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Project Deadlines Go To Faculty Board

by Maria Casey

A motion dealing with deadlines for final year projects for business studies students has been placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Faculty Board of the College of Business by the Students' Union. The meeting is due to take place on 17 February.

A dispute is raging at the moment in the College of Business over its refusal to grant 4th year students an extension on their final year project deadline. The deadline currently stands at 5 April (Monday, week 1 of Trinity Term) and the students want an extension to 6 April (Friday, week 2).

Final year students say the extension is needed to give them time to get their projects finished, printed and bound. They blame the heavy work-

load they have this term and the lack of computers and printing facilities for their inability to meet the current deadline. They point out that undergraduates have access to only one laser printer on campus. Final year business students told *an Focal* they must carry 5 modules this term and some of them have up to 7 projects and presentations to have completed in addition to their final year project.

Mr. Diarmuid Scully ULSU president told *an Focal* that

the Department of Management, headed by Mr. Paddy Gunnigle, is in favour of granting the extension while the Department of Business, headed by Professor Donal Dineen, is split on the issue. Professor Dineen is understood to be opposed to granting an extension. However Mr Scully says he is aware of many lecturers in the Department of Business who favour extension of the deadline and is confident of their support when the issue is discussed at the Faculty Board later this week.

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Concert Hall Poised For Cash Success

Following the recent sell-out Cash/Kristofferson, and Finbarr Wright gigs, the new purpose-built Concert Hall is well on its way towards becoming the region's premier entertainment venue, and a very lucrative one also, writes John Maguire.

Acting Concert Hall manager, Mr John Hargaden piloted the programming of the past weeks events with his team of professional and student crews. The number of people working for all of the events amounted to over forty each night.

Mr Patrick Kelly, Director of the Concert Hall, paid tribute to the successful staging and smooth handling of the event by Mr Billy Kirwan and his crew of student assistants. "They performed excellently, under most difficult conditions", Mr Kelly told *an Focal*. Mr Kelly also spoke of the excellent acoustics and 'ambience' of the Concert Hall and said that all the performers had expressed their delight at the venue, and in the words of Johnny Cash, it was the best

venue he had ever played in Ireland.

Due to the capacity crowd in attendance, there was a delay of twenty minutes in seating the crowd for the second Cash/Kristofferson concert. The people queuing were split into two groups to allow the first audience to leave and this unscheduled disruption caused some chaos in the Atrium of the Foundation Building.

The programme of events for the Concert Hall is still under discussion but it seems very likely that most of the international acts touring Ireland in the future will now feature the Concert Hall on their itinerary.

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Death of UL Professor

by John Maguire

Professor Frank Wright, Chair of Peace and Co-operation studies at the University of Limerick, died peacefully in Oxford on Tuesday last. He had been ill for some time. He is survived by his parents and a sister.

Professor Wright was a graduate of the University of Oxford and had been a lecturer in Political Science at The Queen's University, Belfast since 1973. In addition to his academic work, Professor Wright had an outstanding track record in the promotion of cross-community understanding and co-operation throughout Northern Ireland.

Tributes to Professor Wright have been paid by his colleagues at the University of Limerick and at the Understanding Conflict Trust.

Professor Wright's colleagues in the Understanding Conflict Trust said "As a teacher, he was known for his dedication to his students. With members of the Corrymeela Community he founded the Understanding Conflict Trust. In the Trust his wisdom and knowledge got the place where they really benefited people. It was a joy for him, and a sign of acknowledgement of his dedication to his country that he was appointed to the newly founded Chair of Peace and Co-operation studies in UL. His work there was just beginning in a very promising manner until his aggravated illness made further work impossible."

Mr. Tom O'Donnell, Chairman of the Irish Peace Institute at the University of Limerick told an Focal that the death of Professor Wright at a relatively young age has

come as a great shock to his colleagues on the Board of the Irish Peace Institute and to the staff of the Institute.

Dean of the College of Humanities at UL, Professor Paddy Doran said that Professor Wright will be greatly missed, not just at UL but by all who are working towards reconciliation and peace in Northern Ireland.

Dr. Edward Walsh, President of the University of Limerick sent a telegram of condolence to the parents of Professor Wright. Tributes have also been paid by Mr Diarmuid Scully, President of the Students' Union on behalf of the student body.

Professor Wright's cremation takes place in London and his remains will be returned to Corrymeela.

[Full obituary in next week's issue of an Focal]



Student gives blood at last weeks Blood Donation Clinic In EGO10. Photo: A. Gilligan

For the fifth year in succession the mobile blood donation clinic visited UL to allow students to donate blood to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service. To give blood allows donors and their immediate

dependants to have blood transfusions free of the BTSB service charge (whatever that is). According to doctors, the clinic, over the three days was as successful as the one last term.

Gardaí Investigate Library Thefts

by Maria Casey

Detectives from Henry Street Garda Station have visited the UL Library twice in recent weeks investigating an upsurge in theft which has been described by library staff as "the worst ever".

Senior Library Assistant Ms Margaret Mc Carthy told **an Focal** that at least one theft of money is reported to her each day and she knows that several more go unreported. The sums involved range from

£4 to £120. Many of the wallets stolen are taken from bags and a few were later found empty in the toilets. To date there has only been one report of a theft from the Journals Room and Ms Mc Carthy be-

lieves this is due to the fact that readers are not allowed take bags into it.

Following an inspection of the library on 28 January a detective from Henry Street Garda Station suggested that both the Building's Office and the Students' Union be addressed by the Community Officer to make people aware of the thefts. On 3 February a

Crime Prevention Officer said he was shocked at the amount of property - bags, wallets, personal stereo systems, calculators, watches, books, and coats left lying unattended on desks and chairs in the library. He also suggested talking to the Building's Office and making students aware.

The library staff say they

are "very aware and very upset by the whole affair". They urge students to be extra careful - not to leave money in bags or lying on desks unattended and to take valuables with them when leaving their library seats. They also ask that those studying in the library be more alert and vigilant and to report anything suspicious, no matter how trivial it may seem, to one of them.



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Photo: Andrew Gilligan

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by Brian Gray

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The Students' Union in Dublin City University, UL's sister college, held a boycott on their social centre last Thursday night to protest over what they allege is a lack of student consultation in the running of the bar, writes John Maguire.

DCUSU President Mr. Mike Egan told *an Focal* that the boycott had been an "outstanding success" with "only 40 or so students crossing the picket-line". The bar would usually be filled to its 450 strong capacity on a Thursday night. The bar also had a two for the price of one promotion on pints that night, and entertainment provided by the Guinness Jazz band. Mr Egan

said that the SU had protested through "the usual channels" in an attempt to have the matter resolved, but to no avail. The DCU bar is run on a club membership format.

The Union grievances come from an AGM held last year and the setting up of a Bar Review Committee, founded to look into the contentious issues in relation to the student club. The call for an official SU protest came from this committee. The picket was an attempt by the SU to highlight the problems associated with the bar, staff conduct, the use of the function room, and the size of the club itself.

Mr. Kevin Casey, editor of *The Bullshead*, DCU's newspaper, told *an Focal* that there

was some concern about the conduct of the picketers. One person, breaking the picket on a matter of principle, was harassed and called a "scab" by the picketers.

The bar in DCU is wholly owned by the college authorities, who use all of the profit to pay off the cost of the recently opened campus sports complex. Seventy five per cent of the SU shop goes to fund the Bar. The SU have campaigned to have some of the club profits put back into the club, in an attempt to increase the facilities available to the members.

As a result of the protest, the Bar Management Committee will meet with the SU Bar Review Committee to clear up issues arising from the protest.

UL_(imerick) Scholar Appointed at UL_(eds)

Congratulations have been extended to Ms. Sarah Waters by the Department of European Integration and

Administration on her appointment as lecturer in Modern French Society in the Department of French at the University of Leeds.

Ms. Waters is a PhD. research scholar in the department of European Integration and Administration in the College of Humanities and a graduate of the MA in European Integration. She takes up her post in October 1993.

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EDITORIAL

Foundation Facility

Although we on the street may refer to it as a Concert Hall, it's the Foundation Building and without the Foundation, the University, its students and staff, would not have this facility on campus. Though very little is publicly known as to how the Foundation board works, proof of its fund-raising work (in the nadir of a depression) has borne ample testimony by the edifice erected. There are few Universities in Europe who can boast of such a building on campus.

