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In the most significant development of the repeats saga for years the Students' Union representatives walked out of a meeting and put repeats back on the agenda. This makes next Monday's Students' Union meeting the most crucial meeting in the history of the Students' Union. Not only will the meeting be used as a platform to discuss student issues and concerns, it will be a meeting to decide if the Student body of this university want to pursue repeats and to what extent.

The meeting from which the S.U. walked out, was to decide the way in which the Repeats policy was to be assessed in a forthcoming review. As the meeting wore on it became unclear what the terms of reference of the review were. The S.U. argued that the review was there to inspect the success of the current policy with particular reference to student satisfaction with it. It argued further that if major changes were deemed to be necessary (which it feels is so) that these changes be made. The uncertainty arose at this stage when the chair of the meeting, the Assistant Registrar Fionnuala Sheehan, said that this was not the case. She cited advice from the Registrar who had said

that no major changes were to be recommended and urged that the current system rest for two more years before any significant review be made. This was stated at Academic Council (the highest academic meeting) and was contrary to what Governing Body had said be the purpose of the review. The S.U. see that this was an abuse of the registrars position and stated this at the time. The Registrar had in their view undermined the most important committee in the university the governing body and the most important body - the Students. He had tried to influence the outcome of the review on repeats by encouraging little more than a low scale progress report that had no major changes recommended.

The debate now rests on the key issue of whether the Repeats policy is to be reviewed fully or just subject to a few minor changes. This distinction is crucial because the Registrars Division are of the opinion that the policy should remain in place for at least two more years before a major review take place at which time present students will have suffered under what the S.U. feels is a wholly unsatisfactory repeats system. The S.U. feels that if a thorough report is now carried



**Brian Synnott and Duncan O'Toole leaving the
White House on Tuesday.**

out that it would show major student dissatisfaction and many flaws that ultimately lead to student hardship. The S.U. also cited that the University of Limerick is the only University in Ireland without a fair repeat structure that students are satisfied with.

In time honoured fashion, University Management practice is to attempt to drag the Students' Union into a position of compromise. This

was done by a process of persuasion, at first, and then intimidatory tactics. This summers accommodation fiasco was a case in point. While it must be stated that the SU has always been willing to negotiate, it has to be from scratch. There is no point in even attending a meeting were the decision has already been sewn up.

News

The Law exemptions- the story so far!

Damian Maloney Reports

There has been consternation among law students during the last three weeks concerning the scrapping of the exemptions previously offered to Law graduates by the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. Chaotic and indeed traumatic scenes were witnessed as moves of the court decision broke to a disbelieving student pouplace. Since then little has been heard by anxious students about the ongoing talks to resolve the matter, but here we report on the situation as it is at the time of going to print.

It all started when a group of student's from Queen's University in Belfast won a case to have exemptions which were offered to Law school graduates in the Republic but not to those in Northern Ireland, scrapped altogether. This now meant

that Law graduates from the five recognised Law schools in the Republic (UL, UCD, Trinity, UCC & UCG) would have to sit extra exams, after completion of their degrees, in order to pursue qualification as a solicitor or barrister.

The Law society decided not to appeal this court ruling, presumably because it doesn't really affect them, but it really hits the students.

The Law Deans of the five law schools are in regular contact on the matter and disagree with the stance taken by the Law Society. The deans have, via the department of justice, asked for law graduates interests to be represented at the Supreme Court appeal of the decision which is to be held on December 12th.

In addition the Law graduates of 1995 are themselves instructing counsel to represent them in

this December appeal. The fact that they were not present at the original court case gives them a solid basis for argument since it is unconstitutional to make a court ruling affecting person who have not been present to argue their own position.

The Law deans have also requested a special meeting of ACLLET (Advisory Council on Legal Education and Training) to discuss the matter on the 27th of October.

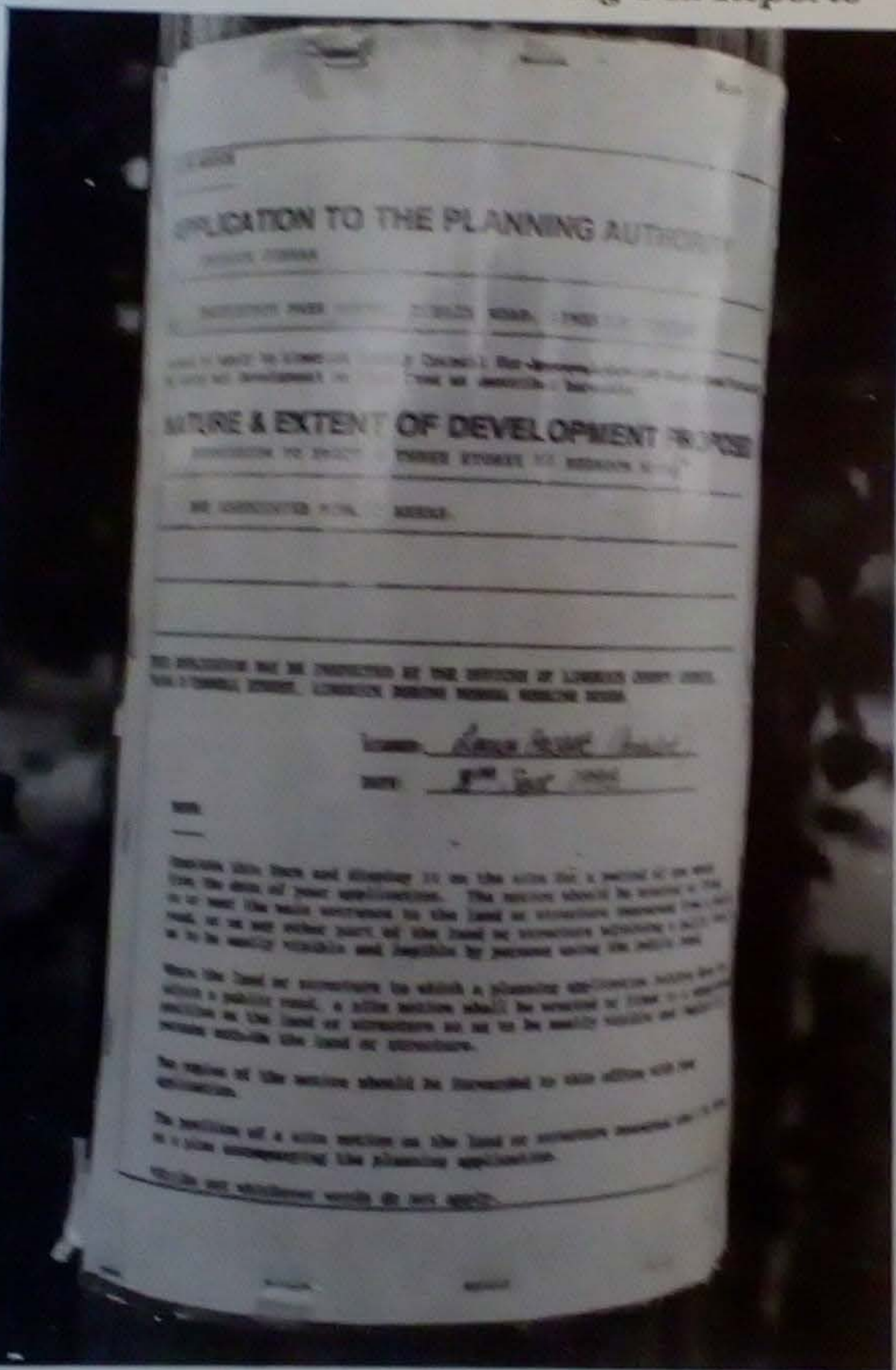
Thus, the wheels are in motion gearing up for the appeal in December and with any luck the appealing parties shall emerge victorious and have the exemptions re-instated.

In the meantime any changes in position will be duly reported in these pages as will a report of the ANCLLET meeting in two weeks time.



Castletroy Park Extension

Padraig Fox Reports



Due to the increasing demand for good quality hotel accommodation in the greater Limerick region the Castletroy Park Hotel has recently applied for planning permission to build a new hotel on its two acre site between itself and Plassey Village. This new hotel will be a 3 star, 80 bedroom hotel providing a full service of restaurant, bar and function facilities for up to 200 people. The hotel will be loosely based around the popular 'Inn' theme, providing high quality accommodation and services to complement the Castletroy Park's existing facilities. The new hotel hopes to target other parts of the tourism and accommodation market which the Castletroy Park due to insufficient bedroom capacity has not been able to realise. There will be a full bar available in this hotel and contrary to popular belief, there is no policy against students patroning either bar and are fully welcome there. There are not however, any plans to build any form of night-club or venue in this new hotel.

THE ETERNAL STUDENT

We read all the time about people wanting to be young again but few are as determined as Brian McKinnon, a 51 year old who, thirteen years after the 1978 Bursden Academy in Scotland, re-entered posing a 17 year old and using the name Brandon Lee. His excellent results gained him admission to Dundee University's medical school where he kept his false identity and age.

However, while on holiday in Tenerife with three girls from

Bursden, they discovered his real name and age on his passport.

Apparently, after dropping out of Glasgow University Medical School in the 1960s, McKinnon wanted another chance at becoming a doctor and feared he was too old. Perhaps he was right. A spokesman from Dundee University said, 'We don't usually take students over the age of thirty'.

BLACK AND WHITE

This is the second of a series of articles by a young man studying for the priesthood.

Sitting in a laundry, one damp, overcast morning, I found myself in a Patrick Kavanagh frame of mind i.e. feeling sorry for myself and wishing I was somewhere else. Then, a thought struck me: 'stereo-types', did you ever? or were you ever? one that immediately comes to mind is the 'mod' if you don't know what a 'mod' is, ask someone about mid-twentieth. Anyway the mod, one who is decked in a parka in youth, but effective army jacket and on these jackets, planked right on the spinal region, was a high target! I ask you, would you walk thru Beirut and survive if you were a mod?

Then there is the 'raggy', 'real', complete with flat nose or some other facial scars. This breed normally has some brand name jeans, the standard size

jeans, and a collar of mandatory right hair with the collar standing up. The question being, why do these people exist? How do they survive in a world of...

Could this be a psychological need? To be a where we are into the question. But does psychology reflect personality? Look at it over the years we really have gotten it wrong! I mean, we would not imagine that people would have taken that? Or seriously for Cape National psychology? It's a question of having and this is the most considerable truth is I suppose the 'mod' that is the 'mod', it is hard to change the way of being a stereo-type. But at the end of the day, you're who you want to be with your teeth your creed, whatever. It's a product of yourself.

"BUSINESS STUDIES MY ARSE"

Hey dudes and dudettes, mugs here. One of the few good thoughts that a Leaving Cert Student approaching June has, is the taught of going to College - being able to do what you want, when you want and where you want, - things like drinking, meeting new faces, making new friends and for those who on the odd time do study, being able to study the things you want to. Well, sorry. For myself and my First Year Business Studies colleagues, we only get 3 out of 4. Business Studies was interesting for me in secondary school, and I thought it would be perfect for me - studying things like Accounting, Economics, Marketing and Maths etc. Okay! Here is where all of ye engineers say who the *uck is this dip**it and turn the page. That's fine by me 'cause I know the Business Studies guy's are glued to this cause they feel the same as I do. Yes lads. Ye have guessed it. I'm writing this 'cause we've got to study history. Oh sorry! I shouldn't have said History. I should have said Business and

Society. But what would you call a module that requires you to buy a book by Joe Lee and is called "Ireland 1912 - 1985, Politics and Society". What would you call a module that requires you to write an essay on Eamon De Valera or on the Treaty of 1921. (I don't even know if this year is correct. I personally couldn't give a monkey's ass if it is or not). Not only is this module on for term 1, but it's back with avengence in February. And according to a reliable source - Cheers Dec-) it get's worse - he told me that in term 2 I'll wish I'm in term 1, because it's so *uckin' deadly. Come on, give me a break. Wake up and smell the coffee guys, we're here for Business, not for history. Sure, they say you learn from the mistakes that people made before you. Unfortunately guys, History repeats itself. Men and women fall into the same trap again and again. So why do we have this module. Do my colleagues and myself a favour. Drop the module.

