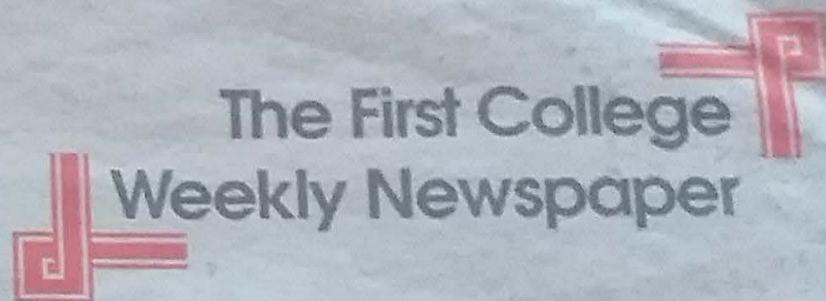


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UL Seanad Campaign Gets Backing

by Cathal Kelly

Alumni, the association of UL graduates, has received support for its campaign to have the

Seanad franchise extended to include graduates of UL from TDs and Senators in Munster. However, the support has come too late to have any effect on the election to the new Seanad, which is taking place throughout this month.

In a letter sent to TDs and Senators last November, Alumni told the politicians that there were 9,000 graduates of UL, and they were seeking to confirm that there was strong cross-party support for extending the franchise to include them. Last week, Alumni published the results of their campaign in their magazine *Vista*.

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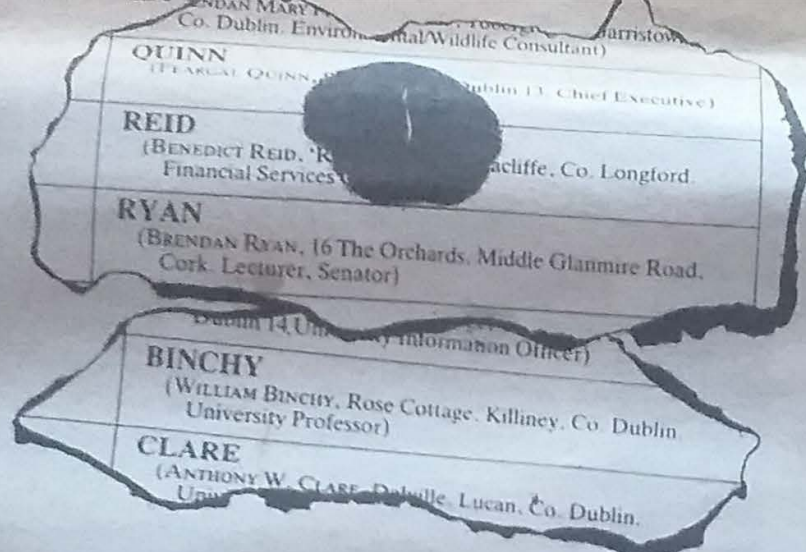
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Extracts From The Ballot Papers Issued Two Weeks Ago To Graduates.
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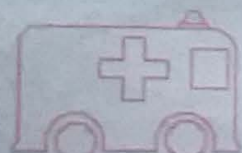
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In a separate development, Professor JJ Lee, took time out from an academic visit to UL last week to canvass support for his election to the NUI constituency.



Prof. J.J. Lee, who visited UL last week. Prof Lee is a candidate on the NUI Constituency



by Cathal Kelly

Medical service under review

Wide-ranging changes to the university medical centre are to be introduced in the coming year, it was learnt this week. The Director of the service, Dr Mike Griffin, confirmed to an Focal that the university authorities have agreed to expand the service's surgery and administrative space, and to provide extra medical and administrative staff for the service.

The increase in staffing and space will coincide with a re-organisation of the service. Dr Griffin said that the improvements will allow the medical centre to change its emphasis from the present 'fire-brigade' service and give greater focus to the area of health education, including the prevention of medical problems.

The present service consists of four doctors, one full time nurse, and a number of part-time staff, including nursing staff, a psychiatrist, and a physiotherapist.

The service has been expanded in an *ad hoc* manner in the last three years, and increasing student numbers placed strains on the service. Dr Griffin said that the increase in numbers of postgraduate and Erasmus students at UL had been particularly noticed in the centre.

The effects of the increase in student numbers were confirmed by nurse Pat Gale, who has seen her workload increase steadily in recent years. Dr Griffin said that the centre was lucky to have her on the staff.

Stork Visit to the Student Union

By Maria Casey.

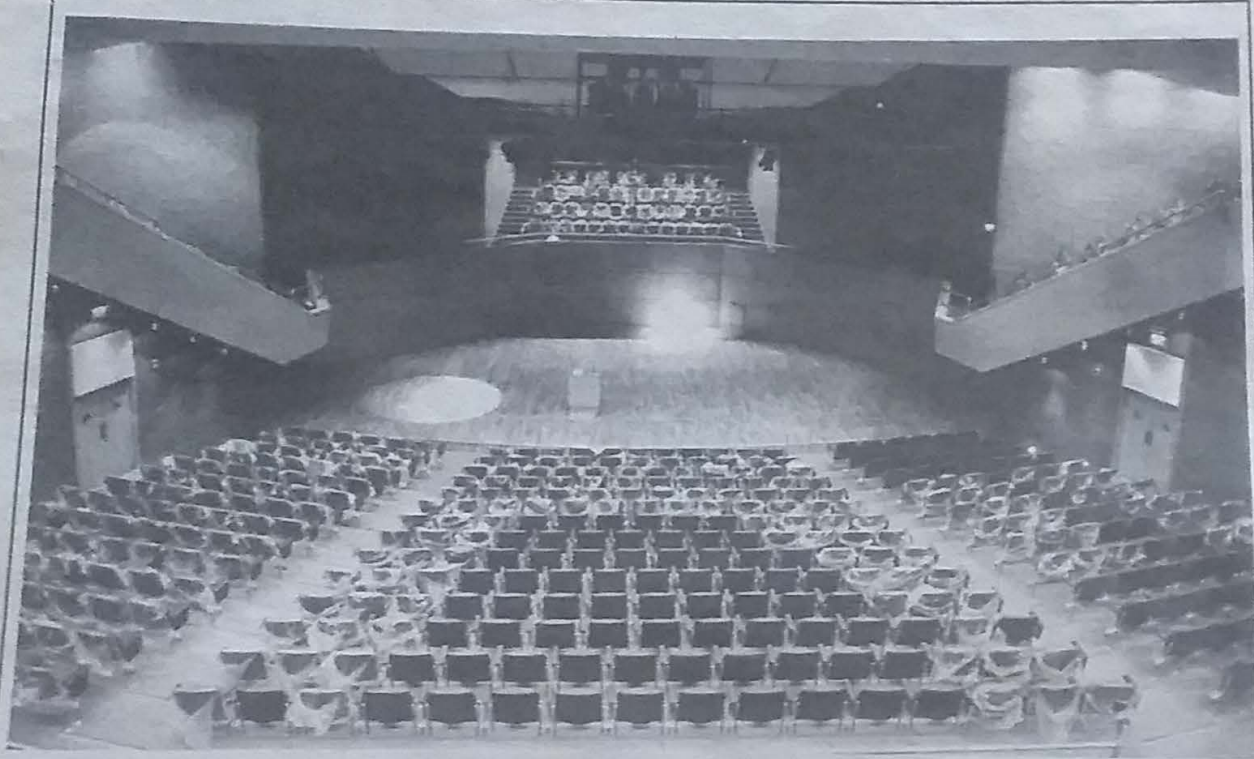
Christmas came early for Carmel Ryan S.U Administrative Secretary and her husband Christy in the form of a little baby girl born to them on December last.

