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University of Limerick
Students' Union
Newspaper

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News

HARDTIMES AHEAD FOR EURODISNEY COOPS

The COOP Office are to be complimented on their success in securing the 45 jobs for 2nd Year European and Business students in the newly opened Eurodisney! It has come to An Focal's attention that a week before the students went on co-op they were contacted by Eurodisney and were told to be there for a date days before the original date, this left the co-ops forking out money to get the flight changed. If that wasn't enough they were advised to bring a further £600 to £800 to survive until their first pay packet at the End of April

Irish Language Dilemma Persists

The incorporation of Irish as a matriculation subject for the purposes of entering the University - on par with English has still not been achieved, to satisfy the large lobby group who feel that Ireland's newest University is failing in it's duty to promote the Irish language.

The whole controversy has its origins in an Academic Council decision of about two years ago when it was decided to have Maths, English and an official language of the E.E.C. as the basic entry requirements of the University.

The amalgamation of T.C.E. saw the University being charged with legislation to actively promote the first official language of the state and so when the schools were informed of the new entry requirements the Irish language lobby groups took to their guns.

Formidable opposition was voiced through weekly and daily Irish columns in the national print media with the authorities - particularly Dr. Walsh coming under a lot of pressure.

The straw that broke the camels back was the threat of possible legal action from an Comhdail Naisunta na Gaelige. The Authorities at a Governing Body meeting decided to formally request Academic Council to review the matter.

Academic Council passed the buck to the Faculty boards for their perusal and after much haggling a formula was found where Irish was at least presentable with the new entry requirements being - Maths, English and another language as opposed to an official E.E.C language.

Under the searing heat from the media and Education correspondents the University's P.R. machine

swung into action and made the decision public. The authorities then presented the requirement as a "fait accompli" to Governing Body.

The Governors it seems were not at all impressed and since it is that august body that must sanction officially such decisions it was felt that nothing should have been made public until a decision was actually taken.

Nevertheless the Governors were not even happy with the compromise wording as it did not mention the first official language of the state and returned the issue back to Academic Council for even more deliberation.

Semesterisation Starts

By An Focal Reporter

An astounded Academic Council learned at its last meeting of plans to begin the transformation of the University's calendar from the current system to a semester system.

Previous to the statutory council's scheduled meeting, three of the four faculty boards had voted unanimously in support of semesterisation and were tabling the decisions for the information of Academic Council.

Dr. Walsh flabbergasted his critics by announcing that he was setting up a task force to examine the problems under the current system, propose a new system and point out how best to implement and manage the changeover from one system to another.

Dr. Walsh had previously stated during the public debate held by the Students Union; prior to their referendum on the topic - that he had no vested interests in whatever academic calendar the University operated under and that if the benefits of moving to a semester system outweighed the disadvantages, then the move would have his support.

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G.B. Election Proposals Cause Storm

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Deputy President Donal Waide described the situation as "a simple case of shipping the students out of the way as opposed to getting them jobs". He also said that although it is the norm for students to work a month before receiving their 1st payment we must remember that Paris is one of the most expensive cities to live in in Europe and that many of the students are on grants. They are now faced with a bill to get them through their first 6 weeks of COOP.

When contacted Mr Gerry Cronin in the COOP office was unavailable for comment!!

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The Governing Body voted to reject the proposal and to hold the elections under the normal custom and practice of the organisation.

U.L.K.C. Coastal Drama

The Kayak Club went to great lengths to practise their recently acquired, first - aid skills when a group of paddlers got into difficulty in Lahinch Co. Clare.

The clubs end of term trip highlighted the serious side of the sport when one of the group got into difficulties after being caught in unusually strong currents. While he was being rescued the rest of the group were called off the water at which point two more capsized. The first swimmer was brought to shore, was found to be suffering from hypothermia and received first-aid.

It was decided that the remaining people in the water needed to be brought to shore as quickly as possible. Rescue attempts continued but a helicopter - rescue was requested from Shannon Marine Rescue as a precaution.

The Sikorsky helicopter arrived promptly and took the remaining people to shore. The helicopter then took the hypothermic case to Ennis General Hospital for treatment.

Commenting later the club captain John Evans said the incident served to illustrate the importance of knowing when to call the emergency services and having proper first - aid training when participating in adventure sports.

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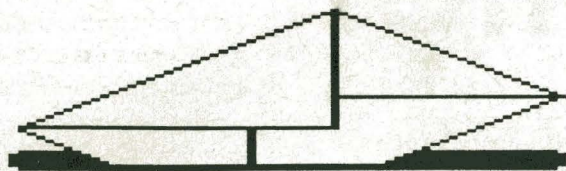
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Many members of the Academic Council were worried about the degree of urgency that the project should be undertaken with and it was further agreed that the group would report back before the next meeting of the Council scheduled for the 22nd of April.

Some faculty reckon that the latest exercise is just a ploy by the administration to keep the issue from becoming implementable until such time as - support fizzles out for the change. Both Mary Immaculate College and the Education Faculty (after it was forced onto the agenda) also came out in favour of semesterisation.

Despite Academic Council's deliberations on the matter Faculty and Staff Governors who were elected on a Semesterisation platform to Governing Body, have placed the issue of the semesterisation on the agenda of the next Governing Body meeting; so that the Governors may decide their final position on the matter independently of Academic Council.

All opinions stated on this page are those of individual students and thus do not necessarily represent those of the Students' Union



The world according to you

Dear Ed,

I would like to make a few comments on the article (An Focal Hilary 4) entitled "Students Union Snubbed by E&S College". As a member of the organising committee of some eight years standing, I have seen the Engineering and Science ball grow from its infancy, to the present day where it is now part of the tradition of this university.

My first point concerns the identity of your journalist, if An Focal is to be taken seriously, persons publishing articles (as opposed to letters) must be prepared to stand by their arguments. If this principle is not adhered to, we descend into the realms of gutter journalism. I would ask the editor to either, acknowledge the source of this article, or retract it.

Secondly, the question

president, and we wanted him, or his representative to attend. We are quite well able to look after ourselves when it comes to sponsorship.

Before the ball, we were approached by certain people who felt that they had been hard done by. Veiled threats were made about possible interference with next years sponsorship. It was indicated that some of the SU sabbaticals expected a kickback for being the negotiators, the only possible route to sponsorship. "Don't make an enemy of us, we hold the purse strings".

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Dear Editor,

In the March 9th issue of An Focal, Cathal Kelly puts forward the opinion that homosexuality is not, in fact abnormal. Moreover he states that this view is accepted by the medical profession do not regard homosexuality as a disease, but do they actually believe that homosexual practices are normal???

From reading the article, it is obvious that Cathal is strongly in favour of what he calls a truly liberal society. What would be the logical outcome of society and its elected representatives adopting this all-encompassing liberal approach? Lets assume that homosexual acts between

consenting males are decriminalised tomorrow. What will the next demand be? Probably the legalisation of gay marriages, eventually followed by the rights of such couples to adopt children. This, no doubt would be strongly rejected by the electorate through their public representatives. The gay lobby would then complain about the rights of minorities and call society in general "Pseudo-liberal" from their holier-than-thou vantage point. So perhaps we should not feel so bad about not being a truly liberal society.

He also makes the sweeping (and alarming) statement that "making love" with a member of

the same sex is neither dangerous or destructive. Cathal Kelly knows full well that it certainly can be dangerous. This is a yet-another example of the non-stop barrage of gay propaganda in the media, which most people are truly sick and tired of at this stage.

Yours,
Mike Moroney.

Letters

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interests trying to abuse the SU, the students union has no reason or right to expect free tickets to anything which they are not organising, they are only doing their jobs, and doing well, I might add. The corruption which was a feature of the union in the early to mid eighties has vanished. Thanks to people like Colm Croffy, the union is being run professionally and efficiently. Let us hope that this will continue.

Bob Strunz,
10th year electronics.

Dear Ed.,

Monday night Week 11 saw the evacuation of the main building due to a bomb scare, the second in a fortnight. At 9pm a caller, described as having a northern accent, stated that there was a proxy bomb on the premises before hanging up.

The evacuation of the building took place immediately. Staff and students were evacuated from the library, computer room, and canteen. The Gardai were called and an extensive search was made of the building before it was declared safe at 10.25 p.m.

I also learned that cleaners working that night in the University were not allowed to re-enter the building following clearance and were subsequently docked £5 from their pay. When contacted a spokeswoman for Noonan Cleaning refused to comment on the situation stating that it was not in her opinion "student news". The evacuation also affected a number of night students whose exams were interrupted. I strongly feel that they are a disgrace at any time but are particularly galling when they produce the disruption that these ones caused.

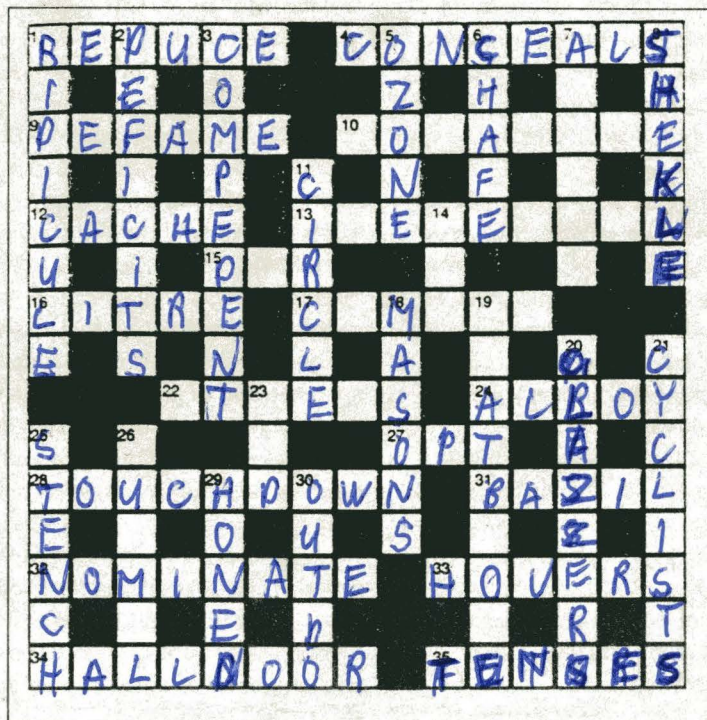
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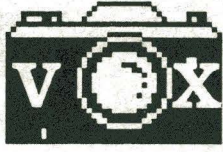
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15. Thick dark sticky liquid from coal. (3)
16. About 1.75 pints (5)
17. Obey, observe. (6)
22. Then as now in Greece! (6)
24. Metals fused together. (5)
27. Choose. (3)
28. Score of six points in American football. (9)
31. Shrub or small tree with edible nuts. (5)
32. Propose or choose as a candidate. (8)
33. Remains stationary, suspended in mid-air. (6)
34. Entrance to a house. (4-4)
35. Past, present, etc (6)

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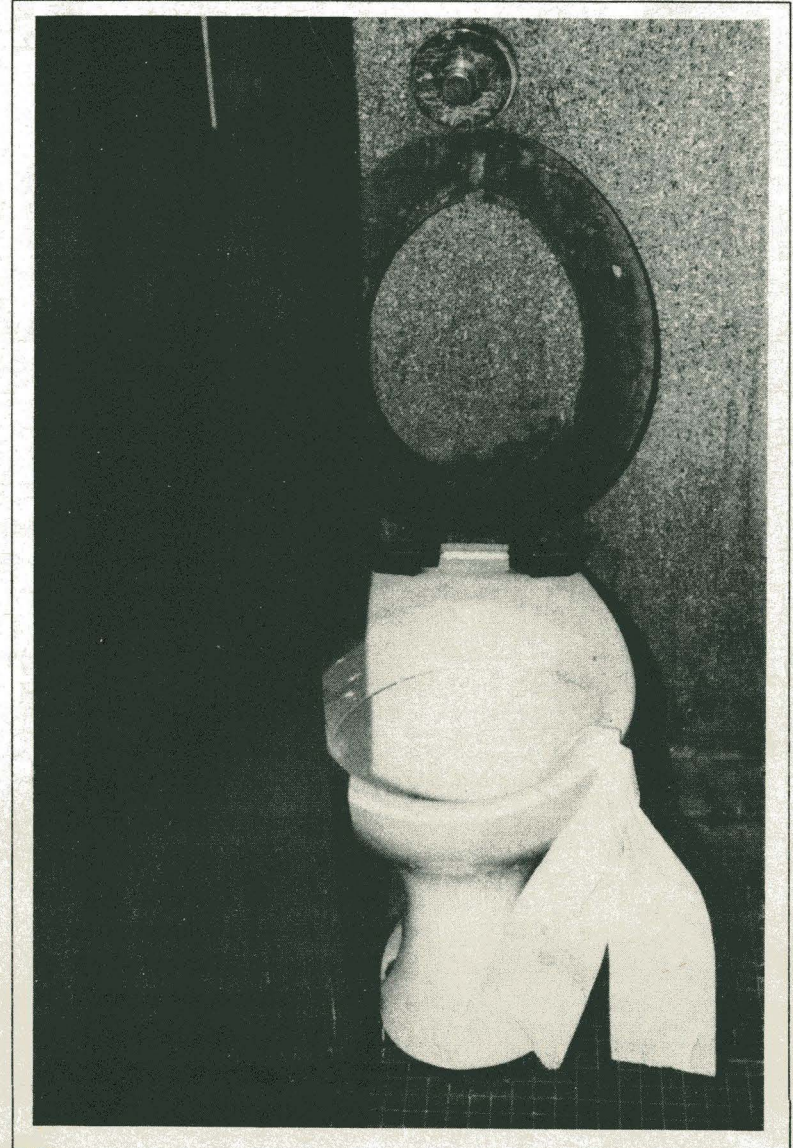
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14. Dandy, dude. (3)
18. Workers who build with stone or brick. (6)
19. Repulsive, horrid. (9)
20. They work in windows. (8)
21. Kelly, Roche and Kimage. (8)
23. Carrier for bricks or mortar. (3)
25. Unpleasant stink. (6)
26. Strike repeatedly, pound. (6)
29. Sharpened to a fine edge. (5)
30. Surpass, beat. (3,2)



Features



Toilet



What is wrong with student arses. Do the 'powers that be' assume that students are a lower form of humanity? For an answer, compare these photos of a regular student dirt closet to the throne for pretentious posteriors in the White House

ENGINEERING & SCIENCE SPEAKS

4th YEAR IS NO DOSS EITHER

If first term after Co-op in 3rd year is considered to be a severe test of character, forbearance, and staying power for the average Engineering and Science student, third term of fourth year cannot lag far behind it in terms of psychological pressure. The relentless barrage of 3rd year modules is replaced by final year project deadlines, job applications, interviews for the few and career plans and decisions for all.

