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University of Limerick Students' Union

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A WALL IN ELMPARK THE DAY AFTER A GRAFFITI CAMPAIGN BY VANDALS

Referendum

Sports

## Increasing Vandalism in Elm park.

Once again Elm Park, Elm Park residents are up in arms. This time it is not due to excessive noise, disgarded rubbish but vandalism. The estate as if not looking bad enough already fell victim of a graffitti campaign. Different areas of the estate rather than one in particular were vandalised. Most roads had some kind of marking wether it was place names, walls of houses or drives of houses the culprits managed to leave their

mark on various parts of the estate. This has resulted in bringing Elmpark to a new low in terms of appearances making it well worthy of the "gettho" term it has inherited down through the years. The day after the incident I went up to see the extent of the damage caused. While the damage may not have been noticed by some this is only because of the state the Estate is already in. People are used to filthy looking houses, dirty gardens, dirty walls. One very noticeable thing was that a lot of the

walls painted on were ugly looking already. The kind of walls that didn't disimprove to much as a result of the graffitti. The fact is the estate is awful looking, houses haven't been renovated since they were bought, some even lie idle and derilict while others may as well be. There is no co-ordinated refuse collection system and very little sign of wheelie Bins. Smearing different areas with paint looks like a step towards a complete collapse in standards.

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I was brought around by a resident of the estate who spoke her very legitimate concerns, while she didn't blame students for the graffitti she did say that there was a lot they could do about it.

One resident in Elm Park was an elderly lady who was scrubbing paint off the side of her house with a wire bruch and water. I mean there was this elderly lady out on a frezing cold day scrubbing paint of a wall, when he was surrounded by young people, it was embarrassing. Even worse still she didn't want a photo taked for fear of recriminations. I mean what's the story?

I met another elderly resident who was collecting rubbish from around her road. She was adisgusted with the rubbish which in this instance was coming from rubbish left opn on the front lawn of a house. The lady was doing what she could to keep her road tidy but I mean if students had left rubbish lying ariound their garden what hope has she? I mean in a lot of cases the problem lies with the accomadation. In this day and age a proper refuse system is essential, however it doesn't exist in Elmpark.

# REFERENDUM

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### New Voting Procedures

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days

The SU executive has had many discussions about this referendum. It is felt that every step should be taken to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to vote. The long term aim is to introduce a form of voting using computer terminals, but for the moment the solution is simpler.

The polling booths will be open for two days (27th and 28th of March). On Wednesday the booths will be situated in the reception area of the Schrodinger building and on Thursday the usual position in the Canteen will be the location. The polling Booths will be open from 10am-7pm on each day.

**This is a huge issue for the  
students of UL so please take  
the opportunity to vote.**

Bring your UL ID card on the day  
you vote !!!

### President's Letter

Dear student,

*You are being asked to approve in a referendum a capitation fee of £30 to help provide a new Student Centre. The vibrant way in which students have fostered and promoted the growth of clubs, societies and other worthy activities is testament to the forward thinking nature of UL. I believe that a New Student Centre is the logical step forward and this project has my full support.*

**Edward Walsh  
President**

### Brians Comment

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As a union we have a responsibility to our future members just as we have a debt to past ones. Just think for a moment and realise that you wouldn't even be reading this had the union not decided to set up a paper a few years ago. There would be no financial aid for impoverished students, even no Rag Week.

The aims that the Students' Union constitution set out include the following:

To represent its members on matters affecting their interests as students of this University

To promote unity and encourage communication amongst its members

To seek the facilities required by, and advantageous to its members, or where appropriate to provide these services

To provide and manage viable and quality social, recreational and commercial services for members

This is why I believe the Student Centre to be a great opportunity and why I will be voting yes. This is also why it is being put to a referendum so that you can express your opinion. Its up to you.