The Baby, their first, will be called Aoife and is blessed with a week 11 Brithday!

anFocal would like to take this opportunity to Congratulate Carmel and Christy on their arrival and welcaome Aoife to "the big bad world"

News

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Young Scientists Study U.L.

By Marie Casey.

The University of Limerick is Featured in one of the Projects currently on show in Dublin at the Young Scientists Exhibition.

Aoife Burke and Laura Kearney, both pupils at Limerick's Laurel Hill Secondary school, Have Found that since the foundation of the University, the city has become more attractive for industry (Plassey Technological Park) and there is a greater range of cultural facilities including a purpose built Concert Hall (Foundation Building) opening in September, and the development of the Hunt Museum.

The Project also stated that the Campus facilities are being used for foreign students and other visitors during the summer months.

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With the exception of elected staff members, only four members of the outgoing Governing Body have been re-appointed. They are Chairman, Mr Jack Daly, and Mr Bertie Wall. Mr Daly is a prominent Fianna Fail activist. He was previously chairman of Shannon Development, but was not re-appointed last year to that position by the then Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr Desmond O'Malley TD. It was widely rumoured on the academic staff that Dr Walsh had indicated to the Minister for Education that he would have preferred to see Dr Dermot Whelan of Howmedica replace Mr Daly as chairman.

The other two people who have been re-appointed are Dr Walsh, who is an ex officio member, and the President of Dublin City University, Dr Daniel O'Hare. Dr Walsh is a member of the Governing Body of DCU.

Mr Wall is a prominent deer farmer, and in his capacity as a

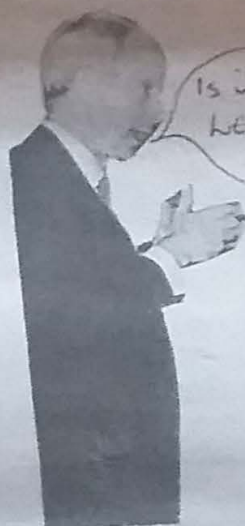
senior member of the Independent Farmers Association, gave evidence to the Beef Tribunal.

Among the new appointees are Sr Angela Bugler, who is Principal of Mary Immaculate College of Education (MICE). Following the academic linking of UL and MICE last year, it had been widely expected that a senior member of the MICE management would be appointed to the Governing Body.

The appointment of Mr Tim Gilbert has attracted some attention in the national media. The Sunday Tribune described Mr Gilbert as a 'close associate of Mr Brennan', the Minister for Education.

The other members of the Governing Body are: Mr Diarmuid Scully and Mr Enda Lonergan (elected by UL students); Mr Martin Chappell, Dr Alan Hegarty, Mr Brian Killilea, and Mr Joseph Wallace (elected by UL faculty and staff); and Mr George Cunningham, Mr Pat O'Sullivan, Ms Margaret Harrington, Mr Phelim O'Rourke,

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that Dr Walsh toured the university during the first teaching hour of the new term, checking for academic staff who were not teaching timetable classes. It was also confirmed that Dr Walsh contacted department heads instructing them to deal with named members of the academic staff whom he did not find at class.

Dr Walsh is known to have conducted these inspections at the start of term on a number of occasions in the twenty-year history of the university.

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Mr David Irwin and Mr Sean McManus (Government appointees)

Members of the campus community last week commented on a number of absences from the list of appointees. These included the fact that the Government failed to appoint a member from among the staff of the former Thomond College of Education. The then Minister, Mrs Mary O'Rourke, told the Dáil during the debate on the

dissolution of Thomond College Bill that when the new Governing Body was being appointed, the interests of former Thomond staff would be taken into account. It was also noted that a widely-known - but unofficial - canvas by Alumni, the graduates association, to have a representative appointed was unsuccessful.

The new Governing Body will have its first meeting on Thursday, week two.

an focal is offering from next week £10 for the best letter of that week - all letters can be handed into the Students' Union F.A.O. the Editor

PLEA FOR ASYLUM

Dear Editor,

As a devoted Murphy's consumer I am writing this letter as a plea for help.

Donal, our beloved barman has for the past while pointed out with very subtle hints that I am drinking too much. A typical scenario occurred when I ordered some brown stuff with chips and Donal promptly said that I also wanted my usual round of 2 Murphys and this resulted in me going on the piss and spending more money.

Today as I was getting my lunch, a roll and a cup of tea, purchased for me, (having spent all my money the night before), Donal gave me a strange look and asked me if I was sure

I wanted tea. Instead he offered me the drinks that I had purchased in vast quantities the night before.

Do I really need this aggravation and constant reminder of my failings? Is there anybody out there who can counsel me and help to rid me of this cross I bear? All I ask for is £1000 per term and that you get rid of Donal until next year. This will enable me to get skulled in peace without my addiction being pointed out to me.

Any enquiries can be made through Donal.
Yours sincerely, Mr. E. Arill 4th Eng.

The Stables Club

Dear Editor,

In response to a letter of complaint by John Colivet (a 2nd Year student, Business studies) in the last edition of an Focal.

I would like to thank you for bringing the matter to our attention.

Oddly enough we appreciate complaints! Like most organisations we often don't spot all our faults and, as the old saying goes we can't fix what we don't know is broken!

We were very disappointed at John's refusal to identify the staff member who offended him. This unfortunately leaves us in a pretty

pickle- we know that we have problems "somewhere". But we have no idea where. Should anybody ever have cause for complaint regarding the Stables Club, They can talk to either Donal or Declan in the bar or they can fill in a complaints form which can be found in the S.U. or in the Stables Club from the club liaison officer, Michele O' Dwyer.

The Stables Club is on campus to provide a service to the students and staff of the University of Limerick - if you're not happy with it or have any suggestions for improvement please let us know.

Yours Sincerely,

Michele O' Dwyer, Stables Club liaison officer.

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One can only wonder at what the new year, the single market engineered by the Brussel Bureaucrats, blessed by the E.C.U. - hugging politicians and laughed at by the customs and excise men will bring. Economically the doom and gloom looks set to continue on both sides of the pond offering very little glimmer of hope to the prospective graduates or even the bulk of last years class many of which are still languishing in the C.V. sending mode. Many commentators have pointed to the Single Market and Clinton's forth coming inauguration balls for the infamous "green shoots of recovery" to blossom forth, as it were. The local Vincent Browne's of this island would identify with the transformation of One page - Albert's once "temporary little arrangement" into a permanent fact of life; as the key to a new wave of consumer confidence and electorate approval for the buzzword of '92 CHANGE.