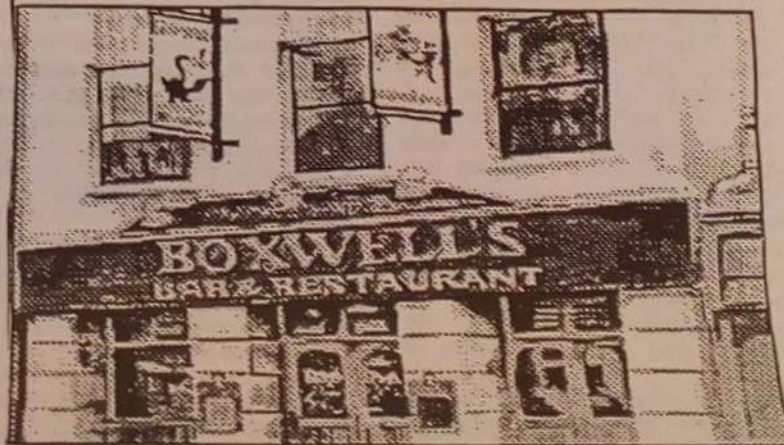
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Planet Earth is 4,600 million years old. If we condense this inconcievable timespan into an understandable concept, we can liken earth to a person of 46 years of age. Nothing is known about the first seven years of this person's life, and whilst only scant information exists about the middle 35 years, we know that only at the age of 42 and the earth begin to flower. Dinosaurs and the great reptiles did not appear until one year ago, when the planet was 45. Mammals arrived 8 months ago; in the middle of last week human-like apes evolved into ape-like humans and at the weekend the last ice age enveloped the Earth. Modern humans have been around for four hours. During the last hour we discovered agriculture. The Industrial Revolution began a minute ago. During those sixty seconds of hypothetical time humans have made a rubbish top of paradise. We have caused the extinction of many hundreds of animal species, ransacked the planet for fuel and now stand like brutish infants, gloating over this meteoric rise to ascendancy. We are now on the brink of final mass extinction and of effectively destroying the basis of life in the solar system. The time to change is now. WE HAVE NO CHOICE. Our home, our life, our future is at stake. We must learn to cooperate with our exosystem, not command it. We are, like all other forms of life on Earth, the product

Senate Seats NOW!

By Colm Flynn.

Some of you will remember that over the past few years there has been a constant, if at times low key, campaign being waged in this college for representation in the senate for U.L. graduates. For any of you who do not have a clue what I am talking about here are the details.

U.L. graduates are not entitled to vote in the senate elections. In fact the majority of college students today have no representation in the senate. Of the four Universities in Ireland (N.U.I., Trinity, U.L. & D.C.U.) only N.U.I. and Trinity have representation. If you include all the RTCs and DITs, none of which have any representation, then the biased nature of the current system is obvious. On closer examination of the distribution of

the six "college" seats then you can see just how unfair the system is. N.U.I. share 3 seats between its associated colleges (U.C.D., U.C.C., U.C.G. & Maynooth) which have over 30,000 students between them. Trinity has the other 3 seats despite the fact that it has only 12,000 students. U.L. and DCU combined also have 12,000 students but not one senate seat. Include D.I.T. and the RTCs then the number of students rise to almost 53,000.

Now no doubt someone out there will say that there are very important historical reasons why the senate seats are distributed the way they are. The first common argument is that N.U.I. and Trinity have been around much longer than any

other college and thus have many more graduates. However I wonder just how many graduates of the class of 1768 are still registered to vote. Produce one and I will gladly go away and forget the whole thing. The second historical argument is that the Trinity seats are there to ensure Unionist representation in the Oireachtas. Perhaps this was true 50 years ago but since the restrictions on Catholics entering Trinity has been lifted (by both sides) this is no longer the case. In fact the majority of Trinity students would probably be hard pressed to name a Unionist, if you excluded Ian Paisley, and that would just be the Politics Department.

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is now. WE HAVE NO CHOICE. Our home, our life, our future is at stake. We must learn to cooperate with our exosystem, not command it. We are, like all other forms of life on Earth, a 'link in the chain'. REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE. Remember: The earth is not given to us by our parents, we have borrowed it from our children.

The Shame of the Irish Blocks

Anthony Smith Reports

The other night, I engaged in a pretty fierce argument on Irish culture and society, the point of my argument was that, after people leave secondary school and after learning the Irish language for 14 years, suddenly, there is no longer a use for it, and the language dies within the person. The other person opposed this and said there were many avenues where someone could practice their Irish if they wished, but one thing that we both agreed on, was that the University of Limerick made very few provisions towards the Irish language.

For instance, in University College Galway, Peadar Mac Iomaire who is head of the Irish Scholarships, has made provisions, so that, up to 80 people may stay in 'Irish Blocks' in Corrib village (For those who don't know, Corrib Village is UCG's version of Plassey or Kilmurry). The college awards a scholarship of up to £300 per year to people who stay in the Irish Blocks. This depends on how regularly they speak Irish and the amount of effort they put into maintaining Irish culture and the language itself over the year of residence.

The same applies to University College Cork, here allowances are made towards the Irish Blocks in

Castlewhite, which is the student accomodation. But in the University of Limerick, although Kilmurry advertises that it has an Irish Block, (very impressive) unfortunately, it doesn't happen to broadcast that it makes no monetary allowances towards the cost of the accomodation fees, which are one of the highest around the campus. Another point to notice, is that for a University which should recognise both of the official languages of the country, the University only recognises one, English.

Why is it that in the University of Queens in Belfast, which is part of Britain, there are more signs in the Irish language than the University here, it seems a disgrace considering that the level of Irish would in no way be as strong in Queens as here in Limerick. So why is it then, that last year when An Cumann Gaelach went to get funding for Irish signs, that certainly, they could put up signs, the University would not fund them. So maybe it is about time the University started to remember its roots and where it came from, rather than trying to grasp the footholds of the future in its vision of 2020.

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Interviews

Blooming Great

Ruth Scott reports on the guy who used to do Ber Angley's job. Luka Bloom, Kildare man, former Limerick NIHE student & superb performer spoke on the phone today.

On Limerick:

"I wasn't the greatest student at the time. My life's ambition was to be a second-year student" which he didn't quite do because as he put it "my true vocation was in making noise".

First record you ever bought?

"A Donovan record because I was made about guitars and learning how to play and the B-side had a really simple instrumental which was the first bit of instrumental every learned".

Music today:

"There's a lot of incredible music happening at the moment and the way that world music has exploded onto the contemporary music scene is really tremendous and it means that we now have access to a lot of music from Africa or Asia".

He listens to a lot of Bob Marley and Jazz, Chet Baker and international music is a great love of his. As a mature 40 year old Luka Bloom doesn't look for inspiration any more. He has abandoned walking the streets of Dublin, or indeed Limerick "waiting for the music". Song writing is, to him, a job that he seems to thrive on as creative and enjoyable experience.

Songs sometimes are regarding issues and he recently penned a song about the Rainbow Warrior.

Luka never had a job whilst on his way to becoming a full-time performer. He went straight from the NIHE, where he says he spent more time concentrating on playing and organising gigs to a full-time performer, incidentally, he did what Ber Angley - Ents Manager does now. He fell into the "trap" of being a student when he wasn't ready for it and now he says that as he has a hunger for learning, which he didn't have back then, he could possibly go back to college in the future. He talked fondly of the excitement of his sister (40 something) starting college in Maynooth where she'll be a great student he reckons



because that's what she's ready for.

Stage show:

Primarily he goes for the one-man and his guitar style of show. He muses that people never ask a painter or a poet, do they get lonely working on stage. "It's the most natural thing for me to do - to stand on stage and sing my songs". For his 3 shows in Dublin last week he was experimenting with musicians (oooh-err) which he hasn't done for 10 years, and he really enjoyed the experience.

Tour:

Luka has played all over America, Australia and Europe but this November sees a first for him as he will be touring England, Scotland and Wales. Lucky them! And I am sad to say that it will be next year before we hear anything from the man himself. (sob)

He feels that he was stuck in a rut with himself for a long time and there came a point in the mid-eighties where he had changed enough to really get things moving. Perhaps any awareness of him, Barry Moore, in Ireland at the time was because of him as Christy Moore's brother or as a fellow who wasn't going far. When he started to do some work in America he had a feeling of starting all over again including a stage identity and stage name which was to be

"GETTING THE JOB DONE"

An interview with Brian Synnott
by Gareth Halpin

What is the Student's Union?
What does it do?

And most importantly, why should we care?

As a humble fresher I had no more idea than most of my classmates, so along with a variety of retarded tape-recorders (one of which for all intents and purposes self-destructed during the interview) I knocked on the door of the President of the Student's Union, Mr. Brian Synnott, and tried to find out. By the time I left his office, one of the things I was certain of was how much work his job required. After five minutes the phone had rung four times from people looking for one thing or another from him, and I lost count of how many people knocked on his door. Some people might have found this intrusive, but Brian seemed to thrive on it. A graduate of UCD, Brian transferred to UL after a lecturer recommended a Masters Degree which would be a good follow up to his Degree in history and politics. While in UCD, Brian had little or no contact with his local union, something that changed when he came to UL. Brian found it much easier to get involved here, and after heading the cricket club for a year and then becoming a member of the executive council as the postgraduate representative, he decided to stand for president. As president, Brian feels that his job and day-to-day routine can be broken down to two different but equally important categories: financial and representative. Brian did not hesitate to talk about the financial trouble the Union has faced in the past, and gave a lack of professionalism as the main cause

Brian enjoys the most, trying to change things for students and make their time in UL easier and more enjoyable. At the moment the main item on his agenda is to try to introduce a proper repeat system, despite the opposition the union is receiving from the University. Brian feels that the current modular system has a basic flaw in that it is based on the American system despite the fact that we do not have the resources to fully operate that system, i.e. unlike America, if you fail a module here in the first semester, you are unable to repeat it in the second semester. Two years ago there was a system that was acceptable to both the union and a number of colleges, in that you could get rid of deficient grades at the end of each academic year and then carry on with a clean slate. The University only tested this option for a year before getting rid of it, but as far as Brian is concerned, the Union will continue to argue until either it is reintroduced, or something better is suggested. During the interview I was surprised to learn that this union was against the abolition of fees on the grounds that it was a missed opportunity as it did not help the people who really needed it. Instead, Brian would have raised the means test and grant subsidies, so that people who can well afford to pay fees would still do but the people who were receiving grants now would be better off and a large number of people would be freed from the PAYE poverty trap. The free fees also does not include post-grads or part-time students, and it is these students who will bare the brunt of the abolition of

CHIPS

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After months of painstaking negotiations with Campbell's Catering's FR unit we finally had the opportunity to speak to some of the ladies who spend their time making our days a little bit more wholesome. In particular we talked to Marian Coffey and Eleanor Beirne who are responsible for cooking and dishing up the chips in the canteen. We caught them on their coffee break and unfortunately we only had time to ask them a few questions before they were called back to the front. The

rut with himself for a long time and there came a point in the mid-eighties where he had changed enough to really get things moving. Perhaps my awareness of him, Barry Moore, in Ireland at the time was because of him as Christy Moore's brother or as a fellow who wasn't going far. When he started to do some work in America he had a feeling of starting all over again including a stage identity and stage name which was to be pretentious and memorable at the same time. At the start of this year he actually considered losing the stage name and continuing as Barry Moore but he likes Luka far too much. I can see a long future for Luka Bloom and Barry Moore.

first question put to them was one that has been burning in the hearts of students for all eternity...