Meanwhile one wonders, for all the effort put in in those four arduous years of engineering, how many people end up getting the jobs they actually want. Present national economic circumstances beg more basic questions still: how many people end up getting any kind of job at all?

Recently the revealing experiences of one electronic engineering graduate came to this column's attention. Namely that having qualified with a 2nd honours degree this lady spent seven months applying for several engineering positions before finally securing a job last February in Limerick. There she is earning £100 weekly (albeit tax free) on a 3 month - trial period before ascending to an £11,000 a year taxable salary. Others have chosen to make a career in Japan, not an easy choice by any means. Certainly, there are

many who have been a great deal luckier, and have secured permanent jobs, be it at home, in the U.K., on the continent, or further afield. Nonetheless, the significantly larger number of post graduates this year bears testimony not only to the expansion of the university of Limerick but also to a depressed job market.

Thus it begs the question once again, how relevant is what one earns during the course of one's engineering and science degree in University to the reality of the society one is expected to enter into upon graduation. Should students not have a greater say in matters such as course content, workload and the career orientation of specific engineering programmes? In justice to the system as it stands at present, there are a number of positive features such as: the question of learning a European language or accounting for Business orientated modules and engineering management is certainly not out of place, particularly in 4th year.

On the whole however, a strong argument exists in favour of greater flexibility and choice that allows engineering and science students to participate more fully in Clubs and Societies on campus. Education cannot be confined to pure academics. If it is, then it will be deficient. The president of this

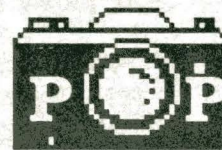
University has been quoted as advocating "a hectic schedule of extra curricular activities". This is a truly noble aspiration as is the aspiration to a united 32 county Irish republic. Neither is ever likely to materialise and be received with any great degree of popularity however unless greater flexibility and broader accommodation of all interests is given serious consideration. The aspiration to a more vibrant extra curricular campus life can, nevertheless be more easily achieved in the University of Limerick than can the problems of a divided Ireland be solved in a 32 county unification context.

Change is necessary within the system as it stands at present in order to provide a better, more relevant and diverse education, but most importantly, to give engineers and scientists a social life distinct and yet complementary to Engineering and Science itself.

Correction to last issue of Eng and Science Column:

An inaccuracy in the last edition of An Focal has come to the attention of this column, 3rd year Elect Engineers did not have a "previous foundation" in their Hilary maths module as was claimed. This inaccuracy was unintended and is much regretted. Sincere apologies to anyone offended thereby.

Campaign



Features



Competition Time

A dose of mass-diarrhoea prompted this idea for a Rag Week competition. Enter your team for the bog-stuffing competition. Entry fee £2 and will have its own hall of fame for the week. Here we see it was possible to get 27 people in the one loo, which is now the official record for this event.

If you have any suggestions for Vox-Pop please forward to an Focal

Memories.....after all, the best laid "plans of mice and men are made on the bog", perhaps the college authorities want a return to the days of the bucket in the woods sewer disposal technique . Does a bear shit in the woods



STABLES CLUB NEWS

Well here we are, another term, 11 weeks to the summer break, rag week coming up and not a knife, fork, spoon or plate to be found in the Stable Club. Well.....OK., so it's not that bad YET but, if people don't stop stealing Club property it will be. If you "find" or have "borrowed" anything belonging to the Stables (stools, tables, glasses etc.) please drop it into the S.U. or the club. **NO QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED** - so please, give a little it would help a lot!

STABLES CLUB ENTS

Week 2 - Tues - The Tubes

Week 3 - RAG WEEK !

Mon - 9.30 - Furstenberg German Beerfest -
(Stables Courtyard).

- Bar Ext - Stables Club

Tues - 3.00 - Smithwicks Yard of Ale (Courtyard)

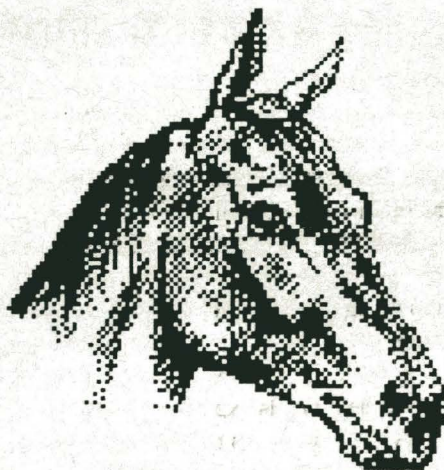
- Speakers Corner (Courtyard)

9.30 - Food Eating Competition
(Courtyard)

Wed - 12.30 - Greasy Pole Competition
(Courtyard)

1.30 - Alternative Fashion Show
(Courtyard)

2.45 - Rag Week Ceili (Courtyard)



- 2.45 - Boat Race Championship
(Courtyard)

- 9.00 - Camel Racing (Stable Club)

Thurs - 5.00 - Karoke (Courtyard)

- 8.00 - Bonny Baby + Nanny
Competition (Courtyard)

- 9.30 - Kevin Sullivan (Stables Club)

- 10.00 - Elastic Pint Drinking
Competition (Courtyard)

FRI - 2.00 - Blind Date (Courtyard)

- 4.00 - Watersocks (Courtyard)

- 7.00 - WineDrinking Competition
(Courtyard)

- 9.00 - Bar Fly (Courtyard)

- 9.30 - Willy Brown (Stables Club)

SAT - 12.30 - Jazz Morning (Stables Club)

- 1.00 - SumoWrestling (Courtyard)

SCREEN

At the moment we are using the screen to show series (e.g. Coronation Street, Home and Away, Glenroe) and major sporting events. If you have anything else you'd like shown on the screen contact Donal, Declan or Brendan A.S.A.P.

LOST PROPERTY

We'd like to remind all patrons to be extra vigilant with their property while on the Club's premises. The Club's management cannot accept responsibility for "missing" property whether it was left on the bar floor or behind the bar.

Finally we'd like to thank those of you who took the time to put pen to paper about your complaints/suggestions for the Stables Club. If anybody else would like to contribute to improving the Stables Club and its facilities drop a note into the S.U. or the barstaff for the attention of Michele O'Dwyer, Club Liaison Officer.

Shannon

One complex debate which is currently hitting the headlines is that of Shannon Airport, and its future as the transatlantic gateway to Ireland. At first glance this may not seem of great importance, but if the wider complications of this proposal are assessed it becomes clear that its effects could be quite far-reaching. Among the factors which would appear to be at risk are industry, tourism, business confidence, the job market and indeed U.L. which is completely dependant on industrial, commercial and business confidence in this region.

Since its establishment in the 1940's, Shannon airport has undoubtedly been a catalyst in the regional development of tourism and industry and has generated much opportunity and confidence. Such is its importance that SIGNAL (Shannon Ireland's Gateway New Action Lobby) have predicted that an "Insane, self-inflicted economic catastrophe" will befall Ireland if the current status of Shannon changes. A survey of the top 47 USA/Irish companies from Galway to Waterford revealed their dependence on Shannon. 51% said that they would not have located but for Shannon while 87% considered Shannon critical to on-going viability and competitiveness. It is also worth noting that Shannon Airport is the gateway for 75% of raw materials imported by U.S. industry located in Ireland.

The Shannon region is ranked, according to the Henley centre as the best prepared region outside Dublin for the challenges of 1992 and the integration of the European market. Extensive surveys, however indicate that as many as 20,000 jobs could be lost to the region in the 3 year period following any change in the status of Shannon airport as Ireland's transatlantic gateway. These surveys

have been backed up by many members of state such as Mr Gerry Collins who said. 'I Have no doubt but that any such change would lead to the loss of thousands of jobs and would be detrimental to the prosperity, not only of the region, but also of the country as a whole'.

Tourism in the mid-western region has developed profoundly down through the years and would most certainly be affected by any change in the status of Shannon Airport. American hotels have invested over £30 million in the mid-western region in recent years and it is envisaged that a further £50 million will be invested in the future years. Mr. Jack Daly - Chairman of S.F.A.D.C.O., acknowledged this point when saying that 'the major tourism enterprises located in the West of Ireland owe their existence to the presence and status of Shannon Airport'. A report published by a team of U.C.G. experts indicated that a change in Shannon airports status could cost 2300 tourism and airport related jobs and a further 800 job losses in both the Western and southern regions. They also predicted a loss of £5m- £10m from tourism revenues for each region annually.

U.L's dependency on business confidence in the region is what puts it at risk, should there be any change in the status of Shannon. There are a number of reasons for this such as U.L's co-op system work experience, endowment chairs whereby companies pay the salary of academic staff, and Plassey Technological Park, which is dependant on local industry.

In general, therefore it would appear that any change in Shannon's status would have detrimental regional and national effects, with no apparent gain to the country as a whole.

Brazen Liberatines Undoing Sexism and Homophobia

Sexuality is probably the most intimate and sensitive aspect of the individual. Yet, sexuality is a constant target for media abuse and repressive social norms. These have tended to create a distort and often perveted image of sexuality. The sexual act is not treated as something natural and universal. Rather, it is transformed into a mystical and erotic exchange which is enjoyed by heroes and princesses rather than ordinary mortals. This dehumanization of sex discriminates against women by potraying them not as people but as sexual objects designed to provide gratification of the senses.

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At the same time, society imposes certain standards of sexual behaviour. Hetrosexuality is privileged in that it is practised by a majority. It is therefore construed as being 'normal'. Homosexuality, by reversal, is regarded as a form of sexual deviance or 'abnormality'. Minority groups of all types are continually victimized through the values and norms defined by the majority. One extreme example is that of Nazi Germany where the Aryan model was perceived to be the desirable and correct physical and ethnic type. All those who did not conform to this model of "normality" were rounded up and sent to extermination camps. The list of "abnormals," included jews, homosexuals and the handicapped.

BLUSH (Brazen Liberatines Undoing Sexism and Homophobia) was set up in order to bring the issue of sexual discrimination out in the open. It took over from the UL's Gay and Lesbian Society which was recently disbanded on account of a general lack of support. Blush does not, however, merely reconstitute an old society under a new name. It adopts a wider approach in two main respects.

Firstly, Blush addresses sexual discrimination at all levels, both against women (or men) and against lesbians and gays. The new society aims to reduce discrimination both on the basis of sex (as a gender issue) and on the basis of sexual orientation.

Secondly, the idea of a broader approach stems from the belief that a lesbian and gay will remain marginalized for as long as it is composed solely of lesbian and gays.

Sexual discrimination is an issue which concerns everybody and not just specific groups. Blush therefore appeals to lesbians, gays, heterosexuals, bisexuals and the 'undecided'. Basically, anybody who feels that sexuality does not constitute a valid basis for discrimination.

Why BLUSH? because sexuality is common to everybody.
Why BLUSH? because there is nothing to be ashamed of.

Sarah Waters.



Foaming at the Mouth

By Zen Zucchini

So, it finally happened. Its been looking that way for weeks, but now it finally came to pass. I am writing, by the way, about the Fianna Fail grass-roots and other lobby groups' success in forcing the issue on a referendum over the "right to travel". It baffles one as to why these folk felt they had the need to press so hard.

The right of Irish "Hens" to travel seems logically a question for businesses and farmers to decide. Why should the Irish Nation be bothered with such matters? It only stands to reason that whether "Hens" are Free Range or of the battery affiliation (breeding pens, not DURACELL) has nothing to do with us.

It is undoubtedly a sinister turn of events whereby Des Hanafin, Mary Lucey and other people with interests in the "poultry" business should be allowed to impose their methods of livestock rearing upon all others. This sets a potentially deadly precedent. Remember, Heinrich Himmler was originally a chicken farmer.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not Anti-egg, or anything like that. However, I have a number of reservations on this matter. Firstly, does this not impinge upon the individual freedom of the individual? I doubt that those who moved for the Referendum would have tried it on if they didn't feel they had a better than average chance of winning. Therefore, a verdict of "NO" on the right to travel would imply a life of abject battery hendom for all of our "chicks".

Furthermore, we're all in Europe now (aren't we?). Would this constitutional restriction not contravene the basic principle of the EC, that of "free movement of goods, persons and services"? Now admittedly, it is a thorny question as to which of these categories "poultry" qualify under, but if everything is supposed to be moved freely, why not the old "cluckers"?