According to those in the fourth estate the new Ireland of 1993 and beyond (that we as a student body are being "processed for") will be one of more liberal social legislation, frankness in Government and transparent accountability of public representatives. They would cite in support the last two big national documents of the old year as empirical proof namely - The Cullinton

Report and The Green Paper in Education.

For those amongst us who were not privy to the excellent but frightening discourse by Professor James Lee of U.C.C. on the flawed basis on which both documents were written, during his history seminar on Irish Political Culture last week, 1993 will not really differ greatly from the previous paralysis of the past. The fact that (irrespective of the make up) a Government of our country is about to shake off the usual taunts of "failure to implement" by attempting to implement part or the thrust of Cullinton, without ever questioning the manner by which the recommendations were arrived at, is as Lee put it - indicative of the nature of the political decision making process. Lee was equally critical of the role of the academics of this country who from the relative comfort of their state secured jobs have long remained MUM about the manner in which reports commissioned by Government have been technically flawed in either their use of basic data or in not providing evidence to back up their assumptions. We all from time to time remember the witty or caustic remarks from rustic or even youthful academics during lectures or more often in more convivial company but rarely does one hear of the MAJORITY

speaking out on either Government Policies or even closer to home they way the University Sector is managed.

In preparing us and this country not for the single market but for the next century the grown ups out there, should begin to realise that the generation behind them (waiting for the torch) is not as dim as they wish us to be. This Country, this City, this University, this campus has not got any time left for fudging, buck passing and worst of all incompetence.

A purposeful sense of direction should be given by those elected and those appointed to manage our affairs irrespective of the department and agenda. It's time to pool the meagre mental resources together and address some of the critical issues that have been bobbing about the system for yonks - such as Social Legislation, Education Policy, Economic Development, European Union, Mission of a University, Usefulness of the HEA, Productivity of Management, Allocation of resources one could go on!

The University starts it's new year with a new Governing Body appointed by the Minister for Education. An Focal hopes that the in the absence of a University Court or Senate that this Governing Body in keeping with the spirit of the times will make itself more relevant to the needs, issues of both staff and students in this University. It would be encouraging if the members would bring to this campus a fresh and frank approach to solving the numerable problems

that face the University at a critical time for Irish Education - in manner that would be transparent to the interests of the state (the owners) and the staff and students (the users).

It would be hopeful if active participation of the staff and users of this establishment was fostered at a policy making level to try and brainstorm our way out of some of the "chestnuts" that have lingering. To this end the University must recognise change and adopt to it. the University must become a place where not alone is work done, knowledge taught, and exams corrected but ideas created and applied to the ills of our society and globe today.

Parents as paymasters, the State as owners and we the students should be getting value for money in service but also quality in thought. A more open and less distanced policy arm of the University would certainly enhance this.

The Governors too (not just the administration) have reason to be fearful, in the new age they also must have the courage to speak out, place their cards on the table and let those of us who are being led know just what they are leading us into.

To this end An Focal will during the coming months attempt to provide a platform for the new Governors to ingratiate the students and staff of the University with some of their ideas, hopes and plans for their five year term of office. It should make very interesting reading!! A Happy New Year to you all!

Features

Let's talk about sex, bay-bee...



We asked 100 UL students to tell us all, with questions ranging from safe sex to chat-up lines.

The UL 27%

Only 27% of UL students are virgins, according to our comprehensive survey, with the majority having lost their virginity between the ages of 17 and 18 and two who said they were seven when the bubble was burst. 40% claimed to have had sex for the first time in college. Whether through Stables club bravado or honest heart to hearts, we found most students only too happy to discuss their most intimate moments.

The traditional taboo of sex between lecturers and students is non-existent in UL, or at least if it does happen, nobody tells us about it. Very few found any lecturers sexy in any way, and nobody said that the prospect affected their attendance in lectures. However Dr. Anthony Leddin from the College of Business was named as a particular favourite.

hot bedroom action

There is some difficulty in defining the sexiest students, but rest assured that if you are (for the men we asked) "tall, blonde and rich with a nice bum," you will have no problem with male company and (for the women we asked) "tall dark and handsome with a large wallet" you won't be stuck on a Thursday night.

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ingless shag?" Shags aren't meaningless, baby, this is the 1990's. The ladies didn't particularly like chat up lines but the more egalitarian gave us "yeah.....I've seen you around before.....". From tiny morsels such as these, feasts of love can be consumed.

In perhaps the most predictable response of those who had actually gotten around to having sex, 74% said it happened in their term-time accommodation, and of these a sizeable chunk were Plassey Village residents.

Many intriguing answers came when we asked students where the strangest place they had ever had sex was. One student said she regularly had sex in her wardrobe in Plassey Village, another hinted at airplanes and one boasted of entertaining (albeit rather hurriedly) on the stairs in a party in Elm Park.

The answers given to our question, Where would you most like to have sex?, (in an attempt to add fuel to the fire of sexual fantasy) some would like to have sex in the shower (Quelle Hitchcock), the space shuttle, a water-bed, on a giant block of cheese, in a warm jacuzzi, in Buddy's Bar in town, or in a sherman tank.

more feasts of love

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Annii Horibillum - Horrible years.

I no longer grieve about my ignorance about children and childhood, since my therapist instructed me in far greater things (get your mind out of the gutter). I have had terrible fluctuations in my psyche about childhood, he says, ever since I became an adolescent, having never been a child. This is fairly reasonable, I suppose, as I emerged from the womb at 13 years, ready to take on the world. I was even reluctant to leave them, but I felt sorry for my mother, and her record-breaking labour time.

Anyway, I contend that it is o.k. to do utterly disgusting things as a child, as a friend of mine instructed me the other day. His particular younger brother (being all of 6) disappeared one evening with a (very) young female friend. They were discovered by their trail of discarded clothes doing what Mum & Dad do. (ie: lying on a bed, staring at the ceiling.) Ah! the impetuous quality of youth.

And there was the time that my young brother, (He's old now, he was young then, but enough of this) decided to shame his family and just to spite his parents climbed out of his bath, left the house and decided to visit an 80 year old neighbour. The poor lady was somewhat distressed by this young nymphomaniac and his suggestions as to what to do with what he has. And all before his testicles even descended! The brother was all of 6 at the time, and the old goat who discovered him never recovered fully from the occasion and took to wearing yellow trousers in an attempt to look younger and attract a "toyboy". It's remarkable what an '80's feel there is to a word like "toyboy". Much like yuppie and volvo it has become discarded as we entered the politically correct '90's. But I digress.