What is the secret to getting a bigger portion of chips?

If someone looks like they need it, if they look underfed, then I'll give them a bigger portion. If students ask for more chips then I'll give them more. Another way is

to make sure the supervisor isn't around.

Are the students well behaved or do you have any trouble with them?

Usually they're very good but there's always one or two. I remember one time at 2:30 when I was clearing up this girl came up and asked for a plate of chips, so I went into the kitchen to see if there was any left. When I came out with the chips she decided that she wanted garlic chips. Two seconds later it was chips with mayonnaise and then it was with garlic and cheese. Every profanity under the sky was used in the kitchen that day. "I hope she chokes," was the first thing I said when I went back into the kitchen.

What is the most disgusting thing you ever had to clean up?

I'd say spit on the table, or one time I found a sausage stuck in a condom.

What do you think of your uniforms?

We think they're awful, and have made several suggestions about getting them changed. We were thinking of going topless because the kitchen is so hot. (When asked they said that they would be OK with mini's but not too fond of showing some cleavage.)

What's your boss like?

Great!

Unfortunately this is all the questions that they had time for, but we do hope that students will now look at them in a different light; they are not simply the people who clean up after us, they are the Angels who feed us in the cold of winter.

missed opportunity as it did not help the people who really needed it. Instead Brian would have raised the means test and grant subsidies, so that people who can well afford to pay fees would still do but the people who were poorest but the people who were poorest would be a large number of people would be freed from the VICE poverty trap. The free fees also does not include post-graduate or part-time students, and it is these students who will bear the brunt of the abolition of fees. For example, there is a recommendation from the finance department that fees should be increased by up to twenty percent for post-graduates. "To have an increase of twenty percent in one year is outrageous," Brian believes, "so we have to stop them." One thing that makes him angry is the accusation that the union is an inaccessible clique and that he has surrounded himself with friends. He points out that while he trusts all of the people he works with, he did not know any of them before taking office. He would argue that that is the main difference between the Union and management. "The evidence I've seen is that management seem to have a system of patronage where the people on the inside track are promoted to positions of power. We just want the people the student body elected." Twenty four years old, Brian only earns one hundred and twenty pound a week and often works over sixty hours a week. The standard rate for someone with his qualifications is at least twice that, for a lot less hours. Why does he do it? "I'm doing it because last year I saw that there was a job to be done, and it might sound arrogant but I think there is something I can bring to it. There's also the dimension of personal experience, and you do get a lot of experience at different kinds of things. But the ultimate reason is just to do things for the students and get the awareness heightened and the negative perceptions of the union changed." Brian's term of office will end in June, and after that he hopes to finish his doctorate, which he says will probably be the hardest thing he'll ever do. He is unsure what he will do then, but it will probably involve lecturing, "or maybe even politics." The interview over, I asked him one last question to see if he was really in line with the opinions of the student body. "Do you think OJ did it?" "Yes"

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SUBJECT: THE DOOR
FROM: MARY AYE

Dear MI5

We have arrived! At last! After three long years as part of the University. An Focal has deigned to recognise our existence. A whole generation of UL students, B. Ed. U.L. students to be exact, has passed through our hallowed portals before An Focal wakes up to our existence, to their existence. They have graduated unhallowed and unsung; received their degrees from the hands of the Great Ed himself; gone forth into the cold dark world of work unrecognised by that great validator of student existence - An Focal. Come off it Big Brother, where do you think we have been all these years. We were here when they were laying the foundations of the White House for goodness sake! Anyway let bygones be bygones and here we are part of the cosy consortium at last. A few comments on the "Impressions of Mary Immaculate" article of last week. Our smart T.V. door seems to have given both your reporters a lot of trouble. You see Mary I. is a "smart" building. You have to be fierce intelligent to even get in. That door is actually an I.Q. test. Persons failing to open it are automatically given Q.C.A. of 0.5. The camera is fierce intelligent too. If it does not like you, it will tell the door to snap your hand off. Just beyond the smart door there is a large gothic arch filled with a huge brass bound door. Your reporter could not have been so smart if he could not recognise this as a church door. Apart from the fact that it is surrounded by stain glass windows and a notice board announcing the times of Masses (admittedly in the official first language of the nation), there are two large carved holy water stoups, each big enough to bathe a baby in. It may of course be due to the fact that the Meditation Room in Plassey is located in the attic and he is not used to looking eternity in the eye so to speak. On a related point our main building is not and never was a convent. It did happen to get built in 1800 and was built by the Order of Mercy who did happen to own a few convents so I suppose the architectural style rubbed off. However the Plassey campus too has its follies. Although the P.E. building at Plassey was designed in the 1970's by an animal rights fanatic no one claims that it is Moby Dick or a stranded whale. To get away from the polemics (and all other mics), Student Radio FM 103 is going down a bomb. The B-side known here as the Ian and Martin Laugh-In too. Well there's no accounting for taste in Dred Locks. The Bob Marley we knew would never have been politically correct anyway.

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Erection/ Election

UL seem to view Mary I as the big 'Virgin Megastore' yet we are streetwise enough to know the difference between 'erection' and 'election'. U.L. 'cocked up' last Thursday failing to 'raise' a complete executive line up.

We in Mary I do not suffer from this 'impotence' and can 'arouse' the students into at least putting forward nominations. A 'hot' and steamy' night is expected at the hustings on Monday where nominees will speak passionately about their desire to 'stimulate' the students.

With the elections on Tuesday (24th) we'll be no 'flop'. The future executive will be a 'hard' act to follow. Ride on Mary I.

-The Sisters of Sin.

Ed's Note:
We do have a full Exec line and a full 'impotence' bit.



Some Rubbers recently spotted in Mary I

Orgies in the Hall

As a male student of Mary I, I have many grievances towards the student populations of U.L. (okay we are affiliated to

enough room to fit in another 80 neanclethrels. We in Mary I will supply a professor - a 10 year old from one of our 3rd year

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away from the polemics (and all other things). Student Radio FM 103 is going down a bomb. The B-side known here as the Ian and Martin Laugh-In too. Well there's no accounting for taste in Dred Locks. The Bob Marley we knew would never have been politically correct anyway.

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Orgies in the Hall

As a male student of Mary I, I have many grievances towards the student populations of U.L. (okay we are affiliated to them, but it is there that the connection ends). When in pubs or indeed to that fact disco's and the conversation turns to where am I studying, the amusement and general look of snobbery on UL students faces when they find out where I study is enough to make any body's stomach turn. Within seconds the insults begin to fly, studying to be a nun", "where's your nuns outfit", "were you castrated before you entered".

Time and time again these insults are used. It is about time UL students united and used their combined IQ of 2.5 (professors will be accepted knowing how hard it will be for ye) to come up with new and original insults.

As I have probably around 55 years to live, that should be enough time for some new insults to be created. Hell why not create a degree programme specifically for it. In that great big shopping centre of a university there is surely

enough room to fit in another 80 neanclethrels. We in Mary I will supply a professor - a 10 year old from one of our 3rd year B.Ed's class should be sufficient.

As for that Student Centre of UL's the Stables (how ironic that the name of a shed for few intelligent creatures should be used for the pub of low intelligent students). To me that so called pub had all the atmosphere of a dirty sewer tunnel. (I tell a lie, sewer rats are far better companions when having a pint than UL students).

UL students conversations seem to rotate around slagging Mary I off (no doubt jealous of our wonderful friendly college atmosphere) and discussing the brilliance of windows 95 and their IBM computers.

Come on, please all UL students should be by law forced to develop their personalities. Slagging Mary I is only mildly amusing the first time it is done. After that it tends to become a pain in the backside.

Another thing what is this about Virgin Megastore? As a Mary I

student I am happy to participate in the weekly orgy - held in the hall where condoms are dispensed by caring and happy nuns.

Yours
Andras MacAndreis
MacLiam.



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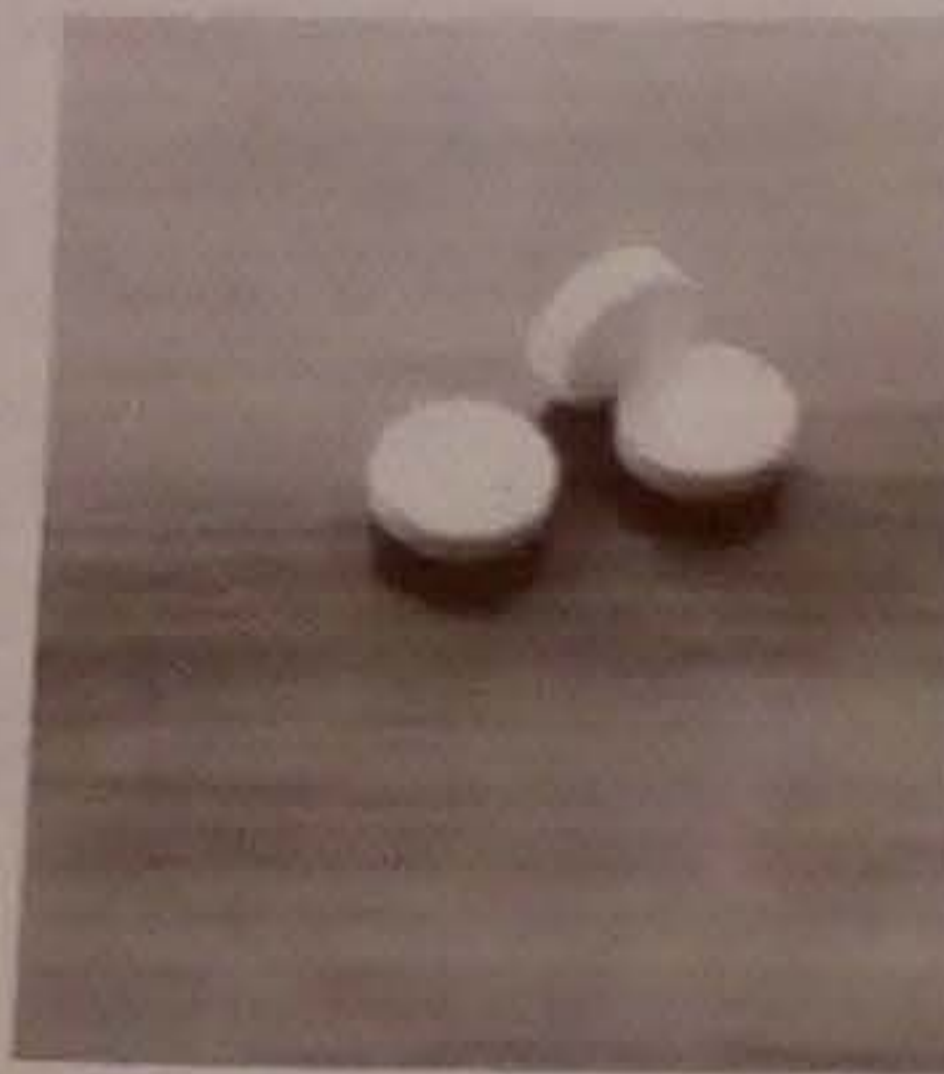
THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY

Is our sense of morality diminishing our sense of responsibility?

