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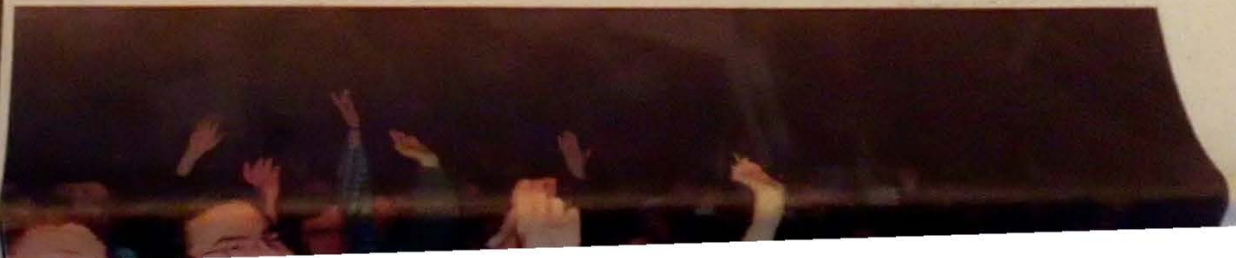
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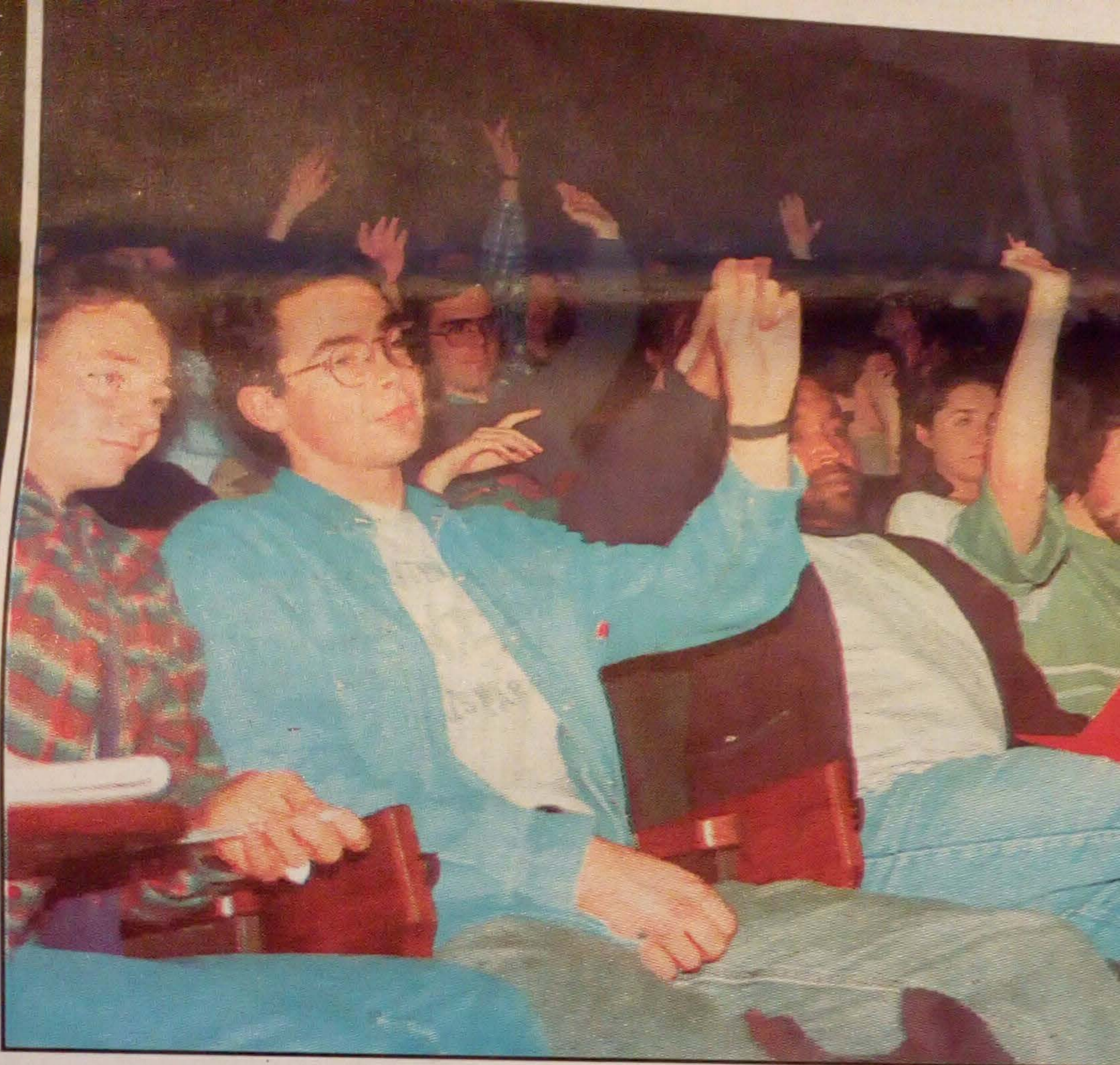
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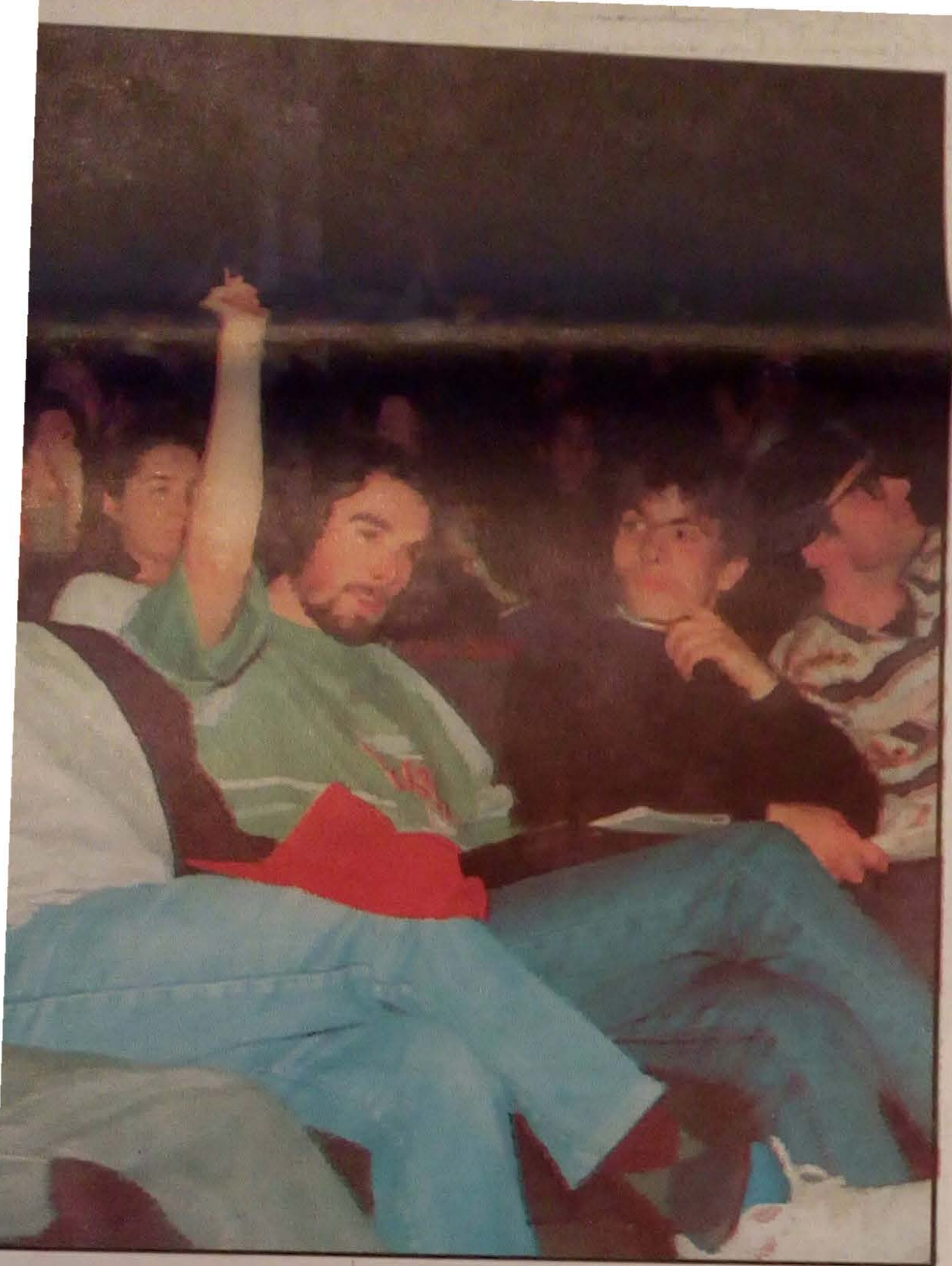
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Editorial

Well here we are, week 6 for some depending when you read this fortnightly edition when writing this it's days away from one of the important events I've seen in my four years in U.L. You may know it, the referendum. During the four years I spent here I have had some of the best times of my life. I learned a lot, I learned a lot more through the non-academic side of things as to be expected in University, one thing I learned that disgusted me was the lack of attention to students that the system paid - the system being U.L. another thing that scared me was the lack of attention students paid to what was happening to them. When I say them I mean myself also, I was in a University that had a academic way of life that damaged students. People talked of students stealing books or tearing out pages of scarce library books or refusing to give lecture notes to those in their class who needed them, students were looking after themselves. I thought about it but couldn't criticise it, students were in a catch 22 situation. A stressful academic life pressurised them to only have time for no.1, to change this students had to stand up and say something but the system refused this. The system that marks everyone on the standard of their classmates has no mercy for the individual who stands up and says hold on a minute. I couldn't criticise people in my class cos they were great people they couldn't do anything because there wasn't momentum, there was no motivation and so they graduated, as did I, as another class adding to the countless others that went before them who didn't do anything. Let them mark the end of the old U.L. and let this referendum mark the beginning of the new U.L. a university that has students as it's essence, a university where students look out for each other, a University that is made listen and respect the views of the people around which the system is based : the students. For years we have been the only University in the country, without a proper repeats structure, without a fair repeat structure, without out a repeat structure that students could trust. This, fair enough, is because certain people within the University hierarchy hold the view that the current system is the one they want and should stay regardless of what ever moanings students have, but the fault lies not just in them but in the students that have passed through this University and that are still in it. Students who have been content to blame the hierarchy and leave it at that. It is time to change, the momentum that was once non-existent is already here, it can be seen in an AGM that was packed with students voting to take action now on repeats, a Debate in which one of the speakers, Ed Walsh (U.L. President) was told in no uncertain terms that U.L. students are sick of being ignored, a class reps council that's growing with the interest in this momentum for action on repeats. Push this momentum, bring repeats in for once and for all, be a part of a new era of Student involvement in the University, be part of the year that brought Repeats in to U.L. get involved, support each other, tell others of whats happening. Regardless of whether you feel that you will be affected by the current situation of repeats, look out for others who will, lets demand a repeat structure, lets be part of the biggest referendum turnout in U.L.S.U. history and put the repeats baby to bed.

