they had any idea as to what a QCA is. The answers were as varied as the ingredients in a Stables club curry. Most had heard of it's existence but there were some very sketchy efforts at pinning down it's possible lethal effects. It seems strange that these student's are so badly informed of the effects of QCA infection.

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revealed that they had not been taken on a tour of our vast and huge Library. In a University with such an academic reputation/press office, it seems strange that this tour was not provided. Having seen the impressive new Foundation Building, the children were sure that this was bound to be "pretty big". Perhaps they would have changed their mind if say, 400 of them tried to get in at once, or share 3 books. It seems that innocence will prevail. When asked if they thought the increased intake of students would put a strain on facilities the Ard Scoil students from Tuam were positive that "someone in the college would have thought of that so it'll be o.k."!!!!!!

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the STAR TREK THING finished I saw PLANET OF THE APES, the film.

Now, of course I've seen it before, but only in my hazy childhood, and I can't remember falling for NOVA, Charlton Heston's mute, gorgeous, wild mate.

Picture this, Charlton locked in a dirty steel cage, dressed in rags, is presented with NOVA, on a leash by a dirty great ape. If I've learnt anything from Television, only the beautiful fall in love, and naturally Taylor (Heston) immediately fell for NOVA (Linda

Harrison, who later went on to become Venus, resulting in only a short T.V. canvass) and the feeling was decidedly mutual. There were vague stirrings of a memory, that a ten year old me, had the same feelings, so delighted with that, the Statue of Liberty broken on the Beach and Heston's final almost Kirkian soligoy. I went to bed feeling purely spiritual.

In my sleep, presumably because of this spiritual feeling, I dreamt of the next Gold Blend Ad. Why this revaluation was given to me I'll never know, I don't remember most of the details, but it naturally involved cups of black coffee, but for breakfast this time.

Wednesday is always hectic, Richard and Judy are usually in great form, because it's not Monday and they're really getting into a good weeks fashion tips, famine relief, cooking with Brookgie, Fred's lovely sweaters and playful flirting. Richard always gives great advice during the Phone Ins., usually drawing on his own extensive experience and Judy smiles lov-

ely in emergency. I had noticed that when the ship was momentarily deprived of oxygen, Cmdr. DATA passed out along with the rest of the crew. This must mean that either, Data has finally be-

### Do Watch

All episodes of Star Trek  
Seasame Street  
The Prisoner  
Good Morning  
Anything on Sky, but not  
Alf,  
Studs or any equivalent  
dating show  
and almost everything  
in between

### Don't Watch

Rainbow  
Newsnight, G & Ans.  
News; except Sky news  
Most soaps, unless you have to  
Aertel  
-of course this only applies when  
there is something else on.

come human, but they all missed it because they were unconscious or Gene Roddenberry is not infallible. The latter statement must be bollox, so.....

but the staple diet should consist of some do's and don'ts.

Make it so,  
Mike Teevce

## Memoirs of an invisible man.

**Monday:** Woke late as usual, said the rosary and had yummy Weetabix with mother. I managed two today but it made me late for the bus. I decided to give college a miss, I've already been in once this term.

**Tuesday:** I caught the bus this morning, but I had to get off at the next stop because I'd forgotten my anorak. Went back to bed again.

**Wednesday:** missed Wednesday.

**Thursday:** Slept until twelve but mother dragged me up for the angelus (Thank you). Today I fell asleep on the bus and missed the NIHE. I woke up back at home, and went back to bed.

**Friday:** I watched all my tapes of Olreachtas report. I can't understand why no-one loves John Bruton, in my eyes he is a God.

**Saturday (Afternoon):** I decided to face the challenge of working life in the NIHE. I was surprised to be greeted by a crisp wrapper, a mangy dog and that painfully bright eyed dilligent (il ducé), he's back from wherever he was, but this time the advantage is mine. Is he trying to usurp my position?

**Sunday:** Met Gráinne after the Novena. Will she ever recognise my mid-right wing stance, or my sexuality, Oh God, Oh God, Oh Why, Oh Why?!

Should anyone wish to follow this, ridiculous but weekly column, I've prepared a watching list. The basic principle is Too Much T.V. is not enough.

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Unfortunately all of the students spoken to had only received this information from word of mouth or college brochures, and had not been spoken to by the Co-op Office.

Another entity which could have made it's presence felt was the Student's Union. Surely they could have imparted some words of wisdom or consolation on behalf of the Student body. It seems the only contact the secondary students has with UL students were tour guides, who all did an excellent job, by all accounts.

On our eating facilities (of obvious importance when deciding whether or not to grace UL with your presence) the verdict was a positive one. Our prices were reasonable, food O.K. although the selection in the canteen wasn't so great. This was all made up for, however, according to the 5th year girls in Laurel Hill in Limerick by the "grand lot of fellas to look at." There ya go Campbells- forget the "potage crabe au creme" hire the Chippendales instead!

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When students of years past came here, they didn't come because Limerick is a great city, or because UL has a tradition or reputation for great student life. They don't come because we are a part of the great University tradition, a tradition seem as perhaps pompous by some, but still encompassing all that is great about student life.

After all, UL will develop it's own traditions, culture, atmosphere and history over time. This all, of course, depends on the attitudes of present students. Are you happy to fumble and stumble your way through four (or more) years here, or will you leave your mark on this Institution? One student An Focal spoke to wants to come here because his brother does and he is having a bloody great time. Are you?

## The Counterfeit Stones

**T**he second greatest rock 'n' roll band started when London-born part time lifeguard, Nick Dagger, met and nearly killed guitarist' Byron Wood -Taylor Jones, whilst he was working at the Richmond Flume Water Park!

Nick was listening to his favourite song, "Get Off of My Cloud", on his walkman when he noticed a blonde haired man wearing psychedelic armbands come shooting out of one of the pipes, mouthing the same words. "Wild", thought Nick, and watched as the man danced and splashed around in the deep end. as two other life guards dragged Byron out of the water, Nick realised that the fates were not at work leading him to his spiritual partner, but that the guy had nearly drowned in the pool, screaming "Get me out".

As a throng of ladies surged forward to give Byron the kiss of life, Nick realised two things. Firstly, wouldn't a pursed pair of lips be a great logo for the band he had been thinking of forming, and secondly, he wondered if this guy with such obvious pulling power could play any instruments!

Dragging two young ladies from around Byron's neck, Nick asked him whether he would be interested in joining his group. When he had stopped choking, Byron managed to say that he did play a bit of guitar, and would be interested; He then passed out.

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good career out for himself cleaning windcreens at the traffic lights in Vauxhall, when Nick drove up, and so admired his hairstyle that he asked him to join the now named "Counterfeit Stones".