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feasts of love

Chat up lines are not as frequent as we would have thought, with one engineer giving us the knee-trembling "Well.....?", and one particularly suave young EuroStud with "Are you a model?" No I'm not. By far the most popular amongst the men was "fancy a mean-

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It would appear that UL is, therefore quite a sexy place to be. Education certainly doesn't spoil the erotic fun of life. Yet the moral side of all this is caution. Sex is serious and should be treated with the mature attitude it deserves. Condoms are available in the SU toilets in the student centre (vending machine) or in the Student shop in the Mall. The Medical centre will also give advice on AIDS and contraception, so don't be afraid to ask. BY John & Jack (with additional reporting by Simon.)

Much has been made of the innocence of childhood but I have never found any child to possess even the most basic levels of innocence. I contend that innocence and youth are vastly opposite entities, and although they may exist on the same continuum, never actually have much to do with each other. Much like being a student and having money, the two just don't gel. Innocence however seems to nowadays exist only in the positions of University President and Government Official. So if it's innocence you seek, don't ask the children.

I blame all of this on my parents, as is my right as a child. They, in return have never forgiven me for the embarrassment I caused them by uttering my first swear word in front of the local parish priest. This has left me with a nervous twitch every time I see a man of the cloth.

Children get away with murder. Parents should be made aware of the little monsters tricks. As to getting away with things, being young and "innocent" seems to be reason enough. Which bring us nicely back around to President's and TD's.

5 Things to do (if still a child. (Chronologically))

1. Feed the goldfish bits of your food. (or feed your food bits of the goldfish)
2. Breakfast cereal Dancing. Place cereal on carpet, then "dance" on it.
3. Biting the doctor, because he "looked at me funny".
4. Uttering the First Swear Word - a clever child will save this up for an extra-special occasion. (see above)
5. Eating your clothes because Mother's cooking is "pukey". Best said in front of non-nuclear family. ie: a doctor or a priest.

Opinion

Do you remember when you first found out?

I remember clearly.

I was seven years old, pigtails and pink corduroy dungarees, innocently playing in the school playground. It was Barry Lynch who told me.

Barry was twelve years old, and due to an oversight on my parents' behalf, entrusted with the task of walking me to and from school every day. Barry was the sort of child who thrived on manipulating the innocence of a seven year old child and in some cases even shattering it. He used to steal marbles and crayons from the school, and stop me on the way home under the pretext of having seen "something sticking out of my pigtails". After furtively pulling my hair to shreds he would produce a marble in his

hand and claim that I was growing marbles, crayons and various other stolen goods in my hair. I took this very seriously and used to run home to my mother in tears because I thought I wasn't a normal child, she on the other hand used to listen patiently to my ramblings and merely credited me with an over-active imagination.

I know I didn't imagine that day in the playground when Barry called me over and in one fell swoop, using only five words, ended my childhood prematurely, and forever, by saying "There is no Santa Claus".

To a child who accepted everything said, as being the truth, this was a shattering blow. "My parents said there was a Santa Claus", I countered, "Look under your parents' bed" was the answer. How Barry Lynch ever knew that I would find my Christmas presents under my parents

bed I will never know, but the feeling of bewilderment I experienced when I saw that doll, culminated in a crying session which lasted a good two hours. I was inconsolable. Santa to me was a real person, a kind old man who rewarded my goodness every year unconditionally and without fail - Santa was on a par with God. The very fact that he was nothing but a sham, spelled the end of innocence, and the end of trust as I knew it. How could I ever believe in anyone again, and how did I know that my parents didn't lie about everything else too? Some people may have made the transition from Santa, to no Santa very smoothly, but I know I, and many others didn't. For us it marked the end of our innocent childhoods and the beginning of our cynical lives. On a more obvious level of course it marked the end of the joys of Christmas. I know that Christmas is primarily supposed to be a religious feast and this is fine by me, but Christmas has to have its magic too, but does it have to be at such a price? Who

"Dick Springs U-Turn"

An cuimhín libh ar fad an cúpla focal a bhí ag Fianna Fáil roimh an toghchán i 1989, ".....Health cuts hurt the old, the sick and the elderly....". Bhain siad an úsáid as Labour a lonsaí go géar ansin agus thit rudai amach go raibh an díomá ar Dick Spring, Barry Desmond agus eile tar éis an tréimhse sin sa Rialtas. Ansin chas C.J. agus Fianna Fáil timpeall U-turn nach bhfaca éinne ó 1927 nuair a chualgh Dev isteach sa Dáil.

Dick John
agus Dessie -

the rainbow coalition

Bhuel i láithair na huaire tá ceann eile ag tarlúint. Cúpla lá ó shin, is cuimhín liom Dick Spring ag cáineadh Al agus na buachaillí bó i bhFianna Fáil. Ní raibh aon dul as aige ag an am ach a thaispeáint do mhúintir na tíre nach cóir go mbeadh aon mhúintir againn as an dream sin i bhFianna Fáil. Bhuel sin cad a chuala mise ar aon nós. "Beart de réir ár mBriathar" B'shin é, bhíomar ar fad ag súil go gcuirfeadh Dick, John agus Dessie an "Rainbow Coalition" le chéile, go dtiocfadh feabhas ar an dtír agus go leor eile nach leis. Chreideamar é sin agus fuair Dick ár votai dá bharr. Bhí muinín againn as. Ach, a deirim, act tá Dick ar tí léim i leaba mór le Al agus an Country and Western Alliance" (Fianna Fáil). Cá bhfuil muinín na tíre anois? Conas gur féidir le Dick Spring a rá

linn anois gur cheart go mbeadh muinín as an gcairdeas nua seo idir Labour agus Fianna Fáil. Pé rud a tharlaíonn amach anseo, beidh sé suimíúil. Tá súil agam go mbeidh Dick in ann chur suas leis na lonsaí a chloisfidh sé agus a sheicfidh sé ins na meán cumarsáide as seo amach. Go n-éirí leat a Dick.

Back from Co-op and back to this sardine can.

Nuair a tháinig an Spailpín ar ais thug mé faoi dearadh nach bhfuil spás ar bith san Ollscoil i mblana. Níl spás

I mBéal an Phobail

sa Bhialann, sa Stables agus ní bheidh sa Leabharlann. Agus ag an am gcéanna tá an Foundation Building folamh. Níl a fhios agam an nglacfaidh Ed Walsh le comhairle beag ón Spailpín ach molaím go mór go bhfuil sé in am dó teacht ar réiteach don easpa spáis atá anseo faoi láthair. Ní "Quality Education" atá ar fáil anseo ach "Quality Suffocation". Is cinnte go mbeidh níos mó le rá ag an Spailpín faoin rún seo amach anseo.

Lit & Phil Troubles.

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geuirfeadh Dick, John agus Dessie an "Rainbow Coalition" le chéile, go dtiocfadh feabhas ar an dtír agus go leor eile nach leis. Chreideamar é sin agus fuair Dick ár vótaí dá bharr. Bhí muintín againn as. Ach, a deirim, act tá Dick ar tí léimt i leaba mór le Al agus an Country and Western Alliance" (Fianna Fáil). Cá bhfuil muintir na tíre anois? Conas gur féidir le Dick Spring a rá

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and in one fell swoop, using only five words, ended my childhood prematurely, and forever, by saying "There is no Santa Claus".