Another objection of mine is that the Hanafins, Luceys and other MotherSPUCKers should be governmentally assisted in the sharing and prom-

Foundation Building

As the year rolls on to a close the Foundation Building grows ever higher and more complete. Who are the people sponsoring this building and what is the building for?

The building is being sponsored by the University of Limerick Foundation. The University of Limerick Foundation is a charitable company the aim of which is to provide in partnership with the University, international leadership and funding for the University's advancement. The Foundation itself consists of an eighteen strong board of directors. The function of the board is to give guidance and support through the foundation to the University. To achieve this aim the board agreed on a campaign to raise IR£20M over the next three years and to allocate this money to various ventures around the University including the Foundation Building.

The foundation building will house many of the new initiatives. It is planned that the new building will house four hundred postgraduates, twenty eight professors, thirty senior research staff and forty-five post-doctorate staff. The facilities provided within the building are to include: The National Centre for Quality Management, Postgraduate Research Areas, Specialist Library in aviation, Exhibition areas, Teaching facilities, Lecture Theatres and an Auditorium.

The National Centre for Quality Management is project which is being run in conjunction with industry to establish and promote the existing quality management programs in the university and provide applied research into quality in areas such as

a concert hall for large concerts and for graduation ceremonies from September 1993.

Other ventures which the Foundation are investing part of the IR£20M they aim to raise over the next three years in include: Aerospace and Aviation, University Chairs and a Venture Fund.

Building on the strength of the University's proximity to Shannon Airport the University plans to establish: An Aviation Research and Technology Centre, An Aircraft Inspection Research Unit, A Centre for Aircraft Maintenance and Reliability Studies, An Aircraft Materials Research Centre, A Centre for Air Traffic Control Studies and a Centre for the key disciplines of Air Transport Finance and Management.

To achieve the University's aim of excellence in key fields of enterprise and technology the Foundation is seeking funding for six new chairs: Chair in Business Studies, Chair in Entrepreneurship, Chair in Global Integration, Chair in Information Technology, Chair in Irish Literature and Chair in Quality Management.

Some of the money raised over the next three years is being allocated to a Venture Fund. The purpose of this fund is to support new, patentable Irish technologies and inventions. The fund will provide support in the areas of: Market Research, Commercial Interest and Professional Expertise. It will be used to support the selected projects at post-graduate and post-doctoral level.

When this three year campaign has been achieved the Foundation will then work out its next campaign, aiming always to support the

Features

?). Would this constitutional restriction not contravene the basic principle of the EC, that of "free movement of goods, persons and services"? Now admittedly, it is a thorny question as to which of these categories "poultry" qualify under, but if everything is supposed to be moved freely, why not the old "cluckers"?

Another objection of mine is that the Hanafins, Luceys and other MotherSPUCKers should be governmentally assisted in the sharing and promulgation of their ideas on the "chicken question". We are all entitled to our views, be they correct or erroneous. Therefore, does it not stick in the craw (pun intended) that some are aided in the airing of those views?

Yet another reservation I have is the practicality of enforcing a ban on the "right to travel". Can you just imagine the horrific spectre of the dread "Poultry Police" accosting unsuspecting "chicklets"?

"Papers please." Would come the ominous request. "B-But..."

"No buts please. Why aren't you in your pen today?"

"Well, I..."

A vicious scuffle would no doubt ensue, where after a valiant but fruitless struggle, the unfortunate "pullet" would be led squawking off to one of the new collective breeding pens. Ye Gods! It sounds like a scenario from "1984", by George Orwell.

Finally, I must protest on humanitarian (Poul-tarian?) grounds. The idea of battery henning all of Ireland's feathered ones is damnably cruel. It is they who must bear the eggs that play such a part in our lives. It is not for us or anyone else to tell them whether or not they can range free. Remember, "Chickens" are people too.

N.B. There are no prizes for guessing that the preceding article draws an analogy, and even fewer for guessing what it relates to. Any offence caused to farmers, retailers or members of the fowl community is bitterly regretted.

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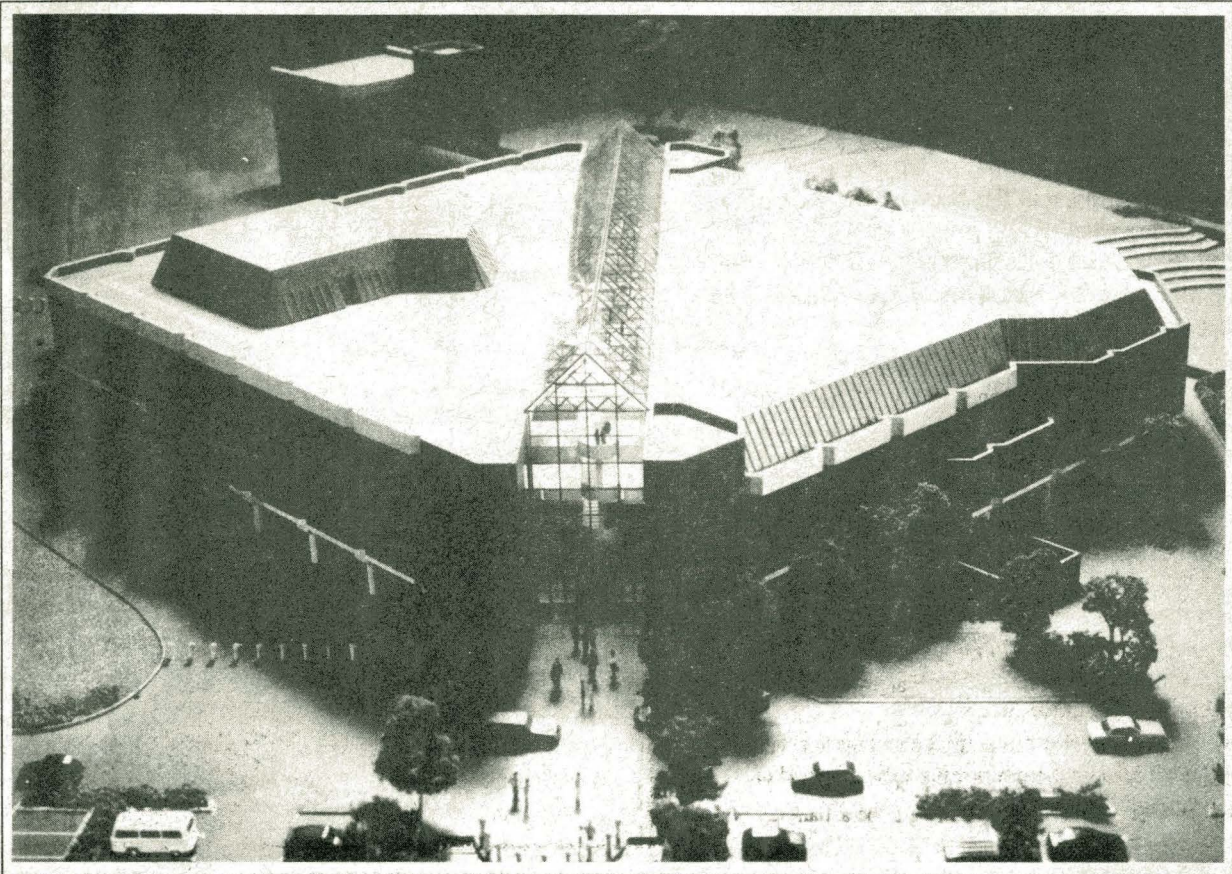
The National Centre for Quality Management is project which is being run in conjunction with industry to establish and promote the existing quality management programs in the university and provide applied research into quality in areas such as the Electronics and Computer Industry, Manufacturing Industry, The Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industry, Service Industries and Food Science.

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JEREMIAH RUSSELL



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CHARLIE DOES IT WITH MIRRORS

U.L. 4th year business student Kevin Brew's band **THEY DO IT WITH MIRRORS** are due to release their new EP **THE LAST REAL Baby** on the Setanta label this week and to coincide with this ultra naff occasion the occasion the artist Charlie Harper (head of Fine Art in LSAD) - who designed their album cover and is due to design the follow-up album - is exhibiting his work in the Main Gallery of the University (levels O and M, overlooking Main Reception Area) from now until May 10th.

Included in the exhibition is the original art cover for the Mirror's album. Have a look at the copy of same and having searched out the title of the painting in the exhibition, supply same with your name, rank and serial number to the Editor for entry into a free draw - the prize being a signed copy of the EP in question.



LIR/ The Estranged April 9, Speakeasy

Continuing its series of gigs by name bands, the Speakeasy brought in highly regarded retro-rockers LIR, with local combo the Estranged making their debut as the support band.

The Estranged admittedly, showed at times that this was their first performance. However, when they did gel this young band showed themselves to be possessed of some talent and enthusiasm. One thing that must be said for them, is that their repertoire is very diverse. They covered everything from poppy originals to Christy Moore songs.

LIR are a different kettle of fish altogether. This band are tipped for great things, and with good reason. From having seen them a year ago, I personally can say that they have improved and evolved almost out of sight from the promising young band of an annum past.

They now exude confidence to go with their obvious musical ability. It can be seen that they have put in the

time in the rehearsal studio and on the road; for they move seamlessly through time and tempo changes and from song to song, with the easy assurance of old pros. This from a group with an average age of about 20!

Their music harks back to, as one of their songs proclaims, "Halcyon Days". They show consummate skill artistry, and no little stage presence. The initially uncertain crowd were eventually won over by the varied, multi-layered tapestry of aural magic that LIR purvey. One could namecheck Yes, Led Zeppelin and others as influences, but the band blend these with their own touches in such energetic and exuberant fashion as to render comparisons meaningless.

I was reliably informed that several of the "majors" - the largest and most influential record companies - are sniffing around LIR. It is easy to see why, and I can guarantee that they will occupy newsprint in more prestigious periodicals before long.

But we have the privilege of seeing a great band in the making before they are huge. A privilege indeed.

TOM FABOZZI

RAG MARQUEE:

We are delighted to report that we will have a big Marquee for the entire week. This is sponsored by S.U. Ents, the Stables Club and the Building Department. The marquee will cover the entire courtyard, the stage will be by Bers office, (and its our own Billy's designed staged). Most of the events will happen here. Having the Marquee will make the stables more bearable with big crowds, and will be great on the opening night. If the weather is really good, the roof can be peeled back.

THANKS:

I would like to thank all those who came up to me and volunteered their services for Rag week. And every everyone who was so patient in the queues for the tickets on Monday and Tuesday. (Ber)

Tickets:

The update so far, at the time of going to press (Thursday 9th April). Every gig is selling, the Rag Ball has sold some 400 tickets, the train trip some 500 tickets and the other gigs over a 100. This is a better sales pattern than last year. If a gig is near sold out, we will announce it at whatever gig and put a poster at the stand. so forget the rumors, no need to panic until we tell ye to. we are very happy with the sales so far, when you consider its two weeks from Rag Week.

RAG WEEK '92- UP DATE

AFTER RAG WEEK.....

Thursday week 4 disco in the Savoy, also Thursday week 5 and week 6 watch out for a very special Indi gig...
More details next issue of An Focal.

Saturday's gig:

We are changing the Gig around a bit. We won't be able after all to have the Big Screen as the Jupplers have gone bust. But in Billy's word No Hassle, we will still have the best dance music from Soul to Rave to RMB, Reggie and Funk, with 3 live D.Js and a live Reggie Bands (Bush Plant Band), the big sound system and excellent lights.

ENJOY NOT DESTROY:

Rag week is for fun it is not for destroying property, or upsetting people. The basic idea is to enjoy the week and in doing so help the numerous charities the week supports. There is a considerable amount of good will towards Rag week from the authorities. We have one of the nicest campuses in Ireland so respect it. have fun by all means, make a mess clean it up. Anyone caught damaging property, or causing hassle on or around campus will be severely dealt with by the Disciplinary Board.

INVITING FRIENDS :

We are still encouraging students to invite as many friends down as possible. Especially when Rag week runs into the weekend. So when your home at Easter its time to invite. Our initial contacts with those on Co-op, seems to be very positive towards the weekend events. and many can be expected.

Background

The need for review of our constitution was signalled by last years Annual Officers Report . The purposes of this particular review is not to fundamentally re invent the organisation as we know it but rather to refine the exsisting documet and bring it more into line with the way we actually do things as is now custom and practice. This review has been indicated since the first general meeting of the year and exact mechanisim as to how it is to be achieved outlined at the Hilary general Meeting.

Main Points

Very Briefly what the review does is -

- Refines some of the exsisting muddles given the nature of the academic system we have on this campus.
- Copperfastens advances/ improvements that have already been made in the way we are organised and the way decisions and procedures are laid down.
- Legislates properly in areas that are far too vague or not even mentioned adequately ie. Sabbatical Censure.
- For the first time ever we now have clear regulations for elections.
- Finally it tries to bring our constitution inline with other similar organisations as well as - what is actually happening on this campus vis a vis the numbers who actually bother to turn up to meetings and also how to accomodate proper managment arrangements between the Executive and it's task masters as well as the staff involved.

While a lot of the new pieces have undoubtedly been imported from other institutions documents as there is no need always to reinvent the wheel; it is important to remember two facts :

- We are very autonmous Union - we have unlike our Irish counterparts no caveats on what parts of our Constitution we can or may not change, save for the negotiations of the Capitation fees.
- We are unique in the Irish sense that Clubs and Societies are very much an integral part of this Union not a seperate faction with the students on campus both for financial and political reasons.

This is version that is being presented to the Union General Meeting by Union Council on Wednesday at 2.00p.m in the Main Canteen for adoption by Articles.