Thanks for listening to my rantings,
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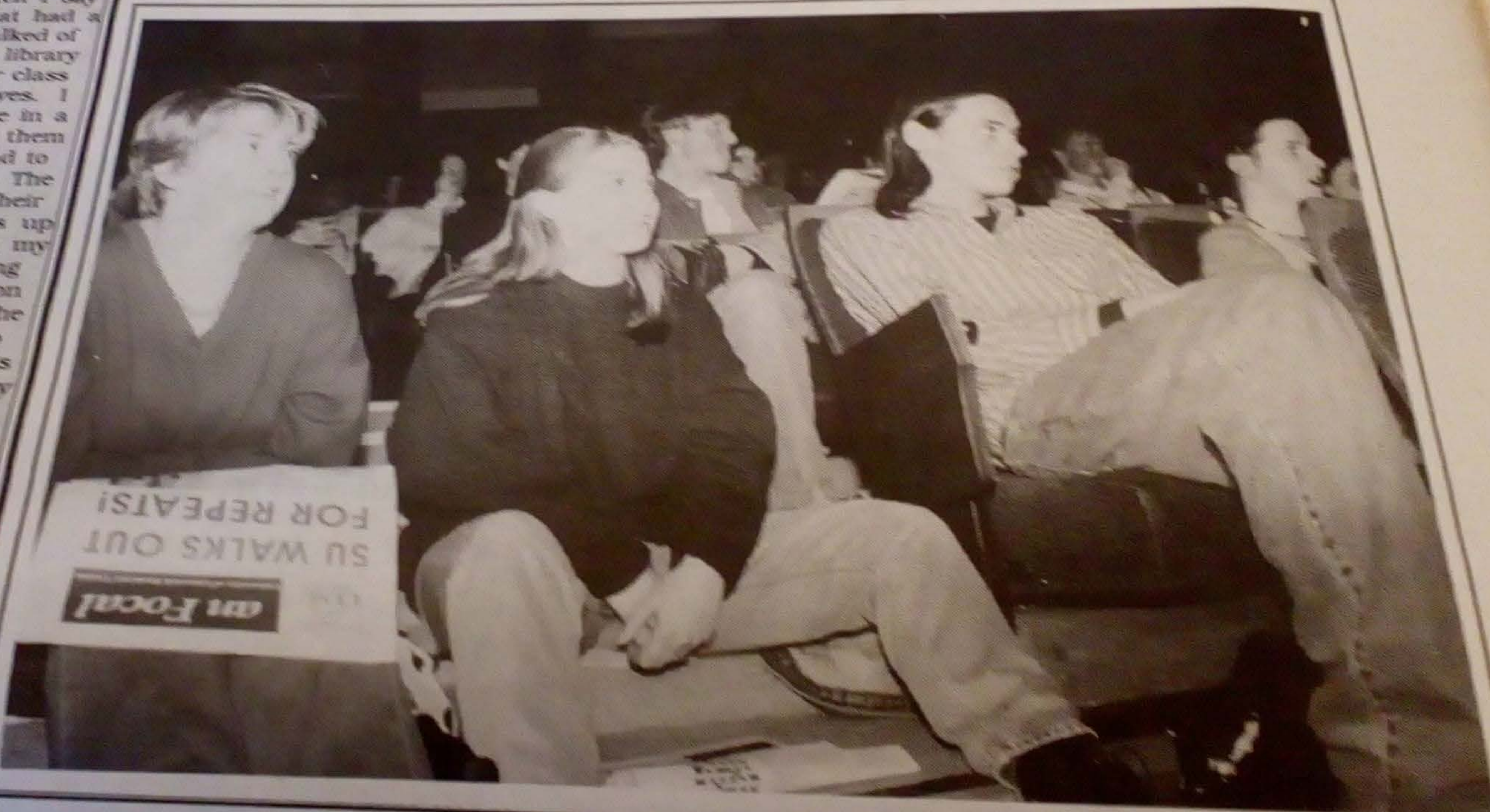
Thank you Mary Immaculate Students' Union

Any Students' Union campaign depends on solidarity. The current repeats issue is a case in point. It is with sincere gratitude that ULSU would like to thank MICSU for organising a petition to express solidarity with our

members. Based on a meeting between the three sabbatical officers and the Mary I executive it was agreed that a petition would be circulated on the city campus. It is hoped that this can be seen as a start of structured

cooperation between the respective unions. It must be stated that ULSU is keen to reciprocate this show of support. Thanks to those who signed.

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Class Reps Council and Repeats

At the meeting of Class reps. last week the issues of repeats were not surprisingly the order of the day. Approaches to the forthcoming referendum were discussed and issues such as publicity around the repeats campaign were organised. The council ratified the final wording of the referendum. At the meeting a new Class reps

chairperson was elected after two candidates went for the position. **Keith Piggott** was elected chairperson. **Ronnie Neville** was elected minuting secretary. Other issues discussed were the forthcoming Business faculty board were points were raised by the Business reps.

The support shown was invaluable, as class reps council is the most important forum after the general meeting. If the union is to achieve results this year a dynamic council is essential. From the unanimous vote it is clear that Keith Piggott is seen as an excellent choice for Chairperson.

It's Up To You

It is commonly thought that Student activism is dead and that apathy is rife. "What's in it for me?" is the cliché most often used. Yet where are these sentiments derived from? Students are blamed for this attitude and yet over the last few weeks the Union has received an overwhelming positive response from those we've talked to. Concern is there. What's more is that this concern was fuelled by genuine altruism. So does it run deeper than this? Talk of apathy is only half the problem. More sinister is the way the "me society" has permeated through the social fabric. Galbraith, in a recent article, highlighted the way society's values are now driven by self-advancement. This was illustrated most succinctly by the current belief that a National Health Service and welfare payments are "burdens" on society. Compassion is now a word that carries a wince-inducing stigma. Why?

The why is the core of the problem. In a free market driven economy forces are unleashed that have little to do with compassion. The laughable fact is that few realise that those in power apply

this to the wider world of politics. Checks and balances are for wimps. If you can't get ahead you're gently pushed to the shelves marked "survival" and "fittest".

Is this more esoteric nonsense. Well, apply these facts to your own University. You are currently studying in an institution which your President feels should be privatised and responsive to market forces. A University which has as its aim to cater for the "demands of the workplace." To respond to industry is the management mantra.

The "me society" is the method; Students as product is the result. There are many staff members who do their best to buck this trend, encouraging students to think for themselves and make their own judgements. Yet when faced with a management style that has little regard for procedures never mind self-expression, (Market forces dear boy) they themselves are under extreme pressure.

The exasperating response is that UL is but a microcosm of the wider world. The "me society" is

all-encompassing the powers will squeal.

While it is true that society is a very sick animal is that an excuse to swallow the poison. A University is about learning, not moulding. It is also one of the most privileged places to be. Why has UL bought into the "me-society"? Are we seriously trying to create an elite built on neo-liberal individualism - a value system so moribund it defies rational argument.

The issue of repeats is only the start. This is a step towards fairness, it is about realising the needs of the student (I am loathe to use the word *customer*). It is also about checking the stampede towards "the marketplace". What is so bad about students getting a second chance? Has the "me-society" driven University authorities to bypassing the fact that the fear of failure is the bane of every student. Is this fear used to motivate? As a selling point to industry? As a symbol of success?...

Make your opinion known and vote YES on Tuesday. It's up to you.

Brian Synnott

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Referendum

The Repeats Problem Explained

The current system of repeats is fundamentally flawed. It is not based on any principles that take into account the realities of a **just** Student Progression Policy (Repeats). In 1993 the Students' Union was represented on a committee which drafted a report on the Student Progression Policy (SPP). Although there were many compromises made the SU's bottom line was accepted, namely that repeats should be introduced at the end of each academic year. What was so important was that the 1993 committee set out as its criteria that any system should:

Protect academic standards
Be inherently reasonable
Be fair
Be consistent
Be equitable
Be durable
Be Efficient

From the following comparison it is obvious that the current system does not conform to any of these headings. It is a return to the problem of "who you know and not what you know" in order to progress.

Previous Vs Current System

1. Protect academic standards
The previous SPP **upholds academic standards** as it allows the student to repeat a maximum of 6 grades (if less than a C) in the Autumn of each academic year thus allowing them the greater opportunity to start the following year with a clean slate.
The current SPP **undermines academic standards** by allowing students to progress from 2nd to 3rd year and from 3rd to 4th year with a QCA of 1.75. By not giving these students a chance to repeat weak students who are already having difficulties are expected to clear deficient grades the following year on top of their existing course load.
2. Be inherently reasonable
The previous SPP **is reasonable** as students are given a second chance each year while discouraging "playing the system" by capping grades at C.
The current SPP **is unreasonable** as it allows students to progress on 1.75 while the graduating mark is still 2.00.
3. Be fair
The previous SPP **is of its essence fair** as it conformed to the criteria set out above. It is fair to students, staff and eliminates any discretionary element.
The current SPP **is unfair** in that students are not treated the same. If a 1st year class and 2nd year class are doing the same module only the 1st years have access to repeats.
4. Be consistent
The previous SPP **is consistent** as the policy was uniform. There is no distinction between individual cases.
The current SPP **is wholly inconsistent** because different classes doing the same module are not treated in the same way. More worryingly it has come to light that over the summer some students received repeats although it was against the regulations. While this is fortunate for the students involved it is discriminatory.
5. Be equitable
The previous SPP **allows all students in similar situations to be treated equally**- each having access to repeats with no minimum QCA required.
The current SPP **is inequitable** as it allows a discretionary element and is a return to the problem of grade massaging.
6. Be durable
The previous SPP **is durable** as there is no ambiguity. The only problems which arose were due to the change to a semester system.
The current SPP **is open to legal questioning** because of the fact that certain students are discriminated against. This is because the unwieldy nature of the system means that the regulations are being constantly flouted.
7. Be efficient
The previous SPP **is efficient** because it was based on extensive consultation and strict criteria.
The current SPP **is inefficient** because it is difficult to administer, incomprehensible to students, and riddled with inconsistencies.

The view of the students' Union is that in order to have a workable and fair system there are criteria that go before any of the above. In other words the system has to be accepted by the people that have to go through it, i.e. the students. Before any decisions were made on any repeat structure a basic question should have been asked- are the students satisfied with it? do they trust it? do they want a different system?... **this referendum will answer this question.**

SU AGM

Last week at the Students Union AGM the unthinkable happened. At 6pm Monday of Week 5 in the Jean Monnet Theatre well over 500 people streamed into the hall and swamped every available square inch of space to witness history in the making. For the first time in over four years the Student Union acquired the quorate required to give them

the mandate to take proper action on behalf of the student body. The enormity of what has just passed should not go unnoticed. This is the first time in the memory of many current under grads and even some post grads that such a display of support for the SU has been forthcoming.

For the past number of SU AGM's, the SU has been unable

to put anything to an official vote due primarily to poor attendance's at these meetings. But this year, rather than having problems filling seats, most people had a problem finding an unoccupied step, floor or wall to sit or lean on. And as Brian Synnott commented it brings home the strength of student feeling over the past year and longer.

People are now realising that the present repeat structure is unworkable and are finally voting with their feet in attending the AGM. This is all the more surprising when you consider the poor response the SU has generally encountered from UL's renowned indifferent student body.

The principal item on the agenda concerned repeats and a motion calling for a referendum to be held on the issue of repeats was passed unanimously. "This," said Duncan O'Toole (CEO) "will send a real message to the university tonight."

On the issue of Teaching Practice (TP) for education students, Declan Quinn, the newly appointed Education Officer highlighted the situation regarding unpaid TP and outlined some of the costs involved for such students. Although Education students go on two sessions of TP they get nothing to support themselves to pay for their teaching materials, travel expenses or accommodation in stark contrast to the rest of students who get paid in some form while on Co-Op. He also stated that a improved system of tutor assessment, grading and fair tutors was badly needed and indicated that a committee consisting of each class will be set up in the near future.

Several other motions were put to the house including the introduction of a Mini-bus service to be run by students to cater for people left to walk

home late at night, drunk or incapacitated students and such like.

But the presentation of the SU's company accounts gave the most startling results of all. After loosing or incurring an almost £220,000 debt up until last year with extreme losses in nearly every aspect of the company's business, Mat Hamilton, last years president presented what could only be described as a miracle. In the space of one year, last years SU along with Gerry Barry the general manager have orchestrated what would in the world of business be deemed impossible. The SU actually made a Profit & Loss Surplus of £20,000. The complete turnaround did seem to be lost on a lot of people present who were not aware of the dire financial situation which ULSU faced last year. While there still remains a considerable debt to be paid off, the fact that operating profits have returned have if nothing else, guaranteed the survival of the Students Union. It also appears that not enough credit has been given for these amazing results and in fairness if it were not for last years officers then this article and indeed this newspaper would simply not exist. The SU and the Students owe them a debt of gratitude that should not be passed up in the current fervour concerning this years issues.

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Fees, "Justice" and the American University.