From the outset, I would like to point out that I neither condone nor condemn those who use the drug Ecstasy. This author presumes that those who take the drug do so willingly and are aware of the associated dangers. Rather, in light of the recent media press hype, I would like to examine the public's response to this, particularly from those in office. Firstly, let's deal in facts:

1. Ecstasy has not exploded out of control in the past few months. The so-called "crisis situation" has existed for a number of years, but it is only since the death of Stephen McMillan that the national media has chosen to deal with as a serious issue. Even then, some of the coverage has been of a rather dubious nature. For example, the Sunday Independent's Barry Egan condemned use of the drug recently. However, he was responsible for writing two articles earlier in the year which to my mind glamourised the use of the drug.
2. Ecstasy is not an hallucinatory drug. This seems to be a general misunderstanding applicable to all non-users of the drug across all age groups. The effects of the drug have been fairly well documented, so I won't bore you with the details.

What really bothers me at the moment is the rather lackadaisical and one-sided attitude that our elected representatives have adopted towards the whole affair. The whole emphasis of their response has been towards stamping out the sale of the drug in this country. While this is certainly a praiseworthy objective, it is hardly realistic. The government seem to be totally ignorant of the manner in which the drug is sold. The politicians seem to think that the clubs are packed with dealer selling E openly. While it is true that the drug is being sold in the clubs, the majority of users buy their E in pubs and off the street, and pop it before going in. As of yet, I have heard no mention of drinking water availability as an issue. The politicians have let their self righteousness cloud over their responsibilities as administrators for the general well-being of our society. Rather than be seen to acknowledge the fact that large volumes are using E, they have still refused (or failed) to consider the issue of the statutory provision of free water at clubs. By their inaction, they continue to endanger those who still pop E's. Until they can put in place measures to control the problem, they should be trying to protect those who are using it. What's more, they actually have the gall to tick off those who have faced up to the realities of the situation,



such as UCD President, Loughlin Deegan.*

If people are really serious about tackling the issue, perhaps they should consider the following areas:

- a. Introducing legislation to make it mandatory for every club in Ireland to provide unlimited amounts of free drinking water.
- b. To abandon the idea of banning raves. The British government have already tried this with the oppressive and discriminatory Criminal Justice Bill. Legislation like this will only drive the scene back underground, making it more difficult to control. At least when the clubs are legal, they can be controlled through licensing controls, etc.

c. A far better information campaign as was demanded by the parents in Dublin last week. This campaign should be two pronged, warning of both the dangers involved and safety precautions which should be taken.

d. A more responsible role should be adopted by parents with regard to the behaviour of their children. After all, where are the 14-year old kids getting the money to buy E's at £15 a go on Dublin's Quays at 12 midnight? And what are they doing in the city centre so late?

e. The media should start developing a more responsible attitude in reporting on the situation as opposed to the OTT hype which they are currently indulging in. For example, how many papers have run articles on safety precautions? Only one comes to mind, and that was the Irish Times.

It is time for Ireland and, in particular, the government to grow up and treat the situation seriously, rather than going through the usual motions of national committees and more police powers, etc. If they continue to hide behind the curtain of irresponsibility known as the "high moral ground", we will see many more senseless deaths like Steven McMillan's!

*Addendum: Having seen last week's Questions & Answers, I think that it is important to state that Loughlin Deegan's remarks were in the context of those who have already used the drug. Certainly, I do not think it was an invitation to innocent freshers to experiment with Ecstasy. Anybody watching will also have noticed that the politicians answers were sickeningly P.C. e.g. "well intentioned but dangerous statement" I ask of you!

E = XTC kills

First of all, I'd like to thank Albert for his help with the title (thanks Mr. Reynolds). And now meet my friend Erik Kantona (a member of the KK), otherwise known to his friends as Mr. E. Mr. E has a long and established career in the drugs scene (passed down from generation to generation).

At an early age, he experimented with the weed (that's hash to the rest of us) and from there moved on to the harder stuff (domestos, anti-freeze, wine gums, etc.). Then during the early nineties a new drug came onto the market, a drug they called ecstasy.

It was advertised as a cheap, "user friendly" non-addictive drug

from it [he could always try the customer complaints department].

This, of course, caused some financial problems for him (can drugs do that?) and soon it was not uncommon to find broken raided piggy banks on the floor of the kitchens all over the neighbourhood.

The inevitable climax of Mr. E's demise is as predictable as a man who goes to bed with an itchy arse and wakes up with a sorely finger. He died The End (no, not that ridiculous program on bog 2). Short but unsweet story. Finito. Nicht mehr. Fin. slan abhaile.

Condensed version: XTC is a lethal drug - it is addictive, not only that, it is... (the rest is cut off)

What is the truth about ecstasy?

What is the truth about ecstasy? What can one believe? The majority of people's opinions are based on the sensationalised political and media coverage that they are being bombarded with. Nowadays, ecstasy is being used as a tool. The newspaper industries use it to sell newspapers and the politicians use it to enhance popularity. They categorize ecstasy as an evil and this narrow minded Catholic country that we live in see them as fighting on the side of good. But "we" know better! ("we" being the people whose judgment is not clouded by the politicians endless streams of horseshit). It is either the politicians that are stupid themselves or they believe the public to be of very low intelligence. Honest and intelligent politicians know they will never "win the war against drugs" and it is an element in our society that is here to stay. Fighting against it will only make the situation worse and if they only took their heads out of their asses for long enough they could see this.

So, why do people go out on a Saturday night and spend their money on a drug like ecstasy rather than having a few pints. Is it that they're tired of the inevitable amount of shit people talk about when they've had a few. Is it the loss of equilibrium, the enhanced violent nature of

certain people or is it just that they do not want to feel like crap the following day. I myself can not give any particular reason. So I will just have to describe it to you. To start with I always try to be in the dance club when I begin to "come up". Initially I feel an irregular type of energy building in my stomach. So, I usually sit down and enjoy this feeling spread to the rest of my body. Soon enough my hands and feet are tapping so I know its time to hit the dance floor. I can physically feel the overpowering grin that is now apparent on my face and on the face of most the people around me. The time passes and I drink my water, smoke some cigarettes and somehow just feel myself submerge into the music. I am totally relaxed in myself, happy, content and filled with energy and spirit. The following few hours are spent dancing and chatting in an atmosphere of elation and euphoria. The following day my recognition of the night before is clear as is my head.

So this is my typical night on ecstasy and 99% of the time I have a brilliant time. But if its so great why am I constantly questioning myself as to why do I do it and should I stop?

4th Year

Drugs Debate

Padraig Fox Reports

Hot Press graced the hallowed halls of UL on Wednesday 5th of October in the form of Olaf Tyaransen to give a guest debate on the issue of legalising recreational drugs. Regular readers of Hot Press will be familiar on its attitude to the drugs problem, voiced most vociferously by Stuart Clarke and Olaf Tyaransen. And his short and very convincing argument in favour of legalisation came in the form of a very entertaining and informative debate which also guested Lorna Kerin (Deputy SU Pres.) to talk on the opposition's side of the motion. In what was a very entertaining event a large crowd participation ensured that the entire supply of Smarties which were offered to anyone who would speak were quickly consumed as were a large number of pints sponsored by Heineken for the event. Representatives from the Drug Squad also sent literature and information leaflets to the event which were quickly taken! All in all, a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

"user friendly", non-addictive drug that had no adverse side-effects whatsoever (and Hitler was a nice guy). Like a lamb to the slaughter, Mr. E believed these people who themselves would kill their own mothers if they thought it would give them a better high.

It first started as a flirtatious affair with this friendly drug but as the months passed, Mr. E found that he had to take more and more of this drug in order to obtain the same high he first got

only that it is cumulatively addictive (ie you have to take more and more every time to achieve the same high - it kills, impure and pure versions (some impurities are rat poison, helps in speeding up your heartbeat) - use it in good health, cause it's going to use up yours.

Goodnight.

-The Armistice.

NIGHTLINE

"Sometimes I feel that loneliness is like an epidemic waiting to hit the university, full of vulnerable students; yet no one laughs at loneliness, the way they do at exam pressure. They never even bring the topic up. Loneliness seems to be driven inwards." - John, 3rd year student.

Perhaps because the public perception of student life frequently focuses on the 'fun, fun fun' image, very often students are unwilling to talk about the low times. Feeling lonely, or down is normal. Nightline's aim is to provide confidential support for students through the tough times.

Nightlines are now established in over 50 British student centres, run by students for students. All have the same objective in that they will listen. Nightlines have unbiased attitudes to all types of calls, and exist more as a friend in the night by talking to the callers about their problems and worries. Quite often the problems facing the callers are common to those of the nightliners.

The Welfare Office is now recruiting for student volunteers amongst UL and Mary I students, who would be interested in becoming Nightline counsellors. Training will consist of on-going Para-Counselling classes, kindly run by the Student Counsellors, workshops and seminars organised by voluntary agencies such as the Samaritans, the Rape Crisis Centre, the Well-Woman centre etc. Several training days will also be held in Dublin and Northern Ireland Universities.

Training and participation will not cost you money, but it will cost you time. Time well spent, learning the skills necessary to support and encourage yourself and others. You will learn how to become a better friend, how to recognise distress signs in yourself and others, how to truly listen in a non-judgemental way, and other personal developmental skills. It's a great opportunity to enrich campus life - see you there!

FRIDAY, WEEK 5,
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UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK ALPS 95 EXPEDITION

The Outdoor Pursuits Club at the University of Limerick returned to the French Alps for 2 weeks of mountaineering in September. The club saw two of its members, myself (Eoin Fitzgerald) and Eamonn McGuinness climb several Alpine peaks over the fourteen days. We would like to thank their sponsors, Bank of Ireland, Cara Computers and Computer Media Products for their financial support and making the trip feasible.

We based ourselves in a campsite in Chamonix, the home of Alpine climbing. The first two days were spent rock climbing on the granite of the lower mountains at heights of 2,000 meters (6,500ft). Chamonix itself is at an altitude of 800 meters, almost as high as Carrauntoohil. On the third day we attempted part of the Midi-Plan traverse which goes from the Midi peak (3,800) to the Aiguille du Plan (3,500). The route had seen a lot of fresh snow fall which made the walking tough going. Parts of the route are very exposed with the snow dropping steeply into the cliffs and foothills 1500m below. At every step we sank knee deep and even higher at times into the snow. This combined with the effects of being at altitude quickly saps your strength. Breathing becomes difficult above 2,500m and climbers can become sick at heights of 4,000m and above. We turned back after the halfway mark due to the effects of altitude, the soft snow and the loss of our soap which plunged into the valley below.