To a child who accepted everything said, as being the truth, this was a shattering blow. "My parents said there was a Santa Claus", I countered. "Look under your parents bed" was the answer. How Barry Lynch ever knew that I would find my Christmas presents under my parents

ever believe in anyone again, and how did I know that my parents didn't lie about everything else too? Some people may have made the transition from Santa, to no Santa very smoothly, but I know I, and many others didn't. For us it marked the end of our innocent childhoods and the beginning of our cynical lives. On a more obvious level of course it marked the end of the joys of Christmas. I know that Christmas is primarily supposed to be a religious feast and this is fine by me, but Christmas has to have its magic too, but does it have to be at such a price? Who has ever looked at the joy in a child's eyes as he opens his Christmas presents under the tree, and not lost all his cynicism for even just a second, and then felt a twinge of guilt through knowing that all this trust and belief in Santa Claus is manipulated and misplaced. They say that Christmas ends when the kids stop believing in Santa, but a lot of other things end too. Is there an alternative to Santa Claus out there? A safer one who won't shatter children's illusions and maybe one who can continue to bring magic through adulthood. Some say that he already exists, and was born in a crib in Bethlehem on Christmas day, and others are still searching for him. I know that if I ever have children I will be faced with the decision of being truthful to them or letting them have their Christmas magic at the risk of being exposed as a cheat. I already know what my decision will be, thanks in part to my old friend Barry Lynch. And for those of you who might be wondering whatever happened to Barry, well he graduated from Trinity College Dublin, and is now a practicing child psychologist!

by Mav Erick.

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After surviving the flight over Billy & Ber (known as B&B by all of the UK colleges) found themselves in Manchester, the second capital of Europe, the capital of Rave, the city of Olympic bids, IRA mainland bombing campaigns, the second Earth Summit - and of course most importantly, the 1993 National Rag Conference!

We registered along with over 500 other ragles from all over the UK & N.Ireland & of course the only other Southern College Waterford RTC.

The Seminars went on for three days covering the following topics;

Finance & VAT, Rag mags, Motivation, Sponsored events, Comic relief, Charity Discussions, Press releases, Getting things going, silly events, rag publications, social events, trouble-shooters, rag image.....

Tere was also a trade fair where we met with charities (didn't really concern us. Event promoters, T- shirts & other merchandising gimics for rag week.

We have learned of millions& millions of ideas which will make this years rag week even better! Our main aim this year would be to provide as much assistance to clubs & soes & classes to run new events.

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Monday 11th
SU Disco With Mary I
Cheers

Tuesday 12th
Golf Club Disco
cheers

Wed. 13th
2nd Eng. Party
Saints & Scholars

Thurs 14th
1. "Shame" + Disco
Savoy 2 floors
£3 canteen thurs.
£4 on door

2.DISCO
Saints & scholars



the pale - end of term 1

Harp

EVENING, 8PM.

Monday: Concert Hall

UL Chamber Orchestra & Choir

Inaugural joint concert performing Vivaldi's GLORIA, some Romanian dances and music by Bartok, with Nicholas Ross (Piano)

Handel's Concert Grosso & Haydn's Concerto in D Major.

Tuesday: Concert Hall

The Volger String Quartet (Germany)

Winners of the International Music Critic's Award 1986 and the prize for the best interpretation of a 20th Century work.

Wednesday: Concert Hall- BLUES

JEROME MAC MURRAY

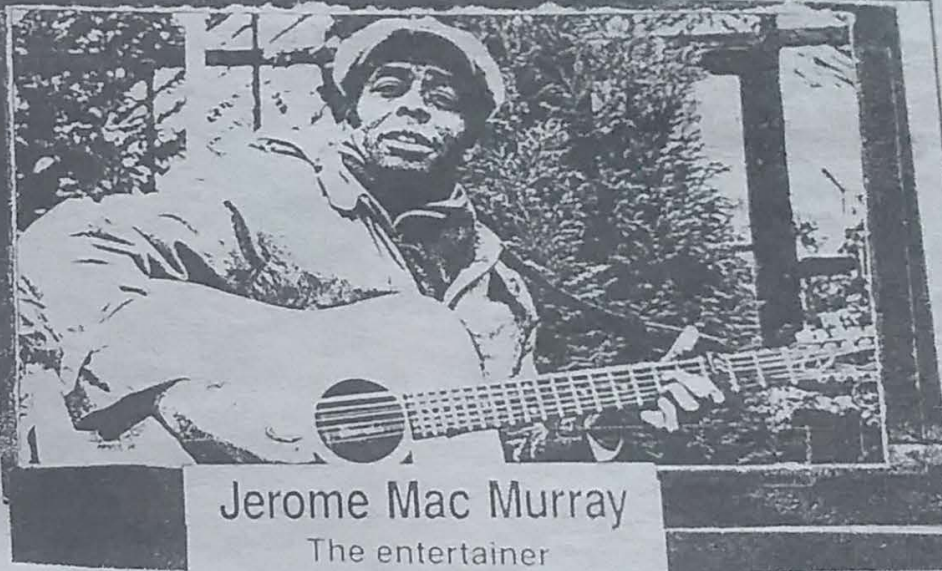
He is on tour from the United States & has previously played with Bo-Diddley, Shirley Bassey

Wednesday: Jean Monnet Theatre

Nicholas Ross

Student of piano at the University of Twente in Holland, with which the University of Limerick is partnered. Sponsored by the Vice-Consulate of the Netherlands.

Arts Days



Jerome Mac Murray

The entertainer

Monday: Stables Courtyard

5pm **Jazz Band**

8pm **Jimmy Crowley** Cork lad delivers the goods.

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Tuesday: Canteen

8 - 9.30pm Official opening of Multicultural Food Fair by the Lord Mayor of Limerick.

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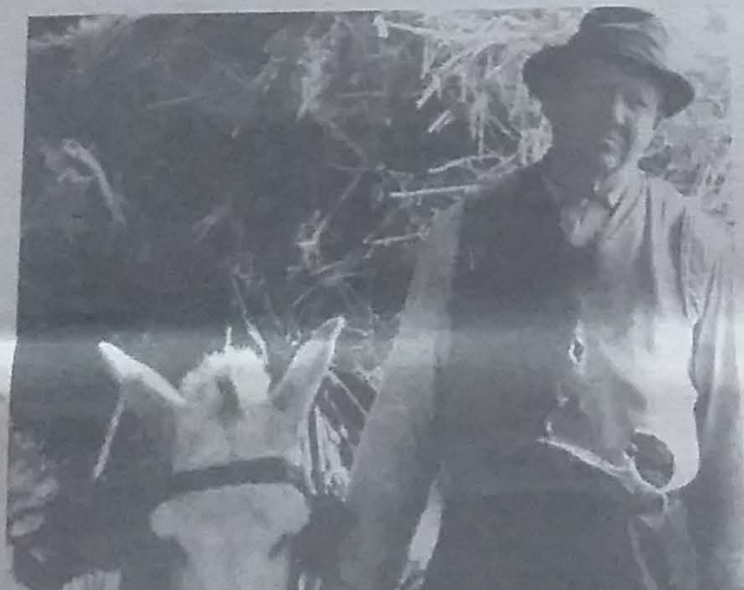
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 9.30pm **They Do It With Mirrors** UL Rock band made good

Late Night Gig:
 11pm **Bad Manners** Makes Michael Jackson's *Bad* look like a squeedgy

Friday Finale: Stables Courtyard
 5pm **Late Late Breakfast Show** Poetry, food, music ... you could do verse
 8pm **Sean Phelan / Dave Gibbons** UL students make jam
 9.30pm **ABU DHABU DERBY** Where the HARP humps never run dry
 11pm **Bar extension & Stone Age Disco** with Where the HARP humps never run dry.