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## The Referendum Motion

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# GENERAL MEETING

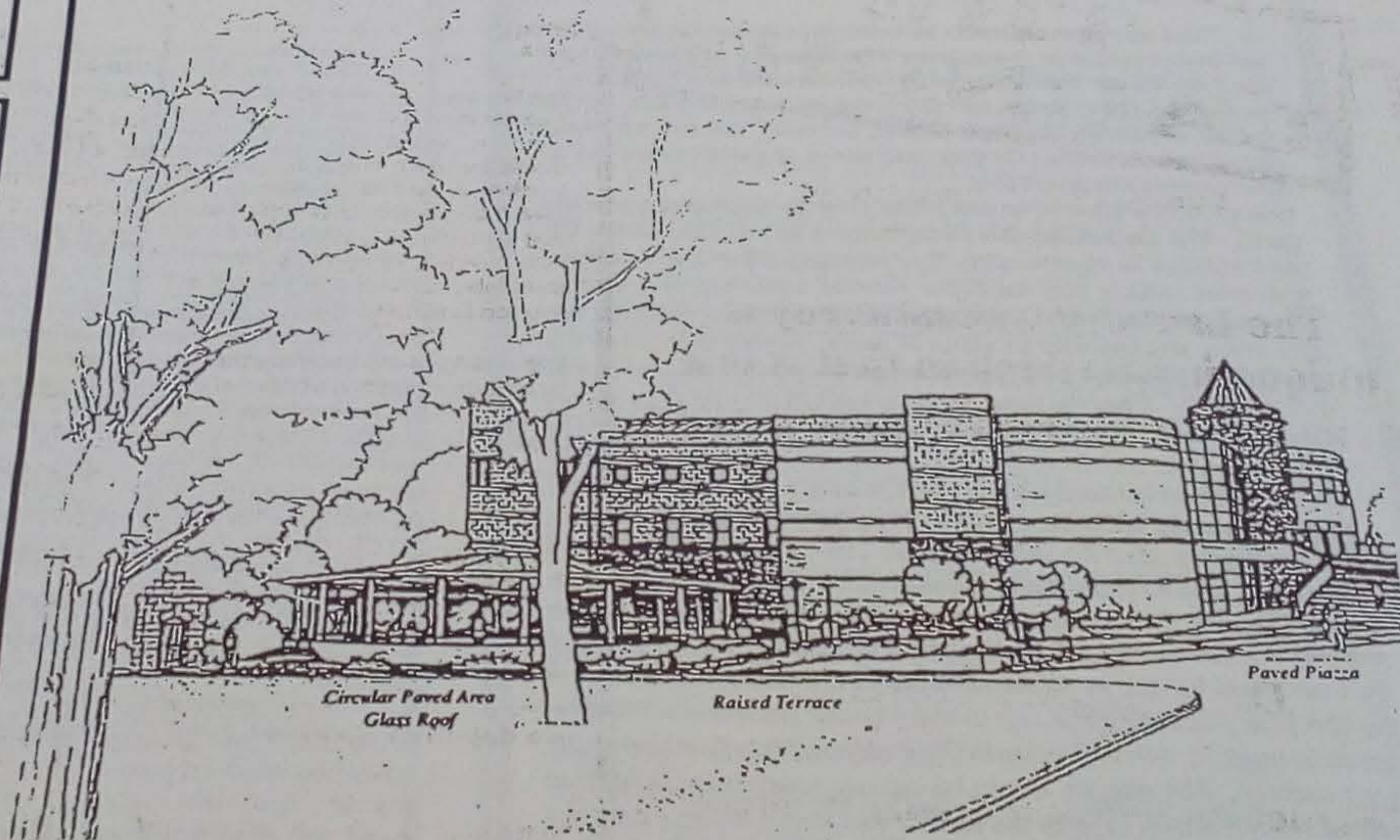
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rate general meetings of the Students Union it was perhaps all too inevitable that the typical UL student populace should return to form in the manner in which they did on Monday night. In essence they stayed away in their droves. Where only a matter of months before there was serious difficulty in finding a square inch to sit it was tragic to see such a poor attendance. Admittedly there were the odd contributory factors of poor weather, little or no publicity compared to previous meetings and an absence of a rallying cause to stir the masses, but it was still desperately disappointing to see a return to previous years.