The following day we spent in the Aiguille Rouges which are a range of

mountains on the other side of the valley from the Mt. Blanc range. They stand at 2,500m, with peaks just at the permanent snow line. That weekend we set our sites on Aiguille du Tour (3,500m) a mountain on the French Swiss border. On the Friday we climbed from the cable car station up to the Albert 1st hut in rain / snow showers. The hut was about 100m above the snow line at the end of the Glacier Du Tour. The CAF (Club Alpine Francaise) run these huts which are dotted around the Alps. They provide a safe base from which to tackle the high peaks. We set out at 7 in the morning with visibility down to 10m due to heavy snow showers. We had 1500m of an ascent in front of us. Again we found ourselves sinking knee deep into the soft snow. By 9am the snow stopped falling and the clouds parted to give fantastic views of the surrounding mountains. We climbed up a steep gully covers in snow and then crossed around the back of the peak on the Swiss side. By 1 o'clock we were near the base of the rock face with the snow getting softer and the going tougher. The last 200m of the climb was a good but exposed scramble on a rock ridge to the summit. We reached the top at 3, after 8 hours of walking. All around us were peaks of snow and rock. We were given full views of the French Alps with the Swiss mountains, including the Matterhorn, in the background. The descent was much less taxing on us and in two hours we returned to the hut and reached the valley floor by 7 that evening.

The weather for the second week closed in with heavy rainfall in

Chamonix and plenty of snow and storms in the mountains. We sat it out for a few days and ventured back into the snow on the Tuesday. From the valley it looked as though only a thin cloud was hugging the peaks. When we got up into the mountains it was blowing a gale with snow hurled at us in every direction. There was nothing for it but to return to the campsite. We waited for two reasonable days in which to attempt Mt. Blanc. We were fit enough for it and had acclimatised well. Unfortunately we only got one good day of weather, on the Thursday. We returned to the Aiguille du Midi and walked back out onto the snow ridge that led to the Aiguille du Plan. This time we descended into the Vallee Blanch, a large basin of snow at 3,400m. From there we walked to the Cosmiques hut. The cloud level was at 3,000m and everything above this stood out like islands in a white sea. The panorama was beautiful. Although the snow was still very soft (a sign that we passed the last week was at chest level, this time it was at our feet) we progressed quickly, having got used to the thin air. We returned to the Midi and back down to Chamonix.

The trip to the French Alps was highly enjoyable and we climbed some brilliant routes. However had we gone earlier in the summer we may have got a better view of the mountains and better snow conditions. Here's to next summer.

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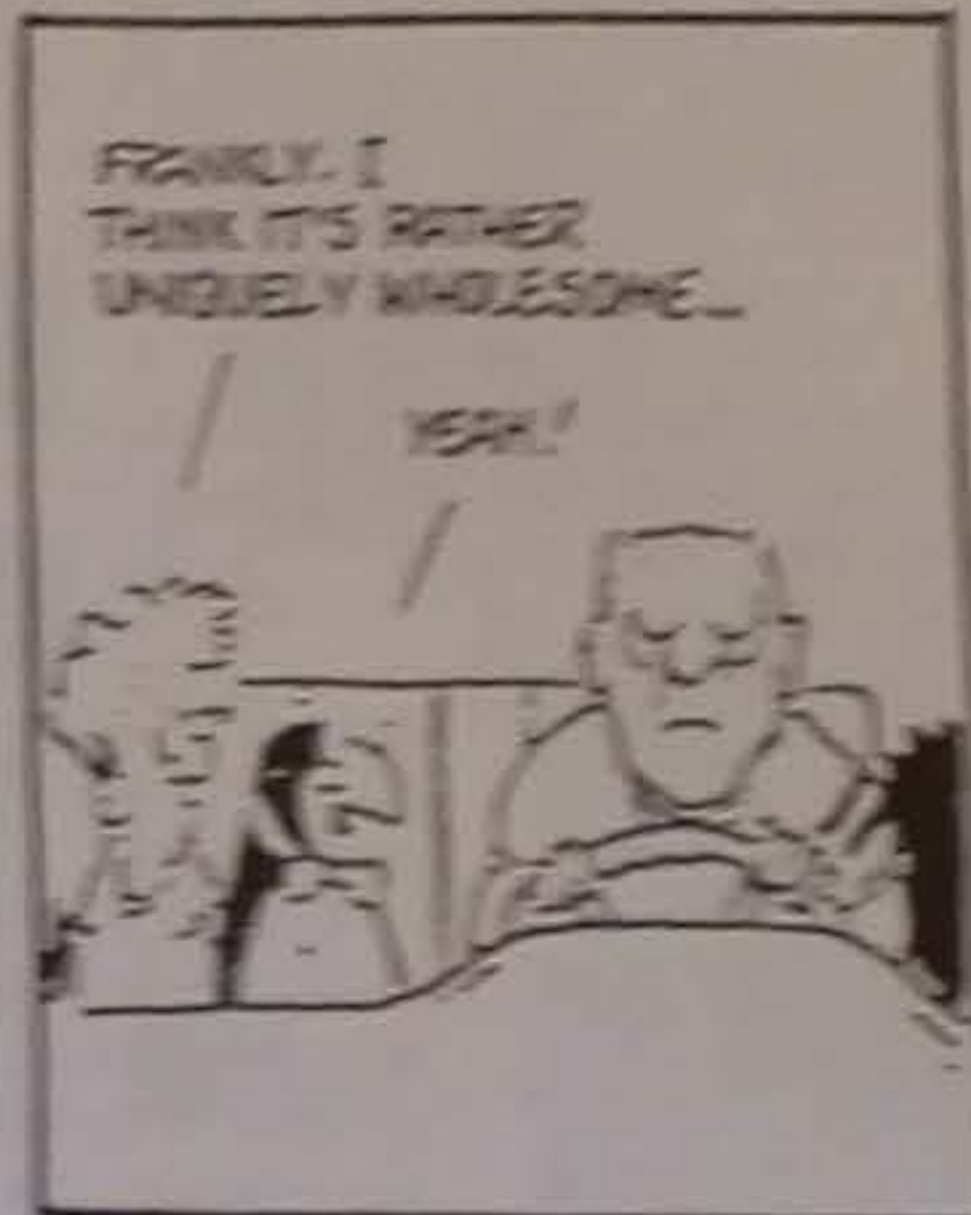
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SAT WEEK 5

1. Four Weddings and a Funeral.
2. Speed.

Sun. 1. Pulp Fiction.

SAT WEEK 6

1. Forest Gump.
2. "Malice".

Every Wednesday it's
"The Indie Zone" in Doc's.

Every Thursday it's
"Phase 2" at the Royal
George.

SECURITY MATTERS

In the last few weeks we had a series of incidents, from a fight in the Indie Room to a fight on a bus, and the most despicable act of all, when a glass was thrown at a Crew person from a balcony, and more vandalism of the courtyard loss. We hope to bring up those culprits and others who cause similar problems.



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 2. "Mallory".

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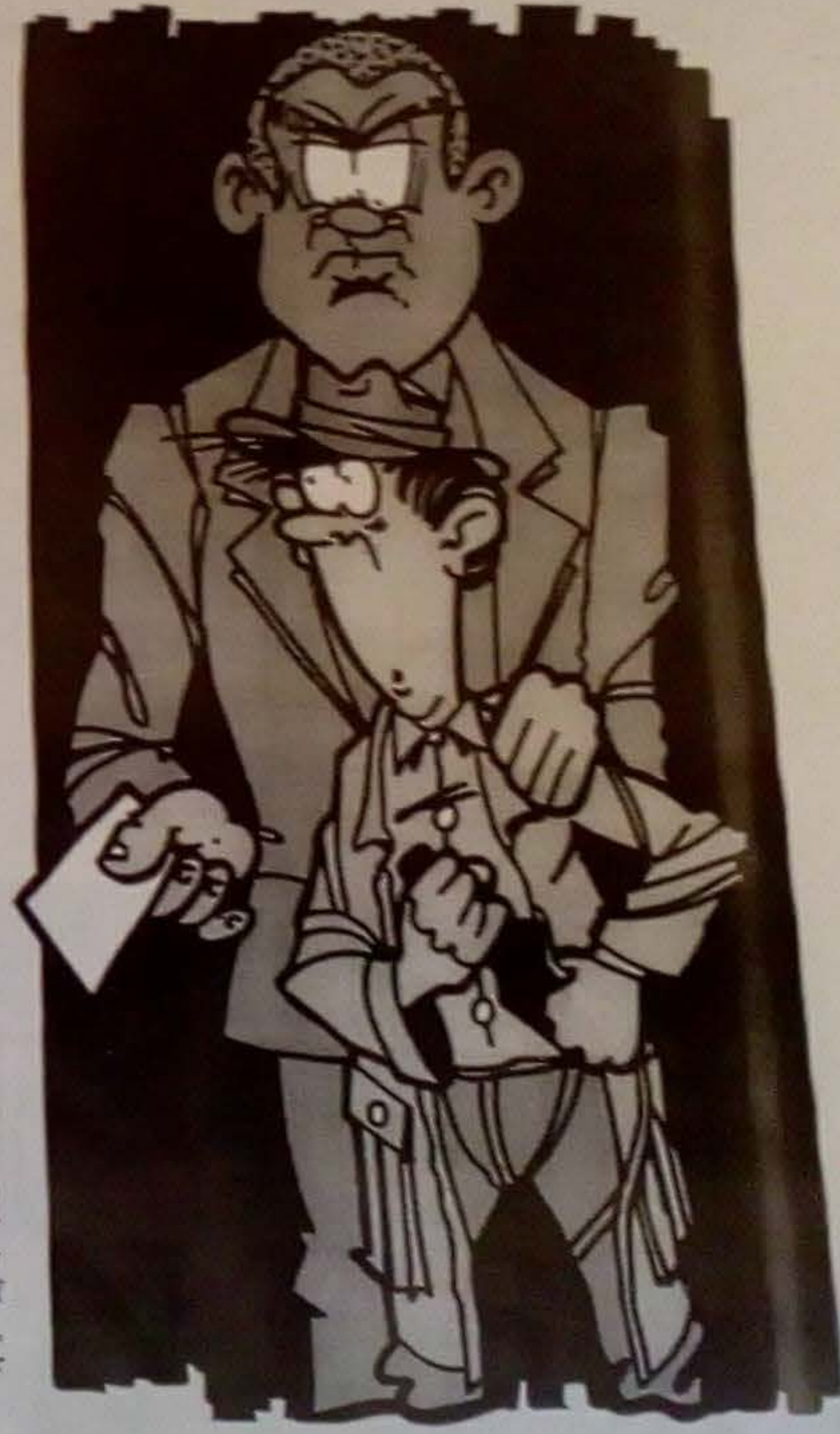
In the last few weeks we had a serious incident, from a fight in the Ladies Room to a fight on a bus, and the most important thing is that we have a plan to deal with others who cause similar problems, to the Disciplinary Board and will look for suspensions and definitely in one case expulsion. None of these incidents will be tolerated.

If we have to go and look at photos in Student Services, we intend on tracking these and other people, who cause hassle, to go before the Disciplinary Board. If drink makes you aggressive **stay at home!** Remember the Ents Crew are students, trying to do a very difficult job, and are there for your safety.