MUSIC: LUNCHTIME 1.05PM

Monday: Concourse, Schrodinger Building
 UL Hispanic Society presents
Helen Houlihan (lyric soprano) with
Colette Davis (piano).

Wednesday: UL Chamber Orchestra presents:
Irish Trad Trio
 UL students Corry Kittler, Ethna Dean and friends give it a lash.

Friday: EuroSoc presents:
East Meets West.
 UL staff Lillis O' Laoire, Nao Nashimoto and Kishiko Gondo sing and play Irish and Japanese style.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Theatre: Monday, January 19; Jonathan Swift: 7.30pm.
 Granary Players presents
The Leader by Eugene Ionesco, and **Between Mouthfuls** by Alan Ayckbourn.

Torch Players present **The Actor's Nightmare.**

Arts Days 1993 presents **Writing Competition.**

Adrian Pilz: Photography
 European Summer: an exhibition by this member of the UL Photographic Society

Mary Mackey: Stained Glass
 Exhibition by renowned Cork artist.

Martin Folan: Mural
 UL artist in residence will direct the painting of a

Clubs and Societies mural during Arts Days 1993.

Tom Ryan
 Limerick artist's sacred cows go on the wander in UL.

Mary Delaney
 Limerick artist branches out into fables of verse.

Arts

Daghda Dance Company - New Productions

by John Maguire.

Daghda dance company, the UL based contemporary dance company have just released their agenda for the coming weeks. Daghdha open the new year with a new production "QUEST", an original dance work commissioned by Daghdha with an equally original music score that premieres at the Belltable Arts centre on Thursday, January 14th at 8.30 pm. The performance is staged for only two nights at the Belltable, Thurs & Fri before moving out to visit over 40 schools and theatres throughout the country. More on this innovative enterprise in a coming issue. "Quest", Daghdha's 1993 spring production explores new directions for Daghdha with free-lance choreographer, Snaggy O' Sullivan, devising and directing the show. "Quest" is the journey of a person breaking free from constraints and becoming entangled in violence and tragedy before finally reaching independence. The choreography features dynamic passages of unison movement with fluid and physically challenging contact sections. Emphasis has been placed on creating a highly visual dance work with dramatic images which are both humorous and poignant. The company this year consists of four dancers:



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Workshops will be conducted at the University of Limerick by Snaggy O' Sullivan and Mary Nunan. The workshops will explore themes from Daghdha's new show "QUEST". More details (booking etc.) are available at the Daghdha HQ in the sports building, or call Elizabeth Mc Evoy on extn. 3004.

An event central to the weekend is a seminar entitled ARTS AND THE GREEN PAPER: A DANCE RESPONSE. The seminar will be chaired by the director of the Arts Council, Mr. Aiden Munnely and is bound to be of interest to anyone involved in or interested in the arts, dance or education. The seminar will discuss the role of the arts in education. The emphasis and implications of the governments green paper on Education will be central to the discussion. Again more information is available from Elizabeth Mc Evoy, Administrator of the Daghdha Dance Co. on extn: 3004.

Free tickets to Daghdha, and free buses, no excuses!

The University of Limerick has offered a limited number of FREE tickets to Third Level students in Limerick. These tickets will be valid to any of the three performances throughout the weekend. To claim your FREE ticket contact Elizabeth Mc Evoy at Extn 3004 in the University of Limerick or collect your ticket at the Student's Union. and there's more! Bus Eireann are offering a FREE shuttle service from the Stables club bus stop to the Belltable and back. A bus will depart from the Stables bus stop at 8pm on thursday and Saturday evening returning in time for a quick pint from the Belltable at 9.45pm. These buses are sponsored by Bus Eireann.

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WHAT THE RESIDENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY ARE SAYING!

At the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday of Week 11 last term the Milford Grange Residents Association asked me to pass on the following comments:

- Thanks to all the students who contributed to the customary contribution of £1.00 per house towards the running of the Association during the year.

- Would like to remind all students living in Milford Grange that they are more than welcome at the next meeting of the Association to be held in the Salesian Hostel at 8pm on Tuesday 12th Jan.

- Would like to remind students who have bikes that those of you without lights are cycling at risk of being

knocked down as you cannot be seen at night.

Once again urge any students who may have any signs from the area in their houses to drop them in to the S.U. office (no questions asked) as the Co. Council are refusing to replace them.

- Finally, to thank all students for their cooperation last term.

Welfare

Personal Safety.

Due to the number of "incidents" which occurred during last term while students were going to and from the University, I decided to make a few enquiries about personal alarms. As a direct result of these and after consulting a number of other SU's in the country I decided to purchase a quantity of "Defender Personal Alarms". A demonstration of this alarm was given to your class reps at a meeting towards the

end of last term and they all agreed that acquisition of these alarms was a good idea. Unfortunately these alarms are quite expensive, and because of this the Students Union is selling them at Cost Price of £12 each. They are available in the student union shop in the mall and any enquiries should be directed to either Marie in the shop or Myself (Enda D.P.) in the S.U. The Alarms are also being sold by the Gardaí at Henry St. station, UCC, UCD and Trinity Student Unions. The Alarms carry a 12 month guarantee and offer effective and powerful peace of mind to all those at risk of personal attack.

It makes sense to carry this personal alarm if you feel you are at risk of a violent attack. The alarm is designed to be used in many situations. It is light and small and can be attached to your wrist or belt. You simply pull the cord in case of need. To stop the siren you replace the pin. The plastic alarm is fitted with batteries already. A word of caution, the Alarm works because it is an extremely powerful alarm, (130 decibels), and prolonged exposure can cause permanent ear damage. Do not activate the alarm unnecessarily. The Defender Personal Alarm is



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Hardship Fund Up-date

Yet again the Fund is somewhat up the creek. This is a very sad situation as every day I have to turn away from my office students who are genuinely in a financial crisis. Once again I am appealing to all of you who presently have hardship loans to make some attempt to repay your debt to your fellow students. I am not saying you must clear the entire debt immediately, but perhaps contribute some amount on either a weekly or a monthly basis in an effort to clear it. Please remember, it's not the Student's Union that you deprive of the money but your fellow students who require financial assistance.