Let there be little doubt, if a project of this scope, size and investment was left completely in the hands of the mandarins at the Department of Education, and the other Government paper-shuffling agencies such as the HEA (Higher Education Authority) it would still be at pre-rationalisation-consultative-committee-feasibility stage. More of this type of initiative, evident at the University of Limerick, would suit investment in higher education, as opposed to the stagnation and official policy paralysis of the last few decades by the Irish University sector.

The Concert Hall will not be opened officially until September 1993, but **An Focal** would like to offer early congratulations to the Foundation Board, the Architects, P. Whealan and Co.; Sisk and the other contractors, Tom Kieran Project Manager and the University building and planning personnel. All of these people and organisations should be warmly congratulated for their Herculean efforts in presenting

£10 Letter of the Week

Dear Ed,

Last week's article on Maynooth's rejection of a reaffiliation motion was unworthy of a place in **An Focal**. This biased and bitter little item was no more an example of impartial reportage than might be found in **An Phoblacht**.

While it refers to USI leaders "pressing the flesh", the article describes the actions of other outsiders (who just happen to be against reaffiliation) using more favourable verbs. Ronan Daly "spoke" while Keith Piggott was "dispatched ... to assist Maynooth SU in their defence".

The report informs us that the Maynooth union was caught unawares. Did our anonymous (why?) reporter investigate this charge that the executive was possibly out of touch? No. The reason given is that "USI secretly organised the necessary 300 signatures". Even if we are to believe that three hundred people can manage to keep a secret (should the 'Guinness Book of Records' people be informed?), doesn't this seem just a little cloak-and-dagger-ish?

We are also introduced to the concept of the "Anti-reaffiliation Group". It is presented as a fact. We are given no insight into its activities apart from that its constituent col-

leges "are hoping to work together on common issue". Although noting that ULSU disaffiliated in 1990, our reporter did not feel the curiosity to ask what this "Anti-reaffiliation Group" has done since then.

This lack of curiosity also manifested itself in the manner in which Mr. Piggott's presence was presented. I, for one, would have welcomed an investigation into the wording of ULSU's 1990 disaffiliation motion, its constitution and the job description of Information Officer. Maybe then we would know the mandate for sending Mr. Piggott there at all.

Our reporter learns that USI hopes to raise the issue in other colleges. Hardly a situation warranting a red alert, unless we have something to fear from democracy. However, one might be forgiven for bracing one's defences on seeing phrases such as "special hit list" used to break this item of news.

Sir, this was a valid news story. However, it was targeted and trivialised by a one-sided report. We do not deserve this. We have the right to make up our own minds in any issue on a balanced presentation of the facts

Yours etc.,
Jack Healy.

Dear Editor,

What happens when departments run out of money? I'll tell you, they come running to us, the students, to pay for the deficit!

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Dear Ed,

I must inject you with my thoughts on the recent 'repeat protest'. I know that the Student's Union has only one option which is to con-

Dear Editor,

Recently I, being in a generous and socially conscious mood, decided to donate a pint of my precious blood. Having plucked up the courage to drag myself to the blood bank, I was dismayed on reading the registration form to find I am excluded from blood donation.

The statement which brought about this dismay read "you may not donate blood if: you are the male or female partner of a practising homosexual or drug abuser". I find this statement not only offensive but also consider it to have serious implications. Having enquired with the doctor present I was told to my surprise that this also applies to lesbians as well as gay men. I should point out here that lesbians are considered world-wide as one of the safest groups with respect to sexually transmitted diseases including HIV.

However my main concern with this statement is that it serves to perpetuate the myth that AIDS is a disease which concerns only the gay community and drug abusers and serves to increase discrimination against, in particular, homosexuals. All this despite recent surveys from the US which show that, in fact, the highest risk group regarding infection by HIV, are heterosexual women between the ages of 20 and 45.

I must say that I am disgusted, though not surprised, that this type of discrimination is allowed to be

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carried out by a national service such as the Blood Transfusion Service Board. I feel that the health and safety of blood recipients would be much better served by a question relating to safety precautions taken in sexual activity of the donor rather than his/her sexual orientation.

Yours faithfully,
Leslie

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Please, if your T.V. columnist is going to talk about Kevin Costner showing "How broodingly sexy he can be" or "The gorgeous Mark Harmon", could the self same columnist get Marice Matlin's name right? If your editor wants to drool over Mr. Costner and Mr. Harmon please show us "Marice Fans" a little respect.

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Hall, in a region starved of a
quality venue, is assured.

It is fitting that the Uni-
versity has decided to use a
student crew under the guid-
ance of an SU Officer to ensure
the smooth running of events
at the venue. The high esteem
that this crew is held in, a
direct result of their training
and professionalism, means
they are assured a chance to
prove their valuable worth to a
wider audience.

Let's hope over the com-
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qualified successes in the
building of the facility, coupled
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The department of Lan-
guages is broke. As a result, all
those studying languages are
expected to pay for the handouts
we get - totalling about 25 sheets
of paper per term!

Students of Humanities
don't use computers, we don't
need complicated laboratories or
expensive electronic equipment.
All we need is light and heat -
and our brains!!!!

We pay exactly the same
fees as students in other facul-
ties so why are we being deprived
of the resources we deserve?

Where are our fees gone?

Yours in disgust,

Kathryn Lynch
4th European

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reduction on the QCA for a
honours degree, more library
space and now REPEATS?
You've made fools of us Ed
and still your empire fattens.
Do you ever think of our
interests when you're sitting
up in bed, late at night,
reading the "Dice man" and
drinking cocoa or whatever
you do? Is it..... spin the
dice..... a one, I'll give them
repeats, else curse them all!
In closing, let me remind you
that this is not a fascist re-
gime, you can't alter our so-
cial development. Correct
me if I am wrong, but you
don't assume you're a gen-
eral, do you? Roll the dice
alright, but alter the odds!
Then 'look into your heart'
but at least be original and
don't say 'what heart?'. En-
joy the "Dice man"

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Features

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GENETIC RESEARCH

Talk by Dr. Miguel D'Arce Senior Experimental Officer, TCD

Last Monday week (25th January), the University of Limerick had the honour of welcoming Dr. Miguel D'Arce, Senior Experimental Officer at the Department of Genetics, Trinity College Dublin.

Although this area can seem very technical at first hearing, all who attended left in a more enlightened state thanks to the professional insights offered by Dr. D'Arce in his forty-minute informal address. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend (the talk was unfortunately advertised at short notice), I will endeavour to recount the main points of his discourse.

Test Tube Babies

The concept of providing infertile couples with the opportunity of having a child seems to be a very desirable aim. Adoption is one laudable option chosen by others (albeit not available in practice in this country

with the exception of St. James' Hospital, Dublin). But what does this method actually entail?

First of all, it involves mass fertilisation of the mother's ovaries outside of the womb. This leads to the formation of multiple human embryos outside the womb. Why so many? - Because the object of this process is to attempt to "successfully" implant one of these embryos into the womb of the mother. The catch is, that in practice more embryos will be rejected (i.e. will die), than will be accepted. In fact, just 3% of the attempted embryo implants will be successful (i.e. will live). Thus for the sake of one healthy child, many many human embryos (or "preembryos" in the language of embryo research technicians) perish.

The Elimination of Inherited Disease

"Pre-natal diagnosis of an abnormal foetus followed by abortion would seem to be an effective method of increasing

the average quality of life in a population. Some claim that this could lead to the eradication of inherited disease, avoiding much suffering and expense, but life is not so simple." - So Dr. D'Arce wrote recently in *The Irish Times*.

"The dividing line between genetic "normality" and "abnormality" is becoming blurred as medicine advances", he said.

"For example, some decades ago, cystic fibrosis patients hardly ever reached their teens, but it is not uncommon now to meet patients in their thirties or forties leading fairly normal lives... And a generation of young people with some metabolic disorder written in their genes are now having their own children, thanks to a timely diagnosis resulting from the neo-natal screening programme at the Children's Hospital in Temple Street, Dublin, that rescued them from severe handicap two or three decades ago."