PREAMBLE

Herein are the articles of the Constitution of the Students Union of the University of Limerick.

This Constitution derives its authority from the student body of the University of Limerick.

Where the Students Union is affiliated to any organisation or organisations, such affiliations will only bind the Students Union in so far as the provisions of this Constitution are not contravened.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

This Constitution complete with schedule shall be published annually including amendments in the official Students Union Yearbook. Any member seeking a copy of the constitution is entitled to one from any fulltime officer or member of Union staff.

All minute books kept by the Secretary and President of General Meetings and Council Meetings shall be open to inspection by any member in the Union Office.

The minute books of the preceding years administration must be handed over in full to

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

2.5 To actively pursue good relations between its members and the community.

2.6 To work for an equitable education system in this country.

2.7 To promote the use of all languages while cherishing our own native Irish tongue.

MEMBERSHIP

3.1 All students that are on the University books, taking full time courses and part - time courses shall be members of the union.

3.2 The full time officers shall also be members of the union.

DECISIONS

4.1 Management of the union's affairs shall be conducted on four levels:

- The Referendum
- The General Meeting

5.7 General meetings may be called by: (i) The President (ii) A majority of Union Council (iii) A majority of Union Executive (iv) A petition of at least 300 of union members signatures.

5.8 Emergency General Meetings may be called without prior notice as outlined in 5.7.

5.9 The quorum for general meetings shall be 300 members of total membership.

5.10 Meetings which are proved not to be quorate may only discuss matters, but may not decide on any policy matters or vote on opinions of any kind.

5.11 Once a meeting begins as quorate it is judged quorate for all aspects of the agenda even if the meeting is adjourned.

5.12 Every union member shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings.

5.13 All general meetings shall be run in accordance with the standing orders contained in this constitution.

THE REFERENDUM

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The minute books of the preceding years administration must be handed over in full to incoming officers and executive every year.

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ESTABLISHMENT AND NAME

1.1 There shall be a students' union at the University of Limerick (hereafter called the University).

1.2 The name of the union shall be the Students' Union of the University of Limerick or as Gaeilge - Aontas na Mac Leinn, Ollscoil Luimnigh (hereafter called the Union).

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 To represent it's members, on matters affecting their interests as students of this University.

2.2 To promote unity and encourage communication amongst its members.

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

3.2 The full time officers shall also be members of the union.

DECISIONS

4.1 Management of the union's affairs shall be conducted on four levels:

- The Referendum
- The General Meeting
- The Union Council
- The Union Executive

4.2 The General Meeting shall be the supreme governing body of the union and shall be the only forum for discussion of matters which do not directly relate to being a student on this campus, save in such instances where items are referred to referendum.

4.3 The Union Council shall have the right to determine union policy, subject to the General Meeting and Referendum.

GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1 The annual general meeting shall be held in the Trinity Term of each academic year. Executive shall be responsible for the arrangements for such a meeting. The President shall give at least five university days notice for such a meeting.

5.2 All motions, for consideration at the AGM, shall be given in writing to the President at least seven university days before the meeting. Such motions must be proposed by 5 and seconded by 10 members of the union.

5.3 The final agenda for the AGM must be posted at least two university days before the date set out for the meeting.

5.4 Ordinary union general meetings (UGM's) must be held at least once a term.

5.5 At least two university days notice must be given by the President for an ordinary UGM to be valid.

5.6 The standing agenda for U.G.M. s must always contain the following 1) Minutes 2) Matters Arising 3) Officers Briefing 4) A.O.B. Union Council must approve all General Meeting agendas.

5.12 Every union member shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings.

5.13 All general meetings shall be run in accordance with the standing orders contained in this constitution.

THE REFERENDUM

6.1 This Constitution may be amended by referendum or by general meeting. Motions for referendum shall be proposed by five union members and seconded by twenty five union members.

6.2 A referendum shall be called on any issue by any of the following: (i) The General Meeting (ii) The Union Council (iii) A request by at least a petition of 300 union members.

6.3 For the result of a referendum to be valid, at least 20% of union members must vote and these votes must be proved to be valid.

6.4 All motions, including constitutional amendments must be passed by a two third majority in order for them to be valid.

6.5 Decisions of a referendum shall be binding on all union bodies, including the GM.

6.6 The motion to be put in a referendum shall be checked by union council and may be altered if it is considered ambiguous so long as the intention of the original motion is not changed.

6.7 At least five days notice of a referendum must be given by the President. All motions are to be posted at least five days before the referendum and in the case of a constitutional amendment, the original text regarding the amendment must be posted. Union Council shall make all the arrangements for a referendum to be carried out.

6.8 Any referendum, shall be held not less than two and not more than four term weeks after it has been called.

6.9 Where a referendum has been called on any issue of Union policy, Union Facilities shall be restricted to any Bona Fide group in favour or opposed to any such policy on a pro - rata basis for the purposes of such referendum. The bona fides of the group shall be decided upon by the Returning

Officer. For this purpose the President, on and subject to the direction of the Returning Officer shall ensure the implementation of this subsection.

6.10 Referenda shall be restricted to one per topic per academic year unless Council decide otherwise.

UNION COUNCIL

7.1 There shall be a representative body which shall determine the policy of the union, subject to the UGM and the referendum. This body shall be known as the Union Council or UC, and this body shall meet at least three times in any one term.

7.2 At least two college days notice must be given by the President for all council meetings.

7.3 Council may be called to session at the request of any of the following: (i) The President (ii) The Executive (iii) one third of Union Council members.

7.4 All council meetings shall be quorate, the quorum being half the sitting council members plus one.

7.5 The union council shall consist of The Executive and two councillors from each class in the University, save those classes of 25 students or less, who will only elect one councillor. These councillors shall be elected by and from the members of each class.

7.6 In the event of their being no members ordinarily elected to the Council from the Overseas and Erasmus students on campus, Council must co-opt two candidates to represent their views.

7.7 Any member of the union may attend council meetings as an observer but may be asked to leave if any confidential business arises.

7.8 Each councillor shall represent the interests and views of his or her class on the council and keep them regularly informed on the proceedings of the council.

7.9 In order to ensure the effective attainment of the principle in Section 7.7, each councillor shall hold a class meeting shortly after each council meeting.

7.10 Class reps are expected to keep their classes in touch with the business of the union and should form class committees to help share the workload where appropriate.

7.11 Notice of a proposal to reverse or amend any existing Union policy shall be given to the President or Secretary at the Council meeting preceding the

- (a) President;
- (b) Deputy President;
- (c) Transition Officer;
- (e) Secretary;
- (f) Welfare Officer;
- (g) Treasurer;
- (h) Clubs Officer;
- (i) Societies Officer;
- (j) Equal Rights Officer;
- (k) Information Officer.

No person shall hold more than one post at one time.

8.3 The President shall be the chief representative of the students, and subject to Union Council and General Meeting, shall have five major areas of responsibility: Finance, Representation, Organization, Co-ordination, Initiation of Policy. The President shall chair all Union Meetings, subject to Standing Orders of this Constitution. The President shall with the Administrative Officer, on behalf of the union, sign such employment contracts, job specifications and other legally binding agreements as shall be ratified by Executive. No other such contracts shall be binding on the Students' Union.

8.4 The Deputy President shall act for and on behalf of the President in his/her absence.

The Deputy President shall also be the Welfare and Education Officer and shall be responsible for the development and promotion of Union education and welfare policy.

8.5 The Transition and Services Officer shall have responsibility for the seeking of those services which policy deems a need for and to oversee the organisation and general co-ordination of those services and shall represent the interests of the members relating to being College Of Education students.

8.6 The Secretary shall be responsible for the taking and publishing of minutes of all Union meetings.

8.7 The Welfare Officer shall advise, aid in the development and organization of the Union's welfare policy. He/she shall be familiar with the welfare matters all members and shall also represent the interests of the members in matters relating to their welfare.

8.8 The Treasurer shall oversee the keeping of

first year be appointed by the Union Council to represent this constituency at Executive Meetings. This representative shall have no voting rights.

8.18 Normally an Executive meeting may not make a decision, on an area, if the relevant officer is absent.

8.19 Any non-sabbatical executive member may resign but may be deemed resigned by a two third majority vote at a quorate general meeting.

SABBATICAL OFFICERS

The post of President, Deputy President and Transition Officer shall be full-time waged positions. The wage shall be reviewed annually by a General Meeting.

8.19 The President and all other Sabbatical Officers shall take up office two weeks after the end of the third term.

8.20 All Sabbatical officers vacate office on the day the incoming officers take up their posts.

8.21 Where any Sabbatical Officers vacate any of their respective positions voluntarily or otherwise that office shall be assumed by the Executive subject to the direction of Council or General Meeting.

8.22(a) Every Sabbatical Officer shall be liable to be removed from office on a proposal to that effect approved by a two thirds majority of the votes cast at a Referendum provided that articles six of this constitution are not contravened.

(b) Where such a proposal is approved it shall take effect upon the declaration of the Returning Officer.

8.23 The resignation of a sabbatical officer shall only take effect upon notification of same by letter to the Union Legal Advisor. Acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary.

8.24 Sabbatical Officers shall be subject to having set proportions of their wages withheld by Union Council. Thus Council may fine Sabbatical officer 15%, 30%, or 45% of their wages for a period of one month. The following votes shall be required;

For a 15% fine a vote in favour by two thirds of a quorate council meeting.

For a 30% fine a vote in favour by three quarters of a quorate council meeting.

For a 45% fine a vote in favour by four fifths of a quorate council meeting.

Moves to impose such fines shall be entered at the previous Council Meeting. These fines shall be imposed on the basis of gross and persistent non

a class meeting shortly after each council meeting.

7.10 Class reps are expected to keep their classes in touch with the business of the union and should form class committees to help share the workload where appropriate.

7.11 Notice of a proposal to reverse or amend any existing Union policy shall be given to the President or Secretary at the Council meeting preceding the meeting at which it is to be discussed and voted upon.

7.12 The council shall have the power to constitute at any time, any sub-committees as it may require for the better conduct of its affairs.

7.13 There shall be a union council entertainments sub-committee. This committee shall be responsible for the day to day management of entertainments and shall consist of the following members:

1. Transition Officer (Chairperson)
2. Ents Co-ordinator (Union staff member)
3. Ents Secretary (As appointed by union council)

7.14 The council shall have the power to mandate the executive.

7.15 Voting at Council shall be by simple majority.

7.16 Union council meetings shall be run in accordance with the standing orders contained in this Constitution.

7.17 Class Reps will be impeached if they miss two consecutive meetings without adequate reason. This reason must be submitted to the President within three days of the meeting.

7.18 Any class rep may be recalled by his/her class by simple majority vote at a class meeting provided a) a weeks notice is given and b) the Meeting is chaired by a Sabbatical Officer.

EXECUTIVE

8.1 There shall be an executive elected by the members of the Union and other bodies subject to articles 11 of this Constitution.

8.2 The executive shall consist of the following posts:

8.7 The Welfare Officer shall advise, aid in the development and organization of the Union's welfare policy. He/she shall be familiar with the welfare matters all members and shall also represent the interests of the members in matters relating to their welfare.

8.8 The Treasurer shall oversee the keeping of accounts and budgeting alongside the Administrative Officer and he/she shall present financial reports.

8.9 The Clubs Officer shall advise, aid in the development and organization of all clubs. He/she shall be familiar with the affairs of all clubs on campus and shall also be responsible for the development of new clubs on campus.

8.10 The job of the Societies Officer shall be similar to that of the Clubs Officer but shall only relate to the societies.

8.11 The Equal Rights Officer shall advise, aid in the development of the Union's Equal rights policy. He/she shall be familiar with the affairs of groups on campus and shall also represent the interests of the members in matters relating to equal rights.

8.12 The Information Officer shall advise, aid in the development of the Union's Information and Communication policy. He/she shall be familiar with the affairs of campus communication outlets and shall also represent the interests of the members in matters relating to Information.

8.13 The Executive shall meet in as far as is practical at least once a week during term.

8.14 The quorum for all executive meetings shall be five.

8.15 All motions passed by the Executive must specify the person who is to be responsible for their implementation.

8.16 The postgraduate representative on Academic Council shall be co-opted by Executive to represent this body at executive Meetings. This representative shall have no voting rights.

8.17 On the occasion when there has been no first year student in the University of Limerick ordinarily appointed to the Executive of the Union, that one

quorate council meeting.

For a 30% fine a vote in favour by three quarters of a quorate council meeting.

For a 45% fine a vote in favour by four fifths of a quorate council meeting.

Moves to impose such fines shall be entered at the previous Council Meeting. These fines shall be imposed on the basis of gross and persistent non fulfilment of duties, the fines shall be paid to a charity of council's nomination.

8.25 The President as well as all other sabbaticals and non sabbatical officers shall present immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the academic year - the Annual Officers Report, which shall be available to all ordinary members of the Union.

FINANCE

A) The Budget

9.a)1 Each union cost centre shall submit an estimate of expenditure for the following academic year by the end of April. Executive considers all estimates in comparison with the Union's estimated income and recommends the allocation of grants with a view to determining the Capitation fee.

9.a)2 Union Executive shall negotiate and set the level of subvention and capitation and report this to the Union Council and General Meeting.

9.a)3 The General Meeting shall determine the amount of the capitation fee, which shall be reviewed at each A.G.M.

9.a)4 The outgoing Executive shall set a provisional budget for the academic year ahead based upon:

- a) Grants allocated for current and previous sessions
- b) Expenditure for previous session
- c) Estimate for expenditure for current session
- d) Estimates for the following session

9.a)5 Provision will be made in the annual budget estimates for sums of money to be set aside to meet supplementary grants through the Union Contingency Fund, administered by the Executive, not being less than 2% of the Capitation fee income.