Clubs & Socs

UL Soccer

It seems hard to believe that it is almost twelve months since UL successfully staged the Harding Cup. During this term the far more challenging task of the Collingwood Cup Tournament beckons. The last time the Collingwood Cup was held in Limerick was 1987 and that event set new standards of excellence. We are lucky in the University, that we have the services of people of the experience & expertise of Dave Mahedy and Jacinta Duffy to call on.

Last year the UL Soccer Club reached the final of the Harding Cup. Home advantage was not enough to ensure success. The stakes this year are a lot higher. During the week of Collingwood a great deal of media attention will focus on UL. It is a great opportunity for us all

to try to show out the University at its best.

But Collingwood Week is not just on the field. Team officials and supporters from every University in Ireland, North and South will be here for the week, a great opportunity to socialise and meet people at the various Collingwood events & events.

From a soccer perspective a great deal of effort is demanded from our team. Hours of training and coaching is required of them. They work hard to be able to represent UL and they deserve your support.

On Wednesday 20th January the Collingwood team will take on UUJ in the final of the Budweiser league. They qualified in style for this match with victories over DCU, UCC, Maynooth and Trinity and a draw with UCG. Last year we were beaten in the final on ties so we hope to go one better this time.

This term will be our busiest of the year. We travel to Belfast during week 9 for the Crowley Cup and of course Collingwood in week 1st - 5th Feb.

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European Society presents European Week
1992: The Art of The Open Market

Arts Days Intersity Debate 1993 presents
UL and invited university student speakers just
returned from winning the World Debating
Championships in Oxford January 1993. Tues-
day 7pm.

Euroweek Treasure Hunt
Wednesday, 3pm.

An Cumann Gaelach UL presents
Sean Fhear an Mhill.
Thursday, Student Centre, 7pm.

UL drama Society presents one act:
Brian Friel's *Winners*.
Jonathan Swift, Tue & Wed, 1pm.

UL Film Society presents
Saturday Cinema: Martin Scorsese:
A Retrospective.
Jean Monnet, 7.30pm.
Tuesday *Proof*
(Jocelyn Morehouse, Australia, 1991)
Thursday *The Naked Lunch*
(David Cronenberg, 1991)

UL Hispanic Society presents
La Tuna
Wednesday, Stables Courtyard, 12.30pm.

UL French Society presents
Arts Days Fashion Show
Wednesday, Stables Courtyard, 1.30pm.

UL Music Society presents
Talent show
featuring bands & UL 'S Talent
Thursday, The Hurlers Bar, 9pm.
Overseas Student Society presents
Multicultural Food Fair 1993.
Tuesday and Wednesday, Canteen, 7 - 9pm.

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CHRISTMAS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK OUTDOOR PURSUITS CLUB.

On Saturday week 11, sixteen members, past and present forsook the end of term orgies of stress relief in Limerick for an orgy of same in the more serene surroundings of Doolin and the Burren.

After a quick meal in the Hostel, everyone made their way to O' Connors pub for a slow dessert. The music was as good as the drink and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

The next day saw us rise to driving wind and drizzle. One group braved the

elements to go hill-walking on Sliabh Eilbhe while the rest of us explored a cave called "Poll Na Ghriain". The length of the cave took us through a cavern where there was a waterfall amongst the stalactites and stalagmites. This was my favourite bit of the cave and thankfully the whole experience wasn't at all claustrophobic as I had feared.

The hill-walkers got as wet as we did but that didn't stop them going caving while we prepared Christmas dinner under Karen Ryan's expert guidance. Compliments to the Chef.

That night, after hours in O Connors, Paul somehow got us all off to Lisdoonvarna with an Australian family and the famous musician Mick Russel to see a band called "Bushplant". (No I never heard of them before either though I'm sure I saw their violinist on the Late Late Show with Sharon Shannon the following week.) The evening is most safely described as "interesting".

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Clubs & Socs

UL DRAMA SOCIETY

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Footnote: I would like to ask all members and non-members who intend going on one of the club's trips to please follow the guidelines given on the posters signing up. We had the ridiculous situation of 16 going on a weekend and only 4 had signed up, thus resulting in the cancellation of a bus. *If you do not sign up you cannot go.*

The MacGillycuddy's Reeks walks. Some members got together to take advantage of the dry/cold spell over Christmas with the intention of walking in the MacGillycuddy's Reeks. Neptune's Hostel saw another influx of UL students on the Sunday after Christmas before setting off for a walk in the Black-Valley. Visibility was good and a nice ridge at 760m was taken in on the first day. After camping overnight (temperatures went down to -4 degrees Celsius folks) we followed the Kerry Way from there along the length of the gap of Dunloe. After that it was every(man) for himself. Well done to all those who took part. Happy New Year to all our members and have a prosperous 1993. Keep an eye on the noticeboard for upcoming events.
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Looking forward to seeing you.
Ciara O' Sullivan.

The Literary & Philosophical (Debating) Society Review:

FREE DRINK SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NEXT WEEK'S DEBATE!!!!

That's right folks. If you are some-one who has never spoken at the Lit. & Phil. Soc. before then come along. If you can speak for two minutes, JUST TWO MINUTES, on a simple, un-embarrassing topic then you shall get a FREE CAN OF BOOZE!!! Come to the Charles Parsons (C1063) at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday Week 2 and you will get free booze for 2 minutes work!

On Wednesday night of Week One the Society dusted off its Christmas cob-webs and set about the business of arousing both the intellectual and humorous emotions of its rabbleer membership. Firstly, came the changing of the guard from John Maguire, (who received a well deserved round of applause for his excellent year-long work) to the new Auditor Mr. Raymond Hurley; that well distinguished Kerryman. Shirley Weir became the Secretary. Brian O'Farrell the Treasurer and Elaine Vaughan the Convener. The P.R.O. team

still consists of Robert O'Meara, Nessa McGill, Neil Cosgrave and Susan Tolbin.

John Maguire provocatively petitioned the Irish Censorship Board, demanding why they banned Madonna's "Sex". An interesting discussion ensued as many a Society Member stripped down the body of the topic and revealed their opinions for inspection.

The main debate was entitled:

"University Life Is Masochism".

In order to define the word "Masochism", Brian O'Farrell demonstrated it by almost whipping the Chairman with a belt. he went on to say that University Students are merely pretentious pseudo-intellectuals whose reason for coming here is to avoid a "Rejects - From - The - Commitments" - style of economic status in their life. Daniel Horgan accused the proposition of speaking in favour of the opposition. Lorraine McDaid, (irrelevantly and irreverently), accused all men of being "bastards" while Robert O'Meara had similar opinions on Adrian Lynch's haircut. Neil Cosgrave also spoke. The Week 2 debate shall be: "That the female of the species is more deadlier than the male".