With a nod and his famous winning smile, Dr. Ed Walsh took to the podium before UL's debating society last Wednesday night. A seasoned campaigner, he had in his day fended off the toughest questions the most bitter arguments but nothing in his wildest dreams could have prepared him for the onslaught he was facing this evening.

Only days after the students vowed to fight the college for repeats, Dr. Walsh was to deliver his paper entitled "A University of the Future." Replying to the paper were Brian Synnott (SU President), Prof. Ken Wylie (Dept. of Mech. Eng.) and John Connolly (The Irish Times). All three were sceptical of Sr. Walsh's Utopian vision of UL in the future as indeed were all present in the room.

The good doctor began with a history of the university system, its ideals and aims, and how they have changed to suit society's need. His vision of an ideal university was one which should prepare people for life. He talked about the inverted triangle, i.e. that people needed deep knowledge in a certain area, but a broad base in many other areas. He called for an amalgamation of the Arts & Sciences, appealed for a world-wide multi-university structure: he cried out for balance between academics and extra-curricular activities. Finally, caught up in the moment he pleaded for the privatisation of the University system so that UL could compete with the great American universities.

It was a superb speech, spoken by an experienced speaker but too many people present had seen the difference between the ideal and the real.

Brian Synnott stood up to reply and his opening remarks summed

up the whole debate. He said that UL is a triumph of style over substance. Stating that he was speaking in his official capacity he felt that he had to reflect the views of the students. It was also apparent that the views were widely accepted. Criticising the private business ethos that pervaded in the university he ridiculed the notion that UL is comparable to a "Leafy New England college overlooking the Shannon" as stated in a recent article. He went on: "overlooking the Shannon, overlooking the poor Library, the overcrowding, the lack of a proper repeats system, it had the appearance of a US college. But appearances aren't everything. Focusing on the word education he hypothesised that it actually meant 'Ed you catch on'. Unfortunately, said Brian he had: "External PR drives this college" Prof. Ken Wylie concentrated his speech on social injustice and how class decides many of the university places. He argued that radical measures would be required to even out the growing education gap. One very practical suggestion was that UL should maintain a physical presence in areas such as Southill where barely half the students even do the Leaving Cert. The argument put to Prof. Wylie from Dr. Walsh was that there was little the University could do until the government changed their ethos on primary and secondary education. Dr. Walsh, however, ensured Prof. Wylie that the University would be more than willing to participate in such programmes.

John Connolly, an Irish Times journalist and long time follower of Ed Walsh's work, stood up to

expose the inaccuracies in Dr. Walsh's speech. He referred to the paper as "Ed Lire" saying it wasn't as radical as Dr. Walsh's usual speeches. He asked why in God's name would anyone want to follow the American university system as it produces atrociously bad graduates. He discussed arts and quoted from an old speech of Dr. Walsh's which basically said that a liberal arts degree has a narrow academic base and offers the students little for life. "Science is the driving force for today" were words Dr. Walsh had used.

At this stage the debate was thrown open to the floor. Many questions were raised: Why are the US universities so great when they are elitist and students must pay huge fees? Why has Mary I. been so cut off from UL? When are we getting a new library? How can people achieve a balance between study and other activities when the UL system puts them under so much pressure? etc.

In truth, Dr. Walsh's speech raised many more questions than it answered.

We all deserve a second chance

Referendums on second chances seem to be in the Air at the moment whilst this Tuesday see's our very own referendum on repeats where you should all vote YES!!! (Hint Hint)

But two weeks later there is a referendum that effects a hell of alot more people that the 8000 students at UL. That is of course the Divorce Referendum. If we were to pay attention to the Anti-Divorce lobby if you vote yes to the Anti-Divorce Lobby if you vote yes for divorce the following will happen to Irish Society.

- 1 A Divorce Culture will materialise with people taking the easy option to get out of a marriage as soon as it gets rough. This is otherwise known as Liz Taylor Syndrome (where the number of times you get married is a multiple of 4.)
- 2 Children of divorced and separated marriages will be economically, socially and psychologically deprived. And children in "normal families" will be unable to sleep at night because they will feel so threatened by Divorce.
- 3 Irish Society will be consumed by adultery as civil divorce over-rides Catholic Marriages and our divorced mothers and fathers (The adulterers) will be condemned to a life in hell for their sins.
I have four words for these: TOTAL AND UTTER BULLSHIT.

Here's the flip side

- 1 Divorce culture in Ireland will be more likely to mirror our catholic counterparts in Spain and Italy where their divorce rate is lower than our separation rate.
- 2 Families can be just as strong after divorce and separation I should know I'm part of one. It's an insult to any divorced or separated family to tell them they are basically inferior. And as for children being afraid to go to sleep it's more likely that they'll be afraid of the boogie-man.
- 3 We're not all Catholics and for those of us who are some of us have a bit of compassion just because someone falls in love a second time having been divorced does not make them an adulterer and Anti-Divorce campaigners should think alot more about what they say before they bandy about such strong language so freely.
These were just a few points I had to address after sitting in on the Divorce Debate at the Debating Union on Wednesday Night. Divorce is not a marvelous thing that will solve everything. It is however a necessity. There are 80,000 people separated in this country and it's time to legislate for them not ignore them. Divorce is about Common Sense and bringing common sense into Irish Law. Tell Mrs. Bennis, Mr. Binchy, Mr. Hannafin and Co. that we have our own moral conscience and can decide for ourselves.

Please vote YES for Divorce
Piggy.

Barm-brack Rings Forever!

Hallowe'en trick or treat? Would you propose to friends getting married or to your parents, that they swap their gold wedding rings for a cheap disposable barm-brack rings? Would you be in favour of forcing everyone to make the swap? Voting for divorce is to support the swapping of ALL existing -and future-"spouse-for-life marriages" for "current-spouse marriages": (current spouse as in "meet my current husband Burt" or "meet my present wife Jill"). And because a few want to

reason you would choose the "current-spouse marriage" approach would be so that you could be free to change your "current-spouse" to suit your felt-needs? Under no-fault divorce law, you could make this change of spouse without any reference to how high a price the spouse-being-changed will have to pay, or the price the children will have to pay, or for how long they will have to go on paying it; or how much each current-spouse change will

That divorce and "current-spouse marriages" are directly and naturally linked is obvious. If overnight (e.g. on Nov. 24) all existing marriages are transformed into "current-spouse marriages", then we must reasonably expect that in due course the rate of divorce will increase to the levels in the UK and USA where "current-spouse marriages" only are allowed, i.e. a four fold increase at least.

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If it were legally possible to have the choice to enter either of these two types of marriages, surely the only

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reason you would choose the "current-spouse marriage" approach would be so that you could be free to change your "current-spouse" to suit your felt-needs? Under no-fault divorce law, you could make this change of spouse without any reference to how high a price the spouse-being-changed will have to pay, or the price the children will have to pay, or for how long they will have to go on paying it; or how much each current-spouse change will cost the tax-payer. Such a scheme seems rather like a charter for the irresponsible, the deserter, and the unfaithful, and a social engineering programme to produce an increasing number of people of that kind.

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That divorce and "current-spouse marriages" are directly and naturally linked is obvious. If overnight (e.g. on Nov. 24) all existing marriages are transformed into "current-spouse marriages", then we must reasonably expect that in due course the rate of divorce will increase to the levels in the UK and USA where "current-spouse marriages" only are allowed, i.e. a four fold increase at least.

Legalising divorce, with all its ill effects, is not so much a Hallowe'en nightmare as the reality of Lord Campbell's "frightening monster" coming into existence in Ireland. I'm for letting Ministers Taylor, Noonan et al. keep their disposable barm-brack rings.

Dr. Mairtin O'Droma,
ECE Dept.

Rights for Lefties

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Apology....Apology...Apology..

An Focal Newspaper wishes to apologise to the staff of Campbell Catering interviewed in the last edition of An Focal. It may have been misconstrued from reading the article that certain quotes given were actually to be attributed to the ladies in question. For this reason we feel it necessary to retract anything that may have implied this and apologise to Ms. Coffey and Ms.

Beirne for any embarrassment caused. We would like to thank them further for giving us the opportunity to interview them during their lunch break and having heard some of the stories they have to put up with, we hope that people will clean up after them and no condom-wearing sausages will be left to be cleaned up.

Rights for Lefties

It is a sad and sorry thing my friends that in this day and age, the age of equal rights for all men and women, the day when all mankind strive for peace and tranquility, the day when one can get M&M's in three different flavours (they come in peanut butter aswell) that a basic human right is being ignored in our modern society. My hardworking fellow students of UL I speak of DISCRIMINATION. This evil of catastrophic proportions which has seen bloodshed on the streets of Johannesburg and Los Angeles has reared its ugly head in our midst and I for one am not going to sit idly by while honest students are made to suffer, to writhe in agony, to be suppressed by bureaucrats who think they know all but who are in truth as concerned about the whole thing as a dog is about whose lamppost he relieves his bladder against. I speak of course of the plight of the left handed student in UL today .

Picture it : you drag your weary body from the warm caressing folds of your duvet on a chilly Thursday morning , memories of last nights visit to the Indie Zone flit through the inner eye as you go through the mechanics of readying yourself for another days lectures. Cursing nine o'clock classes you trudge heavy hearted and heavy headed towards the concert hall. Once seated the unfairness of it all begins to unveil itself. While your friends casually flip up their desks from the side of their seats you must strain with the effort of stretching across to place your scribbling hand on the work surface immediately inhibiting your ability to take notes and handicapping you , the citog, with respect to your fellow classmates. This scene is repeated throughout the day as you wander between lecture theatres experiencing the same discomfort over and over until

maybe a moments respite is offered with the prospect of a visit to the Johnathan Swift or the Charles Parsons. Ironically the Foundation Building (the most modern on campus) offers no such aid, this is surely a sign that our world is regressing with time rather than moving forward and enveloping new ideas.

Jerome S. Bruner in his marvelous publication *Essays for the left hand* points out that " the left hand has traditionally represented the powers of intuition, feeling and spontaneity" , is modern society then ignoring these virtues which , must be said are among the more noble possessed by man. Mr. Bruner goes on to state categorically that "the great hypotheses of science are gifts carried in the left hand", an indication that we citogs are more than just deeply thoughtful creatures dwelling on abstract theories but that we possess the logic and analytical thought process to enable us to solve puzzling practical problems of the world. Truly then one gets the picture that left handers are the perfectly rounded individual excelling in all areas of human endeavour, is this why we are oppressed? , do we scare our right handed counterparts?, do we prompt

feelings of insecurity and inadequacy within them?, I feel on evidence that this must indeed be the case.

Famous left handers have blazed trails in history after successfully shaking the shackles binding them from birth. It is from this pool of heroes that we draw our father figure, the one who will lead us out of bondage to emerge as equals (for that is all we seek, not to assert our true inherent superiority). Yes my friends we look to Kermit the Great that proud specimen of frog masculinity who is unashamedly left handed (I hold the opening scenes of the Muppet Movie as proof). He will be the one to boldly go where no frog has gone before taking a giant leap for our kind and spawning our rebellion.

Seriously though I call for all left handers in the college to rise in support of this cause. Plague your class reps, pester the union , write critical letters to your politicians and MEP's and, perhaps most effective of all, pen scathing letters to An Focal. Ours is a voice which must be heard, a voice which currently cries out from the wilderness but which must be respected and responded to, for otherwise my comrades I fear we, as a people are a doomed race. Lefties of UL we must unite for we have nothing to lose but our rights.

Damian

Radio 103 F.M.

Radio 103 F.M. is resounding throughout Limerick City. This radio station is student orientated and with it's state of the art studio is run by you.

So why not get involved, the more the merrier.

103 F.M. Sound Harnessed!

We all deserve a second chance

Referendums on second chances seem to be in the Air at the moment whilst this Tuesday see's our very own referendum on repeats where you should all vote YES!!! (Hint Hint)

But two weeks later there is a referendum that effects a hell of alot more people that the 8000 students at U.L. That is of course the Divorce Referendum. If we were to pay attention to the Anti-Divorce lobby if you vote yes to the Anti-Divorce Lobby if you vote yes for divorce the following will happen to Irish Society.