9.a)6 In the Michaelmas term the Executive must formally allocate the finances of the Union to all the cost centres and begin the budgetary allocation process for Clubs and Societies as laid out in section 10.

9.a)7 Appeals against the allocations made by the Executive to Clubs and Societies shall be heard by the Union Council (within five college days of the final figures for Clubs and Societies being posted up) whose decision shall be final.

9.a)8 Executive may periodically amend the budget and shall reports such amendments to Union Council.

9.a)9 No resolution of Executive, Union Council nor Union meeting shall have effect unless the budget heading from which the expenditure is to be taken is stated and according to the Treasurer funds there remain sufficient funds to meet such expenditure.

9.a)10 The Executive shall not during any given academic year authorise recurrent expenditure of an over run in excess of 5% of Capitation fee income.

9.a)11 The Union must retain sufficient reserves to meet unforeseen contingencies, a contribution from Union income shall be credited to the reserves in order to maintain their real value. The reserves shall only be used for union development and not for recurrent expenditure.

B) Financial Arrangements

9.b)1 The Union Executive shall be responsible for the allocation and control of all Union funds subject to the Constitution.

9.b)2 All cheques issued by the Union must be signed by either the President, or Deputy President, or Transition Officer and also by the Administrative Officer.

9.b)3 The Union Executive shall authorise any capital expenditure above £350 for any of the Union's activities.

9.b)4 The Union Executive through the President and it's senior staff shall incur contractual obligations on behalf of the Union in pursuance of the aims and objectives of Union policy.

relating to the Students Union activities; which shall comprise as a minimum a balance sheet, a profit and loss account, a statement of source and application of funds and supporting notes to the accounts as well as comparative figures from previous sessions accounts.

9.c)2 The accounts shall be drawn up to the 30th of June each year.

9.c)3 Executive shall receive rearguard monthly management accounts and financial statements from the Administrative Officer.

9.c)4 Union Council shall be given the details of all such accounts by the Treasurer every quarter or at a minimum once a term.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

10.1 For a club or society to be recognised by the Union, the

following conditions must be met:

(a) must be in existence for at least three months;
(b) must be a minimum of twenty five members;
(c) must be open to all students and staff of the University;

(d) must have its own constitution specifically setting out its aims and objectives;

(e) present accounts to the union Executive on request.

10.2 Political or religious organisations shall receive a maximum grant of £1.

10.3 Union Executive may decide at any time to withhold allocated funds from a club or society if it can be proven that the money is been misused.

10.4 If a Club or Society fails to meet it's termly expenditure target without written explanation to the President, the differential will be reallocated by Executive to other clubs and societies, in accordance with procedures agreed by Clubs and Societies Council.

10.5 All money not claimed by individual clubs and societies shall be kept, in the Club/Soc cost centre of the Student Union and reallocated to clubs and societies in the following year's budget.

10.6 No club or society may receive a budget without having completed as a necessity the annual Clubs and Societies Administration Weekend in the early part of Michaelmas term.

The Committee shall comprise of the Clubs and Societies officers, and three members each of the Clubs and of the Societies.

ELECTIONS

11.1 All elections shall be by secret ballot and by the system of proportional representation by single transferable vote.

11.2.1 Subject to articles 11.2.2 and 11.2.3, all members of the Union shall be entitled to vote and stand in elections for members of the executive.

11.2.3 In elections held between 1st September 1991 and 31st August 1993:

(i) only those members of the Union who are students in the College of Education shall be eligible for nomination as a candidate for the post of Transition Officer;

(ii) all members of the Union shall be eligible to be a candidate for the posts of President and Deputy President;"

11.3 Elections for union council and for Union Executive shall be held within three weeks of the beginning of the Michaelmas term (except first years).

Elections for first year Councillors shall take place not later than week five of Michaelmas term.

11.4 Subject to articles 11.2.2 and 11.2.3, all members of the Union shall be entitled to vote, subject to the other provisions of this constitution, in elections for the posts of Secretary, Welfare Officer, Treasurer, Equal Rights Officer and Information Officer.

11.5 The Clubs Officer and the Societies Officer shall be elected by the representatives of their relevant organisations at the Annual Clubs and Societies Administration Weekend .The returning officer shall oversee and organise such an election.

11.6 Members of the executive who get elected unopposed must present themselves to the first general meeting following their appointment for a vote of confidence. In the case of an executive member not winning a vote of confidence by a simple majority, that member must resign his/her post immediately and the post will open for election once again. For such a vote to take place the meeting must be proved quorate.

11.7 The election for the sabbatical officers must be

9. b) 4 The Union Executive through the President and it's senior staff shall incur contractual obligations on behalf of the Union in pursuance of the aims and objectives of Union policy.

9. b) 5 The Administrative Officer will be responsible for the issuing of regular interim statements in respect of all Union financial activities and will be jointly responsible with both the Treasurer and President, for drawing attention to adverse trends.

9. b) 6 No order shall be placed for goods and services unless accompanied by an Official Order Form, duly signed. The Union shall reserve the right not to pay for goods or services unless ordered officially in which case payment would be the responsibility of the member placing the order.

9. b) 7 Every member of the Executive Committee, appointee or member of staff of the Union, shall be entitled to be indemnified out of Union assets against all losses or liability, damage or misfortune which s/he may sustain or incur in or about the execution of his/her office. Providing that nothing in this clause shall affect their liability for the consequence of any negligent act on their part. This clause shall apply only to those persons and those duties specifically authorised by a General Meeting, Union Council, the Executive Committee or the President acting within the terms of reference of this Constitution.

9. b) 8 The accounts of the Union shall be audited by a qualified external Auditor at the end of each Financial year and presented as A.G.M. unfurnished business item at the first U.G.M. of the following academic year.

9. b) 9 The Union accepts no liability for overdrafts or debts incurred by Clubs, Societies or individuals connected with or recognised by the Union.

C) Financial Statements

9. c) 1 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the preparation of annual accounts

of the Student Union and reallocated to clubs and societies in the following year's budget.

10.6 No club or society may receive a budget without having completed as a necessity the annual Clubs and Societies Administration Weekend in the early part of Michaelmas term.

10.7 Recognised Clubs and Societies shall present budgets in alphabetical order to Executive as soon after the first U.G.M. of Michaelmas term, using the established procedures as outlined at the preceding Administration Weekend.

10.8 The Clubs and Societies budget allocation meeting shall allocate funds to every club and society recognised by the Students Union on an individual basis.

10.9 Clubs and societies are represented on the S.U. Executive by a Clubs Officer and a Societies Officer. Both officers, elected by proportional representation by the Clubs and Societies delegates at the Annual Clubs and Societies Administration Course.

10.10 The Clubs and Societies Council will comprise of representatives of clubs and societies, in attendance at the Annual Clubs and Societies Administration Course.

10.11 Council shall meet where possible - twice a term and provide a forum for discussing Clubs and Societies problems for solving by Executive or respective officers involved. It's specific tasks are to:

- a) advise on budgeting procedures used by Executive.
- b) advise on how best to re allocate finances.
- c) Organise and publish Annual Clubs and Societies Yearbook.
- d) Organise and run the Annual Clubs and Societies Ball and certification ceremony.

10.12 The Clubs and Societies Council shall elect an eight person committee to advise the S.U. Executive on clubs and societies interests. The Clubs and Societies Committee will recommended guidelines to the S.U. Executive for the allocation of Clubs and Societies Budgets.

confidence. In the case of an executive member not winning a vote of confidence by a simple majority, that member must resign his/her post immediately and the post will open for election once again. For such a vote to take place the meeting must be proved quorate.

11.7 The election for the sabbatical officers must be held week 5 of the Trinity Term.

11.8 No Sabbatical Officer may contest the same post more than twice.

11.9 Union Executive subject to Council shall make all the arrangements for the full-time elections as specified in schedule 1 of this constitution.

11.10 The Executive shall appoint a returning officer to oversee the elections. The Returning Officer shall make binding rulings regarding electoral disputes.

11.11 In the case of the elections governed by articles 11.3 the sabbatical officers shall appoint a Returning Officer.

STANDING ORDERS

The following standing orders may not be suspended.

12.1 Each speaker shall address himself/herself solely to the Chairperson.

12.2 The Chairperson shall ensure wherever practicable that speakers for and against the question under discussion address the meeting alternately.

12.3 a) Whenever the Chairperson speaks he/she shall be heard in silence and any other member shall at once cease speaking.

b) The Chairperson may leave the Chair at any time to contribute to the debate but may not return before the end of that agenda item.

12.4 The Chairperson shall have a casting vote. If he/she is unwilling to exercise a casting vote, the motion may be put again or declared 'not carried'.

12.5 The Chairperson shall have general responsibility for ensuring that discussion is conducted in an orderly fashion and that speakers are not interrupted except as provided for in these standing orders. He/She shall ensure that speakers adhere to the motion when speaking.

12.6 Every motion or amendment which shall be proposed or any report given. shall thereafter be open for discussion. The proposed shall have the right to reply immediately before a vote is taken, but may not then introduce fresh subject matter.

12.7 Only one motion, report or amendment to a motion may be before the floor at any one time.

12.8 Amendments to a motion shall be relevant to it and form an intelligible unit with it. They may not seek to negate it directly.

12.9 Before any vote is taken at a General Meeting a quorum count must be taken.

12.10 If an amendment is carried or accepted, the original motion incorporating the amendment shall become the main motion to which further amendments may be moved.

12.11 If at any time there is no discussion the Chairperson may inquire whether there is any opposition and, if not, shall declare the motion carried.

12.12 The conventions of the Staff Protocol shall be observed at all times.

12.13 The following procedural motions may be moved:

- (a) a motion that the question now be put;
- (b) a motion that the question not be put;
- (c) a motion to postpone or adjourn the matter to a later specified time or meeting;
- (d) a motion to refer the matter to the Executive or to any other specified body for examination or report;

- (e) a motion of no confidence in the Chairperson
- (f) a challenge to the Chairperson's ruling
- (g) a motion that an item be voted on in parts

12.14 Procedural motions shall require a seconder. They may not be proposed while any member is speaking on a point of order or during the act of voting.

12.15 The Chairperson may refuse to put any procedural motion if one of similar effect and related to the same subject matter has been defeated within the previous fifteen minutes.

of information shall consist of brief and relevant information offered to or asked from the speaker.

12.22 Voting shall be by a show of hands. The Chairperson shall then declare the result. Decision shall normally be by a simple majority. the Chairperson if requested by any member of the meeting may appoint tellers if necessary.

13 Transition Provisions.

On 1st September 1993

- (i) articles 11.2.2 and 11.2.3 shall be deleted from this constitution,
- (ii) the text "subject to *articles 11.2.2 and 11.2.3*," shall be deleted from article 11.4.1 and article 11.4.1 shall be renumbered to 11.4,

INTERPRETATION

The word 'class' as used in this constitution refers to the various options of the courses, e.g.

3rd Business

.....Marketing option (separate class)

.....Personnel option (separate class)

.....Finance option (separate class)

It shall be the role of the President to interpret the Constitution. A ruling on interpretation may be challenged at any quorate meeting. The decision of the general meeting shall be final.

ELECTIONS

Procedures :

1.1 All elections shall be by a secret ballot and by the system of proportional representation by single transferable vote as governed by Oireachtas Legislation for Dail elections.

1.2 All subsequent decisions regarding enforcement of regulations, bye laws, spoiled votes etc. will be binding on all parties and will be made by the Returning Officer, after having consulted with the campaign manager(s) concerned.

Nominations :

2.1 The nomination period for all union elections shall be a maximum of five college days and a

excess of 10 first preference votes or in the opinion of the Returning Officer has run a genuine campaign.

Election Material:

6.1 Nothing shall be published unless it is accompanied by the clear insertion " Issued By Campaign Manager for (Name of Candidate) ", so it is clearly identifiable as to where the material is coming from.

6.2 The Returning Officer shall make it public knowledge where if it is traceable; the illegal material is coming from.

Polling

7.1 Polling stations will be situated in areas giving greatest convenience to the voter and must open not earlier than 10.00a.m. in the morning and closed no later than 7.15 p.m. that evening.

7.2 Their situation shall be publicised by the Returning Officer in advance of Polling Day .

7.3 No other Polling station can be opened other than those on campus authorised by the Returning Officer.

7.4 No candidate shall canvass on polling day within a 10 metre radius of any Polling booth.

7.5 In any election voters must be able to identify themselves before being allowed to vote

Count

8.1 The counting of votes shall take place immediately after the closing of the polling stations in the main cafeteria.

8.2 The only people allowed within the designated area of the count shall be the Returning Officer, his or her staff plus the Campaign Manager for each of the declared candidates.

8.3 The Counting Procedures shall be in accordance with the procedures for the Dail election counts.

8.4 The order of the Count after ascertained total poll, valid poll, and quotas shall be Transition and Services Officer ., Deputy President and President, with the official results being declared by the Returning Officer after each count.

8.5 Campaign Managers have the sole right to call a recount on behalf of their candidate, after the result

12.15 The Chairperson may refuse to put any procedural motion if one of similar effect and related to the same subject matter has been defeated within the previous fifteen minutes.

12.16 The proposed of a procedural motion should speak in favour of the motion for no longer than five minutes followed by one speaker against the procedural motion for five minutes. It shall then be put to a vote. The proposer of the main motion under discussion shall have priority in speaking against the procedural motion except in the case of procedural motions 12 (e) and (f) where the Chairperson shall have priority.