Needing both transport and a drummer, nick approached the only one he knew": one Farley Mott, or "Mr. Personality" as he is known to his friend. Still working for his family's undertaking business,



## Jimmy Crowley

**J**immy Crowley's first public appearance took place in 1968 with his band "The Diehard" at the Group Theatre, Cork City.

During his formative years he was apprenticed to his father's trade as a cabinetmaker and here among the glue-pots and aprons he collected a rich store of folklore, songs and stories which coloured his music, writing and inimitable style in the years ahead. His composition for the most part were satirical pieces on political and much loved personalities and were beautifully adorned with etchings by local Cork artists.

When Mulligan records approached Jimmy and Stokers Lodge with a contract he decided it was time to hang up his hammer and has worked as a professional musician ever since. This resulted in the debut album "The Boys of Fairhill" which had

the distinction of crossing over into the Pop album charts.

When the Cork Theatre Company decided to dramatise the novel "The Saint and Mary Kate" by Frank O'Connor, Jimmy was commissioned to compose and arrange the music score. This was followed by other commissions for newly composed music for plays and the publication of his first book, "Jimmy Crowleys Irish Songbook" (Mercier Press) a collection of his best known ballads. His reputation grows as a writer and he has had articles and short stories published in leading Irish magazines and newspapers and has found a new audience with his satirical weekly column in the Cork Examiner.

Jimmy Crowley has never allowed himself to be stereo-typed and his trump card has always been scope and sensitivity of his material. Whether its Music Hall, traditional, comic or the timeless evergreens of Percy French or John MacCormack, his unrelenting style rings true and pulls a string in the hardest of hearts.

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## Iain Matthews.

Is he still around?

**T**hat's what most  
people ask. Not  
only is Iain Matthews  
still around but he's  
getting around more  
than ever in his long  
musical career.

In 1992 he had no fewer  
than 7 albums released - quite  
literally a record in itself.

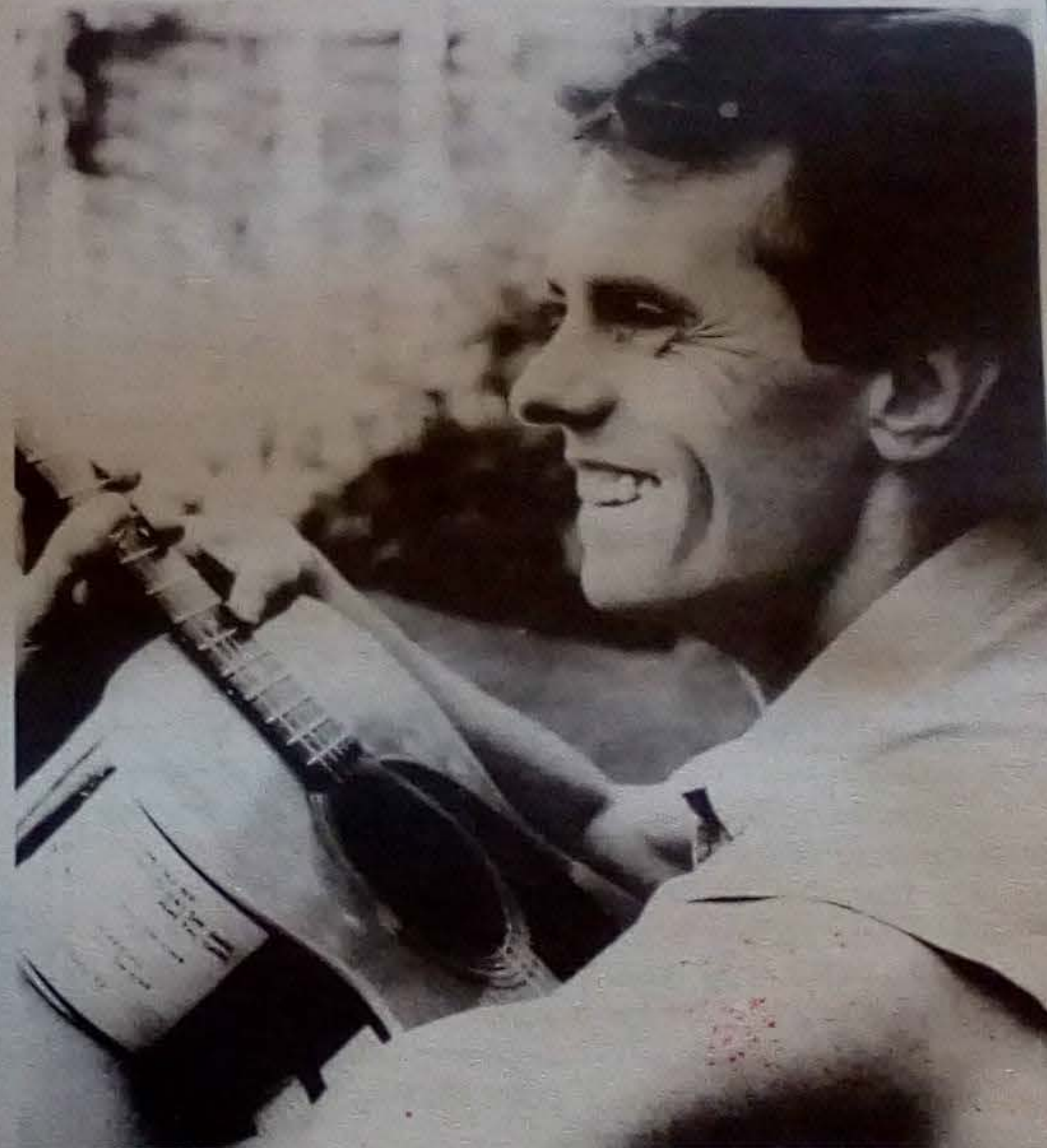
Even Iain would prob-  
ably have never imagined  
that he would be so busy when  
he became a founder member  
of Fairport Convention in  
1967. He made 3 albums with  
them before fronting his own  
band Matthews Southern  
Comfort in 1969 and topping  
the charts with the single  
'Woodstock' in 1971. In the  
early 1970's Iain decamped  
to the USA where he thought  
his talents were more appre-  
ciated and for several years

they were. Iain even chalked  
up a US Top Ten hit with 'Shake  
It' - not his most favourite  
song but it more than paid the  
rent. In the mid-1980's Iain  
stopped playing live, the urge  
had gone but his interest in  
music remained and he spent  
a few more years as an A & R  
man.

The invitation to play at  
Fairport Convention's annual  
jamboree at Cropredy in 1987  
lured Iain back into the per-  
forming spotlight and ulti-  
mately back into the recording  
studio. The rest, as they say is  
history, almost.

In 1992, 21 years after  
making their first album,  
Plainsong recorded their sec-  
ond 'Dark Side of the Room'  
which will be released in the  
UK early in 1993.