Dr. D'Arce went on to comment on the policy of abortion of handicapped foetuses practised by many European countries, albeit not here in Ireland. By adopting such a policy, he claimed that "the handicapped

among us and their relatives would be justified in feeling subliminally branded as officially unwanted, as regrettable relics of a less "enlightened" era. The existence in all countries, even in those with liberal abortion laws, of physically and mentally handicapped adults, shows that abortion does not rid the population of all handicaps, as some are manifested only late in the life."

On Human Embryo Research

Remarking on the knowledge of inherited genetic disease gained from human embryo research (at the cost of millions of embryo deaths), Dr. D'Arce said, during his talk in the University, that had genetics experts focused on tracing human family trees and their related inherited disease history rather than performing mass experimentation on human embryos (not to mention focusing on experiments in animals rather than humans), all such knowledge would have been learned without ever necessitating the abortion of a single human embryo.

Not "what" but "who" is the Embryo

Dr. D'Arce concluded on a philosophical note. He began by citing the recent legal case involving a divorced mother and father, and a genetics institution each of whom was claiming rights over seven frozen human embryos, where the dispute seemed to be "who owned" the human embryos? A human being is not purely body, or purely soul, he said. The human being is both body and soul from the moment of conception, without which there cannot exist true unity of life. His comments reminded me of words of W.B. Yeats:

"O Chestnut Tree, Great-rooted Blossomer,

Are you the tree, the blossom or the bole?

O Body swayed to music,
O Brightening Glimpse,

How can we tell the Dancer
from the dance?"

Thus he suggested that the question is not "what" but "who" is the human embryo?

Many thanks to Dr. Miguel D'Arce. I look forward to the next talk.

James Hurley

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 11.30 Santa Barbara
 12.00 News Headlines followed by Where in the World
 12.30 Options
 1.00 News and Weather
 1.30 Aertel Financial
 1.40 Spaceship Earth
 2.05 Perry Mason
 3.00 Live At Three
 4.00 News followed by Search for a Star
 4.30 Gloss
 5.20 Garfield
 5.30 A Country Practice
 6.00 Angelus & News
 7.00 Fair City
 7.30 Head to Toe
 8.00 It's Bibl
 8.30 Check Up
 9.00 News and Weather
 9.30 The Tuesday File
 10.30 Film - The Preskdo
 12.15 Late News

NETWORK 2

2.00 Aerscoil
 2.30 Bosco
 3.00 The Den
 3.05 Mother Goose
 3.20 Happy Birthday
 3.30 Triclagus Traic
 4.15 Don on the Den
 4.30 Batman
 5.00 Woolf
 5.30 Tiny Toons
 6.05 JMTV Magazine
 6.30 Home and Away
 7.00 Nuacht
 7.08 Cursal
 7.35 Perfect Strangers
 8.00 News and Weather
 8.05 Crossroads
 9.00 The Bill
 9.30 News followed by ENG
 10.30 News and Weather
 10.50 American Supermarket
 11.50 Rich Tea and Sympathy.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10

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10.30 Taking Stock
 11.00 News Headlines
 11.30 Ollscoil
 12.00 News Headlines
 12.30 Next Step
 1.00 1 o'clock news
 1.35 The Encircled Sea
 2.00 Winds of War

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2.00 Aerscoil
 2.15 Aertel
 2.30 Bosco
 3.00 The Den
 6.05 JMTV
 6.30 Home & Away
 7.00 Nuacht
 7.08 Cursal

HOLLY GOLIGHTLY

I must apologise for my absence last week. It was due really to a combination of apathy and a manky T.V. tube that developed a funny shape and made me cry.

Happy now with a new box on Tues the 9th of February, 5.00 pm in front of Star Trek, I'm about to witness Terraforming. There's nothing like being, ahem, incapacitated (as in not inebriated) in front of the aud Trek.

Listen though, wasn't last week's article shite. It made me realise that I might possibly be a bit Satellite-centric, but I'm from the confines of Plassey Village and thankfully I don't have to resort to the radiation pumping, coat-hanger, 4in screen one and a half channels, black and white, Mam and Dad's old T.V. like all those in the student world do. God, but that's scary.

O.K. so we got The Untouchables' in last weeks issue but no mention of 'Breakfast At Tiffanys' with the smashing Audrey Hepburn. What an actress. I was distraught with distress when I heard of her death, but at least we get all the tribute movies. For instance, isn't it a sickner to hear that she didn't actually sing in 'My fair Lady', well she couldn't have been perfect I suppose.

compared to him. I'd say that it's the California sun, the man is an advertisement for tanning lotion. Now maybe the ladies will disagree with me but I hadn't seen a recent photo of him in a while and frankly I was shocked. It'll be soft-focus and loadsa filters for the poor man in the future. (Ooo, 5.30 pm and Ryker's on to the first shift of the programme)

Aside from Don's leg, I'm not much of a fan of soaps. The trick is not to get dragged in. Once you learn the names of the characters you're lost. A friend of mine (male 21 years old, ought to know better) cries at 'Home and Away' and 'Neighbours'. Funny enough I'm forced to watch Home and Away' every night by the other occupants in the house. I know them all, Bobby, stupid Alf, upstart Sally, and thick as shite Adam, but I could leave it in the morning, if I wanted to. I nearly caught up in 'E Street' the other day, but fortunately I missed the third episode and missed out on the name of the Cafe, so it all disintegrated from that, Thank God.

Will someone remind me not to write my article in front of the Trek in future. It's just getting more and more disjointed and I'm losing the threads of the story. Would you believe in a grain of sand that there was an intelligent life-form? Well fact is stranger than fiction and it's attacking the Enterprise at the moment.

I suppose I might just get

by looking at a couple of Robert Mapplethorpe photos. Tho' I must say some of them looked pretty painful (you missed that) and almost physically impossible.

Well, another week, another ramble, so I'll go to bed and dream of Holly Golightly. Bam this filthy filth, Mike Teevee.

Mike Teevee's fabulous quiz.

Eleven really difficult questions about television this week, because it's a good idea. So, contestants, fingers on the buzzers and...

1. Name the Bundy Bunches Housekeeper?
2. Who owned the store in Sesame Street?
3. What infamous mass-murderer auditioned for 'The Monkees'?
4. Who says 'I'll do the tittin' round here Baba Louie'?
5. Name the five lucky recipients of a golden ticket in the film Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory? (Clue: Charley Bucket was one.)
6. What is the serial number of the star-ship Enterprise?
7. How much does a television licence cost (colour)?
8. Name the private detective agency in 3-2-1 Contact (old series)?
9. What was the name of Manuel's hamster?

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10

R.T.E. 1

NETWORK 2

10.30 Talking Shop	2.00	Screened-
11.00 News Headlines	2.15	Aerial
11.30 Oldschool	2.30	Bosco
12.00 News Headlines	3.00	The Den
12.30 Road Trip	6.00	JMTV
1.00 1 o'clock news	6.30	Home & Away
1.30 The Unchecked Box	7.00	Nuacht
2.00 Winds of War	7.06	Cursai
3.00 Live at 3	7.30	NOCCED
4.00 Bird Island	8.30	News
4.15 P.M. Packing W in	9.35	Coronation Street
6.00 The Angels	10.00	Eco Eco
6.01 News		
7.00 Cartoon Time		
7.30 Jake & the Fat Man	10.30	Network News
8.30 Waterways	10.50	History of Europe
8.30 Family Matters	11.20	Tales from the Darkside
9.00 News		
9.30 Agatha Christie's Poirot		
10.30 Marketplace		
11.00 Bride of Christ		

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11

R.T.E. 1

NETWORK 2

10.30 Check up	2.30	Bosco
11.00 Teletalk	3.00	The Den
11.30 Santa Barbara	6.00	JMTV
12.30 Routes	6.30	Home & Away
1.00 News	7.00	Nuacht
2.05 The Saint	7.06	Cursai
3.00 Live at 3	7.35	Glenroe
4.00 Edmondale	8.05	Baywatch
4.30 Ace of Spies	9.00	The Bill
5.20 Garfield	9.30	Knots Landing
5.30 A Country Practise	10.30	Network News
6.00 News	10.50	Town & Country
7.00 Fair City	11.50	Time Out
7.30 Opening Nights	11.45	RPM Motor sport
8.00 It's Biff!		
8.30 Radharr		
9.00 News		
9.30 Prime Time		
10.10 Challenging Times		
10.40 Booklines		
11.10 Paper Man		