BUSES AND QUEUES WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Week one came and went, for the first time in a number of years, there was bus queues and a number of other nights as well, when we had queues. Our aim is to make sure that people get on the buses safely and do not get trampled on, which basically puts them in bad form and in some cases Hospitalised. Because some A** holes don't give a shit about anyone else and will push their way onto a bus, causing a chain reaction. For the most case it is only a few, as most people queue and wait till a bus arrives. We know something (mostly out of our control) buses come late, as all buses must shuttle, the quicker we load them, the faster we can get people to the venues. When there's a total breakdown of the bus queues, like last Wednesday night, all buses slow up. We are also limited to the amount of drivers who will work for us, so we are limited in the amount of buses we can have. So for safety reasons, if a queue breaks down and goes completely out of control, we will have no choice, but to suspend the buses on the night. Let's look for example, what happened last Wednesday. Firstly there was a queue, the first two buses loaded, then no bus showed up for about 25 minutes. At this stage, the queue got bigger and a group of lads, up front, started pushing once the bus approached. People who were at the very front of the bus queue were pushed to the ground. People fell on top of them. At the same time, a large group of people coming from the Stables, ignored the Ents Crew person and also rushed the bus, this meant that people on the ground had little or no way out. Many could have been seriously injured, and quite easily, could have turned out as fatalities. All because a few people wanted to get to a disco early. First of all the answer to these people is to stay at home. I was working on that night, as I had most Week 1 and 2. On a positive note, people did queue at the start and re-queued, once they saw how seriously people were getting hurt. We will be taking a harder approach towards queue Junkies, and especially people that push, as they endanger the safety of others. This could lead to been banned from gigs, and possible suspensions. So please queue for buses, and listen to what the crew are saying.

Ber Angley.



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Motor correspondent: Ruth Scott

Screeching brakes... the smell of burning rubber... breakneck speed... and that was only the bus journey to Jetland!

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Not content with us merely being there, we had the pleasure of donning lovely overalls that steamed with the pleasures of the pit (of the driving variety, not the arm variety) lovely floppy paper hat for hygiene purposes apparently but of more comedy value than a rubber chicken! And then came the helmet...hard, strong and of

consoling nature against the concrete floors! The karts themselves are very low down (so I didn't have far to fall) and sound alarmingly similar to a lawn mower. Now if I had a lawn mower like that at home do you think I'd be in college? No, I'd be a contract gardener by now!

Five of us on the track waiting for the word "GO", engines revving in anticipation and they're off. Well everyone, in fact, except me as I braked being far too cautious. I was gently nudged along and in true Driving Miss Daisy style proceeded to ease myself gently around the track taking nice safe corners listening to the chilling noises of everybody else taking off as they took corners. (Picture it - your half-blind granny on the track in Mondello.....)

Tired I was getting of everyone passing me out several times on every lap so I accelerated... a little... a little more and then quite a lot and apart from the hairpin bends, kept a steady speed which still wasn't quite as fast as the other

four people on the track. I even started feeling like a potential speed-freak! Rosie, by far, outshone everyone on the track with her breakneck speeds (her excuse was that she couldn't reach the brake!)

After our very generous ten minutes were up I found that I was so keyed up that I just had to crash into the wall. (It is totally untrue to say that I forgot where the brake was.) Don't fear because your intrepid reporter was not damaged in the course of her journalistic endeavours. The wall was well barricaded with stacks of tyres which gently cushioned the blow!

I find it difficult to write this, not only because of the rushing adrenalin, but also because my hands are still clenched around an imaginary steering wheel!

Excellent fun for drivers and no-hopers alike. Roll on the Grand prix.

Goodbye Miss Daisy
.....hello days of thunder!

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- 1) What was the name of the character Nicole Kidman played in *Batman Forever*?
- 2) Name Mel Gibson's first directorial effort?
- 3) What famous Dublin pub will be auctioned later this month?
- 4) Who won the Nobel Peace Prize this year?
- 5) What nationality was the cyclist who finished first in this year's Tour de France?
- 6) What famous German company withdrew their sponsorship of Stella Gruff recently?
- 7) Who is currently lying in third position in the World Formula/Championship?
- 8) Who said "to err is human, to forgive is divine"? (and don't say Hugh Grant).
- 9) From what movie was the line "no stars, just talent" taken from?
- 10) Which Irish statesman wrote "The Riddle of the Sands"?
- 11) What nationality was Hercule Poirot?
- 12) Who shot J.R.?
- 13) Who shot Monty Burns?
- 14) What did America buy for \$ 7.2 million in 1867?
- 15) Which Israeli prime minister spent two years in a Russian concentration camp?

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Brian's comment

This week sees the introduction of Brian's comment. The aim is simply to give an impression of the weekly events (with a jaundiced eye), to provoke comment and to serve the student.

So where does someone who wants to be SU President get off? Is it the closet Meglomaniac or a kind of "John of Arc" that drives one to be elected. Perhaps there is a sense of duty to reform, however Fabian that may turn out to be.

One criticism which is certainly not valid is that the President is in for the prestige - the committee culture with all the fringe benefits thrown in. Having spent nearly four months attending various meetings I am reminded of the saying that 'only a committee can be given the design plans for a horse and turn it into a camel'. Not being the best linguist I'm not sure what the University motto "Eagna chun Gnimh" stands for but perhaps the above could be a rough approximation. The sense of bewilderment felt when one witnesses the double think employed to justify policy decisions is useful only to the budding satirist. Although I would like to think that there is little in common between myself and Michael Lowry, one shared hobby is that of blowing the whistle on cosy cartels. Luckily in UL the evidence is a lot easier to substantiate.

If there is one ambition that I have for the coming year it is to make students believe that the Union is there for them, for You. YES I do actually believe that this is achievable! In my opinion there is still something to be said for participation. We need to overcome the attraction of the stylised political set-piece and look to our members for action. The most heartening thing is that my colleagues; Lorna Kerin and Duncan O'Toole are most definitely of the same opinion. Some of you may have met us as we meandered around Kilmurry and Plassey Villages. This was not idealism or tokenism. The response we got was informed and on a personal note, very encouraging. So thanks to all who took the time to listen and ask questions and again, call in if there is a problem. **We hope to see you all at the AGM on Monday where we will really start the ball rolling for the year.**

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How shit happens.

*In the Begining was the Plan
And then came the Assumptions
And the Assumptions were without form
And the Plan was completely without substance
And the darkness was upon the face of the workers
and they spoke amongst themselves, saying*

"It is a crock of shit and it stinketh",

*And the workers went into their supervisors and sayeth,
"It is a pile of dung and none may abide the odour thereof".
And the supervisors went to their managers and sayeth unto them,*

*"It is a container of excrement and it is very strong,
such that none may abide by it"*

And the managers went unto their directors and sayeth,

"It is a vessel of fertilizer and none may abide by its strength".

And the directors spole amongst themselves, saying to one another,

"It contains that which aids plant growth, and it is very strong".

And the directors went unto the vice-presidents and sayeth unto them,

"It promotes growth and it is very powerful".

And the vice-presidents went unto the president and sayeth unto him,

*"This new plan will actively promote the growth and efficiency of
this company and in these areas in particular".*

And the president looked upon The Plan

And saw that it was good, and the Plan became Policy.

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Faculty Boards

Humanities- Discussion on the Strategic Plan. Resulted in detailed discussion with some progress made.

Science- The role of the Advisor was said to be "wholly inadequate". No argument there. It was stated that there was not enough lab space. Not exactly a shocking revelation. Sometimes I think the only space available in this University is between certain peoples cars.

Informatics and Electronics- There are to be no tutorials until Mid-November. How this was not foreseen is a disgrace. Lecturers cannot teach properly and students have no way of learning. The SU is pursuing the matter.

Committees

Academic Regulations- The one we walked out of, see page one!

Academic Programme Review- It was agreed that External Examiners would be reappraised at the end of each year. So if you experience any difficulties with Oral examiners let us know.

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Who is he?

Well, you could say that he is the Al Gore of UL.

What do you mean that he is a computer buff and an Ivy Leaguer?

Not exactly, more that he is more or less second in command, give or take.

You mean that he is a heartbeat away from the President?

I wouldn't like to comment on how well they know each other but if you would like me to ask...

No thank you. So why is he in the news?

Well the Students' Union, in their irresponsible way, seem to think that he attempted to undermine a committee on the issue of something called repeats.

Why would he be concerned about indegestion?

Wrong again, Repeats- the basic right of all decent-living students, giving them a second chance at exams.

OK no need to get stroppy, so why the objection?

It seems that the system in place was democratically decided

You mean on Academic Council, where there are 52 members and 3 Student Representatives?

My point exactly.

Most likely to say- "That has already been decided"

Least likely to say- "The Student is the customer and the customer is always..."

**ORIENTATION FOR CLASS REP'S
TAKES PLACE THIS SATURDAY
MEETING IN MAIN UNIVERSITY
RECEPTION AT 2 PM**

Literary

*I see my face in its unmasked glory,
Glorious in its defeat,
Time has won its age old battle,
Carrying seeping reflections of unwanted turmoil,
Truth that shatters - Reality.*

*So here I am, beaten in a game
I know so well - what's in store
Another keen arrow - shot to take
Another piece of what was once
- A whole entity - oblivious to rejection.*

*Shall I remain defeated, or
Will I be given the part of a lifetime
- The temptress who shoots -
Hits - dismisses compassion.*

Catherine Wallace.

*A restless slumber, a deserted beach,
Take my hand and guide me,
To the land,
Where the angels upon
The foaming waves, that protect
Their mystical dwellers.*

*Take my hand, and lead me further,
Take me so far, that my feet can
Feel the ripples, and the shifting gold-dust
That tickles, comforts and soothes.
Take me so far that I may see
The silver stars that rest upon my gold,*

Looking Back (for Conor)

*I'm waiting for you to come over
to the old house
Where we used to play when
we were kids.*

*Not to say we're all grown up now
but still*

*It's over, our greenish gambols
among fresh dug spuds,
wishing to be taller than the stalks
As tousled toddlers, grubby, dirty
and playing in the muck.*

*Watching Grandad (who never seemed that old back then)
(Come to think of it the man was positively spritely then)*

*Picking apples, turning onions,
digging potatoes, cutting grass,
planting drills.*

*He was a superman, compared to the old,
greying, tired old man, I drive today
down the rocky road to the old house
In which we used to play
before our points drive upwards
towards today.*

Gone

*Life,
Truth; Bitter Death; lost.*

*The red blood that flows.
The injustice that grows
in black, bleak, silent misery.*

*A blunt instrument of pain
that strikes, cuts, stings*

Trying for Infinity

There is no one thing.

There is EVERYTHING.

Colm L.

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The silver stars that rest upon my gold,
A gold so inviting, so tempting.*

*Take my hand, Take me further,
I can no longer resist,
I am fixated in a trance,
A melody so silent, so tranquil
Tease my ears, infests my brain,
My destiny is that I must not remain.*

*Take my hand, Take me further,
Dive with me to the depths of solidarity,
Remain with me for eternity,
In a grave so silent, so carefree,
Perfection, Take me no further.*

Catherine Wallace.

Preoccupation

*In which we used to play
before our points drive upwards
towards today.*

Colm L.

Gone

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Truth; Bitter Death; lost.*

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A blunt instrument of pain
that strikes, cuts, strikes again.*

*A dim memory bubbles,
screaming to the surface.
A lull, falsehood of thoughts combine
scratching the surface,
dulling the pain.
Laughing, smiling times remain.*

*This land has lost a soul.
A person of truth, beauty and wit.
All that remains is ashes.
One dead soul memory:*

*Would the man responsible,,
Would the man responsible,
Please,
Take a Bow.*

By P. Mc Daid.