Playing free in the Stables  
on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, at 9pm.  
(Note the show is up to two  
hours long)



## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

**U**nfortunately due  
to their tour be-  
ing extended in the  
U.S. Bad Manners will  
be unable to play this  
gig.

Luckily enough we have  
an equally good live band "The  
Big Geraniums" who number  
12 in all on stage, and who  
already played and excellent  
gig for us last year. There a  
cross between the Pogues and  
The Waterboys and play really  
good "Shitkicking" music to  
get our blood boiling.

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Tuesday with the first 100 at  
£3, all remaining tickets £4  
on sale at 12 to 2pm at the  
Ents desk. (same time  
Wednesday and Thursday).

The gig is on in the Two  
Mile Inn, there will be 2 dis-  
cos.

Buses 10pm Stables,  
11.30 Spaights and Hurlers.

# Harp

# Arts Days

## Hank Halfhead and The Ramblin' Turkeys

### The Story So Far

**I**n March 1990, Hank Halfhead and The Rambling Turkeys launched their debut single, four-track cassette and video, at the Waterfront Rock Cafe in Dublin.

The song, "Walkin' Boss", combined a traditional country tune with a modern rock rhythm, and the story dealt with the relationship between boss and worker. On April 22nd, the single went into the Irish Charts at number seventeen, the highest new entry for that week, and was then playlisted on 2FM.

During October and November 1990, the band went to New York for a series of dates. One of the songs singled out by New York Times Rock Columnist, Daniel Aquilante, was one of Hank's only originals at the time, a tune called Hard Road, dealing with the adventures of life on the road for the band.

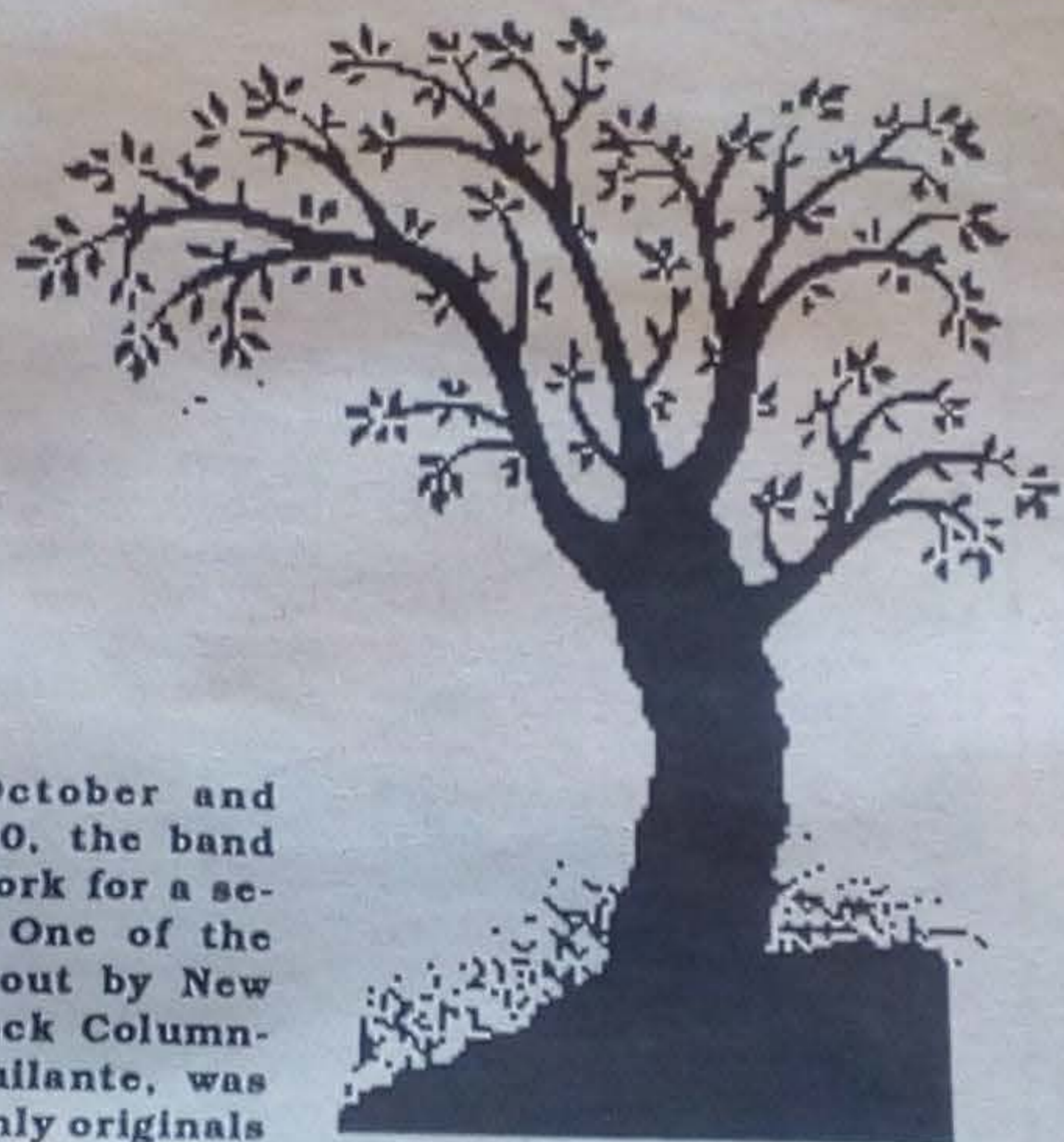
Hank Halfhead and The Rambling Turkeys have been recording at Annamoe Studios with Paul Ashe-Browne for an album due for release in early 1993.

The band are also maintaining their busy live schedule, playing the widest possible range of venues, like Bad Bobs, The Rock Garden, Nightrain, and Spa Hotel in Dublin, occasional

forays to the Mean Fiddler and the Weavers and the Rock Garden in London.

Hank Halfhead's music has been described as "Power-Twang Country Hoedown", but as the great Hank Williams once said, "Music was not meant to be talked about, it was meant to be listened to".

And you can do just that by checking out Wednesday, the 20th, Barn Dance in the Marquee.