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12

R.T.E. 1

NETWORK 2

10.30 Family Matters	2.30	Bosco
11.00 Teletalk	3.00	The Den
12.00 News	6.00	JMTV
12.30 Review of the Week	6.30	Home & Away
1.35 Sons & Daughters	7.00	Nuacht
2.05 GP	7.05	Cursai
3.00 Live at 3	7.30	Coronation Street
4.00 The Sullivans	8.00	News
4.30 Sorrell & son	8.05	Blackboard Jungle
5.30 A Country Practise	8.30	Evening Shade
6.00 The News	10.00	News Headlines
7.00 Cartoon Time	10.30	FILM: Save the Tiger
7.10 Murder she Wrote		
8.00 Bon Voyage		
8.30 Winning Streak		
9.00 News		
9.30 The Late Late Show		
11.35 News		
11.45 Shrinka		

What's scary
O.K. so I got 'The Un-
touchables' in last week's issue but
remembered 'Breakfast At Tiffany's'
with the amazing Audrey
Hepburn. What an actress. I was
flownight with distress when I
heard of her death, but at least we
got all the tribute copies. For
Christmas, well it is a pleasure to have
that she didn't actually sing in 'My
fair Lady' well she couldn't have
been perfect I suppose.

I happened to catch Film
90 last night, and I hate to say it
but poor old Robert Redford is
looking a bit past his prime. I
always thought that himself and
Conroy were hanging on to the
looks, but Bob's face is looking
totally ordinary sorry. Barry
Norman was even good looking

of the Club, so I all congratulated
him that. Thank God.

Will someone remind me
not to write my article on the subject of
Talk to Action. It's just getting
over and over repeated and I'm
losing the theme of the story.
Would you please in a piece of
mail that I can send an envelope
to 'Action' with the article?
Thank you and it's attaching for
Saturday at the moment.

I suppose I might just get
serious for once. I've just been
watching 'Screened in the U.S.A.' (I
Channel 4). It went over the old
ground of the U.S. 50th and
those generations that went to see
anything that moves. Of course
it's slight to say that the
counter has been to get all convinced

A. I have an article
concerning a poster label in
the New York Museum's
Factory/2-Clear-Clear-Booklet
one star.
B. What is the serial number of
the New York Museum?
C. How much does a miniature
edition cost? (I believe)
D. How do you get the
original? (I believe)
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Z. How do you get the
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Features

NUDE TREND CONTINUES!!!

During the Collingwood Cup festivities a young Queen's footie player stripped butt naked and dived into the crowd on the dancefloor.

He was promptly 'ejaculated' (I couldn't resist it) from the disco, clothes under his arm. Proper order, or prudishness? (Did you know that a student at Berkeley University has been attending class, nude, all this year, and that apparently on this UL campus, dress is - optional!!)

This trend continued on Monday night with the apprehension of a partially clothed 4th Business student by the Garda Sicilini. What is the vox of the populus on this new style of student (un)dress?

Brian Kennedy, John O'Donnell, Shane Burke, David Reals, Patrick Kenny, (left to right), all 1st Mech. Eng.

The lads would not see it as 'immoral' to whip off the threads and flash some flesh, and they would not find it in the

least bit offensive. Public nudity is dependent on the point the nudist is trying to make. The lads don't think a nude disco would work in UL, maybe Galway, or Cork, or Dublin...

Nigel: thought the guy shouldn't have been thrown out of the disco, and found it strange that only models seem to indulge in these type of frolics, and not women...

Sandra: Sandra wouldn't have thrown him out of the disco, as he was just drunk and caught up 'in the heat of the party'.

Rico: "They should have just told him to get dressed. Public nudity during the day would probably cause car crashes, maybe between 2 - 5 am would work."



Above: 1st Year Mech Eng: Brian Kennedy, John O' Donnell, Shane Burke, David Reals, Pat Kenny



Centre top: Francesco (Italy) Susan (3rd Euro), Rico (Italy), Sandra (Belguim), Franz (Germany).

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Welfare

THE STORY OF THE GARDEN FOOTBALLER

Well you see the story goes something like this:

Sean and lads in 19 decided to go out and kick the Liathróid around while Mike was inside getting the dinner ready.

Like all the great footballers on our green Isle, Sean needed large open spaces to show off his fine footballing talents and as a result any garden on the street concerned was fair game (as well as any newly planted flower bed in one particular garden). Needless to say Mr. Bloggs in 17 was none too happy to see Sean drag his size 11's through the flower bed, time and time again, so he proceeded out onto the scene to give Sean his "red card". Sean, being a hot blooded red head from the footballing mad part of our fair land in the North-West, told Mr. Bloggs in no uncertain terms where to shove his concerns, and obliged to help him put them there if he didn't fuck off for himself.

Now as you can imagine, Mr. Bloggs was not too impressed, and with the thoughts of a twenty year mortgage looming in the background, decided to ring the Registrar of the University and report young Sean and the rest of the lads in 19. A few weeks passed by (without a sign of a snowdrop or a daffodil from the flower bed next

door) when a letter arrived at Sean's house. A clean white envelope, and in big black print "Sean McDaid, 19 Wherever", etc.

Dear Sean,

You have been summoned to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on the following date due to the disturbances you have been causing to Mr. Bloggs in 19.

The day arrived, Sean and the lads pleaded their case as did Mr. Bloggs, the Disciplinary Committee deliberated, the lads received a hefty fine as well as a disciplinary record.

The moral of this tale is as follows, if you are going to have a kick around or puck a few balls you cannot:

- do so on the street outside your house
- do so in your neighbours garden
- ignore request from a resident to stop, if you are doing either.

After all you don't really want a disciplinary record now do you?

by Enda Lonergan

REPEATS UPDATE

For all of you who are wondering when will you have an opportunity to clear those F grades, I wish I could tell you that the whole issue has been sorted out, however, the work of the Sub Group working on the repeats issue is taking a lot longer than I anticipated. I must say however that it is going quite well and we should be ready to make our presentation to a special sitting of Academic Council Standing Committee within the next 2/3 weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made our repeats protest such a resounding success. It was great to see all the students standing together as one united front on this issue in order to show to the powers that be, that we, the students of the University of Limerick will not be taken lightly with regard to this very important issue. Once again thank you for your help - Enda (D.P. ULSU)

D.P. OFF CAMPUS

Please note that Enda Lonergan, Deputy president ULSU will be off campus Thursday and Friday of this week, so if there are any messages please leave them with Linda in the Main Student's Union Office. Thank You!

Campus People

This Week :

Diarmuid Scully :
SU President.

Favourite Saying : Not too bad.

Favourite Record: E Lucevan le Stella : Jose Bjorling

Favourite Book: Lord of the Rings : JRR Tolkein

Favourite Film : The Mission

Favourite Musician: Eric Clapton

Favourite Actor/Actress: Robert De Niro/Michelle Pfeiffer.

Most Embarrassing Moment: My 21st; or so I'm told.

Favourite Food/Drink: Steak/Scotch

Favourite TV Programme: Inspector Morse.

Favourite TV Personality: Pat Kenny

Favourite Item of Clothing: Blueshirt (joke!)

Most Desirable date: Michelle Pfeiffer.

Favourite method of



relaxation: Listening to music.

If you weren't pursuing your present career, what would you have been? A Lumberjack in Canada.

Biggest Thrill: Making the last 32 in World Debating Championships.

Biggest Disappointment: Losing to Harvard in Worlds.

Your concept of Heaven: Somewhere with no Trinity or USI students.

Hell? Trinity College.

Greatest Ambition: Repeats in UL

Favourite term of abuse: Rarely use any.

Dying words? "But God, I thought we had a deal"

PETER'S FRIENDS



Directed by: Kenneth Brannagh.