Speakers are urgently needed. Also coming up this term shall be the Claran Treacy Memorial Cup and the Don Reddan Intervarsity. See you all in the Parsons!!!!

Brian O'Farrell
Treasurer

Campus

Notices

University of Limerick Students' Union Newspaper

The Students Union Shop.

Remember that the students union shop should be used whenever possible. It is run by the union by members of the union. (ie YOU!). Support your own.

Welcome new co-ops

welcome to the new SU co-ops who began work in week 1. These are John Maguire, the information co-op, Doreen Moylan, the clubs co-op and societies co-op Suzanne Trehy. The clubs & societies co-ops are based in the main SU office and John Maguire is based in the An Focal office in the Sports building extn 3032.

Forgotten Property.
This is what "Lost Property" is quickly turning into. Those who have lost property please check at the Main SU office to see if their belongings are there. Linda is planning a big clear out so if you think your stuff may be there please check quickly.

Stables Club News

Welcome back everybody! We hope that you all had a great Christmas and that you enjoy the end of the old year. Hopefully you won't find re-orientation too strenuous!!

Stables Club Enta

- Week 2
- Tuesday - The Silentmikes
- Thursday - Celtic Fusion
Week 3
- Thursday - Shantytown

Fire

The University's Disciplinary Committee has decreed that setting off a fire alarm without cause on stable Club property is an offence punishable by expulsion.

Glasses

Unfortunately there is a certain element in the college that has developed a new passtime, playing soccer in the Stables Club courtyard with Stables Club glasses.

Anybody found participating in this new "sport" will be reported directly to the

Casual Labour

Positions should be filled by the end of week 2. Applications are now closed. Remember to re-apply at the start of term 3 if you weren't successful this time.

Second Hand Books

Second hand books go on sale in week 2, but many more are required. Please leave any books you wish to sell into the S.U. as soon as possible. Remember to keep your receipt.

POST & TELEPHONE

Please remember to check the SU noticeboard in the canteen to avail of services such as telephone messages and the Mailing list. All messages are taken down after three days. The boards are situated in the canteen.

POOL ROOM SUPERVISORS FOR HILARY TERM

The following people have been chosen to supervise in the pool room for this term opening hours 10.00hrs - 21.00hrs, weeks 2 - 10.

Clodagh Gleeson
Barry Wharton
Pat McCarthy
Aoife Barry
Pauline O Callaghan
Joe Ryan
Chris Savage
Debbie Joyce
Gerry O Driscoll
Fiona Daly
William Kearney
Jo-Anne Hurley
Thomas Healy
Fidelma Reid

Please cooperate with them at all times and assist them in whatever way you can if requested.

CLASSIFIED ADDS

an Focal would like to try and start a classified section on this page so that people can sell, buy, inform or what ever you would like to do, which may involve other members of the campus community

all articles may be handed into the S.U. Office in an envelope For the attention of Billy Kirwan



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USIT CARDS

USIT cards are once again available in the main office of the students union. Remember you must have a current card to travel at the student rate. Just call to the SU office every day between 2 and 4 pm and one will be issued on the spot. The cost of a new Card with travel-save stamp is £13.

Class Reps Council.

Well it's term two and that wonderful occasion whereby you get to shout at, heckle and generally abuse. Your SU executive comes around again on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the student centre. I am appealing to all courses to ensure that their respective class reps attend, and to all those who have just returned from co-op any class rep who wish to attend are welcome. At the time of going to print the agenda has not yet been decided as NO agenda items have been received from any of the class reps, so, for future reference please drop them into the SU during the week previous to the coming meeting. Look forward to seeing you all there.

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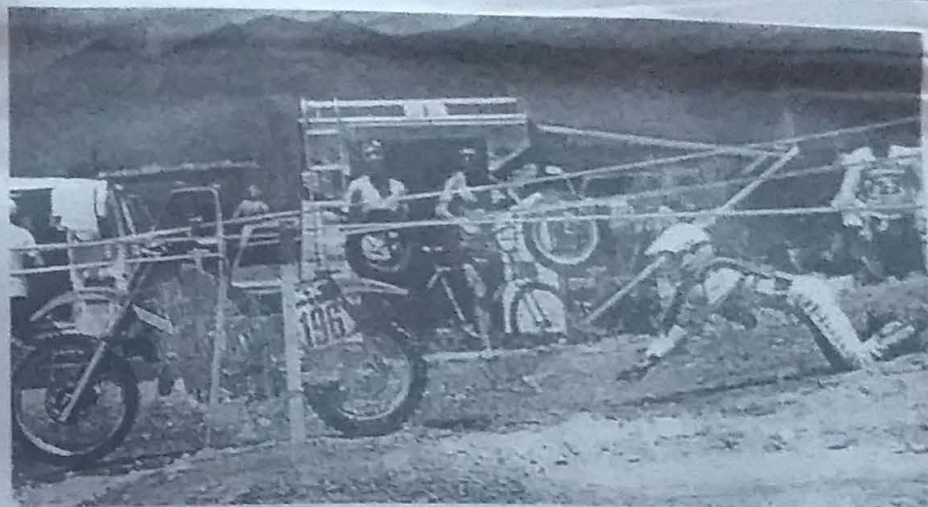
Reminder

The Stables Club management committee would like to remind patrons to be extra vigilant with their property while on the Club's premises as there have been a number of thefts reported on campus recently.

canteen.

in whatever way you can if requested.

For the attention of Billy Kirwan



Across

- 1 Cautionary statement. (6)
- 4 It's a nail into the Europeans. (8)
- 9 Valid and authoritative doctrines. (6)
- 10 Short veil worn by Spanish women. (8)
- 12 Sing in one tone. (5)
- 13 Genuine, the real thing. (6)
- 15 Top of stove. (3)
- 16 Machine that rotates material for shaping. (5)
- 17 Flat French caps. (6)
- 22 Animal sacks containing milk. (6)
- 24 Wake from sleep. (5)
- 27 With rry, it's a commotion or to-do. (3)
- 28 Of early times, not advanced. (3)
- 31 Moving with great speed. (5)
- 32 Understood though not spoken. (5)
- 33 Submissive and easily managed. (6)
- 34 Person who makes or repairs small arms. (8)
- 35 Remain loyal or stick fast. (6)

Down

- 1 Postscripts to wills. (8)
- 2 People with no homes or no jobs. (8)
- 3 Racial segregation. (9)
- 5 Raise a glass in honour. (5)
- 6 Supple and graceful. (5)
- 7 Apportions, metes out. (6)
- 8 Seize or grab suddenly. (7)
- 11 Blather, prattle. (6)
- 14 Weeding tool. (3)
- 18 Grasslike marsh plants. (6)
- 19 Sill of a door. (3)
- 20 One who is on the run. (8)
- 21 Connoisseur with appreciation of the arts. (8)
- 23 Little Dorothy. (3)
- 25 Choosing top gin. (6)
- 26 Japanese name for Japan. (6)
- 29 Language peculiar to a person or group. (5)
- 30 Fool, ass, ninny. (5)