### Wednesday

- 11.00 Harptoons Festival Marquee
- 12.30 Hispanic Soc. La Tuna Stables Courtyard
- 13.05 Irish Trad Trio Concourse, Schrodinger Building
- 13.30 French Soc Fashion Show Stables Courtyard
- 14.30 EuroSoc Treasure Hunt Festival Marquee
- 15.00 Harptoons Festival Marquee
- 18.00 Harptoons Festival Marquee
- 19.00 Cocktail Hour The Stables Club
- 19.00 Harp Head Painting Festival Marquee
- 19.30 Winners Johnathan Swift Theatre
- 19.30 Arts Days Intersarsity Debate Charles Parsons
- 20.00 O.S.S. Multicultural Food Fair Canteen
- 20.00 Blues Concert: Jerome McMurray Concert Hall
- 20.00 Nicholas Ross Jean Monnet Theatre
- 21.30 Hank Halfhead & the Rambling Turkeys Festival Marquee

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- 13.05 UL Dead Poets Society Festival Marquee
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- 18.00 Harptoons Festival Marquee
- 19.00 Cocktail Hour The Stables Club
- 19.00 Harp Head Painting Festival Marquee
- 19.30 Film Soc. Naked Lunch Jean Monnet Theatre
- 21.00 Loyko The Hurler's Bar
- 21.30 They Do It With Mirrors The Festival Marquee
- 23.00 The Big Geraniums Two Mile Inn

### Friday

- 11.00 Harptoons Festival Marquee
- 13.05 East Meets West Concourse, Schrodinger Building
- 15.00 Harptoons Festival Marquee
- 17.00 Late Late Breakfast Show Festival Marquee
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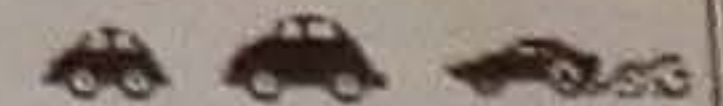
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## Book Reviews:

### The Life & Death of Sandy Stone

Barry Humphries. (Penguin 1991 £5.50)

reviewed by : John Maguire

I mention Barry Humphries and you think : Dame Edna Everage, or at a push, Sir Les Patterson. Sandy Stone is, however, a character that Barry Humphries only includes in his stage performances. In fact Sandy has appeared in every stage performance Humphries has ever done. Sandy is an ageing married man living in suburban Melbourne. Sandy and his wife Beryl live in a nice bungalow and lead the average life. He spends his time watering the garden and feeding the budgie. He is also a social scientist, watching and analysing people.

The book is presented as a series of Sandy's stage scripts introduced and placed in context by the author. We are given a book which follows the ups and downs of Sandy's life, and his afterlife. "I AM DECEASED", he tells us, "with the resultant consequence that there has been some considerable

changes in my lifestyle". The author manages to include an informative and witty introduction to each piece, along with a glossary of colloquial Australian terms at the foot of each page. He also incorporates period advertisements with assist the smooth flow of the text and increase our enjoyment of the text. It must be said that some of these genuine ads are much funnier than anything that Humphries imagination could beget. The ads assist Humphries far more dry and subtle humour.

The depth of the wit and humour comes as something of a surprise, especially to those more used to the over-the-top and visually outrageous extrovert Dame Edna. Edna is the complete opposite to Sandy. The Life & Death of Sandy Stone does not need any prior knowledge of Australia or Humphries to enjoy. I found it to be charming and witty and an ideal bedside read.

### Distant Voices

John Pilger. (Vintage 1992)

Reviewed by Elaine Vaughan

Duncan Maxwell, a reviewer, wrote of another of John Pilger's books "Heroes" - "If I were a modern history teacher, I'd start the year's course by flinging copies of it across the desk and telling them to get on with it". This, I think, sums up the greater part of Pilger's professional prowess. "Distant Voices" is a menagerie of the serious, the ironic and the light-hearted. There is a subtle strain of irony running throughout and the impression of a character who will not be compromised. So many journalists fall foul of elaborate political agendas that such blatant truths are a slap on the face suddenly waking you up with a start to this sordid business of reality.

Reality in the form of the staged fiasco which was the full war. Pilger joins the lobby who contend that the "righteous and noble" allied forces were not merely seeking to "liberate Kuwait". Are we aware of how low that was on the list of priorities? We, the pub-

lic, were force-fed the "poor little Kuwait", "Big Bad Saddam" story. Lulled by the "now, don't you think, we'll take care of everything" propaganda. The Allies went off to fight the "good War" and the public unquestioningly acquiesced. How many stopped to ponder the question - What war is a "good War"? Did Saddam Hussein, like General Noriega simply get too powerfully pompous and need to be forced back into line? Did the Bush Administration seek only to re-inforce their presence in the Gulf and justify it? Bush called the Gulf War "the greatest moral crusade since World War 11". If the war was fought to make the world a place "fit to live in" - is this really the kind of world we want? It was a war waged by the power of money against a third world nation and nothing, as more recent events prove, has changed.

Pilger also includes a section of tributes in "Distant Voices". Among the landed are Oliver Stone and Farzad Bazoft. Stone for his

controversial "interpretation" of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, "J.F.K." and Bazoft for his bravery and integrity. Farzad Bazoft, an observer journalist was forced to pay the ultimate price for his profession. He was hanged in Iraq for attempting to report on an explosion in a factory near Baghdad, where Iraq was thought to be developing missile technology.

Mentioned also, in good stead, is that bastion of the American dream Disneyworld, a Disneyworld where Snow White good-naturedly mouths "assholes" to the clamouring children who (happily) are diverted by the seven dwarfs.

"Distant Voices" is a continuation of the journalistic excellence "Heroes" and "A soviet country" provide ready evidence of. If you are concerned about the world you were born into and would prefer to avoid the bewilderment that political bullshit inflicts, there are worse places to start.

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# Opinion

## The Ray Hurley File

Lent is due again in a few weeks. Ecclesiastically, it is the time of preparation for the greatest celebration in Christianity. To most of us, it is, or was, the time when we "give - up" sweets, fizzy drinks or the more mature sophisticated types would put away the cigarettes, the alcohol or any other bad adult habits.

So that's Lent and that's Christians for you, but here in U.L., we "give - up" a little earlier than that. Here, we give - up in Week 1 of Hilary term, have mental break - downs in Wk 1 of Trinity and queue for the parachute jump, without a parachute, from the Charles Bianconi tower in sunny July. Why? Two factors: firstly, the crucifying exams blossom into crucifying results, secondly and most crucially, you're told, "sorry, no repeats until next September / same time next year". As far as I can see, it is getting progressively worse.

It's nice being a unique University, but not for the qualities of stifling and suppressing students. Facing into exams once every 11 weeks is hard enough, but living on the additional worry that "I've only got one chance" aggravates the pressure intolerably. Being able to repeat one year later, is no consolation to a student whose QCA won't meet required end of year standards - due, ironically, to the inability to repeat exams any earlier. But is it simply, "... due ironically to ..." or do the higher authorities, as I strongly suspect, have a hidden agenda.

The exam system will be re-

## Watching the War on T.V.

**Be it right or wrong, since the Second World War the United States has generally been perceived - at least by itself if not always everyone else - as the "good guy".**

The U.S. intervened in situations that realistically had nothing to do with it; and until the Vietnam debacle had largely succeeded. Yet since that first of the now expected "T.V. Wars", it hasn't always followed necessarily that they have the world behind them in all they do.

While the Soviet Union existed as a "Superpower", it almost inevitably provided opposition to U.S. policy through the United Nations Security Council and other media. Yet, with the collapse of the old U.S.S.R., Russia (the inheritor of the U.S.S.R.'s UN Security Council Seat) is but a bankrupt, unwieldy State, larger to follow U.S. dictates - in return for U.S. handouts. As the one remaining Military Superpower, the U.S. can more or less do what it wants.