Starring: Kenneth Brannagh
Emma Thompson,
Stephen Fry
Hugh Laurie

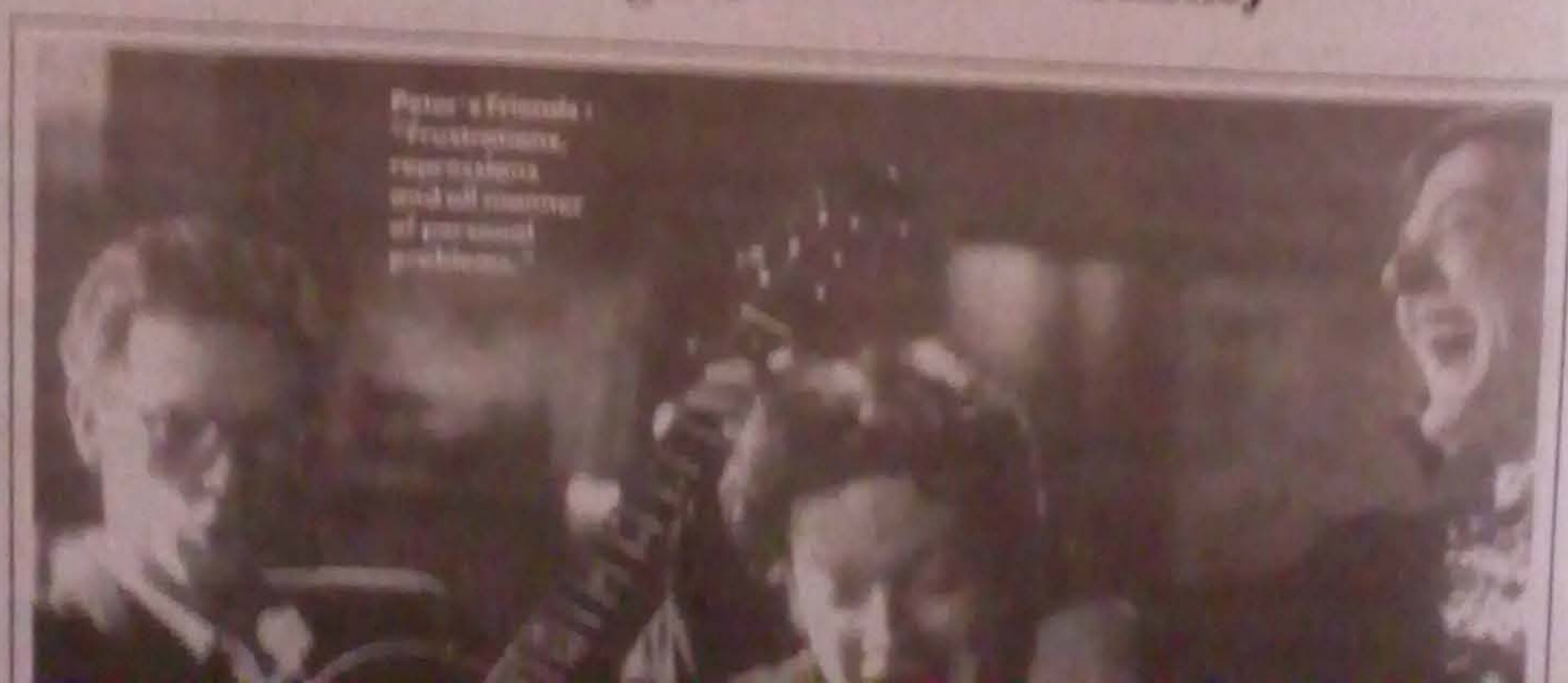
Not exactly a new film, having been on release since early November, "Peter's Friends" is a welcome alternative to the blood thirsty offerings currently gracing the cinema.

Kenneth Brannagh directs and stars in this story of a reunion of six University friends 10 years after parting their ways. It may not sound like a very original idea, and indeed it's not, but some very fine acting and a good script make it a reunion with a difference. During the course of the reunion the personal problems of the cast begin to

surface, ranging from fear of spinsterhood to complete madness. Despite the sentimental and emotional content of these problems, the atmosphere is never one of depression, remaining light headed and quite funny instead.

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Bill Kearney



Peter's Friends:
"Frustration,
regret and
all manner
of personal
problems."

Arts

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THE BOOK PEOPLE



The Indispensable Calvin and Hobbes : A Calvin and Hobbes Treasury.

Bill Watterson Warner
Books 1992 £6.99

Reviewed by John
Maguire.

This book, a collection of cartoon strips from Bill Watterson, is one of the most humorous and entertaining reads I have had in some time. Calvin, the six year old hero of the short pieces is a hyperactive and hyperintelligent product of the television age. Addicted to tv and "chocolate-frosted sugar bombs" (his breakfast cereal), Calvin spends his days, when not in school, with his stuffed toy tiger, Hobbes. It is the way that Watterson enters the six year old mind coupled with the adult-teenage mind of Hobbes that brings the spark into this collection. Intelligence, social commentary and wit are usually found in most cartoon strips, cf Garfield, Doonesbury etc. but

not in the heaps available to the Calvin and Hobbes reader. This is not a book exclusively for children, and I have found that many of the strips could not be enjoyed by anyone other than a teenager.

It's refreshing to read this book and find the way in which Watterson lets us see the world through the eyes of a six year old. Many of the better clips arise from Calvin's daydreams in class. Without warning, Calvin will change into a dinosaur or Spaceman Spiff (extremely funny) and the adventures in dream are reflected in what is happening around him. Trouble, when it arises, is dealt with by Calvin in the manner of an adult, using word far beyond the average six year olds vocabulary, for example, when the teacher asks Calvin to lead the class in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance (a typical American jingoistic anachronism) Calvin response is "NO! What did the supreme court decide about that? Is this a prayer? Don't you have to read me my rights? I'm only here because my parents make me! I don't even know what court district I'm in." Typical behaviour from a child who's sugar levels are too high and watches too much tv. Calvin tells us that "Television validates existence" and that "Life should be more like tv." I'm inclined to agree.

Calvin's friends include Susie, the little girl next door, also a wise-cracking, hyperin-

telligent infant. Calvin has a particular hatred for Susie, yet this may be pre-pubescent love, a Hobbes hints at every opportunity. Calvin has some difficulty at school with Moe, an intellectually challenged bully. When Moe talks, Watterson writes his dialogue in a babyish scrawl. (to tell us something about Moe?) Calvin's parents are stressed out at their energetic offspring. I will say little more, because these are the funniest passages in the treasury, and the ones most likely to make you fall in love with Calvin.

Rosslyn, the baby-sitter, is Calvin's least favourite person. He goes to extraordinary lengths to destroy his parents night out and Rosslyn's sanity. The other fascinating part of this book is Calvin's poetry. Humorous, to say the least, he disgorges poetry on Father and Mother's day card and one hilarious Haiku at a sleeping tiger (Hobbes).

On the whole, if you are tired of pages of text, and want a little comic relief, this book is for you. Entertaining, witty and cerebral; this compilation of two earlier books, "The Revenge of the Baby-Sat" and "Scientific Progress Goes Boink", is a classic collection of one of the new-age cartoon strip. Intelligent, thought-provoking and politically correct, this book will help keep you sane. A necessary purchase for the decade to come.

Comment

RAY HURLEY FILE

I hope that you will think for a bit on this subject, and not dismiss me for having eventually gone totally potty and now only engage in morbid indulgences.

Suicide is an act that no one can ever truly comprehend in all its complexities. Some of us will have met such a tragedy at some time in our lives - a friend or relative who, for whatever number of reasons, took their own life. The sorrow that such a death leaves in its wake is intensified by the thought that that person, before they took their life, must have resigned himself to the belief, that they were too worthless to continue, life was too hurtful, too full of pain, anguish and worry, to be endured. What has drawn my attention to this tragic issue, is a recent report by the Samaritans in Limerick. According to their problem, the Limerick-Tipperary area has a suicide trend which is almost double the national average - 13.3 percent per 100,000 population, against 7.9 for the national average. A report on this appeared in *The Irish Times* of the 21st of January. Mr. John O'Neil, director of the

mount to exaggerated proportions. Each year, a more than sufficient number of students come to the college in a pre-programmed, study and exam data processing mode, ready to absorb knowledge and facts in a Hoover/suction-type manner. Such is the legacy of the pressures of the Leaving Cert, but it perpetuates the rat-race mentality associated with that exam, and the UL system lends itself perfectly to enhancing the same tunnel-visioned, one track, minded values. All too often, some students cannot cope. A suicide is caused by numerous contributory factors, which are never clearly definable, but it isn't, by a long shot, wild, raving exaggeration to suggest that the pressures experienced at UL are conducive to mental stress that can result in suicide.