Nevertheless the meeting got underway as a representative of UCC Students Union had made the effort to come up to Limerick to give a presentation on the Student Centre which had recently been built with student capitation funding. The project envisages a similar one to that of UCC which houses its own Coffee shop, selection of retail and travel outlets, a large bar and a recreation come events gig/theatre with adjacent bar facilities. The proposed student centre itself would be wholly run by the Students Union with all proceeds going back in to the centre for future development. there would also be special facilities for University Clubs and Societies such as storage lockers, meeting rooms and the like and perhaps even a purpose built radio studio such as the one on the UCC campus.

The purpose of such a Student Centre is to help accommodate the huge increase in the student population which

is the perennial chestnut of funding. The solution to this problem was found in Cork by adding extra capitation funding required from each student. What is proposed in UL's case is an extra £30 being paid by students for the next number of years to finance the project. The University authorities have stated that if the student body was prepared to half finance the project, then they would put up the other 50% or £3,000,000.

One sticking point which may become an issue is the £30 which many may feel is an unwarranted cost for which they will receive no extra additional benefit as the completion date is set for 1989. But this is a blinkered and extremely selfish view of things. As the UCC rep commented, it's basically the price of a good night out and will benefit generations of students in the future and their alumni if they wish to avail of their services. It was proposed that a referendum be held on this issue in the next few weeks and hopefully it will receive the support it deserves, unless of course people would prefer recurrences of the horror that was Christmas Day in the Stables.

Another issue which was raised by Lorna Kerrin the Welfare Officer is the situation facing the Medical Centre in the college. It came to light that the main doctor has resigned on several occasions in protest at the ridiculous restraints being placed upon their service. The centre which was designed for a population of 2,000 not 8,000 is woefully inadequate and the people working there are under extreme levels of stress

make some kind of demonstration in the form of a Bloody Bandage Brigade which would picket Ed Walsh's office and highlight the serious need for proper funding and space for an adequate clinic.

One major problem which has very serious implications for the SU elections is the issue of our Constitution which comprises of two parts and is badly in need of clarification in order to allow ambiguities in it to be corrected. In addition the referendum which is being proposed to sort clear up this problem will also allow the Sabbatical elections to take place in Week 11 as any other date is at present, unsuitable and a change in date requires a change in our constitution.

But ultimately nothing concrete could be adequately decided upon due to the fact that UL students didn't bother as per usual to turn up. I've been accused of labelling UL students as being incredibly ap..... so instead I'll say UL students are listless, uncaring, nonchalant, dispassionate ..... fill in the gaps yourself. It's up to individuals to turn up and vote. People seem to forget that. Nothing happens on its own or in a vacuum and nothing happens if no one cares which is the usual truism of the Student body as a whole. Again. Its strange what a bit of lobbying and voting did for repeats. Isn't it curious that we can't or won't follow up on that? Or is it just bloody typical?

P.F.



## A SORT OF POLITICAL COLUMN PEE CON DEE

There are voices out there - as anonymous as me - suggesting that I've been negative in this column, or at least not as optimistic as I could be. All me to address that; I am not a pessimist, I write what I see and feel, I raise issues, and give credit where credit is due. To that end U.L. is possibly the finest newest, brightest, well laid out, most active Campus, in this Country and would probably kick a lot of asses outside this island too.

First off U.L. is situated on one of the most beautiful grounds in the world. With the swollen Shannon sweeping by and hills circling the sky it couldn't be more relaxing. It is well equipped with a fine restaurant/coffee shop, a hug bar/dinner counter, bookshop with international papers, two banks, a grocery shop, laundrette, Usit Office, student union, and bus stop all within 50 yards - of each other. There is ample room to park a bike, paved footpaths most of the way round, well lit at night. It has the finest out-door track in the country, a superb all weather pitch, flood-lit and a bustling Ents and Socs center; I've never seen more stuff to do during the week in my life, on a Thursday. I find myself torn between a film, a disco, a ceilí, a concert in the world-class concert hall and a chance to watch a match on the telly.