As witnessed during the Gulf War of two years ago, other influential nations such as the U.K. and to a lesser extent, France, are willing to follow the U.S. lead much of the time. The general approval and concurrence of various world leaders with President Bush's actions was quite extraordinary. Certainly, the U.S. couldn't have used its old excuse of "preserving democracy" for the war against Iraq; for none of the nations in that region could qualify under the term "democracy".

thumb his nose at the U.S. one last time.

His lunatic excursion into Kuwait (again) forfeits any sympathy Saddam may have been entitled to. Stick out your tongue at the teacher, and you'll usually get slapped. Lame Duck President George Bush is desperate to get a better historical epitaph than his current one of Economic Imbecile". The statesmanlike acclaim he gave is there for the taking by his lights - all he has to do is repent

his greatest triumph by kicking Saddam's ass again.

Of course, other leaders who aspire to "Statesmanship" but have lost popularity due to Economic mismanagement are falling once again into the U.S.' wake - like so much flotsam and jetsam. John Major and Francois Mitterland are unpopular at home and hope to gain (or regain) credibility by hitting a target everyone hates. Perhaps Boris Yeltsin will try jumping on the same bandwagon. Since they're all prepared to use their firepower for everyone's benefit, why don't they go into Bosnia, and why haven't they already. It takes three or four days for them to decide to hit Iraq. Yet, it took

them nine months of slaughter in Bosnia before they intervened at all. The Serbian gun placements above Sarajevo could have been knocked out in about three hours by U.S. fighter bombers from their adriatic fleet. They're still there.

What does this tell us about U.S. foreign policy? Is George Bush going for his last hurrah with only a week of his presidency left? Or has he decided to give Bill Clinton a big headache when his presidency begins? Or has the "World's Policemen" become the "World's Bully"? Tune in next week for another edition of WATCHING THE WAR ON T.V.

ZEN ZUCCHINI

## THE STUDENT UNION SHOP

The Student Union Shop is located in The Mall across from the

cially, you're told, "sorry, no repeats until next September / same time next year". As far as I can see, it is getting progressively worse.

It's nice being a unique University, but not for the qualities of stifling and suppressing students. Facing into exams once every 11 weeks is hard enough, but living on the additional worry that "I've only got one chance" <sup>aggravates the pressure intolerably.</sup> Being able to repeat one year later, is no consolation to a student whose QCA won't meet required end of year standards - due, ironically, to the inability to repeat exams any earlier. But is it simply, "... due ironically to ..." or do the higher authorities, as I strongly suspect, have a hidden agenda.

The exam system will be replaced in a number of years with a bi-semester system That might help future students, and as such, is a welcome improvement. Others will argue that they are doing great under the current system and certainly, that is so for many - to them, my congratulations. But college life shouldn't revolve around a Q.C.A., life itself shouldn't revolve around any concept so ultimately hollow. Life is about people and progressing with them, about our interactions with others in all the different situations with which life presents us, about the relationships we develop with friends and foes. Being on a good QCA but seeing friends tossed around by an uncaring and unsympathetic system, brings you no joy - if you dwell on it for too long, it would make everybody want to give up. Is that what College is all about, giving up?

It's easy for me to be a critic, but it's a small entitlement for having paid £1865 for the year. Sum up the total of all of us and you're talking in millions - is not that enough from us, for us to demand a fair, properly structured repeat-exam system?

collapse of the old U.S.S.R. Russia (the inheritor of the U.S.S.R.'s UN Security Council Seat) is but a bankrupt, unwieldy State, larger to follow U.S. dictates - in return for U.S. handouts. As the one remaining Military Superpower, the U.S. can more or less do what it wants.

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The extensive news coverage of that conflict served to give us very much the "Allies" version of how the war was going. U.N. resolutions were passed according to U.S. wishes, and the "Allied" leaders followed orders like so many lap dogs. This curiously one-sided view of the Gulf War was all we got. Inevitably, the "Allies" proclaimed a great victory after only a month; as Saddam's forces were outgunned from the start.

As it emerged, the victory was not as comprehensive as it had seemed and Saddam Hussein's regime remained largely intact. To a dictator, the loss of a few (hundred thousand) troops and citizens; and the execution of some disgraced generals would cause hardly a bead of sweat. Although he seemed to have improbably managed to outface the world, Saddam couldn't be content with survival. George Bush's domestic disasters having undermined his Foreign Policy Successes (there was dancing the streets of Baghdad on news of Clinton's election), Saddam felt compelled to

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# Clubs & Soccs

An Focal 19th January 1993

## Life on the Icy Edge

It was only the night of Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> and John Hanly, myself, both representing the Outdoor Pur

trekkers found ourselves in the heart of the Glencoe mountains in Scotland. After setting up our beds in our little white chalets it was early to bed and early to rise, ready to begin six days of winter mountaineering with Tiglin the Wicklow adventure centre.

Still shocked at having to get up at 7.00am next morning we set out for Buachaille Etive Mór for a day of learning all sorts of mountaineering techniques. Throwing ourselves head first down a mountain slope, picking up maximum speed was the best one. The idea was to stop yourself from plummeting into the rocks below with our vicious looking ice axes by ramming it into the snow. The day flew by, it was getting dark and we made our way back down to the bus, heat and home.

Now the next day was a different story. A tough day in the snow was ahead of us and we all set out in three groups of four.

Personally I think I did a good job of trying not to die from exhaustion.

After doing the long and tough climb up through Broad Gulley, John and the other two groups met with us near the top. We began the descent together. Unfortunately my shins objected strongly after having been attacked by my wonderful new boots all day. Sliding down through the snow was a great



solution and being carried the rest of the way was another.

Back at sea level again, we head out for the Scottish New Year's Eve among the men in tartan kilts.

Beinn a Chaorainn was our mountain. With the snow giving away beneath us and cloud all around us it was a relief to get off the top and begin the trek down into a beautiful mountain valley. Satisfied at having another Scottish mountain under our belts, I flopped into the couch and let John cook me another gorgeous dinner.

Another scramble through

a valley over a ridge and down through the reindeer roaming around on the other side and straight into the first pub to appear on the horizon, followed on Sunday.

### Windsurfing club news

Contrary to popular belief the surfin' continues - the lunatics are still going out every Wednesday, and most week-ends if numbers are sufficient.

A little reminder for ALL club members- PLEASE remember to sign your name on the club noticeboard before Wednesday if you are coming with us! Remember, the bus leaves at 2'o clock on the dot each Wednesday!

The wine reception for club members in the student centre in week 2 was a great success Thanks to the extraordinary talents of our chefs extraordinaires/ resident alcoholics Oisín and Peter! Every Wednesday from now on there will be tea/coffee and bickies from 1 to 2pm - see noticeboard for details!