Trying for Infinity

There is no one thing.

There is EVERYTHING.

And then there is more.

THERE IS MORE than EVERYTHING

And when you have imagined that much.

Try to find what lies behind it.

*When you find it
Then you are looking at it
-INFINITY.*

U-tah

The Candidate

*I look into the mirror
And see a thousand faces.*

Preoccupation

*My eyes serve up a royal feast indeed,
Upon which my anorexic mind should feed:*

*The translucent shallows of an ocean's fingernails that strain
To reclaim the sun-browned seaweed, moistened by summer
rain.*

*The fresh sea breeze, billowing with tranquil harmony
Through the verdant grass border of the ocean's monotony.
The sun-lightened bright smoothness of grey Connemara rock
And the surrounding soil's strivings that it does smilingly
mock.*

*Yet, my brain is so fevered that I can but vacantly stare;
For all my thoughts are wrapped in long blond hair.*

Matthew Hamilton

The Candidate

*I look into the mirror
And see a thousand faces-
Which one shall face the electorate today?
Certainly not the one I could say I owned some months ago.
That was unique, honest, untraduced-
And un-electable.*

*So, I rationalised, with admirable falsity:
"I change my clothes, but I am not changing who I am."
"I act differently, but I am more than just an actor."
"I use people, but it is all in a good cause."
"After all,
It is wrong to be so selfish as to put Personal Principle
Above the Needs Of The People.
Honesty to one's beliefs is what really counts."*

*The trouble is,
Honesty to oneself
Used to be one of my beliefs.*

Matthew Hamilton

Dear Dora,

Dear Dora,

Joy! Rapture! Yes! Someone finally had the intellect or the knowhow, the kindness to put an off-licence on my door-step. It has quenched a thirst deep in my stomach which the Stables never seemed to satisfy - financial situations unstable.

Houses of Plassey are now decorated with the beautiful blue of challenge beer cans, thrown carelessly in a drunken stupor but making true art for the nineties. It has made such a difference to my life, no more do I seek solace in men, my bottle of Miller will more than keep me happy. It gave me great pleasure at the end of the day to saunter up to the shop and take a detour to my haven of alcohol.

Walking in the door, you can feel you have stepped into something special - the aura, the aroma, the drink. Surrounded by it - its what dreams are made of and on top of all that you have a line of males standing there doing fuck all for you to scrutinise and give the once over, while you are buying your 'Holy Water'.

It has helped me overcome my degradation of last week in the sports building and I'm now past the denial stage of my therapy - I no longer deny it was me who wrote the fucking letter making the whole scene public. I now believe I am a reformed woman and have my hormones completely under control... oh my god!... Wow!... here... in UL... Hello Big Boy... Come to Oona and she'll make you happy... - okay, so I haven't but with a name like mine, its not really my fault.

Oona Oestrogen.

Dear Dora,

I just have a minor query for you this time - does anyone work on the third floor of this establishment? I have stumbled up countless flights of stairs in total sacrifice with a friend of mine who wanted to see her lecturer. Not a very good idea after your first day conditioning!

I'm almost convinced that the doors are just a front, if opened, you would be faced with a bare wall, or maybe the lecturer is in there getting his/her petty cheap thrills watching the student's uncertainty whether to go or to keep knocking. This is a demoralising exercise for the student and can be seen all over the university. At first the student arrives at the door - no answer. The next knock comes more tentatively - no answer, the students brow creases in confusion and worry, the watch is looked at, he's supposed to be there - aww, sh*t! This state of confusion leaves the student standing for minutes on end staring at the wood grain in the door, finally they take a small step back and admit defeat. They usually can be spotted muttering under their breath occasionally letting it become audible with words such as Ba*t!*d etc.

Is there really any life on the third floor?

Yours,
Patience Runout.

Letter to Ed

VIEW OF A FRESHER

I like about 1,600 other students, enrolled at the University of Limerick, only two weeks ago. My first impressions of the place were pretty good (will my first impressions last?). The "Freshers Ball" was good fun and all the other aspects of social life seemed to hold some potential. The view was further enhanced by the beginning of term disco in the Savoy. Even after the lectures started things didn't deteriorate all that much. The poster sale in the cafeteria had a little to offer (noticably the "Trippy" pictures). Witty adds like the Karate Club offer to "Learn to Kill", also added somewhat. I also enjoyed fooling around with the computers, the "sums" facility seemed to be universally popular. All in all, things were going pretty well... Then, one day early in week two, while I was on my way to the cafe, with some friends I happened to glance at one of the noticeboards which are located throughout the University. I expected, maybe, to see some offers of Accomodation (one female wanted to share...blah, blah...) and perhaps also an add for Barry Sinclair or "Vanya on 42nd Street (?)". I was, however, to see something profoundly disturbing instead. It looked innocent enough on the surface - a relatively small sheet of white paper with some bold faced print on it. Probably intrigued by the sight of blank paper in the midst of lined sheets, I unknowingly looked closer and read what was on the paper. After getting as far as "The President is A", I thought that the poster may have been the work of some "Crazy fourth year students, who printed up the message, photocopied it and distributed it around the college, when no-one was looking. Obviously, I was wrong. In the end, I had to read the statement about three times for it to sink in, and still I didn't understand! Since then I have come up with a couple of possible explanations - maybe the people responsible, ran out of ideas for these posters. I'll be the first to admit that coming up with super slogans like "Hey babe, I'll make you a star..." takes intense concentration from even the most creative mind, but surely the people running the paper could labour that little bit longer, to bring us the very best in witty and informative statements. In this case, the inclusion of the remark regarding the president

was only in order to fill up space. Still it was a silly way to do it. My second idea on the matter, was that this may have been an attempt by the Student powers, that be to show everyone how completely insane they are. They don't care what anyone (even the heads of the University) think and in order to impress everyone, they called one of the finest, most understanding men (?) a "sheep". Then, to also indicate that they are hip and cool, a "not" was included at the end. I very sure that absolutely everyone in the college was suitably overwhelmed. I mean, if they were going to go all out and refer to someone as a F****ing W****er, they'd definitely have my respect 'cause I wouldn't do it. Instead, however, they gave us an outburst of anarchy usually reserved for first years in secondary school. If you're going to say something, then say it. Otherwise shut up. I think that I have said what I want to say now, so bye, bye.

David Long 9515518.
Mech. Eng.

Ed:

The function of the add was to get people to write for their paper, but you're right it's a bad idea, it clearly didn't work in your case, by the way, the President is a Sheep - there I said it! Thanks for the article!



If you would like to reply to any of the articles printed in this paper,

Please mark
Letters

Dear Ed, c/o an Focal
Students' Union

Dear Ed,

It's hard when you know everything, even harder when you don't and damn near impossible when you know nothing. That just about sums up the average trip to Student "Services". Nothing beats coming in the corridor only to find half of UL trying to cram their way into two queues. How can anyone call it a service? It's a test of endurance! When you finally battle your way up to the counter an onslaught of questions and forms are

Dear Ed,

Who the fuck is the S.U. President this year?

We can only guess the following:

1. It is a debater.
2. Has a shit haircut.
3. It won't do anything for us.
4. It will enjoy S.U. perks at our expense.
5. It won't need repeats and so won't bother looking for them.

Yours sincerely,

Returned Co-op Students.

Ed's Note:

1. The S.U. President is Brian Synnott.
2. He has never been a member of the debating union but does debate at committee meeting with the university authorities.
3. His haircut is debating (no pun intended).
4. He's been working through the summer and has now brought repeats back on the agenda.
5. S.U. expenses are (since our accunts were done) non existent. If there are any perks show me them!
6. With regards to repeats as point 3 and the headlines of this paper answer that.

However you're dead right to ask these questions. I only wish more students would - its your union you've a right to know! Make sure you get involved.

thrown in your face. Nine times out of ten, if you queue with one form you leave with two more. Wouldn't it be nice to deal with the problem in a calm relaxed manner so that you could walk away knowing your future was in good hands, reassured that the problem had been dealt with once and for all. Why can't this happen? Why is it only open for several hours when there are so many people who need to use it? Everyone knows the system doesn't work so why has no-one tried to fix it?

A concerned citizen.

Clubs & Socs

Trad. Music society

The Irish World Music Centre and Traditional Music Society University of Limerick present *Sionna*: a series of 10 free Lunchtime Concerts in Autumn 1995 celebrating the rich musical traditions of the Shannon region.

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| Oct 12: Meabh Donnelly (fiddle)
John Lyons (box / vocals) | Nov 23: Siobhan Peoples (fiddle)
Pat Marsh (bouzouki)
Michelle O'Brien (fiddle)
James Devine (dancer) |
| Oct 19: Martin Ryan (box)
Sean Fitzpatrick (guitar / vocals)
Rita Gallagher (dancer) | Nov 30: Gary Shannon (flute)
Tim Collins (concertina) |
| Oct 26: Denis Doody (box)
Pat Costello (bouzouki / vocals)
An Cumann Gaelach Set Dancers | Dec 7: Paul Brock (box)
Noel Hill (concertina) |
| Nov 2: Con Greaney (singer)
Derek Hickey (box)
Tommy O'Sullivan (guitar) | Dec 14: Reeltime: Maureen Fahy (fiddle /
Vocals)
Chris Kelly (guitar)
Ellis Egan (box)
Benny Hayes (keyboard) |
| Nov 9: Eileen O'Brien (fiddle / piano)
Paddy Canny (fiddle)
Larry Gavin (box)
Deidre McSherry (Piano / flute) | |
| Nov 16: Kevin Crawford (flute)
PJ King (box)
Martin O'Malley (guitar / vocals) | |

OSS OFF TO A GREAT START.

This year's Overseas Students Society is up and running. Thanks to a great turn-out to our first two meetings several activities are well underway already. First and foremost, a trip to Northern Ireland (staying in Derry and in Belfast) has been planned, booked and sold-out. The weekends of this trip are the 13th - 15th and the 20th - 22th of this month. A total of 150 people have reserved a seat on the three buses going and the trips are sure to be a great success. One of the OSS'S most visible activities on campus is the Multi-Cultural Food Fair (part of the SOUL week in November.) Plans for this event are well underway as well. So far we have over 15 nationalities represented! Even if you do not want to help cook - plan to attend and feast on all the delicious foods from the four corners of the earth! In addition to the trips and the Food Fair, some of the ideas the OSS has had for this semester include: a disco

featuring a selection of international music, trips to Dingle, Cork and Dublin, and many others. Any one wishing to help, to contribute ideas or suggestions or to ask any questions can use the suggestion "box" (probably a manila envelope!) that is next to the OSS board in the canteen. The most important thing to mention about the OSS is that it is not, in any way restricted to study abroad or Erasmus. We have had many Irish students join and we welcome their participation and input. The OSS is a great way to meet people from all over the world, learn about other cultures, brush up on a foreign language or just broaden your horizons. Come and join us! Notices of meetings and events will be posted on the board in the canteen as well as around campus. Much of our success so far this semester is due in large part to the Committee's energy and enthusiasm.