The city itself is ideal for student travel; Limerick is two hours from everything. And it is surrounded in history; The Treaty Stone is here, Bunratty just up the road, Ballygarry, with its fairy fort just down the road, and of course beautiful Adare just a wee bit further. You can get the Irish Times for 55p as opposed to 85p at the bookstore, and, from the four plus places to get a cup of tea, you can get the most diverse choice of scones; soft and warm in the Paddock, crunchier and stiffer in the canteen. The Allegro, not to be out done, serves up a bowl of soup you could drown in, with the best brown bread for less than the price of a burger-meal at 'Supermacs'.

Sure they should turn in their styrofoam for paper cups and lids-to-go but maybe that's just the 'pun-can' in me. The city itself boasts at least four coffee shops to chose from, one of which is open till 4 a.m. And you can feel like your in the Latin Quarter in the '20's except its Limerick and the people are hipper.

Kilmurry Village is the newest and best facilitated campus housing in the Free State and Plassey is no small second. The wide array of students from Europe and the U.S. is one obvious way to measure the attraction of this well organised diverse university; where else in Europe can you find Equestrian studies offered? I don't think so.

Sure some things could be bigger - dining space, chill-out space, the library, but we're working on that. Some things could be closer but the walk for messages will do you good.

So all this talk about negativity and lack of optimism is moot; I love it here and will for the next however long. In the end its what you make of it that counts.

A last note: can't we make bread to fit the toaster??  
This is not a paid endorsement of the College!!!

## THE LEFT HANDED CAMPAIGN - THE FIGHT GOES ON

achieve grades comparable to our colleagues.

It doesn't stop at desks however. Indeed this college is rife with traps for ctogs. The toilet roll dispensers in the toilets are invariably on the right hand side as are the levers for flushing the toilet and given the narrow confines of most of our loos one can appreciate how potentially messy an undertaking it could be for a left handed person if we didn't adopt some sort of gymnastic procedure every time we visited the facilities in question.

Not being able to write all the way to the margin in a refill pad (the spine gets in the way of the left hand, try it and see) means that we are confined to using less than the full page for note taking with the result that our stationery costs are above that of the right handers.

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ments which a right handed person takes for granted but which cause immense difficulty for your average left hander. There are so many instances throughout the day in which a left handed person is forced to struggle to come to grips in some way or other with something thoughtlessly designed by an engineer who didn't give a damn. Unfortunately the attitude of the above engineer is all too common in U.L. today and needs

The struggle for equality has been one which has manifested itself in various guises throughout history. We have the age old pleas for recognition from the Blacks in South Africa to the suffragette movement in Britain, among others. Both groups of people suffered much at the hands of an apathetic society which thrived on selfishness and pursuit of material comforts.

It is unfortunate today then that in our so called modern society we find the ugly head of discrimination rear up again. Not to put too fine a point on it, if you're left handed in this college it's as if you were born with a serious physical a handicap. The powers that be simply don't want to know of the strife that about one thousand students go through every day in U.L. in an attempt to study on an equal footing with their right handed counterparts.

We must transform ourselves into veritable contortionists in order to use many of the desks on campus (you know, the kind that slip up from the right hand side of the chairs in places like the Jean Monnet). The severe discomfort resulting from such a position ensures that we can't possibly take notes as easily, as quickly or as accurately as those writing with their right hands. The result I feel is that left handed students have to work much harder in order to

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to be countered. People need to be made aware of the strife which their left handed counterparts are experiencing.

Thus we have founded the LEFT HANDED SOCIETY of U.L. with a view to heightening awareness of the plight of the left handers the college. We hope to be able to get some changes made to ease the passage of the left handed student through this fine centre of learning. To date interest and support has been promising and we are working on ways to highlight our case and have it recognised by the public at large.