Tuesday night week 3 all members are asked to attend an Intervarsities meeting - whether a beginner, intermediate, Robbie Nash or just on for a good piss-up. The Intervarsities has something for everybody- even Stephen Davies.

Just to keep you up with on going club "affairs"- not to mention Anthony and Black Beauty-Mr.Ed. eat your heart out!

The final figure, £600,



raised by club members in a windsurfing Marathon has been presented to concern in aid of the Somalia Appeal.

Eoin o' Grady has to be taken to hospital and treated for exhaustion on finishing the Marathon!

This year the club has a great boost by way of a £3500 sponsorship form Coca-Cola. This Sponsorship has been given in the form of 5 race rigs. These will be used by the club for the training of club members in racing techniques with a view to participating in events nationwide.

Come along and join us on our Wednesday outing - check noticeboard in the canteen for details. All new members are welcome!

Sinead Hurley PRO

air set out in three groups on our...  
My group wound up through the lost valley, scrambled up and over a huge rocky buttress, along a snowy ridge and on up to the summit of Stob Coire nan Lachen, followed closely by myself on all fours.

I took it easy the next day while John the masochist and half the others battled up another mountain.

The fourth day brought warmer weather, softer snow and another hard slog. This time

Sunday. All of a sudden it was our last day in the snow and we were back in Buachaille Etive Mór for more nose diving down the slopes. All sorts of rope and mountaineering techniques were learnt while John discovered how

to break the sound barrier, on his back while trusting in some one to keep hold of his rope and stop his descent. It worked most of the time. That night called for a session in Craigmole hotel to drown our sorrows at the thoughts of having

to go home the next day.

Early next morning we would back through the mountains bringing back to Eire the great experiences of the Glencoe mountains.

Maria Kinsella.

## Budweiser Final

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Last Tuesday saw the press launch of the Budweiser Collingwood cup at Plassey House. A well attended function with representatives of the referee's society, sponsors local soccer clubs & university officials. The generous sponsorship provided by Budweiser & recent upgrading of the facilities auger well for an excellent tournament.

Training continues apace for U.L.'s 3 squads at the moment. The Collingwood cup panel are training at 7.30am every morning. Whilst the Crowley lads are not in Action until Week 9, their training routine under coach Dave Weldrick is very demanding.

The Harding cup panel has been selected and An Focal conveys it's congratulations to the successful players. Over 150 Freshers originally tried out for the squad. At times the numbers

involved in training stretched the coaches and facilities to the limit. The Harding cup is a great start for a University soccer player and one has only to look at last year's panel to see how many of them have moved on to Collingwood & Crowley.

To get the result of the Budweiser league final be sure to tune into Radio Limerick 95FM on Wednesday evening at 6.30pm.

Budweiser final bus departs the Stables club at 8.15am sharp.



Dara McMahon (Budweiser) with members of the U.L. Collingwood Cup squad '93

## UL Chess club

The University of Limerick chess club was one of the smaller and less talked about clubs on campus. This year has seen a dramatic and well deserved increase in the popularity of the game. Membership has almost doubled. We meet every Wednesday evening from 4-7PM in the Sports building (P1005), and be they good or bad new members are always welcome.

This term sees the launch of the clubs intervarsity campaign with at least one intervarsity planned, probably with T.C.D. At the time of going to press we were organising a table quiz for monday the 18th of Jan. in the Hurlers.

For further information contact: Neil Fitzgearld PRO ext 5002.

Ger Gaffney.

## The Archery club

Ever wanted to know what an archery tournament is all about. Well, if you are one of those incredibly sophisticated and fun-loving people who has, then your chance is on it's way!

On Sunday 24th Jan. at around 1.30pm UL will be hosting an Intersarsity Archery All are Welcome!

## U.L. Student Golf Club

The U.L. student Golf Club would like to thank for the large numbers who turned out at Cheers on Tuesday WK2 for the clubs disco. Apologies to those who couldn't make it upstairs.

Also please note that the first outing of the term will be in Shannon on Wednesday WK3 ( 11 - 12 pm ) with the bus at 10.15. Booking forms in the P.E. Building ( P1026 ) . Limited numbers so book early !!

# Clubs & Soccs

## Film Society News

The following are reviews of the film society presentations for week 3 (Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st), respectively.

### Tues: "Proof"

A tale of interrelationships between a blind photographer (yes, blind!), his housekeeper and a young man employed to describe the photographs his boss takes.

Still not having come to terms with his disability, the embittered photographer treats all disability about him with a child like contempt and scorn - however, the tables are turned when the housekeeper in an act of pure defiance and vengeance tries it on with a younger man.

A punchy, economic film, which abounds in humour despite its weighty theme and dares to suggest that there are none so blind as those who will not see.

### Thurs: "Naked lunch"

David Cronenbergs' impressive adaptation of William S. Burroughs' cult novel of the same name requires a suspension of all rational thought.

It tells the story of a New York bug exterminator who became addicted to his own poison and later accidentally (?) kills his wifw in a William Tell routine.

## Literary & Philosophical

The Charles Parson's Lecture Theatre was the only place that any self respecting, open-minded and eager U.L. student should have been at 7.30pm on Wednesday Week 2. Don't groan, I'm not exaggerating - the house was full, the atmosphere was expectant and relaxed, the entertainment was first class.

The start-off at 7.30 was very kindly provided by the Drama Society who provided a five minute excerpt from their Arts Week play, "The Winners" by Brian Friel. This welcome diversion from our normal agenda was hugely appreciated and I would encourage as many as can, to go and see it next week.

A second diversion in private members time, the main debate went ahead, quite literally, under full steam. "The female of the species is more deadlier than the male." Adrian Lynch and Brian O'Farrell proposed, but both had their noses

pushed soundly into the dust by the indomitable female opposition - Darina M' Dermott and Elaine Vaughan. Light-hearted and entertaining, this debate was the platform for comments ranging from philosophical and unadulteratedly hilarious - the motion was safely rejected by the house.

This week, the meeting is at the same time, when we shall host the Arts debate, that "Seriously good ideas always succeed".

Come along and encourage your friends also. New members and particularly new speakers are extremely welcome; same time, same place. Hilary term promises to be exceptional, with major competitions (including the Irish Times Final) scheduled for the 5th of February, but we need your support. I'll see you there.

Ray Hurley Auditor, Lit & Phil

## Multi-Cultural food fair

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The festival itself, will take place on the 19th and 20th of

## Music Society Notes

1993 - Another year and another year's events for the Music Society. Up until now we have not had that much to offer - we held a music soc show in the Stables Club toward the end of last term, along with the ongoing guitar lessons. We had stalled on buying our new equipment until our band practise room was equipped with new outside doors.