- 1 A Divorce Culture will materialise with people taking the easy option to get out of a marriage as soon as it gets rough. This is otherwise known as Liz Taylor Syndrome (where the number of times you get married is a multiple of 4.)
- 2 Children of divorced and separated marriages will be economically, socially and psychollogically deprived. And children in "normal families" will be unable to sleep at night because they will feel so threatened by Divorce.
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- 1 Divorce culture in Ireland will be more likely to mirror our catholic counterparts in Spain and Italy where their divorce rate is lower than our separation rate.
- 2 Families can be just as strong after divorce and separation I should know I'm part of one. It's an insult to any divorced or separated family to tell them they are basically inferior. And as for children being afraid to go to sleep it's more likely that they'll be afraid of the boogie-man.
- 3 We're not all Catholics and for those of us who are some of us have a bit of compassion just because someone falls in love a second time having been divorced does not make them an adulterer and Anti-Divorce campaigners should think alot more about what they say before they bandy about such strong language so freely.

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Rings Forever!



Students Exercise their Democratic Right.

In the midst of teaching practice preparation, mid-term assignments, thesis research and general course work, over 50% of the Mary I. student body voted on the Student Union Elections, last week. On behalf of the newly elected Executive, I would like to express our thanks to those of you who voted.

Credit is due to the out-going Executive, and in particular, Ger Keane, and Yvonne O'Toole for arousing such an interest in the Students' Union, within the college. The new Executive looks forward to your attendance at their first Students' Union general meeting, which will take place during week 9.

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Request for Solidarity on Repeat Examination Issue.

The University of Limerick Student Union (U.L.S.U.) have requested the support of Mary I students on their stance regarding Repeat Examinations.

Each student of Mary I may pledge their support for the introduction of a proper Repeat Examination System, by signing a petition, which will be circulated during lecture periods this week.

The U.L.S.U. are demanding that a proper Repeat Examination system should be put in place. This Repeat system should give students

the scope to clear any F grades or to improve on any D/ D+ grades which they may have attained, if they so wish. A referendum on the issue has been organised by the U.L.S.U. and will take place this Tuesday 7th of November. The U.L. student body may decide whether they want a proper Repeat Examination system introduced.

The U.L.S.U. needs your support in putting forward their argument in favour of the introduction of a proper Repeat Examination system. The most effective way you may pledge

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An explanation of the Repeat System will be one of the items on the agenda for the next Mary I Students' Union General Meeting, which will take place during week 9.

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By Des.

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We are talking about You, our ELDERS, the so-called adult generation. You rotten crowd of hypocrites.

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Typical adults. Self centred ! Hypocritical ! Wanting to have your cake and eat it too ! No wonder you made a mess of 4% of your marriages. Its amazing the percentage is so low. If you ask us, half of you are stuck in boring dead-end marriages but you are just too dumb to see it.

What's the most important thing in your lives ? The telly ? Drink ? Sex ? and your work, your precious work. We have had to suffer the fall out of your ambition. Very few of your mothers worked. When you were small you had your mammy at home. When you came in from

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Ed's Note: STAD or SAD give us your point of view, drop articles to Peadar in S.U. or box in S.U. shop .

If you want to contribute to this page leave submission in box in the S.U. Shop or talk to Peadar O'Dwyer in the S.U. (external affairs officer)

Welfare

Good Neighbours.....

compiled by
John Bourke, Community Relations Officer
Lorna Kerin, Welfare Officer

Since the start of term there have been a large number of student disturbances reported to the Students' Union, the Garda station at Henry Street and the University's Registrar. The disturbances have involved drunken students creating trouble for residents in the various housing estates around Castletroy. The disturbances have been of such a number that the residents requested a meeting with the Students' Union and the local Garda officer to discuss the problem.

This page will be devoted to the problem of noise and disturbances. Although we will be focusing on College Court, the message applies to all housing estates in Castletroy. We hope that this page will be informative and give a balanced view of the issues, and lead to a greater awareness of the needs of the residents.

College Court residents meeting

The Students' Union met the College Court residents in week 3. The Union was represented by Welfare Officer, Lorna Kerin and Community Relations Officer, John Bourke. Ten residents came to voice their concerns, and Garda Declan Mulcahy was there to discuss his view of the situation.

The residents painted a grim picture of the conduct of

suprised at the outlandish behaviour of students returning from Ents gigs. This behaviour was put down to the students inability to handle the amount of drink they consumed during their night out.

The residents felt that first years students caused the most trouble, and particularly the first year girls. They also noted

Keeping the Peace

Try not to make too much noise when returning home from the buses. Remember noise travels further on clear winter nights.

If you are having a party, inform your neighbours at either side of your house. Try to have the party in a room which is not backing on to the adjacent house. Turn on your stereo, go outside and see how much noise it makes. It may also be helpful to ask the neighbours to listen to see if that noise level is acceptable. This may sound a bit excessive, but the residents do appreciate this gesture.

Don't take any shit from rowdy friends who turn up at your party. If these people get

out of hand, you may have to bear the brunt of any action taken. Remember if any Garda or Univeristy Discipline action is taken, you are going to be in the embarrassing position of having to point these people out, rather than taking the rap yourself.

Please don't dump rubbish in unused parts of Castletroy.

Please don't play football up against the houses, especially don't relieve late night exam stress in this way.

Finally, don't steal signs from the roads and housing estates. Signs are vital for ambulances, police cars, visitors etc.

Possible Actions

There are a number of actions which could be taken if these disturbances continue. These actions could be quite draconian depending on who is initiating the actions.

The examples of the actions listed below are WORST CASE actions. We hope that these actions will never need to be carried out.

The Students Union could provide extra Ents crew to monitor the housing estates after gigs and special nights at the Stables. This would be a very costly exercise and would have a knock on effect on the amount of Ents provided.

The University could use the Discipline Committee to make examples of some students, in order to warn people not to cause the same disturbances again. The discipline committee can fine, suspend or expel students.

The actions open to the residents are to create bad publicity for the University. The University could then take action like curtailing Ents and Stables opening hours etc.

The residents could also take criminal action against the students and have the students taken to court for disturbing the peace. This has been done in the past and has led to students being convicted and incurring a criminal record.

Returning home

Simple. Don't create a disturbance. If you do, so will the residents and you don't need a criminal record, a hefty fine and to be kicked out of your house. It's not worth it.

IN MEMORY OF

So what's it like being a Resident?

"I had finally managed to persuade my elderly parents to spend a week-end in Limerick. We were driving through the little road by the Hurlers when a group of students jumped onto the car, banging the bonnet, the roof, and the windscreen. They behaved like wild animals.

I was terrified my father would get a heart attack because he has a heart condition. Finally I managed to edge the car through them. I called the police afterwards but I couldn't identify any of the young people there and none of them would say who it was. It has really shaken my nerve. I feel very insecure when driving alone now."

-Elm Park Resident

"Around midnight I thought I heard noises in the garden but I was alone in the house so I didn't want to go out on my own. The next morning, I found my garden furniture broken in half, holes dug in my garden and wall ornaments smashed.

I just asked myself 'why'? Do students enjoy destruction for the sake of it? I've always helped out students- allowing them make phone-calls, giving them lifts to town, defending their reputations - I won't be so stupid in future."

Castletroy Resident

"I find myself getting so angry. If any other section of our community behaved in such an incredibly ignorant manner, they would be made leave. No-one has the right to make such noise at anti-social hours.

Last Thursday I went out to some students at 2 am and said 'Please keep the noise down, my kids are trying to sleep'. One lad turned to me and said 'Maybe you should just move out if you don't like it' - I've lived in College Court for 12 years. I've worked bloody hard to buy a house here. I don't intend being intimidated by spoilt adolescents who feel a need to imitate Tarzan in the early hours of the morning."

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Orla Landers

Keith O'Donoghue

Andrew O'Brien

John O'Brien

Mike Sadlier

Fergal Tuite

A mass will be offered on Sunday 12th November (Week 7) at 7.30 pm in the Salesian Church. Relatives are being invited and friends and classmates are encouraged to come along and show their solidarity with the grieving families.

"If you wish, you may view the eternal essence of your existence in terms of the impact your every mood and action has on those you touch, and then in turn, on those they touch, and on and on - even long after your life span is completed. You will never know, for example, the rippling effects of the smile and words of encouragement you give to other human beings with whom you come into contact"

- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

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DIVORCE

Want to vote and become part of history?

If you want your voice heard in the upcoming divorce referendum on Friday, November 24th, you must register by Friday, November 10th. To do this, grab a Form RPA2 which is available at your nearest Garda Station (Henry Street) or post office (around the corner from Sean's Shop or in Town).

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So what's it like being a Resident?

"I had finally managed to persuade my elderly parents to spend a week-end in Limerick. We were driving through the little road by the Hurlers when a group of students jumped onto the car, banging the bonnet, the roof, and the windscreen. They behaved like wild animals.

I was terrified my father would get a heart attack because he has a heart condition. Finally I managed to edge the car through them. I called the police afterwards but I couldn't identify any of the young people there and none of them would say who it was. It has really shaken my nerve. I feel very insecure when driving alone now."

-Elm Park Resident

"Around midnight I thought I heard noises in the garden but I was alone in the house so I didn't want to go out on my own. The next morning, I found my garden furniture broken in half, holes dug in my garden and wall ornaments smashed.

I just asked myself 'why'? Do students enjoy destruction for the sake of it? I've always helped out students- allowing them make phone-calls, giving them lifts to town, defending their reputations - I won't be so stupid in future."

Castletroy Resident

"I find myself getting so angry. If any other section of our community behaved in such an incredibly ignorant manner, they would be made leave. No-one has the right to make such noise at anti-social hours.

Last Thursday I went out to some students at 2 am and said 'Please keep the noise down, my kids are trying to sleep'. One lad turned to me and said 'Maybe you should just move out if you don't like it' - I've lived in College Court for 12 years. I've worked bloody hard to buy a house here. I don't intend being intimidated by spoilt adolescents who feel a need to imitate Tarzan in the early hours of the morning."

College Court Resident

IN MEMORY OF

IN MEMORY OF the following UL students who tragically died during the academic year of '94/'95

Orla Landers

Keith O'Donoghue

Andrew O'Brien

John O'Brien

Mike Sadlier

Fergal Tuite

A mass will be offered on Sunday 12th November (Week 7) at 7.30 pm in the Salesian Church. Relatives are being invited and friends and classmates are encouraged to come along and show their solidarity with the grieving families.

"If you wish, you may view the eternal essence of your existence in terms of the impact your every mood and action has on those you touch, and then in turn, on those they touch, and on and on - even long after your life span is completed. You will never know, for example, the rippling effects of the smile and words of encouragement you give to other human beings with whom you come into contact"

- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

DIVORCE

Want to vote
and become
part of history?

If you want your voice heard in the upcoming divorce referendum on Friday, November 24th, you must register by Friday, November 10th. To do this, grab a Form RPA2 which is available at your nearest Garda Station (Henry Street) or post office (around the corner from Sean's Shop or in Town).