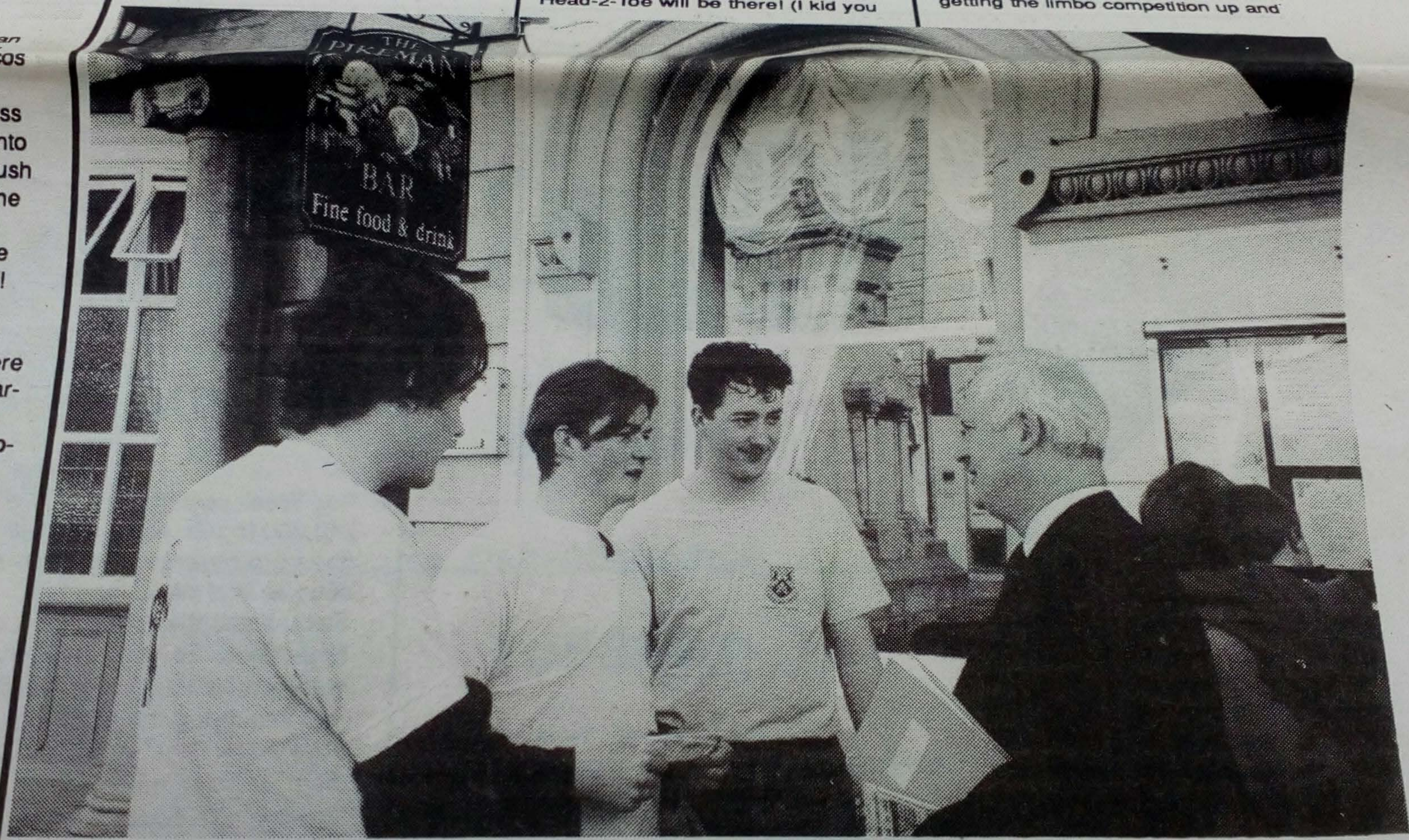
We are setting up a stand in the canteen on Thursday of week 6 and hope that all left handers in the college will come along and sign up in support of our societies efforts. Anyone interested in helping out with the stand should come to a meeting at the clubs and societies notice boards in the canteen at 1p.m. on Tuesday of week 6. We also have a society meeting in C1 - O59 at 6p.m. next Thursday evening where we need to get volunteers to help running some Rag Week events to publicise our existence.

Everyone is urged to support the society in it's inaugural few weeks as it is only with support that anything can really be achieved. We have the support of the Student's Union in our cause and so the moment is opportune for action. Join us in the fight for equality for in our modern society no one should feel left out!!!