Dr. Edward Walsh's response is most unique: at a recent fund-raising drive to raise £200,000 towards the cost of new premises for the Samaritans, he said, "Here are now 7,000 university students in Limerick and while they do have pressure upon them, a great many are happy and do not feel

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

Last week, hundreds of people died of AIDS. This is not unfortunately, unusual; but two of the people that died were of special interest to me. One of them was Arthur Ashe, the former world number one Tennis Player. The other was the eldest brother of one of my best friends. Arthur Ashe died very young at 49. My friend's brother was even younger - he was 34.

All the time, we hear about aids and see programmes on telly about it. But do we ever really pay attention? It often seems that people adopt an Ostrich-like approach; burying their heads in the hope that it will go away. Believe me, it won't just go away.

On finding out that they were infected with the HIV Positive virus neither of the two people concerned were prepared to take mortality lying down. Ashe spoke out publicly and eloquently on the dangers of AIDS, and tried to act as a positive role model to those who looked up to him. My friend's brother became

editor of the London-based magazine "Body Positive" in the last year of his life, and never gave up living while he still had breath.

The cases of Ashe and Magic Johnson (the basketball player) may have had one positive effect: that of bringing home the fact that heterosexual non drug users also contract and die of AIDS. The "straight" or mainstream community would currently treat the likes of Arthur Ashe with more sympathy, because he got the disease by "mistake". Yet no one deliberately "gets" AIDS, and no one deserves to die of it - regardless of how they contracted it.

Thinking that ANYONE deserves to die of AIDS because of a lifestyle choice is NAZI-ISM of the opinion. Its like saying everyone who smokes deserves to die of lung cancer; or that everyone who eats too much red meat should have a heart attack. Don't forget, we can all contract AIDS in a variety of ways; and AIDS recognises no colour, creed,

race, religion or sexual orientation. It could kill any one of us at any time.

This fact seems to be forgotten by many people. Only two weeks ago, there was an article on AIDS in this paper, by a man called Jack Carroll. It saddened me, it made me think; but it didn't move me as profoundly as a first hand (or even second hand) experience with the real thing did. I never even met my friend's brother. But I'm not afraid to admit that his death scared the bell out of me, and that I cried my eyes out after talking to my friend.

Thirty-four is too young to die. From a disease like AIDS, 134 is too young. There are many ways to catch it, but there are some ways not to. You've heard it before, but have you listened? If you are promiscuous, use a condom. If you use intravenous drugs, don't share a needle. Play it safe, because you'll always be too young to die like so many already have.

ZEN ZUCCINI



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...nd average. A report on this appeared in The Irish Times of the 21st of January. Mr. John O'Neil, Director of the Limerick University Institute, is outlining the concerns at the increase, spoke of the sectors that suffered the highest incidences of suicide. These include the unemployed, farmers, and the medical profession. What is most disturbing is the increase in suicides amongst students - brought on by both the educational system and the home, over exams.

We all know the pressures - the demonstration of Week 5 manifested our common concerns with the academic system in UL and more particularly our anger at the lack of an exam repeats system. Since I've come to UL, I have seen the pressures

7,000 university students in Limerick and while they do have pressure upon them, a great many are happy and do not feel any pressure. What is most sympathetic attitude, I'm sure you will agree! For the man who has given Limerick the pride of its own University, which is seeing fantastic growth, it is shameful to see him so complacently cocooned in his own world that he no longer appreciates what it is to be a student, nor is his vision suitably adjusted to keep in mind the needs and purposes that our university must serve and what the current growth represents and must lead to. He, and equally, all of us, would do well to pause and consider the consequences of certain structures and pressures in U.L.

...ed to those who turned up to ... by bread's brother because ... recognition ... well

... 21, 1988

Ents

RAG WEEK '93

The Rag Week Office is situated in the An Focal Office in the S.U. in the Sports Building, and the committee meets regularly there on Mondays. At the moment the committee are starting to timetable events, so if you have any ideas please get them to the Rag Office.

We have also started to collect names for the Guinness Book Of Records event. The aim is to get as many guitarists playing together at the one time as possible. To date we have 40 names, but we need a lot more, so get your name to the Rag Office or to the Music Society.

We will be having a meeting before the end of term, so watch this space.

We are hoping to bring back Gordon Giltrap who gave a superb performance last Monday. Gordon will be teaching our 'Guitar Orchestra', 'Heartsong'.

The basic idea is to learn maybe 3 to 5 songs so our 'Guitar Orchestra' can perform on campus and in the city in order to raise funds for Rag Week.

We will soon be putting a list together for those interested in doing the Pub Crawl, so watch this space next week.

NEW VENUES IN USE FOR S.U. ENTS!!

Starting from next term we will be using "The Park" as a S.U. ents venue.

We have resolved any problems, and are now on a par with "The Park" after meetings with the directors and management. "The Park" will not be able to cater for the numbers we used to have in the old "Parkway", but will be able to take considerably more numbers than "Saints" or "The Savoy".

In "The Park" we will be using 2 areas, the main area has been totally refurbished (by far the plushiest venue in Limerick) with an excellent bass sound system, and good lighting, 2 bars and lots of seating space. The second area "The Carlton Room", holds around 300, and is basically a function room. Here we hope to have Ceiles and smaller Bands.

Although, I must warn you the venue has a strict door policy (most local ven-

ues have to now, because of a recent spate of violence in the city), so if you are completely legless you will not be let in, with or without a ticket.

The first night we will be using the venue is Mon 5th of April - Day 1 Week 1. We will also be using it on Wed 7th that week for the Start Of Term, and every Thursday from then on.

We will be using both "The Park" and "Saints and Scholars" as regular Thursday night gig venues. The difference is that for "The Park", tickets must be bought in advance on the day of the gig, from 12 - 4 pm at the Ents Stand in the Canteen.

We are also pleased to announce as and from next term, a second area will be available to us for the Tuesday night Clubs and Society gigs in Cheers. That will mean a lot more space and now we will be able to cater fro the increasing numbers on Tuesday nights.

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Karate Club

U.L. Karate Club participated in the Intersivities in Galway on Feb. 6th, hosted by UCG, along with UCD, DCU, UCC, Trinity and Colraige. The events were well organised and ran according to plan once Trinity arrived! UCG were the overall winners of the competition. As for U.L.....

Well done to Tim Sullivan, Brian Coll, Darren Dunphy and J.J. Kennelly who fought valiently in the intermediate individual and team kumite (sparring) against stiff competition. Congratulations to Tim Sullivan who came second in the intermediate kata (form) event. This was a particularly impressive win considering that the main style

represented was Shotokan whereas U.L. practise Wado-Ryu. Also to Yvonne Ward who won the senior ladies individual kata and came second in the ladies open team kumite.

Once the competition was over it was time to adjourn to Setanta's in Salthill for some relaxation (numerous pints of Guinness) after a long day! UL joined up with DCU for accom-

modation purposes and we wish to acknowledge their hospitality.

A great weekend was had by all. Supermac's business increased by 50% and the troops returned tired but happy to Limerick on Sunday evening.

Next up, the Inter-Collegiates in AALSA, Dublin Airport, Feb.28th. Anyone interested in supporting, watch sports noticeboard for details.

WINDSURFIN' NEWS

By the time this article goes to print we'll all be recovering from severe hang-overs and exhaustion (especially Willie who is in the habit of squandering club funds on wild orgies of sex, drink, rock n' roll and windsurfing). The club spent the week-end in Dromineer, where much to the delight of our female participants Eoin O Grady, our resident sex symbol and Chippendale member had his clothes stripped from his throbbing muscular body, and was unceremoniously f@ked in the lake. Happy Birthday Eoin

- Great show! By the way it was Eoin's twenty first! he doesn't normally do this kind of thing - at least not for free anyway!

On Wednesday, Oisín, a small frail reclusive little chap from the club from the club got a bit carried away in the heat of the moment and 'rammed' Peter Keogh from the side (on a board that is - windsurfing). Typical Oisín always likes to be on top! Pete - as you can imagine - doesn't like being on the receiving end!