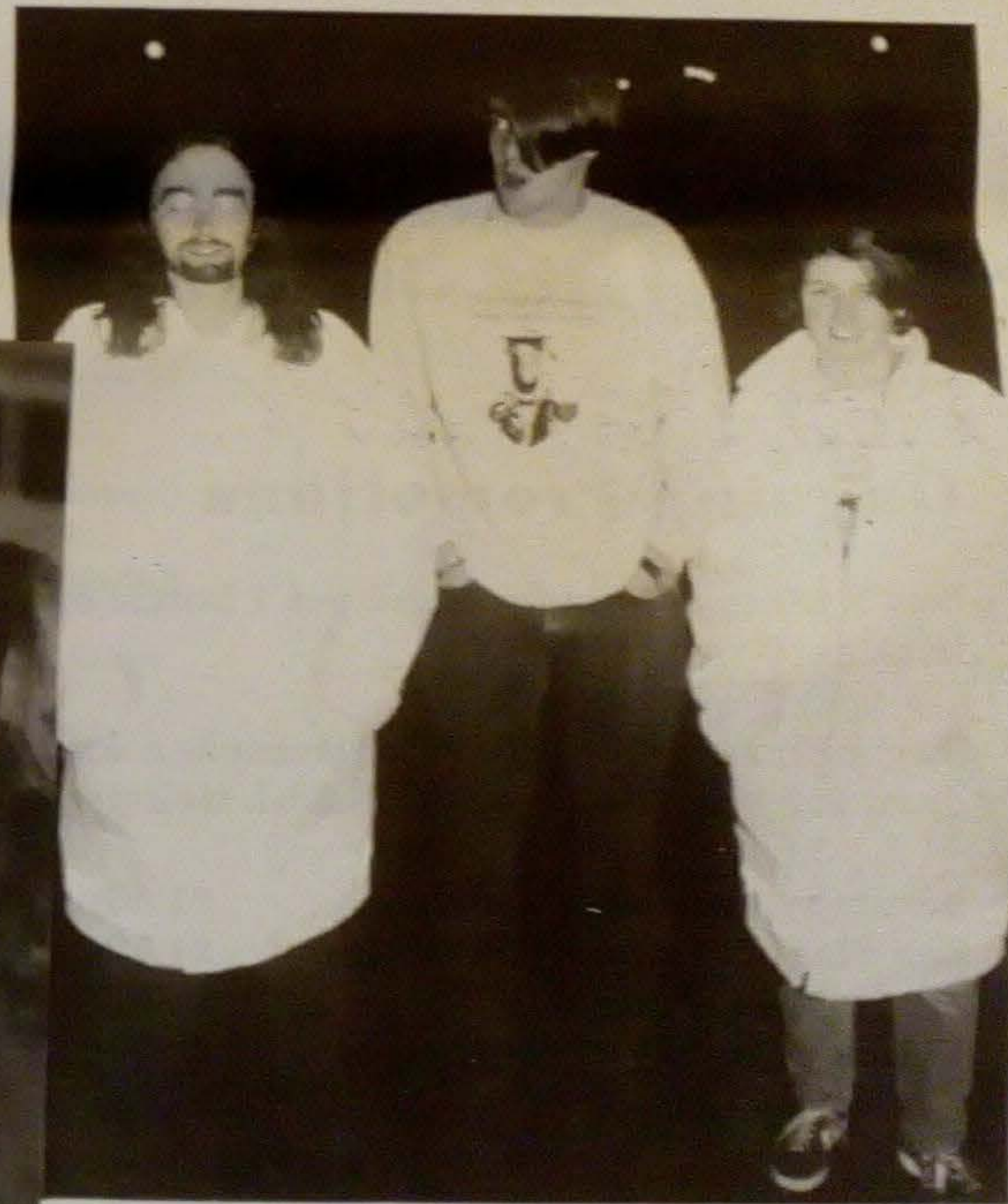
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Out & About

HALLOWE'EN NIGHT OUT





Nice Costumes Lads

Entertainments

Jingle Bells - Carol Singers at last year's Christmas Day



CHRISTMAS DAY - U.L. Style

Ho!Ho!Ho! The date is set, this is the time Santy goes on the tear before the long months work ahead of him begins. The date (Santa has confirmed) is Thursday the 7th of December (i.e. Week 11!) This is the biggest one day hooley on Campus for the entire year!

The day begins with Christmas Dinner i.e. Turkey and Ham etc. from good ole Campbells catering in the restaurant and cafeteria the other Campbells catering outlets will have a Christmas theme for the day. Besides from the glorious amounts of celebration liquer around campus there will be Christmas carols with a fundraising drive for Adapt House and the Welfare Bus (volunteers needed - contact Lorna in S.U.). In the afternoon there will be a serious of promotions that will get people in the mood for the entertainments that night that will make full use of the Bar exemption for the night. Who says Christmas Day is boring?

Ents Week 7

Monday:

Fiesta

A very special Spanish night out (Sangria is the order of the night!) in Tangos (AKA Desmond Arms!)

Tuesday

Sailing Club Disco in Costellos

Wednesday

Indie Zone in Docs

Thursday

S.U. Disco in Phase 2

Saturday

Late Night Films admission free
- Pelican Brief

Sunday Night

Late Night Film Admission Free
- Four Weddings and a Funeral.

Ents Week

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Tuesday Night

Costellos Disco for Post Grad Society

Wednesday Night

Indie Zone in Docs

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NEW

Interviews

Know Your Drink?

Travelling out on the bus to U.L. on a Thursday night, I often hear the question posed; "Are yeah goin out tonight?" "Yeah, out on the piss. God I got lingers last night." Why? Where did you go?"

The answer to this question usually begins with "the Stables" and after a litany of pub-names, ends with "being picked up and one of the lads dragged me home". On arrival (just outside the Stables) and even before the bus actually stops, there's a dash to the hole in the wall, money is stuffed into the back pocket and the individual almost

sprints into the pub as if there is a magnet attracting him/her.

You all know what this is, it's "the pure drop," "the good stuff," "the bottle of bud" or "whatever takes your fancy" drink. With the Guinness ad registering in their eyes I've seen students almost in a trance, make their way in through the U.L. posse to finally and with a lot of luck, find a coveted seat at the bar. Some students would have to ask "where's that lecture hall?" but when it comes to knowing where the Stables is, it's a rodder ten out of ten.

On an occasion during Rag week I asked a friend of mine, "Do you like the taste of it?" He replied laughing, "No. I continued, "why do you drink it so?" "cause I couldn't enjoy myself without it," was the reply. I didn't say anything, but as I looked around I knew that he was possibly speaking on behalf of a majority of students in the college. So my brain began to do over-time and I wondered when looking at the guzzling masses if they really knew what they were doing? Did they know their drink?

One Man And His Drink

"I had talent for things but low self-esteem, I drank to kill the pain".

These are the words of a man who was an alcoholic, who claims that due to his involvement with AA is today in his eighth year in recovery, which means that he has achieved sobriety. This from a man who, when I asked him roughly how many pints he would drink per week, couldn't possibly even give me an estimation.

"Too much," was his answer. He went on to emphasise the fact that "it's not the amount one drinks, it's the effect on the persons self".

Just to give you a brief background to this guy, Batt (with two t's) was actually 22 years of age when he had his first encounter with alcohol. On this occasion he had won a bet on a horse and so, in order to celebrate his winnings, he went out with some friends for a drink. This episode resulted in him becoming violently sick.

What added even more to the illusion that drink was his friend, was what his drinking buddies would remark, "Where do you put it all for such a small fellow?" This, he said "Made me feel good!" Batt's life went deeper into decline and he finally began to realise that alcohol wasn't helping him at all. "I could be in company and feel like I was all alone. Even with the lads I used feel like they didn't want me with them". Because of this he became verbally violent towards his friends resulting in him being left to drink alone.

Batt had more problems than one, "I felt everyone was teasing me, preaching to me about how I carried on." This heightened his depression even more. Physically, he became badly affected, he used have blackouts and claims, "During a blackout a person is capable of murdering someone and wouldn't remember a thing the following day". He

seen young people and they're very fond of their pints."

I then asked what his advice to students would be? "Have a good look at yourself and the way you behave, some people can drink more than others, it's not the amount one drinks but the effect it has on you." This he said, should be a good indicator of whether or not drink is becoming a problem for some people."

Batt swears by AA for his recovery, still knowing that there is no cure for alcoholism, so he doesn't look back at the past or to the future, he just tries not to drink for the present. AA has helped Batt become a more assertive and confident person as he remarks, "A few years ago, I wouldn't have been able to have this conversation with you, I was too shy." To round up the interview he said for those who have courageously taken the first step of admittance to the illness says, "The only requirement for AA

"Dashed Into Cool Icy Water"

An interview with
Lorna Kerin
by
Gareth Halpin



dangerous entrance behind the sports complex by the riverbank into Plassey. Its aesthetically beautiful, but very unsafe. The fact that a number of UL students were raped over the last few years proves this, and Lorna implied that there had already been further assault incidents this year although she would not go into specifics.

"At the moment there is a lack of resources committed to improving security but the item of campus security is scheduled to be discussed at governing body level. Decian Mulcahy, the resident guard, is a super-deterrent, but we need his hours to be increased. He is only here two hours on a Wednesday. The security people are wonderful to work with, but there is too much pressure on them. It is not fair to expect the campus to be protected by so few people who work so hard".

When asked if she felt there was an ignorance in this college about safe sex, she said "not so much ignorance but I think there is a carelessness about safe sex. Spontaneity is very important", she stressed, "but people refuse to accept responsibility for their actions. That's not only stupid but dangerous".

Lorna would like everyone to carry a condom, even if it was just to give to someone else who needs it. That is why she describes herself as being "horrified and disappointed" at the recent vandalism of the condom machine in the Courtyard toilets, "regardless of their motives, the people responsible are interfering with people's safety by stealing the

"I suppose I would describe my office as a starting point for a student. What they can expect is a welcome and a friendly ear. I won't be able to solve all their problems, but I'll try my best and if I can't help them I'll definitely tell them next best point for them to go to".

Lorna is the current deputy president and welfare officer of the ULSU and it is a job she clearly relishes, despite the long working hours and the archaic technology the union relies on. "It can be incredibly frustrating and time consuming when a vital message takes two days to reach us from the University". She feels that her life would be made much easier if the University updated the Union's technology and "supported us in an attempt to equalise our technology". At the moment, the Union does not even have e-mail.

One of her main functions is to represent the student body on a number of committees. She feels that the university is well-intentioned, but because they are not coming from a student's perspective, the governing body doesn't really understand our point of view. She cites as an example the fact that the university hired a security guard on a motor cycle to protect the university buildings during the summer months, yet he is not there all year around to protect students. The university seems ignorant of the image that this gives to students, i.e. that

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Batt had a complex about his height, as he was quite low-sized, this fact made him terribly conscious of himself and hence very introverted. This was one of the main reasons for his drinking problem. Therefore, using drink as a social lubricant he felt he became much more relaxed in himself and was under the illusion that alcohol was helping him to cope with his problem. Batt admits, "It became my friend and my enemy." His first experience with alcohol didn't put him off, he even said he hated the taste, "I didn't like the taste but I liked what it did for me."

Then it got to a stage when he couldn't stay away from the pub scene.

We all know that one of the major problems with alcoholics is that they never want to admit that they actually have a problem and Batt was no exception to this. He says that his main stumbling block was comparing himself to others whom he thought were alcoholics. In doing this he believed "I couldn't be an alcoholic". Things began to look grim for Batt, as he came to a stage when his drinking habit started affecting his livelihood. He lost many jobs due to bad time keeping and generally being unreliable. He started having liquid lunches, and would make excuses to his boss to escape work to have a drink. He was now spending the best part of his wages on alcohol.

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Batt recalls waking up in a hospital bed in Limerick, having come very close to death. "I was a mess, there was blood everywhere". He cannot to this day remember how this happened. This was the scariest thing to happen to him. Now almost every department of his life was affected, he was in trouble at home, at work and when socialising he got involved in brawls. Later on he was receiving psychiatric treatment. In 1985 he had a blood test taken which showed that there were traces of cirrhosis of the liver, also his heart had been badly affected and his doctor gave him three years to live, if he didn't stop drinking altogether.

Batt then took the first step on the road to recovery, "I admitted to myself that I had a problem, self-admission is what it's all about."

I asked him, "How did you do it?" He answered "You have to throw pride away and reach out for help, that's where AA comes in." When I asked him what he thought of the number of students who drink today he said bluntly, "Most of them are potential alcoholics and don't know it, drinking today is all about company, young people feel that they can't do certain things without alcohol and just feel they can't socialise without it. I've

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Safety is something Lorna feels strongly about. She points out that the campus is not at all safe because of it's incredibly open access. "There is a potentially very

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Accommodation in UL is another problem that has been highlighted recently. Lorna believes the problems arose because of a lack of a commitment in the past to improving the situation. Lorna would like three things to happen with regard to accommodation:

(a) That houses should be inspected to ensure that they are up to current housing safety requirements; (b) that the list of registries would increase so that "cowboy landlords" who charge exorbitant prices, refuse to return deposits and provide insufficient standards of living would be eliminated; and (c) that tenants rights information be supplied by the university accommodation office.