12.17 When 12(e) or (f) is proposed the Chairperson shall leave the chair until it is determined. If (f) is carried the Chairperson shall resume the chair but shall not give a ruling in accordance with the procedural motion. If (e) is carried the Chairperson to whom it relates shall not take the chair for the remainder of that meeting.

12.18 When 12 (a) is carried the Chairperson shall immediately allow the proposer of the main motion to sum up and reply and then put the main motion to a vote.

12.19 Amendments may not be proposed to procedural motions except in respect of the element of time in 12 (c) or in respect of the body to which the matter is referred in 12 (d). No procedural motion may be moved in respect of another procedural motion.

12.20 A point of order shall have precedence over all other business except the act of voting (unless it refers to the conduct of the vote). It may be raised by any member provided that he/she raises the point immediately and states that he/she rises 'on a point of order'. A point of order shall relate only to the procedure adopted or to the conduct of the meeting.

12.21 A point of information may be raised at any time except during a point of order or the act of voting, provided that the speaker states that he/she is rising on a 'point of information'. The speaker on the floor may accept or refuse a point of information and if the speaker refuses, the person offering the point of information shall immediately stop speaking. A point

Returning Officer, after having consulted with the campaign manager(s) concerned.

Nominations :

2.1 The nomination period for all union elections shall be a maximum of five college days and a minimum of three.

2.2 The election of all positions shall take place four college days after the close of nominations.

2.3 A member may not propose any candidate to any position more than once for a given election.

2.4 A nominated candidate can not nominate anyone to the same position that he or she is running for .

2.5 Candidates for sabbatical posts must be nominated by fifteen union members and seconded by another thirty union members.

2.6 Candidates for the posts of secretary, welfare officer, equal rights officer, Information Officer and treasurer shall be proposed by five union members and seconded by another fifteen union members.

2.7 Candidates for the positions of class representatives must be proposed by two class member and seconded by another eight class members.

Papers :

3.1 The Official nomination papers, must contain, as well as the required numbers of proposers and seconders, the Candidates name as registered with the University, I.D. Number, Course and finally the name of the candidates agent or Campaigns Manager.

3.2 Once a candidate signs his/ her official nomination papers, it is assumed that the candidate has read the accompanying job description and contract.

Briefing :

4.1 It will be the responsibility of all the outgoing fulltime officers, if requested to make themselves available to all candidates for all the positions - for information purposes.

Deposit:

5.1 Upon recommendation of Executive - the Returning Officer shall fix a deposit - at least a week before the close of nominations, this deposit shall be handed in with official nomination papers.

5.2 The deposit is refundable on the day immediately after polling to all candidates that receive in

Services Officer, Deputy President and President, with the official results being declared by the Returning Officer after each count.

8.5 Campaign Managers have the sole right to call a recount on behalf of their candidate, after the result of the count has been announced. If a campaign manager for any reason is absent from the count results announcement he/ she may still request a recount within six hours of the announcement being made.

8.6 The Returning Officer alone will make the decision as to when the recount will take place.

General

9.1 Where an election is in progress under this Constitution the Returning Officer may at his or her discretion make such regulations as may be appropriate to govern the canvassing or other activities of candidates or their agents in seeking election .

9.2 All hustings or public debates with or between candidates or interested parties in an election or referendum held by the Union, shall be convened by the President, subject to the direction of the Returning Officer and shall be chaired by his/ her nominee.

Standing Orders Hustings

1) The candidates for each position shall hust in the order of the Count.

2) Candidates shall have equal time for their main speeches and no less a third of that time for summing up.

3) Order of speeches shall be alphabetical save for the summing up which will be in reverse order.

4) Questions from the floor must be addressed to all candidates for a particular position.

5) Candidates shall answer questions alternately, with a different candidate having to answer first each time.

6) Points of Information shall be suspended for the speeches.

7) Parliamentary Language shall be observed throughout the Hustings.

Editorial

When asked to describe a typical student, most people will go along with the media portrayal - the banner carrying non conformist who's at his best protesting and chanting. Students appear to be radical individuals ready to jump on the band wagon for anybody and any cause just as long as a good demonstration is involved. More often than not we are shown to be anti government, anti church and anti law. But is the student the radical and anarchist he is shown to be?

Recent media coverage of the abortion debate seems to place students very much in the pro abortion category. Protests, conferences and high court rulings all with students involved seem to constitute a large section of the media coverage of the whole issue. This coverage in my opinion has been very unfair in it's slant. Students never said once that they were pro abortion their argument for the last three years or so has been the right to abortion information and more recently the the right to travel freely to avail of abortion services in other European countries. I do not think that any of these rights are radical let alone anarchist and students do not deserve to be

stereotyped for expressing these beliefs.

In the past week or so the campus has been blitzed with Shannon Status posters all aimed at bringing us out chanting at last Saturdays rally in Pery Square. I wonder just how many banner carrying students turned up to support Shannon. If we were really the radicals that we are made out to be, then what could have stopped us coming out in our droves. Could lack of interest in the issue be a fair answer to that question? It is pretty obvious that some sort of compromise would be the fairest way to settle this issue therefore why should we become involved chanting and protesting for one side or the other? Students are more logical than radical in my books and do not generally become involved in issues that do not directly concern them.

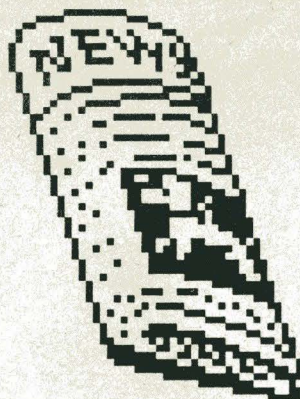
Just what does worry students? what will get them out protesting? Do results, books, study facilities, and fees make sense? I think they directly affect each and everyone of us and therefore would be more likely to provoke a protest than abortion, Shannon or any other national issue. In fact in my opinion the

only national issue at the moment which may provoke any student involvement is the banks dispute.

This dispute has caused the closure of the banks on campus leaving students without access to lodgement facilities or means of cashing cheques. Already landlords are up on their high horses refusing to accept students cheques to pay rent. They are demanding that students come up with the cash within time limits or face hassle and possibly even eviction. Surely this cannot be allowed happen and if we want to shout about something perhaps this bank dispute is the issue for us.

In the past twelve months there have been two issues namely lack of availability of library books and the lack of grades which sparked off demonstrations in this University. Neither of these issues appear to be radical and they certainly did not spark off an anarchist's response. Students will only demonstrate if they feel like everybody else they are being wronged in some way, therefore they are not radical, they are not anarchists and, they are not looking for something to chant about. They just like everybody else want their rights and are quite entitled to look for them.

an Focal



We always welcome contributions for **an Focal**. We need to fill 16 tabloid pages every fortnight. We still need sub-editors in the following areas:

- * Features
- * Photography
- * Sport and Societies
- * Student Union News

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*"ELECTIONS OF NEW
SEBATICAL OFFICERS"*

Right of Reply

An Focal sees its role as a medium for the dissemination of information and opinion, which readers may require and enjoy.

Inevitably, in spite of our best efforts, we will make mistakes but we wish to ensure that we correct such mistakes as promptly and as fully as possible. We therefor offer readers who feel they have been unfairly treated in the *An Focail* a right of reply, subject to reasonable length and the laws constraining press freedom. We also undertake to publish corrections, on being informed of errors.

TRADITION A MATTER OF DEBATE

The inaugural intersarsity debate of the Don Reddan Perpetual Trophy, presented by the University of Limerick's Literary and Philosophical Society, will be held on Wednesday, April 15th in the Jean Monnet theatre at 7.30 p.m. (Adm. free). Mr. Don Reddan, insurance supremo, is the welcome sponsor of this new and exciting event on the university circuit's debating calender. Interest is such that confirmed participants include QUB, UCD, TCD, Maynooth, and UCG. Our own Lord Mayor Jim Kenny will chair the adjudication panel on the motion 'THAT TRADITION IS IRRELEVANT IN TODAY'S UNIVERSITY'. Both the UL Lit & Phil and the UL Parliamentary will participate in what promises to be the debating event of the year. Personally, I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has been gathered together in the University of Limerick - with the possible exception of when Croff dined alone.....We look forward to seeing you there !

Further Information: John Hargaden, Arts Officer, University of Limerick. Tel : 333644 Fax : 330316

THE BELLTABLE CELEBRATES EASTER WITH THEATRE, LOTS OF MUSIC, MADCAP COMEDY AND MAGIC!!

The Belltable has programmed a highly diverse and very exciting calendar of events in the lead up to Easter with something to suit every taste and pocket. Running until Saturday April 11th is the wonderful new play **BOURKE AND BLAKE** by Limerick man Kevin O' Connor (of RTE fame). The show hosts two powerful performance's by Vinnie McCabe and Owen Roe and has been both a critical and popular success and celebrates one of Limerick's most colourful sons - Sean Bourke. **BOURKE AND BLAKE** is "fascinating" and should be seen by all Limerick people.

Lots of music in store around Easter and the first of these events will take place on Monday 13th April at 8 pm when the Senior Pupils from the Limerick VEC School of Music present a **SPRING CONCERT**, tickets are set at the low price of #2 with a #1 concession rate fro students, unwaged and OAP's.

On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th April, Limerick's comic duo Jon Kenny and Pat Shortt take to the Belltable stage to present their hilarious new show **ONE HELL OF A DO**, (which has proved a huge success in Dublin and has gained them bookings in New York and Zambia !). **ONE HELL OF A DO** contains side-splitting "tribute" to Tom and Gerry - "The unbelievableables", the greatest wedding band ever to hit Abbeyfeale. The multi-talented Kenny and Shortt also feature a dissertation on Irish Kitchen Drama and many hints for lovers of amateur theatre. Members of the audience have been known to fall on the floor - for several reasons. It's a show you go to at your peril and, if you miss it, you run the risk of missing the funniest experience of your life ! The show starts at 8pm, but get there early - to avoid a seat near the stage.

On Saturday 18th April at 3pm, an Easter treat for all children (and magic lovers) when the Munster Society of Magicians present **A MAGIC SHOW FOR CHILDREN**. The show has been sponsored by the Limerick Soroptimist Club, tickets for the show cost only #2 and proceeds are in aid of St. Gabriels Centre.

On Easter Saturday night (April 18th) at 8pm, the Belltable is delighted to present the ever popular **FREDDIE WHITE IN CONCERT**. This concert forms part of the "CLOSE TO YOU" tour. "CLOSE TO YOU" is Freddie White's new album and consists of seven original compositions and four others by The Pointer Sisters, U2, John Hiatt and Noel Brazil. The album has been described by Freddie as "My best yet", a good recommendation from a man notorious for his perfectionism and well known as his severest critic.

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ARTS ON

Visual Arts new work by **Charles Harper**, Head of Fine Art in LSAD. Main Gallery, levels O and M by main reception. A truly magnificent display of superior craftsmanship.

Music The Limerick Music Association presents **IVAN ZENATY** (Czech Violinist)

Wed. April 22nd at 8pm - East Room, Plassey House
Tickets £6, UL Faculty/Staff £5, Students £2

Programme:

Bach - Partida in D minor
BWV 1004

Ysaye - Sonata for solo
violin Op. 27, No 2

Paganini - Six Caprices for
violin solo

Booking:

John Hargaden, Arts
Adviser, Ext. 2327/2349
John Harrington, Ri-
ordan's Travel, Tel.: 414666

The Limerick Music Association presents

JOHN O'CONNOR (piano)

A Recital in aid of St.
Mary's Cathedral Building
Fund Saturday, June 13th
at 8 p.m., Jean Monnet
Theatre. Tickets: £10

Booking as above. Early
booking advisable.

A HANDBOOK FOR DROWNING

by David Shields 178 pp, Alfred A. Kopf. IR£13
reviewed by John Maguire

The interesting and disappointing thing about obsessions is that eventually every person has the same ones. Fear of death, hunger for love, anxious for approval, fear of our pasts - the only differences are in the variations. So, consequently, it's no surprise that writers write out of their own obsessions. The surprise for the reader comes when the banal becomes significant, (witness "The Mezzanine", Nicholson Baker 1989 for a great example of this.) The author presents an obsession we immediately recognise but cannot place Alien, but integral.

David Shield's third work of fiction, "A Handbook for Drowning" introduces a character driven by familiar obsessions, Walter Jaffe, the hero of this collection of interrelated stories, is also preoccupied with defects; from his girlfriend's deformed toe to his parents' self-conscious political idealism. This can be funny, as in the story called "The War on Poverty" in which Walter describes his mother's earnest attempt to befriend Darryl, "a young man from Watt's". She prepares a typical southern meal in an attempt to make him feel at home. He can't eat it and neither can anyone else. Most of these stories are set in the 60's and 70's because it's an era that Shields finds unbearably silly, as in "The Sixties" when a high-school ecology club retaliates to Walter's satire of one of their "righteous demonstrations" by toilet-papering his house.

Funny.

But mostly this collection is submerged in unhappiness and despair, the side effect of an imperfect world. Shield's takes this "chemotherapy" in "War Wounds" by describing a list of horrors; Vietnam being one. Walter objects to so much suffering, yet he is drawn to it. Like Prometheus, one of his hero's, he gets a certain kick out of torment. When his girlfriend nearly drowns in "The Moon Falling" Walter finds the experience of resuscitating her erotic in the extreme. In another story, he finds reading her unflattering descriptions of herself in her diary enjoyable and hilarious. Even his mother's cancer (a recurring theme) fascinates him more than grieves him.