This term we will start with the purchase of a bass amp, a guitar amplifier and an electric piano. As most people will know, week three of this term is Plassey Arts Days. The Music Soc is holding a "Battle of the Bands" in the Hurlers on Thursday Week 3, starting at 9 o'clock. As there will be judging and prizes awarded at this event, any band wishing to enter this competition will have to fill out an application. The last date for returned application forms is Friday week 2. The forms are currently in the student's union office.

Later on in the term, we plan to unite with the musicians in Mary Immaculate College to hold an event over there. The music soc and Ber have been in contact with Mary I, and it looks like it will go ahead towards the end

## UL Parl. Debating

An excellent performance by our World Championship's Teams at Oxford University last week has rounded off a good first Term for debating in Limerick.

Niamh Lyons and Diarmuid Scully joined Cambridge A & B, Glasgow Union & Dialectic, Princeton A, Edinburgh A & B, Harvard A & B, King's Inn, UCD L & H, Sydney B, Melbourne A and eighteen others to form the last 32 teams of the Championship, plucked from 180 hopefuls from the nin preliminary rounds, cheered on by the Limerick A team of John MacElligott and Derek Sheahan and accompanying adjudicator Mark Dowling, and warmly congratulated by all the other Irish teams, including the Limerick Lit & Phil team of Matthew Hamilton & Hugh Gallagher, who did UL credit with a fine performance in their first Worlds'. Only two other Irish teams made "the break", UCD L & H and King's Inns. All the Irish went out at the octo-final stage, with UL having the distinction of narrowly losing to Harvard B, the eventual winners and Mort House Toronto B, another finalist.

Despite the lack of free beer, all the Parl. Deb. contingent enjoyed their stay in Oxford, and kicked off 1993 with a Section 31 debate in the Holland, debated by four first-year speakers and

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Previously regarded as unfilmable, director Cronenberg here creates a cinematic masterpiece that is so far left of centre it almost goes full circle.

Admission is £1.50 per film Membership £7 per term.

Please note that all showings are in the Jean Monnet lecture theatre.

The following is the list of films for the rest of the term:

### January

- 19th Proof
- 21st Naked Lunch
- 26th Belle De Jour
- 28th Hairdressers Husband

### February

- 2nd Boyz in the Hood (TBC)
- 4th Hearts of Darkness
- 9th Prospero's Books
- 11th Rouse The Red Lantern
- 16th Night Sun
- 18th Jungle Fever (TBC)

(TBC - To be confirmed)

Declan O'Grady, P.R.O.

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This promises to be a spectacular display of fine foods, traditional music and culture from around the world, provided by our Erasmus students.

The festival which is now in its tenth year, is well established on the arts week calendar and will be opened by such dignitaries as the Major of Limerick and even our very own President of U.L. Ed Walsh will make his presence felt.

Various dishes from all over Europe will be served along with fine wines and beverages. It will be even bigger and better this year, with over 20 countries par-

ticipating in this event, this promises to be one of the most exciting and spectacular events during arts week.

The festival itself, will take place on the 19th and 20th of January in the canteen and tickets cost a mere £3 for entry, £1 of which goes to a very worthy cause, the Somalia Aid appeal. This spectacle of music and feasting is not to be missed and over the years has proved to be extremely popular among both Irish and foreign students alike. Once there you can gorge yourself from 7.00 to 10.00 p.m. It will be the culinary highlight of the year. Tickets will be sold in the canteen and the dates of sale can be seen on the numerous notice boards, situated throughout the college.

## University of Limerick Christian Union.

So what is the Christian Union? It's a body of students from different denominations (i.e. Catholic, Protestant etc.) who meet together to share, read and study God's word i.e. the Bible.

We are not a church, nor do we ask you to join any church. The Bible has come alive for us because we have accepted Jesus (The Son of God) as our Lord and Saviour. He has opened up a way for men and women to have fellowship with God. This friend-

ship with God gives a meaning to life, and we invite you to share in this friendship. Nonsense? Madness? Well why don't you come along and hear this weeks speaker. It's FREE.

This week Mike Pinsent, Pastor of the New Life Church, Limerick, will talk about "The Bible Fact or Fiction?". So come along and make up your own mind. It's all happening at 6.00pm in A1065 on Thursday 21!

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The last, but probably most important point to make is that of the elections for the committee for the rest of the year. Some key committee members have gone on Coop, so we are reelecting new members. This will be at the next Music Soc meeting, which will be on Wed Week 2 in C1060 at 3 o'clock.

Postscript - Will any drummers in the college please attend this meeting, as we wish to start up drum lessons.

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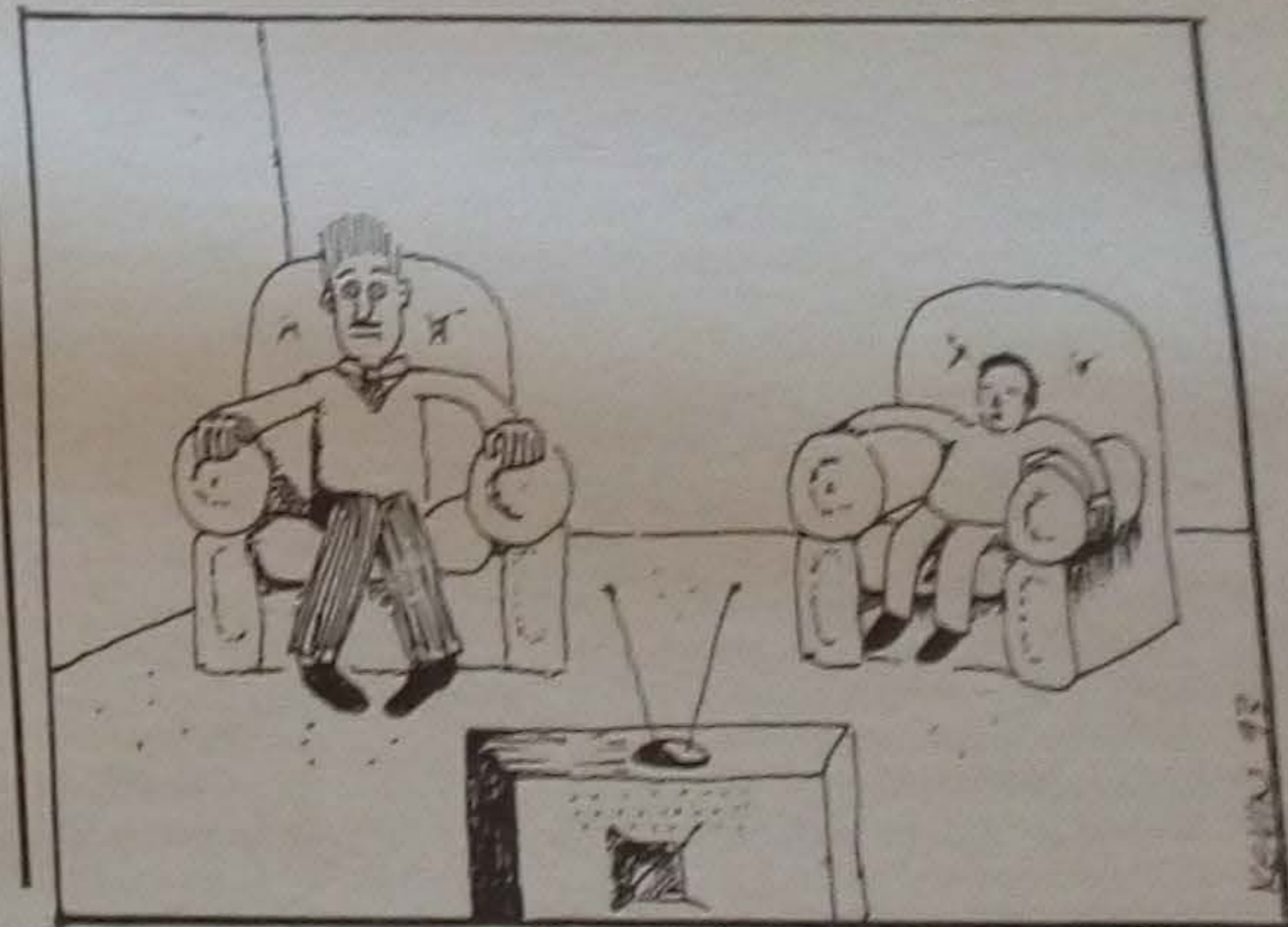
Despite the lack of footie, all the Irish Debs contingent enjoyed their stay in Oxford, and kicked off 1993 with a Serbian 31 debate in the Holland, debated by four first-year speakers and contributed to by John McElligott, Mark Dowling and "special guest star" Matthew Hamilton among others. A "Bigger and better" bash is planned for next Tuesday.