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getting the limbo competition up and



**Great Race Competitors last year meeting John Bruton**

## INCEST IS BEST

*Post-mortem*

*I close my eyes and start again  
I stare within where night begins  
If I am dead what can I show  
If I was blind how could I know*

*Exactly what this meant to me  
Exactly what I could not be  
Or see inside this mind of you  
A love which I believed not knew*

*I need help but from who  
I cannot think I cannot chose  
I cannot live I cannot lie  
I don't believe I want to die*

*To make this change you must admit  
Our lives are one they'll stay that way  
Until you shout each day go away  
And not I think you say I'm shit*

*I never thought the day I said  
That we were wrought from the same bed  
That we are twins I still believe  
You do too am I deceived*

*But you're aggrieved that I am near  
You're too close to me I always hear  
It's not my fault it was foretold  
I AM LEAD AND YOU ARE GOLD*

*Our parent knew we're named the same  
Our horoscopes have planned the game  
But you have said I never should  
Have forced the game and then drew blood*

*But now you're gone left me to cry  
Vacuum of my heart you've sucked it dry  
But vacuum's wrong for that means nought  
You've dug a hole where love has fought  
With desire to forget the food  
That satisfied yet let to starve*

*But now you're gone and I've devised  
A method here to lobotomise  
You're cancer from my mind  
And start again leave you behind  
And stare without I'll start to carve  
A niche for happiness where I should*

*For you are gone  
So why should I be good  
So why should I be good  
Now that I feel so good*

AZARD

# Student Personal Development - are we doing enough?

## Mark Dowling

We are continually lectured by the media, the employers groups and by educationalists that there is a need for people with a flexible attitude, good communication skills, ability to work in a team and willingness to travel and absorb new ideas. However, good UL's record on placing students - large as products of a factory-like, pressure-driven system which produces graduates who are limited in terms of the qualities described above, notwithstanding their technical knowledge or academic achievements.

The answer? Greater involvement in clubs and societies is one answer, and an avenue which multi-national corporations such as Proctor and Gamble take quite seriously. The students union contributes about £70,000 annually, with the Stables contributing another 4-5,000, the University giving administrative and/or financial help via the Sports or Arts Offices and companies such as the campus banks, bookshop and the drinks companies all giving substantial sums. But it tends to be a very small community that runs each society or club, despite large numbers of members signing up each term. A charge continually levelled at large societies such as Debating, or clubs such as GAA or Soccer, is that "not enough is done for the 'ordinary member'". To an extent, this is true, but this is not a situation completely of the making of these organisations. Sponsorship tends to be "event-driven" while events such as practice games or workshop tend not to be very publicity-suitable in comparison.

How do we improve involvement? The annual "days" for clubs and societies, the articles in An Focal and so forth are necessary and worthwhile, but it's time those who have an interest in such things make it known. So far this year, the Debating Union has welcomed President Ed Walsh, Dr. Ken Wylie and Mr. Paul McCutcheon to debates in 1995/6 and several members of staff are involved with other societies and clubs, but perhaps a co-ordinated approach to "student personal development" needs to be adopted, with participation from the University, the Union, large corporate donors, the Clubs and Societies and any other interested parties.

The purpose should be to develop a

strategy encompassing what students should be getting from student organisations, how to increase total student participation, setting standards for society and club administration, discussion of where funding priorities should be set, information distribution systems (posters, electronic mail and so on) and so on. The dependence on alcohol companies lamented by Pee Con Dee in An Focal recently is merely a case of clubs and socs appealing to an effective common denominator - our attempt to pull in members and get them participating needs to be matched by the staff, University hierarchy and employers making it clear that sensible involvement in student organisations such these or class reps. or student journalism is no liability, as some might see it at present.

The need for more students to get involved with the Union and particularly a wider spread of people representing the Union at the University's committees and boards. The experience of those in Science and Engineering who are still laughing at the "students will not be disadvantaged" assertion in the semesterisation bull(etin) are finding that their Departments and Faculties did not fully appreciate the difficulties faced by the bridging studies groups, and perhaps with this in mind it is time that Faculty Convenors were elected from each to represent their fellow scientists, engineers and so on - an approach which the teaching students have long been accustomed to yet science and engineering students feel that the normal student union structures are driven by business and law students, rightly or wrongly. This is a feature of colleges such as UCD and there is no reason why it could not work here. Not only will this increase participation but will open up channels that these faculties have not really benefited from sufficiently.