Lorna has a degree in Social Research European Studies, but she is unsure what she will do after her year as sabbatical officer is finished, besides going to bed for a week! There is a psycholotherapy course in San Francisco that she is currently considering, but she has made no definite plans besides to enjoy this year and to do the best job she can. "Being welfare officer can be really exhausting at times, but it's very satisfying and fascinating meeting so many different people".

Lorna spent the summer working with the other sabbatical officers consolidating their goals for the year, but she describes it as being akin to being "dashed into cool icy water" when the students came back. "I thought we were busy before, but when everyone came back it was like - Wow!!!".

Lorna apparently thrives under pressure, because everyone I asked agrees that she is doing a fantastic job.



Wherever you're coming from or wherever you want to go, our specially trained student officers are here to help you get there.

We like to think of it as banking for individuals.

Contact: Lisett Nolan, Student Officer at the AIB Bank branch on campus. Telephone: (061) 334600.



News

PLANES, TRAINS & BUS EIREANN

I'm pissed off. Well that's what An Focal is here for isn't it?...to bitch incognito? Maybe it's just me, or does anyone else get as worked up about it as me? Am I just an old-fashioned girl with old-fashioned ideals? It boils down to a communication problem. Over the last few weeks I have had the misfortune of having to rise from my boudoir (that's bedroom to you or'nery critters) very early. I can handle that, but on waiting for the 9.15 bus into town, found that on numerous occasions a bus has come out the back gates of the University where it always stops at the smart new bus-shelter; Mr. Bus Driver lets off a few people and refuses to acknowledge the throngs of people hovering at its door waiting to climb on, other than a jabbing of a thumb into the air over his shoulder or shaking his head. This, I have come to understand means "Oil,

geezer.....GET ON THE NEXT BUS!"

Hello, do you speak English?! I doubt that all Bus Eireann drivers are mute (although am now somewhat suspicious of their capabilities of their Anglophone tendencies).

I know that not everyone is blessed with being a "morning person" (and indeed Rosemary West Springs to mind). However, has decent courtesy suddenly been replaced by sign language of a primitive kind? Is it sheer influence of efficacy that induces gestation as opposed to a simple "There's another bus coming behind"? Of course, there's always the bus drivers who tell you there's another bus just behind and leave you stranded for three quarters of an hour, but that's another story...

Name & Address with Editor.

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I TAWT I HURD TUM DAZZ...I DID, I DID!

RUTH SCOTT

As I sit here in Limerick listening to the strains of Ella Fitzgerald I sigh gently for what could have been. A beautiful partnership that didn't quite materialise this weekend. As I move delicately round my room I think to myself - isn't it marvellous that Bank Holiday Weekends don't happen too often and that even when they do, that there's always something happening in "another" part of the country that facilitates the flight of doves without much consternation.

Admittedly Cork was alive and kickin this Bank Holiday Weekend, which as an almost first-timer to the city (childhood holidays excluded) made it all a bit more exhilarating. As a city, it's like my favourite duvet: spread out with lots of little interesting bits. The smells (of the city, not the duvet!) assailed

my nose which made me think that the Lee was in fact flowing with Brut '89 and not murky river water. Indeed sugar and spice and all things nice that Cork is known for were exuding whiffs all over the gaff.

Oh, yes...almost forgot, it was the jazz weekend (doh!) Far from every street corner seating obscure jazz bands, it brought out the bodhrans and whistles. Even foreigners were walking around with bodhrans and those who weren't carrying bodhrans wore silly straw boaters - so much for anonymity! As for the jazz music around the city, well not knowing the city all that well I followed my hosts (who I must thank for the couch for the weekend!) My first brush with a mention of jazz was in a pub where the DJ made a point of telling us that we were in a jazz-free zone! Doh!

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Yes, the weekend was not over till the jazz band played, and on Sunday afternoon I heard some for all of a half hour! I heard strains of shaggy jazz oozing out of doors and windows everywhere but in all honesty (would I lie mum?) everywhere was bursting at the seams so generally unless I'd been there at the door when they opened in the morning I couldn't get in if I'd wanted to.

I did notice, however, as I struggled to the bus station on Monday afternoon, that (a) if I strained my eyeballs upwards it generally caused my eyes to open and (b) Van Morrison had played in the Opera House on Saturday night...darn!! Oh well, what a difference a day makes!

Natural Law

What is Natural Law? Natural Law or the Laws of Nature are the laws that govern everything. Nature governs the whole universe effortlessly without a problem. There is an underlining intelligence that controls the movement of the galaxies, the fluctuations of an atom and the working of every individual cell and organ of the body. This intelligence would manifest to its full potential if man was fully in tune with Natural Law.

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I will close this article, which is a brief summary of the full potential of natural law which every government should provide for themselves and for its people to live a more blissful life by a phrase quoted by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. There does not exist, nor will there ever be, a more powerful or proven technology to transform the trends of life in society. No government worthy of the name could deprive its citizens of the immense practical benefits of this most advanced knowledge of our scientific age. Through my Vedic Science and Technology—the science and technology of the unified field—any government leader can have easy access to the unified field and raise the administration of his government to be in perfect alliance with the administration of nature's government.

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Of course, this has been a problem in the college for a number of years now. Various student union executives have succeeded in having trees and bushes cut back and more lights put up. The university authorities have been made aware of the problem, and have taken some steps to deal with it.

But the college authorities cannot be everywhere at all times. I have been in this college for five years. I was thinking just the other day how well it looks with its walkways, trees and shrubs.

But these are not going to last. They have to go. Because some meatheads who forget how to think after a few drinks have discovered that if you kick the base of one of the college lanterns, Hey presto! It goes out! Sometimes for an hour, sometimes for a night, sometimes for good. "So Hey! Let's kick them all out!" You can imagine the Beavis and Butt-head type comments: "Uh-Huh! Kicking lights is coool".

Well let me tell you something. Kicking lampposts is most certainly not cool. One of these nights some gomless guy (in over five years I have never seen a girl do this) is going to go out, kick out some lights and go home with little more to worry about than the prospect of getting up for a nine O'clock lecture next day. Bully for him!

On the other hand, a girl walking home who was so **STUPID** as not to carry a can of mace, an electronic stun gun, a rape alarm and, why the hell not, a platinum suit of armour, will be **ATTACKED** by some sicko

who cannot believe his luck at having this nice ready made darkness at his disposal, and the group of people who might have been able to help her are too busy groping their way through the dark to see what's going on in front of them.

This one goes out to all the Beavis and Butt-heads out there. When that happens, **YOU** are every bit as guilty as the sicko. The Law mightn't get you, but **YOU'RE** his accomplice. You don't mind walking down a dark avenue, do you? Because you're a lad, hard as nails. But next time you think (if you think) about kicking out a set of lights, wherever it may be, spare a thought for that girl who's going to be attacked. Because she **WILL** be attacked. If you don't grow up and cop yourself on. How would you feel if that was your sister, your girlfriend being attacked because she had the **'AUDACITY'** to do what we guys do all the time - walk home by herself?

Some wise person once said that evil spreads because of what bad people do and what good people don't do. If you're one of the good ones, don't turn a blind eye. Try to tell these yobbos what the outcome of their actions could be. Most of them just haven't thought about what they're doing. If you can't get through to them, report them to security. The reception desk is manned around the clock. If you notice that the lights are down, tell the security guards. If you're en route to the college, warn your friends. Try to walk home in groups if it's dark.

There are probably some other precautions you could take. I'm not an expert on this area, but I am a 'veteran' as such on this campus. I've seen it grow at an astonishing speed over the past few years. Every year it improves a bit. But sadly, every year someone discovers the kick 'joke', and makes the walk ways of the college more dangerous for half at least of our population.

It's definitely time to kick **THAT** particular bad habit.

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Teaching Assistant
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It is not that the government are against the people. It is that they are not properly educated about Natural Law? Give they were able to work in tune with the laws of nature problems would not arise in the nation.

The "Natural Law Party" was set up in 1992 to encourage the people and the government of the nations of the world that scientifically proven solutions to problems exist for the government to use. This knowledge that they are offering the governments to use in their country has been tested in 210 universities in 22 countries through out the world. They have technique indicators of social disorder. There has been over 42 scientific tests to show that the group practice of these techniques has a positive effect on society.

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I will close this article, which is a brief summary of the full potential of natural law which every government should provide for themselves and for its people to live a more blissful life by a phrase quoted by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. There does not exist, nor will there ever be, a more powerful or proven technology to transform the trends of life in society. No government worthy of the name could deprive its citizens of the immense practical benefits of this most advanced knowledge of our scientific age. Through my Vedic Science and Technology—the science and technology of the unified field—any government leader can have easy access to the unified field and raise the administration of his government to be in perfect alliance with the administration of nature's government.

Raymond McInerney.

Security

Like Manchester United, we have changed our colours this year. Our security officers are now dressed in navy uniforms with a white shirt and there is a K.S.S. crest on the jumper.

We can be contacted at main reception during the following hours:
1700 hours to 0800 hours
Monday to Friday and 24 hours a day on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. Our van patrols campus during the above hours. We ask for your co-operation on the following points. Because the campus is open to the public, not everybody on campus is necessarily a student or staff. In the main, this does not present a problem. However, occasionally individuals or groups of individuals attempt to take advantage. If you see anybody acting suspiciously or obviously out of place, please tell security. Always carry your I.D. card as you may be asked to identify yourself by security and other college staff.

Books, notes, personal possessions and the like should never be left unattended, even in the libraries. Unfortunately they can become a temptation to some. If you must leave your possessions, ensure that a friend is watching them for you. Write your I.D. number on your books and possessions, this will help in the event of lost or recovered property. Bicycles should always be securely locked in the bicycle racks. Always take any loose fittings with you and record the chassis number of your bicycle. If you are cycling during these winter evenings always use a bicycle lamp

Student accommodation is open only to Students, their guests, student village staff and authorised persons. Please ensure that you lock all exits and entrances as you pass through them and keep windows locked when you are out. Report any persons not normally associated with the accommodation either to the village management or security. Unattended cookers, pans and grills can be a fire hazard. Do not leave any cookers unattended. Ensure you are familiar with fire fighting equipment so that you can deal with local, small fires effectively. Ensure that you know the fire regulations for your building. Always respond to fire alarms and follow instructions.

When using public pathways, especially after dark, keep to lighted ways, where possible, travel in the company of others. Report all accidents, whether they occur in any of the buildings or anywhere on campus.

Security is provided primarily for your safety and protection of property. Please co-operate fully in helping us to provide a secure and safe environment for everyone.

Note for your diary : Security Tel.
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Oliver F. Keating
Member of Campus Watch

Literary

REINCARNATION

Well I'm Sorry God
I have to say
one life per person
is not enough, not enough.
I would like to live
more times that this
if you don't agree then tuff
T-U-UFF.

There are other lives going on I haven't lived
and this gives me a sense of frustration.
I'm not bothered by Mary Queen of Scots
or Joan of Arc
I just fancy some 20th century reincarnation ...

I'd like to keep coming back
and trying a different track.
I'd like to go round and round
cause I never think I got it right.
It isn't a proper scheme
I just want to let off steam
We all have to have a dream
and I'm following my dream tonight.

I want to be Mrs phew
and live in an avenue
I want to have bing bong chimes
and a bathroom with a champagne suite.
In my candlewick dressing gown
I want to put harpic down
If my ironing smells quite fresh
Then my happiness will be complete.

I'll wear an apron when I chop my veggies
having tiny cactus on my window ledges
have a roller-blind with scalloped edges
I will never use a wok-so
I prefer to stick to Mrs Bennetton
have a hob which I can then re-heat on
use my toaster with the ears of wheat on
I will do a lot with oxo.