In other words, the circumstances within this novel often seem convenient rather than selected. One gets the impression of leafing through an artist's unfinished sketch pad, flipping pages over in theme and construction. His fixations are too long developing to remain interesting and truly involving. Walter is certainly drowning in his fixations, but we never find out if he dies, as it were. Everyone knows how to drown, but what we need is a book to tell us how to stay afloat. Somehow, I don't think Mr. Shield's word processor will be telling us how.



Arts

On Time With Pigs.

This performance was first done in the dance studio in Thomond at the beginning of Hilary Term and as I missed it there I decided to make sure to see it when it was happening again in Limerick. This turned out to be Fri. 27th March at the Belltable Arts Centre. I did not know what to expect - I had heard that it was good but didn't know what 'good' referred to. The entire performance was one hour long and I really enjoyed the whole thing. It was however, very different to what I had imagined as it took some concentration to figure out. I had never been to anything like it but I was mesmerised by the fluidness and agility of the dancers (two of whom I know). The music and general set-up was very professional and I was amazed that there were only five dancers altogether and it seemed to me that there were quite a few. It is a performance which is unique and immensely entertaining.

Carmel Ryan.

DAGHDHA DANCE COMPANY TANIA TEMPEST - HAY

&

WILLIS GREEN IN A SCENE FROM "ON TIME WITH PIGS"

Booking as above. Early booking advisable.

UL Orchestra

Meeting every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Schroedinger Building. Conductor Josef Kalef.

Further information for Ann Ross at tel. no. 419179 and UL Arts Adviser.

Debating

The UL Literary and Philosophical Society presents the inaugural intervarsity - featuring UL, UCD, TCD, and Maynooth - of the **Don Reddan Perpetual Trophy** in the Jean Monnet Theatre on Wednesday, April 15th at 7.30 p.m.

Motion: That Traditional Is Irrelevant In Today's University

More Music!

An Evening of Song and Medieval Irish Music with **Noirin Ni Riain and An Uaithne** in the beautiful 13th century surroundings of St. Flannan's Cathedral. Tickets #5 (or #10 to include a Wine Reception at 7.15 p.m. in the Cathedral Library). Booking: Glenda Wilson Tel. 376141 or Dean Perdue Tel. 376687.

DAGHDHA DANCE COMPANY TANIA TEMPEST - HAY
&
MYLES BREEN IN A SCENE FROM "ON TIME WITH PIGS"



Pre - Entry Requirements Again !

Ce gur mheas gach einne go raibh an raic seo socraithe tamall o shin (leigigi an Irish Times cupla seachtain o shin) is soileir nach raibh Governing Body, go hairithe Jack Daly sasta leis an cinneadh a thog an Chomhairle Acaduil. Ghlac an Chomhairle Acaduil leis an mBearla agus aon Teanga ar bith eile chun fail isteach in Ollscoil Luimnigh ,i ndiaidh an achrainn nuair a bhagair Comhdhail Naiisuinta na Gaeilge, cas cuirte in aghaidh na hOllscoile. Gheill an Ollscoil ,i.e. gheill Ed Walsh ,is bhi gach einne sasta.

Sin a cheapamar ! Is leir anois go mbeidh seans eile ag lucht na Gaeilge ait cheart a thabhairt do Ed Walsh agus na West Brits agus na Japs ata timpeall air.

Aran Islands Immorality

Ta rafla cloiste agam go bhfuil scata mor on gCumann Gaelach, an Cumann Sport Amuigh faoin Aer ,na Fran-

Deirtear liom gur Eamonn O Ciardha (O.P.C.) agus Sean O Mairtin agus Roibeard O Ceallaigh (An Cumann Gaelach) ata a eagra.

I mBeal an Phobail

caigh agus na Mic leinn eachtrannacha eile anseo ag ealu go Oilean Arainn ag deireadh Sheachtain a Ceathair.

Ni reitimse le seo ar chor ar bith mar is cinnte go mbeidh iomarca ol agus " shiftail" ar siul.

Presidential Elections.

Caithfidh go bhfuil gach einne brean leis na toghchain eile ar siul faoi lathair.Ach ar an gCeadaoin, seachtain a cuig seo chugaim beidh togh-

chain eile ar suil anseo. Uachtaran agus Leas-Uachtaran Aontas na Mac Leinn a bheas a athru againne.

Molaimse do einne a bhuil suim acu ann labhairt amach go luath.Ta se riachtaran duine den chead scoth a fhail mar Uachtaran. Ta an job deanta ag Colm Croffey ,is mar sin ta nios mo oibre le deanamh ag na hiarrthoim (candidates) I gceann bliana, deirtear, feicimid comhnascadh idir U.L. agus Colaiste Mhuire Gan Smal (Mary I). Nil " yes man" ag teastail, nil duine ata baite i measc Fianna Fail no Fine Gael etc. ag teastail. Duine ata, i ann seasamh suas do (no di) fein , seasamh suas in aghaidh Ed Walsh, go h'airithe, ata ag teastail uainn. Le cunamh De, feicimid bean no fear mar sin sar, i bhfad.

Spailpin Fanach.

S I M O N S N O D G R A S S

BOLD FACTS

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Hair loss may not be causing you sleepless nights at the moment but in the future it will effect you more fundamentally than any changes to the wording of the Maastricht protocol or the results of the British General Election. Baldness has lead to varied reactions in men such as wearing caps all the time, stretching long hairs across vast acres of bareness and the wearing of that horrible invention the "toupee". But fear not "Bald Eagles" in ancient Rome baldness was considered a sign of exceptional virility (be careful who you mention that to because I only made it up) and it's also rumoured, that many females find bald men extraordinarily attractive, its just that these women are very hard to find.

Baldness it seems has nothing to do with reduced blood circulation, vitamin deficiency, hair cuts, dandruff, tight hats or excessive thinking but rather is

hereditary. Occasionally it skips a generation to return later. But as a general rule if dear old Pader is bald chances are you will be too.

The process usually begins in ones twenties when the baldness genes instruct hair follicles (glands from which hairs grow) to make excessive amounts of something called 5-alpha reductase. This combines with the male hormone testosterone and that is when the real trouble starts. Follicles shrink producing steadily less hair until eventually they cease to produce altogether. The fact that male hormones are involved means that there IS a foolproof way of preventing these shrinking follicles and hence baldness. Eunuchs, it was observed by Aristotle and others, did not in fact lose their hair. (This of course implies that Aristotle must have fraternised a lot with eunuchs which is rather worrying) Yep castra-

tion boys that is the only sure fire way to protect your crown. Still though castrations not the sort of thing you'd rush into. You'd certainly think twice before you'd let any saw bones take a knife to your nuts. The operation takes only 10 minutes it seems but still that hardly reassures one.

Over the centuries men desiring to train their hair have tried many treatments. They shampooed their scalps with tar, petroleum, goose dung and cow urine (no this time I kid you not). Operations are available now to replace these imaginative efforts. In one method small plugs of healthy hair from the back or sides of the head can be surgically grafted to the front and top of the scalp. Alternatively a man can get a scalp reduction whereby sections of the crown are removed and the lusher skin of the sides of the head is pulled up to cover the gap. To my tender ears they

sound rather painful. Baldness is probably preferable to having your scalp tugged all over the place.

Theres also a chemical called Minoxidil which is supposed to be reasonably successful. This however only manages to stimulate a stubble like growth i.e. no hope of a mane of even vaguely Jon bon Jovi proportions.

And so when all is said and done when the hairs start coming out under the comb the best thing to do is convince yourself that baldness makes you look "distinguished" that it brings out the character in your face. Failing that you'll just have to take solace in the words of that old fogey Bill Shakespeare "what he hath scanted men in hair , he hath given them in wit" which is a pretty stupid quote by any standards. The only reason I use Shakespeare is to show off, but then there you go , read him if you must.

Rag week is on it's way support it !!!!

*TUPLIPS - TO PICK OR NOT TO PICK - THAT IS THE QUESTION

By now many people have probably decided where they are going to be going next Summer. For those of you who have not anyplace in particular in mind or still contemplating on where to go - there's always Holland and picking tulips as Paula, Sarah, Sean, Dave, J.P. and myself ventured to last year. The cheapest way to get there is by boat (approx IEP130 to Amsterdam return) and train across England. On arriving in the Hoek Van Holland the area to head for is about 20-30 miles south west of Amsterdam known as Noordijk/Noordwijkerhout.

Accommodation is best found in the camp-sites around this area cost approx IEP17 per week. Before even contemplating to go looking for work it is advisable to buy (or steal) a bike - they can be bought for IEP15 - IEP20 (second hand) and be resold again for almost as much in shops in Noordivijk/Lisse. Upon arriving in Holland you have to register with the Local police (a mere formality) which involves stamping your passport.

Also before beginning work you should go to Leiden (30Km) and obtain a "Fiscal Number" which is a sort of social - security/ Tax number which is necessary. Otherwise you don't get paid !! There are as many tulip processing factories in this area of Holland as there are farms in Ireland and basically the best way to try and get work is cycling around and asking them.

The pay varies as to your age - so if you can get your hands on a "legal" birth certificate which says you are 21 or more then you can earn up to IEP4 - IEP5 an hour. Average working week is

5 days long, starting at between 7 - 8 am in the morning and finishing around 5pm.

The place of work may be anywhere between 10 to 30 minutes cycle from the camp-site. In some companies you can do overtime although the rate of pay is usually the same. Last year the "season" was late so it suited people from U.L. finishing exams in late June. It can however be difficult to find a job - but there is always the alternative of peeling tulips for which you get paid by weight - this is not an attractive proposition as you peel all day and get F..K all for doing it. (IEP10 or so). The delights of Holland are available also - drink (24 bottles of Heineken for about IEP6) drugs (no comment) Discos - 8 or 10 of them in Noordwijk most of which are free - if the 20 stone bouncer grunts at you on the way out it is advisable to give him a tip (1 guilder). A "waterproof" tent is necessary because Holland is prone to flash thunder - storms - although last year the weather overall was beautiful. That was a brief summary of tulip-picking in Holland. If however in the middle of July your tent is waterlogged, you have got no job, run out of money and going to get evicted from the camp-site - don't blame me.

Anyway Holland the choice is yours like if or lump it.

Dermot (one of the six who stuck it out)

P.S. If Cloggies (officially Op hoop Van Zogan) camp-site is still open (4KM from Noordwijk) - its the place to stay without paying. Dcjk en burg is another one in the locality.

Welfare

The Lovers Guide and the Sexual Revolution in Ireland

By the end of 1991, the Lovers Guide was one of the top 3 best selling videos in Ireland. Ireland may not be the most sexually enlightened country in the world but it has come a long way since the days when contraception was a matter of timing and an unwanted pregnancy was 'God's will', and when any sexual position other than the 'missionary position' was an indecent sin, one to be told at the monthly confessional visit. Despite those traditionalists who regard the whole area of sex as taboo, we in Ireland have at last reached the stage where sex can be discussed seriously in public without having to look over our shoulders for the parish priest. With this new

freedom with regard to sexuality sex, of the legitimate variety, has been turned into big business. The success of "The Lovers Guide" is evidence of the rapidly increasing 'sex' industry. The video sold 18,000 units in less than six months. It is freely

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Student Community Action is an organisation run for and by students. Therefore, survival and continued success depends on your participation. We normally meet every Tuesday night at 9pm in CM071. This acts as a link between project members and new volunteers.

Why should I get involved?

Because SCA is about being aware; it is about doing some thing when other people need a hand....

Because student life in UL can become very campus-centered and insular and it doesn't have to be that way....

Because SCA is one of the rare links connecting the local community and students, providing a fruitful two-way relationship. Not only does the community benefit from having the support, enthusiasm and skills which students can give but students themselves gain experience, new knowledge and skills from their chosen product.

Because there is plenty to be gained.

Because it's fun!

The current group are travelling to Lisnagry, Carrigoran and Milford helping the needy in these places.

Other SCA projects would include:

- helping in the soup kitchen in the city
- organising help nights for underprivileged students in poorer areas of Limerick
- having sleepouts to collect for the homeless

Projects such as these and others like it are what SCA is about. However we are in desperate need of more volunteers. So come on get yourself in a project helping people far less well off than yourself.

Our next meeting will be in CM-071 on Wednesday, Week 2 at p.m.

taboo, we in Ireland have at last reached the stage where sex can be discussed seriously in public without having to look over our shoulders for the parish priest. With this new freedom with regard to sexuality sex, of the legitimate variety, has been turned into big business. The success of "The Lovers Guide" is evidence of the rapidly increasing 'sex' industry. The video sold 18,000 units in less than six months. It is freely available, even Uncle Gaybo featured it on his show. The Lovers Guide is, in areas, nothing less than erotic. It captures the joy and pleasure which accompanies love making. It combines love and sex in an age where more and more people are trying to stay committed to their partners. It is no shady sex/lust/one night stand video, instead it deals with such areas as arousal, overcoming shyness, masturbation, fantasy love making and different sex positions. It contains none of the bad dubbing and dodgy camera work that is found in porn films. No complaints have been received by the licencees on the video and its contents. It is described as educational rather than pornographic. Of Irish mail orders for the video, 50% are men, 30% women and the remaining are couples. 75% of orders come from rural Ireland. The Lovers Guide is a relaxed, purely sexual video which is educational to all and erotic, most definitely erotic to some!!

It costs £16.99 at most video shops, or you can rent it out for the night. Be sure to have your dream partner with you when you watch, it will teach you a thing or two - guaranteed.