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Also a special extra concert, Friday October 13th: Music from South India
 Renowned vocalist Vidushi R. A. Ramamani and virtuoso drummer Vidwan T. A. S. Mani
 Admission also free

For further information contact
 Niall Keegan / Sandra Joyce, Irish World Music Center, University of Limerick
 Tel 061 202565 Fax 061 202589 E-mail keegann@ul.ie joyces@ul.ie

KELLOGG'S SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Kellogg's Sports Scholarships were awarded for the first time in 1994. The value of each scholarship will normally be in the range of £1,000 - £2,500 per annum. All first year, full-time students who gain a place in a programme of study at the University, at undergraduate level, are eligible to apply. The objective of the scholarship programme is to

enhance the sporting development of Student athletes while also providing necessary support for the achievement of the student's academic objectives. Scholarships may be renewed annually subject to satisfactory academic progress. How to Apply Application forms may be obtained from the Admissions Office, University of Limerick.

Completed applications should be returned by 5.00pm Thursday 2 November 1995 to:
 Kellogg's Sports Scholarships
 Department of Physical Education and Sports Science
 University of Limerick.

DEALS ON WHEELS



All types of Bikes repaired.
 Ex Rental Bikes for sale.

Bring in your old bikes and we will repair them and sell them for you.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
 In the Student Centre
 12 am - 3 pm

Clubs & Socs

University of Limerick Debating Union

Wednesday Week 3 saw a very good response to our Drugs Debate held in the Parsons with the guest of the evening, Olaf Tyaransen from Hot Press opening up a very informative evening. Unfortunately for reasons beyond our control, last weeks debate on Arms Decommissioning was unable to take place and we apologise to anyone who turned up to find an empty lecture theatre. The following is a brief summary of the next few weeks events at the time of going to press:

Week 5 The Education Debate:

This debate will feature a paper to be given by the president of the University, Dr. Ed. Walsh on the future of Education and will be attended by the various Heads of Departments, Brian Synnot - SU President, Lecturers and speakers from other colleges and Education correspondents from the national papers. Brian Synnot will be answering Ed's paper as will a number of other guests and should prove to be very interesting.

Week 7 UCC Colours Debate:

The Annual UCC Colours Debate takes place on Wednesday Week 7 and will comprise of UL taking (or attempting to take) Cork to pieces in a decadent send up of debating, drinking, abuse hurling, drinking and general obnoxiousness in the name of the Colours debate where the cream of each college will size up the opposition and tear them to shreds.

In the meantime the first rounds of the Freshers/Maiden Speakers Competition will take place as will the preliminaries for the O'Mahoney's Debate. Details of all these and other events will be notified through the Chair on Wednesday and on

the Debating Union notice board in the Canteen. Anyone interested in participating in these competitions should contact a member of the committee or leave your name on the notice board for us to contact you.

And most importantly the approach of the UL LOTTO is imminent and people should prepare to win loads of money in this new lottery being organised and run by the Debating Union. Draws for prizes of £100 a week will take place during each meeting every Wednesday with a maximum cash prize of £500 which must be won every 5 weeks if no winner in the previous weeks is found. So get ready to support your local lottery!

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Week 8 The Divorce Debate:

Nora Bennis of Family Solidarity will be campaigning against divorce and in favour of the motion will be Mags O'Brien of the Divorce Action Group. Other guest speakers and contributors are still to be

season. The first round is a two legged affair. This time each match will be 2 X 25 min duration if both sides are level

UL ATHLETICS CLUB.

UL Athletics send a hearty welcome to all members - new and old, and are looking forward to a prosperous year of running jumping and throwing. Our AGM was held on Wednesday Wk2 and the following committee was elected.

President: Dr. Michael Hillery.
Chairperson: Niall McGee.
Secretary: Melissa Mullins.
Treasurer: Niamh O'Hare.
Captians: Mick Dardis (mens)
Catriona Hannagin (womens)
Pro's: Oliver Walsh
Susan O'Reilly
Ann Foy
Margaret McLoone.

Contact any of the above for any information - always to be found 'studying' in the P.E. building reading room. Club

Training times are as follows:
Monday 8.15 Gym. Plyometrics (Sprinters, Jumpers, Throwers).
Tuesday 6.00 Track (Middle Distance).

Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Track (Middle Distance).
Sprinters, Throwers, Jumpers).

Thursday 7.30 p.m. Track Plyometrics.

Friday 4.45 p.m. Track Plyometrics.

Also weights room is available for club members on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 8.00 - 9.00 p.m. - so get pumping!

Finally - some enticement, a training weekend in the woods (cratloe) and a light workout in Castleoaks Leisure Centre and all in the care of the innocent Richie Clifford. Starting November 3rd (Friday) through to 5th (Sunday). All club members are invited to come along for a great weekend of craic, fun and frolics.

SOR. (PRO'S) III P.E.

Please check the canteen noticeboard for telephone messages and mail on a regular basis, as this is the only method of contacting students.

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CALLING ALL MATURE STUDENTS

Feeling isolated, lonely, depressed, and even fossilised???

If so, we may have the solution to your pre/post mid-life crisis.

This society is aimed at people who feel too old for the 'raves' but too young to be put out to pasture. What we hope to provide is a chance for like-minded people to get together and swap experiences and ideas over a cup of coffee, lunch or perhaps we could even manage a few drinks in the stables???

As yet, we don't have a set program of events planned for this year, so your input will be very welcome. We will hold an informal meeting on Tuesday 24 October at 8pm in D1-049.

If you are interesting in getting together with other 'mature' students, come to the meeting, but if you need further reassurances you can contact us.

Lucia - 15 College Court Drive
 John at 061 330458 between 6-7 pm

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Sailing Club

Last Wednesdays outing proved yet another success with quite a few new faces and many people getting their first shot at helming the larks. The wind was perfect with enough breeze to get the boats planing at times while still allowing the less experienced to really get to grips with things in total safety. While the fairly mundane first half of the match still with an influx of good humoured revelry in celebration of a rather embarrassed (or at least he will be when the photos are developed) members birthday.

Both the Sailing and Windsurfing clubs held a joint beginners weekend in Dromineer last weekend and what an event it turned out to be. The turnout of about 45 members was, to say the least, unprecedented and it made for a brilliant few days.

The bus left from the Stables on Friday evening landing us in Dromineer that night. The hospitality of the Whiskey still was once again heartily accepted and relished as keen sailors prepared their minds and bodies for the water activities of the next day. Sailing conditions on Saturday and Sunday proved kind to us and so a good time was had by all. Saturday's activities consisted of instruction for beginners with novelty demonstrations thrown in, such as how to somersault a sailing boat in the middle of Lough Derg.

Heneiken sponsored a keg for that evening's corousing and we thank them for what proved to be a great injection of fuel for weary souls. In true sailing tradition the

'boat racing' continued in the pub that night with five teams competing for much coveted prizes (work it out for yourself or ask someone who has been around during Rag week).

Sunday was the day the surfers sank as the sailors skimmed snugly by. The wind blew a relaxing gentle breeze across the lake making for an idyllic evening on the water which transfixed all who experienced it. Some members filled berths in the Shannon One Designs from Lough Derg Yacht Club and had a ball competing in some fiercely tight racing throughout the day.

Well done to all who came and participated in the weekend. I think it can safely be said that the event was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

Negotiations have been entered into with Lough Derg Yacht Club with a view to relocating our activities base to their well established site. We hope this deal is agreed to within the next week or two and reports will be found in this column or on the noticeboard. We are exploring the possibility of hiring a yacht or two for a cruise on the lake at the end of week 5 and again details will be posted on the noticeboard.

The club disco which promises to be the event of the term is set for Tuesday of week 6, more about the venue and ticket sales as the date draws closer, but be sure to tell your friends to keep that night free as it's an event not to be missed.

Damian.

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Wednesday Week 3 saw a very good response to our Drugs Debate held in the Parsons with the guest of the evening, Olaf Tyaransen from Hot Press opening up a very informative evening. Unfortunately for reasons beyond our control, last weeks debate on Arms Decommissioning was unable to take place and we apologise to anyone who turned up to find an empty lecture theatre. The following is a brief summary of the next few weeks events at the time of going to press:

Week 5 The Education Debate:

This debate will feature a paper to be given by the president of the University, Dr. Ed. Walsh on the future of Education and will be attended by the various Heads of Departments, Brian Synnot - SU President, Lecturers and speakers from other colleges and Education correspondents from the national papers. Brian Synnot will be answering Ed's paper as will a number of other guests and should prove to be very interesting.

Week 7 UCC Colours Debate:

The Annual UCC Colours Debate takes place on Wednesday Week 7 and will comprise of UL taking (or attempting to take) Cork to pieces in a decadent send up of debating, drinking, abuse hurling, drinking and general obnoxiousness in the name of the Colours debate where the cream of each college will size up the opposition and tear them to shreds.

In the meantime the first rounds of the Freshers/Maiden Speakers Competition will take place as will the preliminaries for the O'Mahoney's Debate. Details of all these and other events will be notified through the Chair on Wednesday and on

the Debating Union notice board in the Canteen. Anyone interested in participating in these competitions should contact a member of the committee or leave your name on the notice board for us to contact you.

And most importantly the approach of the UL LOTTO is imminent and people should prepare to win loads of money in this new lottery being organised and run by the Debating Union. Draws for prizes of £100 a week will take place during each meeting every Wednesday with a maximum cash prize of £500 which must be won every 5 weeks if no winner in the previous weeks is found. So get ready to support your local lottery!

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Debate:
Nora Bennis of Family Solidarity will be arguing against divorce and in favour of the motion will be Mags O'Brien of the Divorce Action Group. Other guest speakers and contributors are still to be confirmed but this will definitely be an explosive event. An added bonus for members should be the reception planned for this event.....

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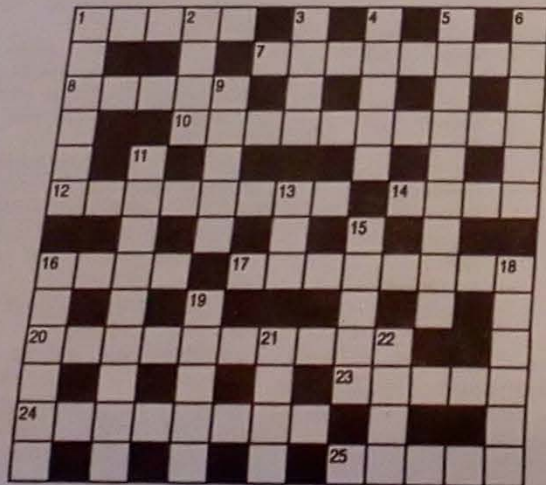


Last edition's winner of the crossword was Maurice Meehan 9303588 of Alder Close Elm park. Call to Heineken rep in S.U. for prize.

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1. Rumba-type music (5)
7. Loffiness of thought (8)
8. Synthetic material (5)
10. Naval vessel (10)
12. Stage a reconstruction of (8)
14. Shop's money holder (4)
16. Narrow valley (4)
17. Simulating (9)

DOWN

1. Trough (6)
2. Mistake (coll.) (4)
3. (Of wines) raw, unsweetened (4)
4. Heavenly being (5)
5. Kidney inflammation (9)
6. Drive (6)
9. Belly button (5)
11. One who aids a crime (9)
13. Extremity of foot (3)
15. Giving out light (5)

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- 3. Ludicrous of thought (4)
- 4. Synthetic material (7)
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- 12. Stage & reconstruction of (8)
- 14. Shop's money holder (4)
- 16. Narrow valley (4)
- 17. Stimulating (3)
- 20. Determination (10)
- 23. Fritter away (5)
- 24. One who looks after plants (3)
- 25. Tower for power lines (5)

DOWN

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- 3. (Of wind) very unseasonable (7)
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