Just to return to some club action - the trallor has to be

completed this week, so please lend a hand. Watch the notice board!

Intersivities only one week away - last chance to get some training done. If you haven't given in the money to Willie by now - DO IT NOW !!! Next week will feature a detailed run down and pictures of the week 6 weekend complete with full frontals of Gabriel and John Lenane. "Hang" in there - and remember - Sex is good, but windsurfing is better! (Or so says Quarry!!).

FILM SOCIETY NEWS Week 7.

Tuesday 16th: Night Sun

Based on Tolstoy's philosophical novel 'La Father Sergius', the setting is the 18th century Neapolitan Kingdom populated with snooty aristocrats and feisty peasants.

Father Sergius (Julian Sands), true to Tolstoy's character, abandons his career as an aide-de-camp to the king when he discovers that his bride to be (Nastassja Kinski) has been the king's lover. Seeking solitude as a monk, and later as a hermit, becomes a celebrated healer.

Told with spellbinding images and sound, this film has been described as a 'radiantly mysterious epic'.

Thursday 18th: Jungle Fever

Bluppie architect Wesley Snipes and his new secretary Annabella Sciarra, upon first meeting do not hit it off, but before long they are getting it on and working late privately on the drawing board.

A full-blown affair develops, and of course the repercus-

sions are enormous. Snipes' happy family life is torn apart when his wife leaves, and Sciarra feels the wrath of her testy Italian family. Clattered with themes in that it addresses inter-racial relationships, adultery and later, the New

this reviewer's humble opinion, when 'Barton Fink' scooped all the major awards and the Jungle Fever was left on the proverbial shelf. Disturbing, funny and sexy at once. All films are on at 7.30 pm sharp in the Jean Monnet. Non-



York crack epidemic. Spike Lee's film is consistently stimulating and provocative; maybe he is trying to say too much in the one film but there's no doubt it's great entertainment. Ignored last year at the Cannes Film Festival, Spike Lee was justifiably aggrieved in

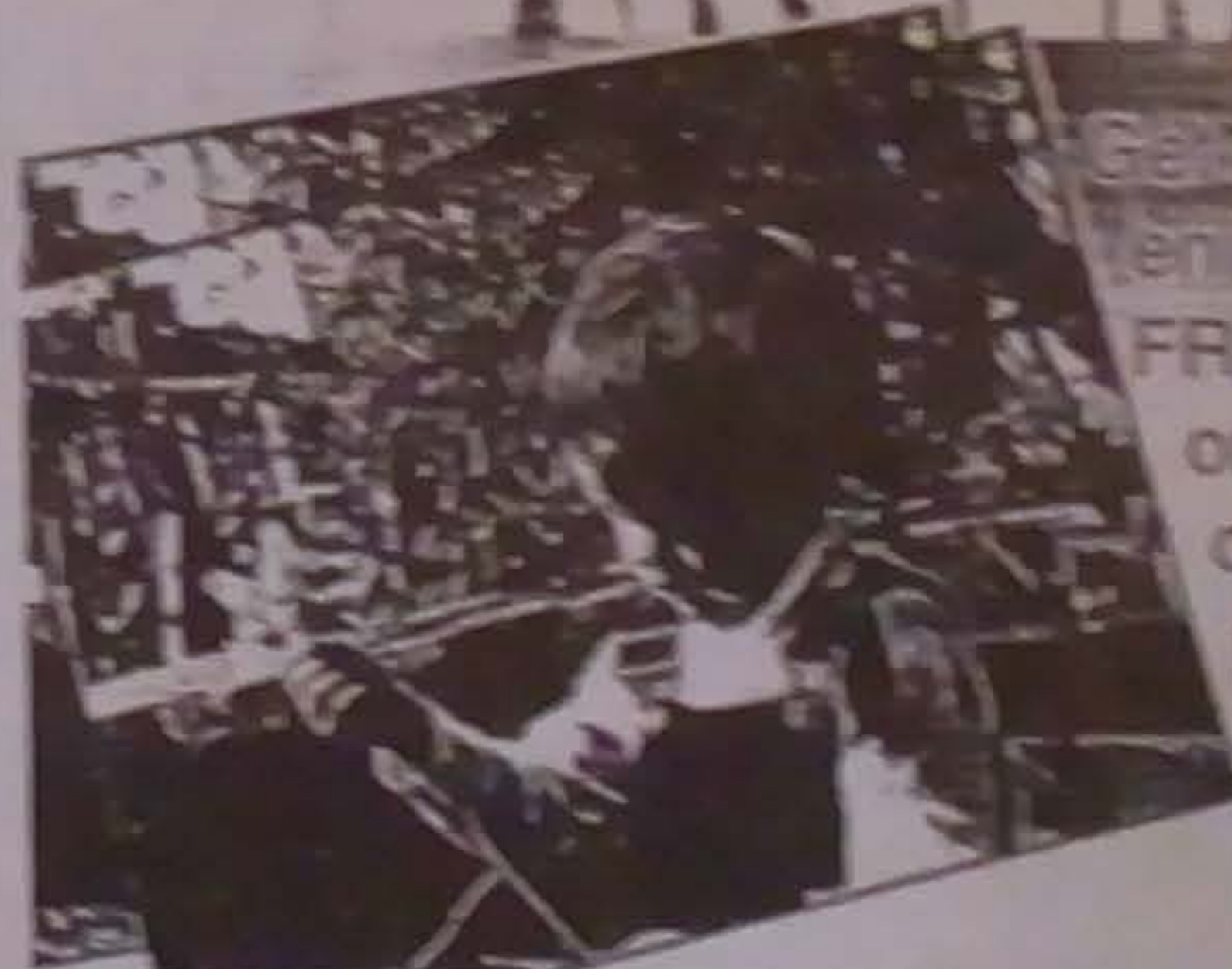
members are, as always, welcome, with the admission price of £ 1.50.

Picture is a still from Spike Lee's Jungle Fever : Showing in the Monnet Thursday 18th Feb

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Clubs & Soccs

NATIONAL O.P.C. WEEKEND 1993

The weekend hosted by the UCC Outdoor Pursuits Club was both successful and enjoyable. Thanks to good organisation and great participants. The turnout was up to the skies with UCD, UCC, MIT/Celtic, RYC Waterford, TCU, Maynooth and various Uniate. SACs represented in significant numbers over the three days.

John Murphy, treacher extraordinaire, got the weekend off to a stimulating, lengthy and informative start with his rally/slide show presentation at 9.00 on Friday. The

Charities (Parsons was filled by SACs from the above colleges. OPC members and others along just for the Friday night don't talk us through the various ropes to Nepal, Tibet, China and Afghanistan using literally hundreds of photographs. We were given an historical background to each country, an account of the present way of life coupled with people's customs, habits and be-

trocercia disease called 'CAVETIS' - a rare, debilitating disease which has the opposite effects of altitude sickness. The Rocks of Fanore were naturally wet and slippery so abseiling and dumarling were concentrated on. Dumarling is where a climber ascends on an abseiling rope using devices attached to the rope. This exercise was strenuous but the knack lay in the climber perfecting his/her hip gyrations.

By 19:00 all and sundry had



returned to the hostel where showers and cooking dinner began. Come 21:00 that night and 60 plus

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING SOCIETY NEWS

The night began with the minutes of the Irish Times Final, as read by Recording Secretary and confidante of political leaders, Ms Niamh Lyons. They were funny, or was it the "Gang of four's" holding aloft of "Laugh Now" and "Please". The final in question was described as "The Trinity Historical Society" with Special guests, UCC Philosoph, Kings' Inns and UCD L & H". Despite debating being "Natural to UL", no notable crowd increase was detected tonight however.

A "first time" speakers debate saw a well researched debate on "This House would pull out of European Union", Tom Kirby & James O' Donoghue proposed, John Healy and Eoghan O'Sullivan opposed. A special appreciation is to be paid to Tara Grimes and Tom Kirby, the latter replacing the former at short notice. We hope to see Tara at the podium soon. The motion was defeated.