Athletic Club Notes

Welcome back to all our members, hopefully you all had a nice holiday. This term the Intervarsities Track and Field Championships are at the end of Week 3 (Saturday 25th April) and are being hosted by Trinity College.

MEETING

On Wednesday Week1 there will be a meeting in P1004 (Sports Hall) for all those interested in competing to the Track and Field Championships, these championships are not just for serious athletes but for everyone in the University who wants to compete, so if you walk, jump, throw or run you are welcome to come along to this meeting. After the meeting, there will be a training session on the track.

TABLE QUIZ

The table quiz was held in the Hurlers on Monday Week 5. 12 teams took part in an enjoyable night with the following results

1. The Untouchables
2. The Valance Electrons
3. Vermin

The President of the Club (M. Hillery) presented the prizes to the winners and thanked everyone for taking part. Finally we would like to thank the Hurlers for their sponsoring of the prizes and allowing us the use of their premises.

TALENT SHOW & DISCO

The Talent Show & Disco we held on Wednesday Week 5, everyone enjoyed the night. We would like to thank the Stables for their sponsorship for the Talent Show.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Jacinta and the crew on their success for winning the right to host the ninth World Student Cross Country Championships in March 1994 here in Limerick, these Championships must rank in importance to one of the greatest sporting events ever held in this country such as John Tracey's win in the World Cross Country event held in Limerick in 1979. We wish the University and the Golden Pages (sponsors of the event) every success with this event.

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E..... SOCIETY

Remember last term - Euro-talk, Euro-quiz, Euro-love (Valentines "say it with love" and of course European Week? Who organised them? Yes you've guessed it the European Society or Euro Soc. Want to take part in a pan-European challenge competition with super prizes? Want to know about jobs for the summer, places to stay, things to do - like youth groups, conferences to attend with opportunities to make new friends and expenses paid to places like Germany, Portugal, Malta, Italy

How about a European film of your choice every week in the student centre?

Watch out for euro-cuisine in the stables courtyard and an open discussion form on everything you wanted to know about Maastricht (what ever that was?) with Pat Cox MEP (who ever he is) coming soon.

P.S. Any suggestions, ideas or if you want to help organise, leave a note for us with Maria in the S.U. Office.

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY ?



OSS

Well, we're back for one more term of fun and excitement. We are planning a trip to the Aran Islands for the weekend of week 4. If interested, come to the meeting in the Stables courtyard, Wednesday, week 2 at 2:00. If it is raining, (I know, rain in Ireland is preposterous, but just in case) the meeting is moved to the back end of the Stables (near the television). There are no lectures on so you have no excuses!!!!!!!

This weekend is going to be even more interesting since the French Society, the Cumann Gaelach and the Outdoor Pursuits Club are also joining us. Since there are so many of us going, space is going to be limited. You MUST come to the meeting if you wish to join the group. Meeting: Wed. 2:00, Week2

You must be there to come to Aran Islands week 4!!!!!!!

Tracey's win in the World Cross Country event held in Limerick in 1979. We wish the University and the Golden Pages (sponsors of the event) every success with this event.

Student Golf Club.

The first outing of the term is scheduled for Wednesday 15th. April at Castletroy Golf Club. The tee is booked between 2.30 and 3.30pm. It costs #5 for non-Castletroy. The booking sheet is in CM072. Any queries contact k. martin in room CM006.

A team of 11 players will be selected from the following panel by B. Loftus (Capt.) to represent the college in the annual Dean's cup match versus the staff on Wednesday 22th. April (2.30-3.45pm).

1. Bob Loftus.
2. Dave Hunt.
3. Eoni Lynch.
4. Grellani Dunne.
5. Kevin Martin.
6. Niall Rock.
7. Niall Mc Nulty.
8. Dan Hogan.
9. Rony Curran.
10. Paul Walshe.
12. Catherine Mc Ginley.
13. Niamh Mc Donnell.
14. Tom Anthony.
15. Stephanie Whyte.

Members of this panel are requested to play in this outing, which will be used as a guide for selection of the Dean's Cup Team.

Kevin Martin. Secretary.

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Brazen Libertines Undoing Sexism & Homophobia Launches Floral Offensive

Bemused students found themselves being button-holed, literally, by campaigning BLUSHERS on the second day of term. In order to create an awareness of the society Blush chose to "Say it with flowers" and presented carnations to about 300 students and staff. Most people on learning that the flora was free were willing to be beflowered, other responses ranged from pink confusion to suspicion. One or two feared that

wearing one might mark them out as a pansy and while it's true that pink carnations are associated with gay liberation, the flowers, like Blush were a multi hued bunch.

Through the day information was available from the stand in the canteen. More than fifty people joined Blush with a even greater number signing the Condom sense petition with lunch time music provided by the Patients. The launch was

covered by the Limerick Tribune who will be featuring Blush in a forthcoming edition. Activities planned for the future include an Aids awareness week

(week7), a series of seminars on discrimination and a Condom sense campaign.

Meetings are held every monday night in town, see noticeboards for venue.

If you are interested in Equality issues why not join Blush NOW.

WINDSURFING INTERVARSITIES 1992

Surfing and Heineken complimented each other at Dromineer weekend of Week 8 last term, where the Beach Bums of U.L. were to be found en masse. The party started with a "bang" on Friday night when our surfmobile got a puncture not a catastrophe though as a "watering hole" was close at hand. Eventually we arrived at Dromineer, cheeks glowing and conversation flowing, just in time for the Shorts n Shades bash. U.L. distinguished itself by being the only team to bother with the theme, and what an entrance we made with "Ballygowan O' Connor" the centre of attention (attraction ?!)

Many strange happenings that night cannot be accounted for - what substance did poor ole Tom inflict upon his body to end up in Nenagh Hospital?! How did the blonde bimbo manage to keep his shorts on?! What took Bryce so long to discover what Intervarsities are really about! Was it really Eamo's new specs and shave that got him another

phantom shortboarder") The A fleet managed to finish 4th out of how many we won't mention !. Quarry (one half of the corridor couple ") was ecstatic to hear that his gybe had been captured on film but devastated by the fact that a lock of hair was out of place and that his lipstick was smudged ! Saturday nights festivities included the annual pie throwing competition. The question is does Baked Alaska on her head do wonders for John the Baptist !!

Mr RTE was investing great in his pride and joy - his Guinness Belly and even managed to snatch a few freebies. However we won't divulge his methods no doubt he readily will !! No more can be said about this crazy night as the ole memories are slightly fuzzy and in most cases non existent. Wind and Wave were fierce on Sunday. The novice races had to be abandoned but the B fleet soldiered on and finished in 3rd place. A fine result considering their trip on a four poster bed hours earlier - and fair play to Hanish for holding down all the toxic sub-

Games

LugCon, or University of Limerick Games Convention was held over the weekend. It is the high light of the year for the Soc., with much planning and effort being put into it by the LugCon Committee, Hary Walsh, Jer O'Connor, Diarmuid Reidy, Ralph Slattery and Sean Fitzgerald. It went off smoothly and a good time was had by the hundred gamers who turned up from all over the country. The U.L. gamers did well winning the AD+D team and Kevin Hammond winning best individual. William Nugent won best overall player and Mel Lavim won best roleplayer. The pub quiz was won by a U.L. team, Hary J. Walsh, Bredan Vaughan, Dalton Moloney and Brian P. Casey. The Committee would like to thank the participants for making the convention the success it was. Planning is already in the pipeline for next years LugCon, which is hoped will be an even greater success.



Cubs & Soc

bimbo manage to keep his shorts on?! What took Brycee so long to discover what Intervarsities are really about! Was it really Eamo's new specs and shave that got him another notch on his daggerboard - or was it something else !! And who was that "Dub" who relieved his bladder in Sean's sleeping bag - more to the point was Sean in it at the time !

Saturday dawned too early for all sore heads, yet serious racing had to be done. Wind conditions were perfect (even for the "

but the B fleet soldiered on and finished in 3rd place. A fine result considering their trip on a four poster bed hours earlier - and fair play to Hanish for holding down all the toxic substances until he crossed the finish line !!

All in all the weekend was terrific despite the fact that UCC won again. Many thanks to Tom, our team manager, who ensured that we all stayed on the (not quite) straight and narrow. Roll on Intervarsities 1993 !



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

On Wednesday, March 11th, the Limerick branch of Amnesty International hosted a Peruvian evening in Mary Immaculate College, as part of their on-going campaign for human rights in Peru. The evening centred around the music, food and culture of Peru, presented by Eustorgio and Nancy Serrano.

Both have spent much of their lives living in Peru, and are currently lecturing in the university of Limerick. Eustorgio gave a comprehensive insight into the Peruvian situation, and an informative video and photographic exhibition also served to describe the human rights abuses in that country. Nancy prepared a traditional meal for the sixty or so attending. This delicious concoction of chicken, chili, onions and more chili made the mouth water.

Amnesty are campaigning on a wide range of human rights violations in Peru. Since 1983, large areas of the country have been designated as emergency zones and placed under military control as part of the operation against armed opposition groups, in particular the *Sendora Luminoso*, who are responsible for widespread atrocities. Thousands have 'disappeared', or have been extrajudicially executed following arrest. Many were brutally tortured in custody. Human rights defenders have also been the subject of death threats and attacks.



President Fujimori, elected in 1990, pledged to respect human rights fully, and the government has repeatedly stated its commitment to this pledge. However, this situation has not improved. Amnesty asks people to write to the president of Peru, or to the President of the Armed Forces Joint Command. Letters can be sent by an individual, or on behalf of a group such as a church, trade union, social club, school or political party. The letters should urge him to uphold human rights and to investigate reports of violations, bringing the perpetrators to justice, and compensating the victims.

Addresses to write to:

Presidente Alberto Fujimori,
Presidente de la Republica del Peru,
Palacio de Gobierno,
Plaza de Armas,
Lima 1,
PERU (begin letter with "Excelentissimo Sr. Presidente")
General Arnaldo Verlarde Ramirez,
Presidente del Comando Conjunto de las Fuerzas Armadas,
ministerio de defensa,
Av. Boulevard,
Monterrico,
Lima 33,
PERU (begin with Sr. General)

GRANT HOLDERS

Please check Student Services and Student Union Noticeboards for grants which are in, processed and ready for collection. Grant collection is in EG010 between 2.30pm - 4.30pm each day. Please check noticeboards, do not queue needlessly..

Students' Union General Meeting

Agenda

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Officers Briefing
- 3) Adoption of new Constitution
- 4) Rag Week
- 5) A.O.B.

Main Canteen
2.00pm
Wednesday 15th

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SOFTBALL CLUB

The Softball tournament starts Mon Week2, please come and support the games on every evening from 5pm to 9pm(2 games).

WINDSURFING CLUB DRAW

1st Prize: Windsurfer/£300
2nd Prize: £80
3rd Prize: £50

Buy your lines from any club member or from the stand in the canteen. Draw will be held in the stables club Friday week 3 @ 9 P.M.

U.L. Lit. & Phil. Soc

are hosting A grand Intersivity Debate Wednesday Week 2m 7.30 p.m. Jean Monnet U.L. Teams & Visiting Universities; it promises to be an entertaining evening.
All welcome to attend !

BLUSH

BLUSH aka Equality Now are looking for creative designs to come up with a logo for the new society .

If you have any ideas please drop them into Blush c/o the Student Union.



ATTENTION GRADUATING CLASS 1992

The Student Services Office will be sending a preprinted Final Award Entry Form to your home address. All forms must be returned to the Student Services Offices by 15 May 1992. Forms received after that date will be liable to a penalty fee of £15. Entry forms received after 22 May 1992 cannot be assured of inclusion in the Examination Board process which will determine who will graduate in 1992.

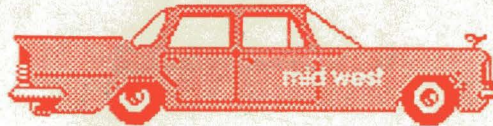
Please inform your parents/guardians that this form is expected in order that it may be forwarded on to you if you do not intend returning home between 24 April and 22 May.

It is imperative that this form be returned by the deadlines. If you do not receive such a form at your home address by 1 May 1992, it is because our records do not list you as due to graduate in 1992. Contact the Student Service office as a matter of urgency if you do hope to graduate in 1992 but have not received the form at your home address by 1 May 1992.





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APRIL STUDENT STATUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The deadline for application for the April meeting of the Student Status Committee was Friday, 10 April 1992. All forms should now be lodged with the Student Services Offices. The meetings will take place on 15 April 1992, at 14h00 as per schedule below. *Mechanical & Production Engineering students please note that your meeting has been changed to the Committee Room, 2nd Floor, Schrodinger Building.

NOTE: Students requesting Internat Transfer/Re-admission should attend the Student Status Committee meeting of the Department into which Transfer/Re-admission is sought.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AY 1991/92

DEPARTMENT/ PROGRAMME	VENUE	DATE &TIME 15 Jan & 15 April	DATE &TIME 15 July
Business Studies	D0033	14h00	11h00
Computer Science & Information Systems	EM009	14h00	11h00
Humanities (LASS,EIA)	C1080	14h00	11h00
Chemical &Life Sciences	A1065	14h00	11h00
Electronic &computer Engineering	C1061	14h00	11h00
Material Science & Technology	A1062	14h00	11h00
Mathematics	EM010	14h00	11h00
Mechanical & Production Engineering	C1060	14h00	11h00
Education(PESS,ELE)	C1056	14h00	11h00
B Tech Production Management	C1062	14h00	11h00
BA Law & Accounting	C1058	14h00	11h00
BA Language & computing	C1059	14h00	11h00