When people begin to be persuaded that being a decent club secretary, society treasurer or participant on a University committee has relevance and advantage in future careers, then perhaps it will not be necessary for these organisations to involve serious drinking ..... just "drinking seriously"?

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# ELM PARK

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inhabitants of the estate. I mean what's the point in picking up rubbish from the road if the estate is a dump anyway?

The situation in Elmpark is beyond its limit action has to be taken. However that action must realistically come from students. A community crew was set up last week

and for a few hours a group of people collected rubbish etc around Elmpark. Residents were delighted and joined in. This must be built on, local businesses are willing to sponsor a community crew. All it takes is a few evening's work in different estates with hoses, paints and refuse bags. There will be discussion on this at the General Meeting on Monday night, hopefully there will be a positive response.

## Nightmare on Elm Park!

Last Week a resident of Elm Park and her three year old daughter came to the Union in a state of despair or was despair of the state, the state of Elm Park. The night before a group of "mad lads" had decided to decorate the walls, grounds and signs of Elm Park with words such as "Virgin" and "Asshole" huh..huh! cool man! I know what Virgin means! I mean how do I become part of this gang buy a dictionary of slang and a bucket of paint?! Think of the people who wrote this graffiti, bragging to their mates..."It was mad man I got the paint and the paint brush right? and then I painted the words VIRGIN all over the wall..mad what?". It was incredible I mean it would have made sense if some political message had been scrawled but no, there on a dirty overgrown wall was the word Virgin as if written by some moranic perv with a fascination for "writin' dirt-

elderly woman's house. This woman was afraid to let me take a photo of her the next day with suds and wire brush in hand for fear of recriminations. I mean these guys might come back and write something worse like STUPID ASSHOLE huh huh cool! I mean lads lets look at it, lets look at all the wild stories you'll have when your older looking back at your mad youth, you'll be able to say that you were part of that infamous gang who wrote dirty words on dirty walls lads I wanna be in your gang. Do I have to pass a literacy test! Do I have to get turned on writing dirty words or is it that I have to be a Virgin. So Virgins why don't you get a life you know, like chill out abit have a few beers relax. I mean what's the point in these pathetic acts, if you're frustrated with your Virgin status don't worry it's a common enough trait you're not a lone. So to the Virgin(s) in question all I can say is to hang on in there and try to express your problems through the proper channels e.g Helplines etc



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## "TRAINSPOTTING"

"TRAINSPOTTING" the new movie from the 'Makers of Shallow Grave' arrived in theatres last week. The only other thing these two movies have in common is Ewan McGregor, the similarity stops there. Set in inner city Edinburgh in Scotland it is the surreal tale of five close friends destructively addicted to heroin (smack). The story is told through the narration of Mr. McGregor's character Mark. As the movie opens Mark is listing the 'mod cons' of middle-class life and as an indoor game of soccer is played we are introduced to his cohorts. With names like Sick-boy, Spuds - possibly the most unintelligible character on film since Daniel-Day Lewis in the early part of My Left Foot - Begbie and plain old Tommy this isn't your usual cast of one dimensionals.

have sex with what seems to be a self-assured woman whose been around the block but what in effect turns out to be an underage schoolgirl. The next morning, still unaware, he asks her parents if they are her flat-mates. We witness his deranged friend Spuds get so messed up as to have a nasty little bowel problem while staying over his girlfriends house; the fight over who will clean the sheets the next morning between him and her mom at the dinner table and its results also are almost too sickening to watch. The sad pathetic lives that are drawn here though are meant to be just that; heroin is a filthy merciless drug that eats at all the senses and any humour - either meant or no - is easy to miss in such a despondent portrayal. Trainspotting is not without its comment

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Vandalised sign in Elm park

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and for a few hours a group of people collected rubbish etc around Elm Park. Residents were delighted and pleased. This is a built-up area with a community centre. All it takes is a few volunteers work in different areas with hoses, paint and face bags. There will be discussion on this at the General Meeting on Monday night, hopefully there will be a positive response.

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Rubbish screwn across the street

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