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STUDENTS for LIFE

On Thursday 4th February, U.L. Students for Life met to discuss the topic of over-population. There has been a theory circulating among many commentators, since the publication of Paul Earley's "The Population Time-Bomb", that the world is rapidly becoming to densely populated. Many have begun campaigns for advancing various methods of birth control (including abortions), with the aim of containing population growth advanced as a justification. In our video presentations this theme was examined in great depth. It was noted that the decreasing of population will not solve the problems of the underdeveloped regions of the world, nor does population density cause the poverty of these areas.

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The fact is that population density is not in itself, the cause of a nation's poverty

Due to pressure on space, some of the articles handed in for publication are not printed. These will be printed next week.

Rugby Club Disco Thursday Cheers £3 Tickets available now.

NWCT OVERRUN BY MARAUDING UL TEAM

Northwest College of Technology
University of Limerick

Last Wednesday at Croagh RFC Co. Roscommon the University of Limerick Rugby team defeated Derry Tech. College in an encounter marked by guts, determination and true Limerick fire. During the early exchanges Derry offered some stiff resistance which was gradually surmounted by the powerful Limerick pack. Scores from Joe Brooks, Donal Houlthian and Terry Shires meant that the Limerick side led comfortably 17-3 at half time!

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ous trips to Nepal, Tibet, China and Afghanistan using literally hundreds of photographs. We were given an historical background to each country, an account of the present way of life coupled with people's customs, habits and beliefs, an insight into military and foreign influences and shown the topography and landscape of the nations. By the end of the talk there were few of us who did not feel the downing all study tools and heading off into the East. Naturally the crowd descended on the Stables for several pre-closing time drinks, after which a bus took the SAG's and co. back to a scout hall (Denise) in the city.



returned to the hostel where showers and cooking dinner began. Come 21:00 that night and 60 plus full and satisfied people had gathered inside Gus O'Connors for a night of stories, black stuff and sticky green objects that hung from the ceiling. That night was made special when part of our group was joined by Micko Russell, the well known Irish trad. player of the tin-whistle, who gave us several songs and tunes from his feadóg, until the small hours. The picture shows Paul Butler enthralled by the music coming from his feadóg.

On Sunday after a sore and tired rise, followed by 3 breakfasts, 3 bus loads left for the Crag woods in Killaloe. Orienteering was on the day's agenda and a course of 11 controls was set out. Completion time was set at 1 hour for competitive runners or if not, like some of the Maynooth girls, 2 hours plus. The day proved to be enjoyable and relaxed with no mist or rain to dampen any spirits. The event was won by John Hanley, again and two UCD lads won the team category with Dan & Niall of UL taking second place. All of the above were presented with specially designed sweatshirts. Afterwards we gathered in Gooses for a last pint and then fond farewells. All the best to the SAG's until the next National Weekend.

Thanks to all involved

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Then came Private Members Time, Mike Ryan proposing "that it be Banned in all public places", 'it' being smoking, citing loss of vision, Hearing and recognition. Unfortunately he noted a case of smoking causing verbal diarrhoea in the case of one Niall Clerkin. John McElligott proposed a complaint against the An Focal management which got contributions of varying opinion from the Secretary and PRO. An amended version was passed unanimously and the Secretary directed to submit an open letter. Humour returned as the SU President squirmed his way through Mike Ryans "that he be congratulated".

Mr Scully had finally bused the power and (numerous) positions he had elected to abuse, ending in vastly improved Internal Relations (hips) with UCC Exec. A brief note on the Muldoon-Scully treaty was also offered. The meeting closed and a good time was had by all (including Mr Scully) with the possibility of an even better time at the Schools Final, UCC Philosoph on Saturday.

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Best for the victors were backs Joe Brooks and Donagh O'Malley and forwards Gareth Molloy, Conor Morris and Sean Brown.

Next Wednesday, UL play a vital match against Jordans-town which decides whether they qualify for the knockout stages of the Ascent Cup. All support will be greatly appreciated as the match will be held at UL.

Badminton Club

We recently held a table-quizz in the Stables on 9th February. Around 70 people took part and we wish to thank them for their support. We would also like to thank the Stables Club for their sponsorship of the event. We plan to hold another one at a later date and promise that the questions will be easier!

Finally could either Margarita Twooney, Declan Fry, Jacinta Duffy or Gerry O'Sullivan call to the Students Union to collect an important message from the badminton pidgeon-hole.

INDIE SOC

Indie Soc - Wednesday
3.00 - Donagh O'Malley

Please bring along lists of all C.D.'s, albums and cassettes whether original or copies. We need this list to start the tape-lending library. Also could non paid-up members pay up as we need the money for blank (good quality!) tapes.

The Indie Disco's will be starting Friday 19th.

All new members welcome.

Hand in material for these pages by Wednesday for publication the following Tuesday

Notices

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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.

Grinds

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.

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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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One Double room available £18 per week, Wash Mach. Oil Call after 6 pm.
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General

Assistant Rep Required Guinness Group Sales (Ireland) requires an assistant rep for college related promotions and sponsorship. Successful candidate will be responsible for promoting Guinness, Smithwicks, Carlsberg, Bud-

Personal

Lonely first year "laccy" desires a hot steamy passionate "date" with any fellow native Cork women. Must also be interested in rugby. All enquires P.O. box 1

Marty (3rd Chemistry)
Just love the things you do to me.
Fiat 127

The Woodies want to know if the hairy-arsed 4th Bus is planning on improving his 50% record. Reply expected in next week's column.

Long-Haired Fist-Fuck 3rd Euro & Law needs good lovin' since g-friend gone on ERASMUS. Call to Auera, Dublin Rd. (House of Pain) anytime and the 4 boys will keep you company. Lonely? Then bring your friends. No amount too large or small.

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Noticeboard

2ND HAND BOOKS
Money can be collected from books that we sold, when you produce your invoice.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check Lost Property in the S.U. If you think you could possibly have anything down there.

Hardship Fund Update
Well yet another update in this long saga but for once I've got some good news. Last week legal letters were sent to all those on our list who've graduated or left the college for one reason or another and on their way neglected the fact that they owed money to the Hardship Fund and I'm happy to report that it is having the desired effect on some of the people. It is thus hoped to get the Hardship Fund back in Financial Order by the beginning of the next term. A limited fund is available each week and anyone requiring assistance should call in to see me on Thursday mornings between 11 - 12 noon.

SUPPORT GROUP

U.S.I.T. CARDS
Are available every day between 2 pm and 4 pm. Cards cost £6 and £7 for the travel stamp.

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS SEMINAR
Professor Con Hussey of the Lightwave Technology Research Centre will give a talk entitled "Modelling of Fiber Couples" in room C1060 on Wednesday February 17th at 3 pm. All are invited to attend. Further details may be obtained from Dr. Eugene Gath.

MEDITATION COURSE

A 3 week introductory course will be held on the following: Tuesdays, Feb 16th, Feb 23rd and March 2nd, from 6 to 7.30 pm in room SRI-004 (Schrodinger).

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Morons

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ACROSS

- 8 Practise before performance. (8)
- 9 Female sovereigns. (6)
- 10 Moral goodness. (6)
- 11 Light comic opera. (8)
- 12 Large tropical reed. (6)
- 13 Inhabitant of 30 across. (8)
- 15 Repast. (4)
- 17 Universal remedy. (7)
- 19 Cushioned backless seat, from Turkey? (7)
- 22 Speed of the tear. (4)
- 24 Clinging curling stems. (8)
- 27 Withstand, oppose. (6)
- 29 Threatening, evil-looking. (8)
- 30 It's surrounded by water. (6)
- 31 Small stringed instrument. (6)
- 32 Gusty, windy. (8)

DOWN

- 1 Inter a part of the eye. (6)
- 2 Section of the backbone. (8)
- 3 Grisly, revolting. (8)
- 4 The flower is a big one. (7)
- 5 Long piercing squeak. (6)
- 6 Degrade, lower. (6)
- 7 Aha, meant to be hateful. (8)
- 14 Slit, for coins maybe. (4)
- 16 British nobleman. (4)
- 18 Alcoholic appetiser. (8)
- 20 The end of the line. (8)
- 21 Disused, out of date. (8)
- 23 Braces I attribute. (7)
- 25 Furrows, for potatoes maybe. (6)
- 26 Preoccupied, absorbed. (6)
- 28 She's married in Spain. (6)