I want to be Pauline Park
and work as an invoice clerk
I want to eat lean cuisine
even though I'm 8 stone three.
I'll sit and I'll fantasise
about cruel men with piercing eyes
then I'll microwave two mince pies
and have them with a cup of tea

I'll watch a thriller if it's not too gory
a mini-series if I like the story
I think there ought to be more Nana Mouscouri
No I never had the news on
Doctor Scholl will be my favourite sandal
higher heels than that I cannot handle
Saw Barry Manilow and held my candle
wax was running down my blouson

I want to be Vera Page
A Dame of a certain Age

The Swan Song

I went walking by the river the other day
But did not go to my usual place,
Although I had intended
To go to my usual place,
But stopped suddenly
When only half way there.
For at that point
My whole attention was wrapt
By a single, graceful swan
Upon the river.
This bird possessed
Such an air of regality
That I expected it to carry its head
In high surveyance
Of its unchallenged kingdom.
Yet curiously,
And this is what held my attention fast,
It arched its neck into a majestic curl
And held its head beneath the water.

I hold my head resolutely
Beneath the surface
As I have nowhere else
Where I can bear to place it.
For if I raise my head to heaven
I see only that vast canvas of forgetting
That is the sky.
Nowhere do I feel more forgotten
Than in that kingdom of the lonely
It's huge expanse
Only emphasising my solitude.

Holding its head beneath the water,
There was something majestic,
In a melancholy way,
About the action.
It infused the creature
With a nobility and grace
That I had never seen before.
Yes, this indeed this was a prince amongst birds.

Needing some refuge from that great tapestry,
Which for me
Held not one thread I could cling to,
I looked down at the water
And saw there,
Something I could bear even less:
My own reflection.
The closer I drew to it,
The more I felt my face
Forcibly, continually and inexorably
Being rubbed in my own inadequacy.
And so,
As I could bear reminders of my failure no more,
I murdered that despised image

Captivity

I stood there in captivity,
Wondering why all this?
Why me?

I am human or am I?
who stands so lonely
who feels so lost.

They look at me with
disgraceful faces,
or just pass by
don't dare to look.

Some just laugh,
some take pity,
but I don't mind
no I'm not human

I'm cold blooded
just a beast
innocent of course
but who will listen?

I am just another
person locked inside
behind these bars.

Hope is lost,
nothing to live for,
it's just another day of
wonder.

Pelting against the pain,
Rain focuses on inner feelings,
Each drop reveals another
Unwanted confusion,
Another question, another theory,
Why do we stand for such harassment?
Why do we let our feelings
Fall prey to the hand of a sorcerer,
One who dabbles in the depths
Of cutting, tearing and shredding
Every morsel of dignity.
Why do we stand for broken
Feelings, thoughts, hearts?
Why do we stand for the silence?
The silence that shatters
Emotional communication.
Why such silence?
Am I not worth the price of a word?
Am I so small of human value,
That you subject me to endless
Torture - Silence.
Is it for my ears only
That silence prevails?
Oh! I am the privileged one,
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and cleavage that would drown a mouse
I want to call all men swine
have visible panty line
have sing-songs on British wine
I always have it in the house

I'll be known in all the pubs and chip-shops
dangly jewellery and sequin zip tops
tracksuit bottoms and stiletto flip-flops
I'll be really in the groove eh?
Never take a bus if I can cab it
offer me a bit of life I'll grab it
My libido would defeat a rabbit
and I'll never chance the duvets

I want to be Eileen Gumm
who calls herself just a mum
I want to have three big lads
and a husband that I've driven nuts
I'll struggle
to make sure they have things nice
I'll give them such good advice
They'll absolutely hate my guts

I'll make a bag for them to take their pumps in
I'll make pajama's they can have there mumps in.
My mash potato will have big grey lumps in
I'll control each family member
I'll make them sit around the christmas table
and eat until to move they are unable
They'll wish that Joseph never found that stable
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The beauty and bearing of the animal
Indubitably marked it out as regal,
Its solitary aspect
Reinforcing its distinctive dignity.

I have lived all my life on water
Yet never thought that I could drown,
Much less,
That I would force the act.
And yet,
It seems
So strangely natural.
As I willfully end this existence,
That has become
An unwelcome burden to me,
I have but one hope -
Made against all reason -
That somewhere,
Someone
Will miss me.

Oh, it must be wonderful to be a swan!

Matthew Hamilton

The Night

The night with it's long black
coat covers the world with
shadows.

It's fog creeps through forests and
towns, bringing a halt to the swift
movement of air.

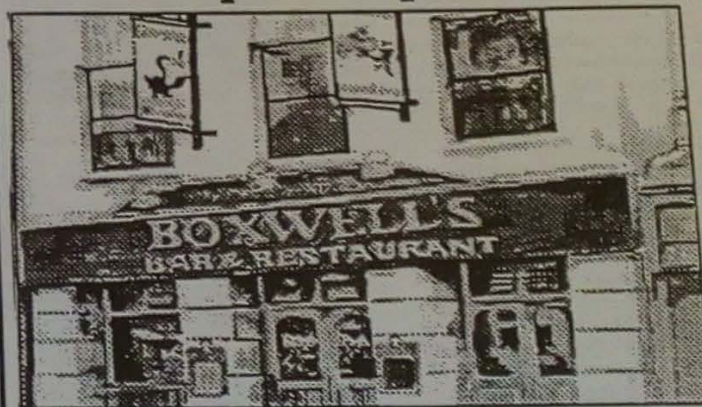
The night with it's cold sharp frost
sends shivers over the land,
and makes you realise how good it feels
to be inside.

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Cora Costello

Letter to Ed

Dear Irish Woman,

We would consider ourselves well-travelled, well-balanced, knowledgeable, heterosexual, red-blooded male undergraduates in the humanities department.

Our question to the women of Ireland, whom we believe women in U.L. represent quite accurately, is, do you realise you have become an embittered body of people. "mna ná hEireann" have gradually evolved, since acquiring the vote, to "sour-pussed", anti-social extremists.

Why? I hear you growl from your gagging hordes of blubbery befoolery. When faced with an Irish man you crawl squirmingly back into your lion's den of snarling bitterness. Bitchiness masks social retardedness. Is "hello" so difficult to say? Our message to the marring masses of mothers is men Don't bite so stop biting us!

You are genetically backward compared to your European counterparts. Is this why you're so bitter. Perhaps there are other reasons? Is it the fact you have to pull your shirt out over your jeans. Does that

pliss you off, is that it? You pitiful specimens, you use your menstrual cycles to propa eternal and external misery on the rest of us.

Why do you find it necessary to mask and strangle everything that is beautiful and fresh in the damp, stinking, fermented wool of prudishness why you stand with your 'Peig' like knarled legs on a moral ground that sinks as rapidly as a healthy, virile heterosexual male's expectations as he enters the canteen and grabs sight of the garbling masses you are.

The people I most pity are the bewildered transvestites who try to emulate your pathetic stature.

Our advice shape up, or ship out and bring in women who deserve the title female. By the way girlies have you ever heard of the sexual revolution.

The passengers!

Dear Ed,

Could somebody please inform the smoking public of our dear University, that the canteen has been zoned off for smokers/non-smokers. One cannot even enjoy one's lunch anymore without some ignorant, selfish pig blowing smoke all over it. How would they like it if we went into a pub, drank lots of beer and then urinated all over them?

Yours in disgust,

Brian Mc Donagh
4th Mech Eng.

Dear Ed,

I'm here in bed. Another poor unfortunate Plassey resident down with flu.

You see, I had to pay a visit to the phone. You know another joyous night out in the elements meeting other phone visitors and sharing life stories - oh, and if you're lucky making a quick phonecall. You can't stay long because your new found friend outside is getting frostbite.

In case you haven't noticed I'm slightly fed up. This is my second bout of post-telephoned-call-illness this semester. I'm in full agreement with the other angry residents who've already aired their views on this page. I mean, if we can't get a phone in each house, could they at least put in a few more public ones?

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A sick & angry resident.

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Letters

Dear Ed, c/o an Focal
Students' Union

Dear Dora,

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Last week I witnessed my first daylight "birthday-drowning" (I think)- hey maybe it was just for kicks! I stumbled out of the Jean Monnet, rubbing the sleep out of my eyes and went crashing into some guy- not that I minded that kind of bodily contact(that knocked the sleep out of my eyes alright!)

People were gaping up towards the fountain of the White House. I pushed my way through the crowd to see four or five able bodied young men legging it across the lawn cradling their best buddy in their arms. Faces in the crowd now rapt with attention grew tense in anticipation-Yes- their going to do it- go on! Yes, Yes, Yes! All of their past embarrassments came to a head and their meanest streaks protruded- they wanted REVENGE! This guy was fecked into the fountain, runners following, amid cheers, guffaws of laughter and roars of triumph from the spectators.

Personally I liked the part where he got out of the water, clothes clinging and tore after all his "friends" spraying water into the faces of onlookers ...I'm sorry I have to stop this line of thought, that word "clinging" is too much for me! This tiny act of rebellion, doing the forbidden, gave me hope for U.L.-someday we may actually do what is expected of us in our college years and protest, walk-out and achieve something like decent repeats!

I live in hope,

Yours Wendy Wringing.

Dear Dora,

That "all men are created equal" is a heap of unadulterated shit. Recently, I have been noticing the anatomical differances between one man and the next. Don't let anyone say size doesn't matter or makes no difference to them-because ,oh yes it does!

It's no secret -longer ones are better all around! Girls worldwide have known this since the beginning of time. The comforting words of "size doesn't matter" have been clung to by men for centuries because deep in their hearts they know they are not at all equal. Women have encouraged men to believe this falsity to keep their minds on matters at hand.

It has lead to great jealousy among the females of this world. Why should they have longer ones, girls have to wear mascara to imitate the eyelashes of their boyfriends!

Really, was God fair in dishing out bodily parts?

Yours, Lacking Lashes.

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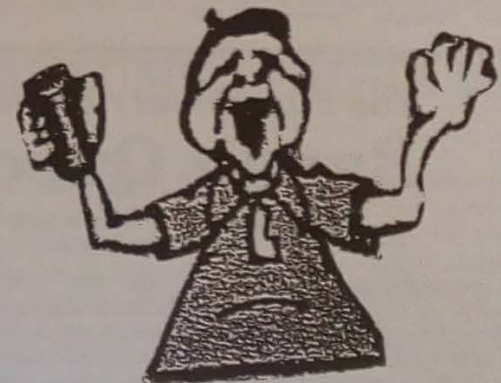
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Clubs & Socs

'35 TROPHY

Smelly socks, sounds of groaning!!!, bruised bodies, and cries of where's me bus? were the order of the day!!!!? WHERE..? only at the annual 35 Trophy.

This year was the 14th annual 35 Trophy. For those of you who don't know what this means (35 Trophy), it is a day of sporting events between U.L. and D.C.U. This took place last Wednesday with about 250 competitors travelling from U.L. to Dublin. How the winner is decided is as follows, some 24 events were competed in and each of these were weighted either 1 or 2 eg. badminton

1 the winner of the badminton competition then scores 1, basketball (mens) was weighted 2 and whoever won this competition scored 2 and so on. Well the bad news of the day was that we lost scoring 12 whereas D.C.U. scored a whopping 23 and put a stop to our hopes of once again bringing back the Trophy (had to happen sooner or later!!!). Apart from this disappointment (and another minor disaster) everybody had a great day both competitively and socially (especially)

Ladies Soccer Club

Expectations are again high for the ladies soccer club. As current intervarsity champions, they have a lot to live up to. The senior team faced a tough opening match in the premier league against UCD, last years runners up of the league.

U.L. could not have asked for a better start in Belfield, when Siobhain Stenson struck the back of the net midway through the first half. Through excellent goalkeeping by Denise Horan denying U.C.D., time and time again U.L. maintained

their goal lead. In the second half another three goals came from U.L. which put the match out of U.C.D.'s reaches. Siobhain added another one to her tally, while Eilish Strappe struck the other two.

U.L. more deserving of this victory, with excellent movement and passing on and off the ball. U.L. came home with three points in the bag-an enviable result from any U.C.D. cla:h. The omens are looking good for the season.

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Le gach dea-ghnial

Valerie N. Mh...

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How to Apply

Application forms available from the Admissions Office, University of Limerick, should be completed and returned by Wednesday 15 November.