### Coming up soon:

Observer Mac First Round at Trinity, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Niamh Lyons & Diarmuid Scully, Mark Dowling & John MacElligott.

Irish Times Semi-final, Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup>, UCD, D.Scully & N.Lyons Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity, J.MacElligott & D. Sheahan.

Don't forget the Irish Times National Final will be held at UL on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.



Remember to hand in material for these pages by Wednesday for publication the following Tuesday

# Campus Notices

## Classified Advertisements

The classified ads are compiled by Anthony Denver. Contact An Focal if You have an Ad For inclusion in next weeks issue. All ads must be received by Wednesday afternoon. This service is free to UL Students and Staff.

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**New battery** Excellent condition £60 Ph: 339911 - Robert Ryan

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### Personal

**Big Busted, long-legged blonde** Required for fantasy role-play. Must be open-minded and open-limbed. PO Box 74

**Single White Female** required. For quick shift. Must have a track record. In the double figures since joining college PO Box 30

### Services

**Grinds-Don't Worry** about German! A native can help you Grinds, translations, (e.g. job applications) Come and see me! Bettina, 8 Carysford Ave. c/court

**Native French Speaker** Grinds in written and oral French Contact Valerie House 27 Plassey Village Between 7-8pm. Reasonable rates.

**Problems with French?** French, conversation, translation, grammar C.V., letters, etc. We are here for you! Eveline and Natalie 8 The Conifers, Briarfield Between 6.30-8 pm/

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**Student Accommodation** Close to Parkway All Mod.

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**Male Student willing** to share House in the vicinity of college Ring Richie 061-330694 after 6pm

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**Luxury Accommodation** available for 1 Male Brand New, All Mod. Cons. Near Parkway, £20 per week Contact Seamus / Dennis 2nd Industrial Chemistry or Ronan 2nd Electronic Engineering or Call to 4 Carrigrohane Court

## Noticeboard

### Lost Property

We hate to harp on at this issue, but things in the S.U. office are getting ridiculous. Despite last weeks appeal there is still a large amount of unclaimed property in the office and to compound the problem more arrived this week. Please check lost property if you think you could possibly have anything down there.

### 2nd hand books

These are still available. Come into the S.U. office at any time to buy. If you want you can still sell.

### Class Reps Council

Next meeting is on Jan 26th. Last weeks meeting ran smoothly and the agenda included updating of the...

ideas in. If you have any give them to Billy or Ber.

### Transfer of Votes

Ensure your vote in the next election. It'll probably be soon. Vote transferral forms are available in the S.U. office. Just call down and fill them in and register to vote in Limerick.

### Photocopying

There is now a photocopier available for students in the "An Focal" office in the Thomond Building. It might be a bit of a walk for some of you but if you're stuck it might be worth looking into.

### USIT Cards

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Mistress needed for small time Drug baron. Must be able to party, etc., etc., into the early hours and into photography. PO Box 13

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**Accommodation Available** 1 Male or 1 Female Required to Share a Room Call to 25 College Court Drive

**Nice Digs Available For** One Female £45 54 Oaklawns Phone : 330879

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## Rag Week

It revolves around you so come on and get some

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## USIT Cards

Still available everyday between 2-4 pm. Don't be put off by the large numbers just call in to the S.U. office. Cards cost £8 and £7 for the travel save stamp.

## An Focal Crossword No.23

### ACROSS

- 1 Bring up, introduce for discussion. (6)
- 4 Formerly Kampuchea. (8)
- 9 Child's toy. (6)
- 10 Intimidate, bulldoze. (8)
- 12 Smallest particles. (5)
- 13 Capable of sucking up liquid, as a sponge. (9)
- 15 Male cat. (3)
- 16 Light yellowish brown. (5)
- 17 Liquor distilled from wine. (6)
- 22 Dry red wine. (6)
- 24 Angle of less than 90 degrees. (5)
- 27 In what manner. (3)
- 28 Public declaration of policy or views. (9)
- 31 Cry of a sheep or goat. (5)
- 32 Units for measuring loudness. (8)
- 33 Large bodies of water. (6)
- 34 Quiet, restrained and not showy. (8)
- 35 One's total property. (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Soldiers' housing. (8)
- 2 Not compulsory. (8)
- 3 I let scale be heavenly. (9)
- 5 Cares about land measures. (5)
- 6 Arbour or pergola. (5)
- 7 Does 'e slide into the fuel? (6)
- 8 Shrewd and sagacious. (6)
- 11 Curve up in the middle of the road. (6)
- 14 Have and hold. (3)
- 18 Writer. (6)
- 19 Disadvantages or handicaps. (9)
- 20 Having a facility in mathematics. (8)
- 21 They care for teeth. (8)
- 23 Large tailless primate. (3)
- 25 In the middle of. (6)
- 26 Light meals. (6)
- 29 Legendary tale with a moral. (5)
- 30 As Lou is on the Spanish Mediterranean coast. (5)