University of Limerick Debating Union

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The Film Society Presents Bandit Queen

(Shekhar Kapur/India/1994/119 mins)

This Indian film has the kind of story which, if it were a piece of fiction, would be difficult to credit. In fact it is the true story of Phoolan Devi, the Indian child bride who, escaping from the abuse of her husband, became a famous and revered bandit, loved by the lower castes for whom she represented virtually a goddess of freedom.

Devi, now thirty-eight, gave herself up to the authorities on her own terms and spent ten years in prison, and it is on her prison diaries that the film is based. The

film has graphic scenes, which include a gang rape, and Devi being humiliated by her captors in front of her entire village as an example of what happens to a low-caste woman who dares to defy the system.

Though never exploitative, it is an angry, uncompromising and consequently shocking film.

Mon 6th November in the Jean Monnet at 7.30

Non-members: £1.50 on night
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The sailing team were all psyched up to go to D.C.U. last Wednesday for the 35 trophy, but a phone call from our Dublin counterparts on Tuesday evening called a halt to the proceedings as gales were forecast for the area around the Pale which would make racing impossible. We're hoping for a rematch at some future date and D.C.U. have been informed of this.

The event of the year, the Sailing Club Disco is scheduled for Costelloes on Tuesday of week 7. All are welcome and be assured it's not a night to miss if you're serious about having a good time at U.L. Tickets will be on sale in the canteen during the usual daily hours and can be purchased from the Students Union from about 8 p.m. onwards (what's left, that is).

A club E.G.M. is scheduled for Thursday of week 6 to discuss our proposed move to Lough Derg Yacht Club, all members are encouraged to attend as there will be time for bringing other motions up for discussion as well.

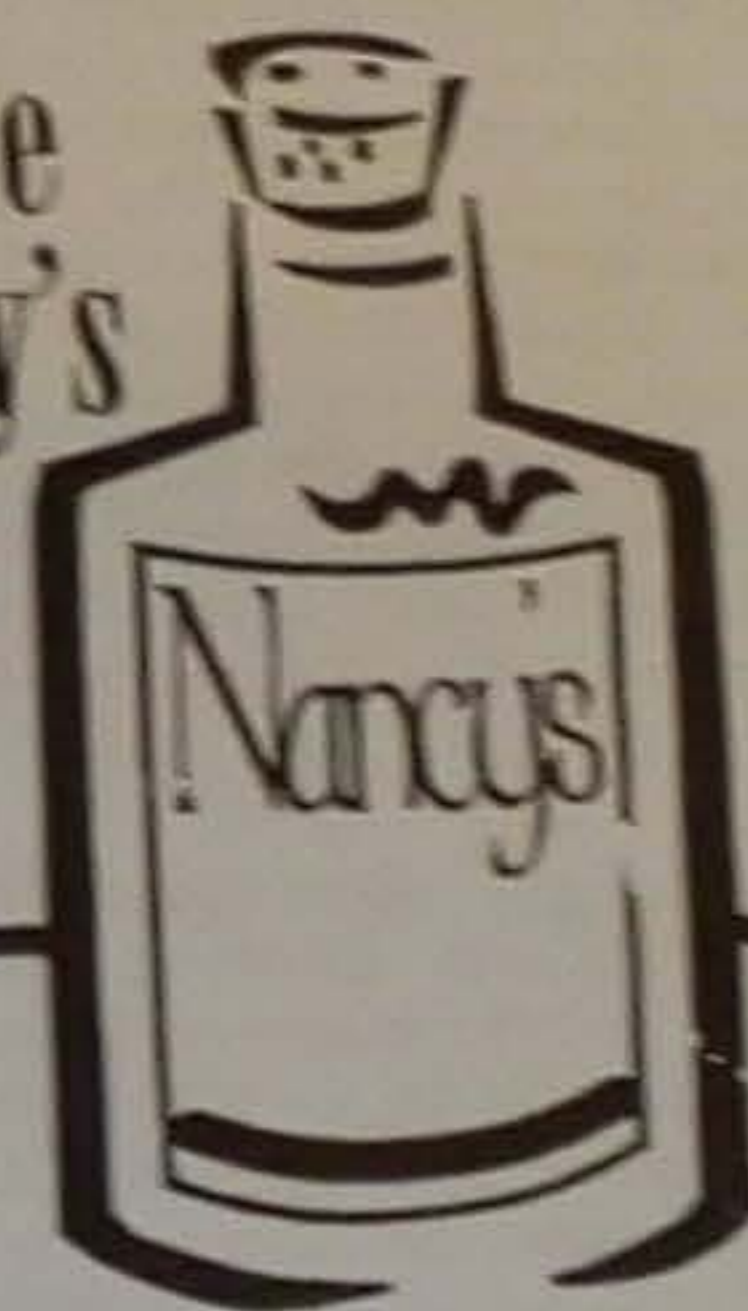
Full membership is now due and it's imperative that you pay up if you want to continue going on the Wednesday outings and getting involved in the forthcoming weekend events being planned. Money can be given to Anthony or Siobhanna.

Finally keep your eyes on the clubs notice board for the time and venue of the E.G.M. and spread the word about the disco to all and sundry, we're looking forward to a brilliant night.

See you all on the water.

Damian.

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SQUASH CLUB

Now look here

Important news just breaking is that **Pamela Anderson** and **Brad Pitt** have finally secured access into that club of clubs, that institution of aou times, that... that... (well just get on with it!-Ed). Alright, alright so what we really want to say is that membership is still open for the **U.L Squash Club**. "Why do we wanna do that?" I hear you ask. Well the advantages are there in their droves. You get to have free use of "equipment", "lights", and "training" for both beginners and "more experienced" (know what I mean??) say no more!!

We have a great schedule of events organised (both on and off court!!). There will be challenges with local Limerick teams and other colleges. Not to mention the intervarsities in Galway - the capital of craic. And of course the major

advantage is that squash is unisex - you can thus get nice 'n' sweaty with your favourite member of the opposite sex!!

To get things off to a nice 'n' easy start, we're holding a competition for those who have never played in competition before. This will be run on Wednesday afternoon of week 8 between 13h00 and 18h00. There will be great prizes and a few free pints for the players. The prizes will be presented by Pamela and Brad (but of course).

So all of you sado-masochistic types, get yourselves down to the squash club, Wednesday afternoons between 14h00 and 17h00 so get nice and sweaty!!

(Any reference to Pamela Anderson and Brad Pitt is purely intentional and meant as an advertising gimick.(Good, huh?)

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POSTGRAD SOCIETY

It's taken us until week 6, but the Post Grad Soc is finally getting back into gear! For those of you who attended this year's AGM, a big thank you. For those of you who didn't, here are the names of this year's Exec Committee:

Postgraduate Students Association Executive Committee 95/96

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Secretary

*Martyn Farrow*s (Ph.D, Dept. of Government & Society)
Alan Twohig (Ph.D, Dept. of Physics)

Social Committee

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Social Secretary

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Andrew Sherriff (Ph.D, Dept. of Government & Society)
Ciara Coughlan (M.Sc, Dept. of
Chemical & Environmental Science)
Kathryn Cormican (MBS, Dept. of Business)
Sean Fitzgerald (Grad. Dip. Computers)
Nuala Carey (Grad. Dip. Education)
to be elected

Business
Informatics
Education
Engineering

If you have *any* problems, whether to do with taught or research postgrad study, please approach your Class or College Rep, or any member of the Exec - use the notice board in the canteen or go through the Students' Union. We still need a rep for the College of Engineering - if you're interested, contact one of the Exec via the notice board or through the SU.

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an oasis in an urban wasteland serving various eccentrics and drug dealers.

The various characters are connected not by each other but mostly by merely using the store. The film works thanks to the memorable and hilarious setpieces which place the main characters in the most outlandish situations. The energy and wit of *Clerks* is sustained throughout thanks to sparkling dialogue and it's regular bursts of unexpected humour.

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U.L. TABLE-TENNIS AUTUMN LEAGUE 1995

This year U.L. Table-Tennis Club wishes to run a U.L. closed Autumn League.

Non members as well as members are welcome to participate. We expect the competition to run over the next three to four weeks to cater for the number of students entering. This will ensure that each player gets to play a minimum of four matches, possibly six.

The event will be sponsored by various shops and breweries, ensuring a large number of prizes for those who enter. Prizes will be given to winners

and also on a sport or random basis. So once you enter you stand a good chance of winning something, be it a couple of pints, some sports gear, a walkman, etc.

The League will be run on a singles basis and will be mixed to provide for players of all standards. Adequate provision will be given to those who feel hesitant about entering because of their standard of play. Don't forget that the league is to be enjoyed !!!

Entrance fee per player is £ 1.00 (U.L.T.T.C. members .50p)

Those interested should come to the gym (opp. the sports hall), at club training times on Mondays and Wednesday from 17.15 to 18.45 and ask for either Colin Doherty (3rd Bus. & French) or Thomas O'Toole (1st. Eng Teaching).

Alternatively, you may leave your details with Rosie Healy Clubs and Societies officer in the Students Union Office.

Closing date for entries is Wednesday November 8th, so join quickly.

League will be run both during and outside club times.

Notice Board



Last edition's winner of the crossword was Dennis Barry 8085521. Call to Heineken rep in S.U. for prize.
Thanks to Heineken, there will be liquid prizes for successful entrants of the crossword if their names are picked out after having correctly completed the crossword and handed into the S.U.
If you are interested in making a customised crossword i.e. concerning Students, call to the Editor.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Extra-large size (5)
 - 7 Type of pudding (8)
 - 8 Cosmopolitan (5)
 - 10 Prerequisite (10)
 - 12 Labor-saving implements (8)
 - 14 Red gum (4)
 - 16 Old farm vehicle (4)
 - 17 Declared (8)
 - 20 Party (10)
 - 21 Runaway through to sea (5)
 - 24 Film-workshop (8)
 - 25 Football song etc. (5)
- DOWN**
- 1 Tanning (8)
 - 2 Let out a second (4)
 - 3 Open industry (4)
 - 4 Whistling Clubber? (5)
 - 5 Swimming pool accident (9)
 - 6 Mobile platform (8)
 - 9 Scream (5)
 - 11 Confusion (9)
 - 13 Squal for office (1)
 - 15 Between heister and also (5)
 - 16 Chummy gut (8)
 - 18 Trackery (8)
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 - 21 Type of sock (4)
 - 22 Not far off (4)

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JOBS

- MONEY**
Responsible student requested to babysit for 2 days.
Call 331298, ask for Kate.
- DELTA CITY**
Part time Full time staff required immediately for trendy new fast food restaurant at the Parkway Shopping Centre.

When are you?
Where's my book?
Please contact me on Suzana, at 9437689, Edward Sharkey.

Wanted! A ticket for Blur on the 22nd of November. Help! Write to me on SICMS at 9510087

Wanted
2nd Ed Computing Concepts
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LOST

Black Card W systems Jacket in Tropic on Thurs. Week 5. If found please return to S.U.

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Personal Development Group Initial meeting
Thursday Week 5, 20th October at 5.30 pm in the Versus Medication Room.
Partnership with Transition Ireland meeting
Friday Week 5, 27th October at 5.30 pm
Venue C1 060
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- 16. Old farm vehicle (4)
- 17. Deceased (8)
- 20. Parley (10)
- 23. Runnage through to stial (5)
- 24. Hero-worshipped (8)
- 25. Football song etc. (3)

DOWN

- 1. Taunting (6)
- 2. Let out a secret (4)
- 3. Own individuality (4)
- 4. Whistling Colosseum (5)
- 5. Swimming pool attendant (9)
- 6. Mobile platform (6)
- 9. Stratum (5)
- 11. Confession (9)
- 13. Stand for office (3)
- 15. Between baritone and alto (5)
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or Student Counsellors at CM 070 / Cm067

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 Thursday Week 5, 26th October at 5.30 pm in the Venue Meditation Room.
 Paracounselling Training Initial meeting
 Friday Week 5, 27th October at 3.00 pm

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 Venue Meditation Room
 Myers Briggs Wednesday 1st November at 12.00pm
 Venue Meditation Room.
 Assertiveness Monday 27th November at 12.00 pm
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