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University of Limerick Students' Union Newspaper

Dr. Walsh Thanks Scully After Protest

by Maria Casey

University President Dr Edward Walsh has written to SU President Mr Diarmuid Scully thanking him for his briefing on what Dr Walsh calls 'the perceived' need for a formal repeat structure. Dr Walsh also thanks Mr Scully for his memorandum and book of signatures handed into his office on Wednesday of last week.

The memorandum and petition were handed into Dr Walsh's office during a protest involving over 700 students. The petition was signed by 1,900 students, nearly two thirds of the student body on campus this term.

In a lengthy sentence in his letter Dr Walsh asks Mr Scully to "be assured that all concerned are anxious to sympathetically

review existing regulations and consider a range of solutions with a view to improving the quality of our programmes and amending any regulations that impose undue hardship on the student body".

The protest was ordered by SU Council on Tuesday night when the Mr Scully and the SU Deputy President, Mr Enda Lonergan, were called to give an

account of their claim that the University had not been 'following the rules' in dealing with the issue of repeat examinations. A General Meeting of the SU held in the canteen on Wednesday supported the Council's directive and the protest began.

During the emergency meeting Students' Union members were told by Mr Scully and Mr Lonergan that UL is the only University in Western Europe without a formal repeat structure, that 3 of the 4 Colleges in the University support the setting up of a repeat structure and that the College of Engineering and Science is split on the issue,

with the Department of Mechanical and Production Engineering being opposed to its introduction.

Mr Lonergan outlined the proposals prepared by the Working Group set up by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council, stressing the fact that the Students' Union would not support the suggestion to allow students to graduate with one 'F' grade. He then called for an invited representative from the University to address the meeting, but there was none in attendance.

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Dr. Walsh was locked in his office up to the time Diarmuid Scully was admitted to deliver the petition. He remained locked inside throughout the protest which lasted approximately 30 minutes.

During their brief meeting Dr. Walsh told Diarmuid Scully that he was "gravely concerned" that things should come to this and that he did not think there was "any need" to hold a protest.

The proposals for a repeat structure have been developed through the consultative process involving the four colleges, the Student Services Office, and the Students' Union. According to Mr. Scully the Working Group will have a final proposal ready in two weeks time. He also stated that as far as he is concerned "The wheels are in motion again".

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U.S.I. Ploy Embarrassingly Defeated

The Union of Students in Ireland got their Nationwide reaffiliation campaign off to a brutal start this week with a decisive rejection of membership of the organisation by the students of Maynooth College.

The students voted by 1,260 votes to 299 to maintain their position in the Anti-reaffiliation Group, after an acrimonious and short campaign waged between U.S.I. and the Students' Union.

The 'Flying Picket' tactics by U.S.I. had been the most surprising aspect of the whole campaign, when the U.S.I. secretly organised the necessary 300 signatures to petition for the referendum to be held in the first place. Before the Executive knew it - they had to respond to a lightning five day campaign - under the terms of their own constitution.

The U.S.I.'s involvement in the Reaffiliation campaign was far

from rushed, all the Union's Leaders featuring President Maxine Brady, Deputy President Tom Duke and Education Officer Eoin Waters as well as D.C.U. students' Union President Mike Egan were pressing the flesh during the run up to voting on the Maynooth campus.

U.S.I. focused continually on the need for a strong national students representative organisation while the Maynooth leadership countered that the current U.S.I. is an inefficient and unaffectionate body - bearing little relevance to third level students nationwide as well as being a very Dublin oriented movement.

U.S.I. hung the twin carrots of involvement in the Irish Students' Services Organisation (ISSO) and the new National Students Entertainments Centre in the Temple Bar area of Dublin to the electorate but they remained unmoved.

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Discipline Hearing Exonerates Students

A meeting of the discipline committee last week exonerated six students of charges involving damage to a house rented through the University's Accommodation Office - nearly two years after the offences were alleged to have been committed.

The house had been rented by the students from September 1990 until they vacated it on 24 March 1991, just before they went on co-op. When the new

tenants went to move in in early April, the house had been extensively vandalised.

One of the students involved in the case has told *an Focal*

that the first he was aware there was a problem was in May of that year when he received a letter from the Accommodation Office demanding that he pay his share of the £4,000 worth of damage to the house.

The student told *an Focal* they had been in dispute with the landlord over the level of

security for the property. He also said a central aspect of the case was a dispute between the students and the Accommodation Office about when the Office was notified that students would be leaving the house. He claims that the Accommodation Office said they were not told of the students plans to vacate the premises until the start of the Trinity (Easter to Summer) term. This is denied by the student, who told *an Focal* that they were able to produce witnesses who saw the notice advertising of the forthcoming vacancy during week eight of nine of the Hilary (Christmas to Easter) term. The key part of their evidence, *An Focal* has been told, is that the advertisement was placed **inside** the Accommodation Office's locked noticeboard. He also said that the new tenants signed their leases with the Accommodation Office before the end of that term.

The student also claimed that the lease they had signed with the Accommodation Office was not in the file when the parents of one of the students charged asked for a copy of it for use in preparing his son's defence. The student claims that entries on the lease were made when they paid their rent and when the house was inspected

by officials from the Accommodation Office. He claims that the date stamp put on the lease agreement by the Accommodation Office at the end of their term and not when they moved out.

Discipline Committee accepted they were not guilty of the offences they had been charged with. No subsequent correspondence was received from the University until earlier this term when they received notification requiring them to attend a reconvened hearing of the committee.

The students applied to the Students' Union for legal representation for that hearing. In addition to presenting the facts of the case at the hearing last week, the legal representative also argued that the case should be dismissed for a series of legal reasons. Among these were the facts that before the first hearing the students weren't informed of their right to have legal representation or of their right to cross-examine witnesses. The University's discipline procedures were changed in late 1991 when a the Discipline Appeals Committee recommended that letters to students informing students that are being charged with an offence under the code of conduct should also inform them of these rights.



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S.U. President Diarmuid Scully told the meeting that the Jersey order was underway, with some gear already delivered.

The probable structure of separate Clubs & Societies Committees were announced, with participation invited from the attending bodies.

The meeting was told Fitzgibbon Cup squad's deci-

sion to leave the competition due to Croke Park's refusal to change the date from week 11, despite being told in July about term structure difficulties.

The meeting was reminded of the World Cross Country Championships coming to the UL next year, and all Clubs (and Societies) help was requested for when the need arises. The idea of approaching

Erasmus students next year to work as translators found support.

The meeting as a whole noted the fact that publicity was poor and not widespread, and this was asked to be rectified. The next full meeting of Council will be Wed. week 6 after which Clubs & Socs will meet on alternate weeks. Jacinta asked, could there be a carrot as well as a stick to encourage attendance, perhaps that it be noted on Admin. Certs.

U.S.I. Embarrassed in Maynooth

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Maynooth Students' Union President spoke along with the former President of U.C.G. S.U. Ronan Daly about the irrelevance of U.S.I. and its inherent difficulties at the main debate of the week on Monday Night.

U.L.S.U., one of the longest University Unions to continuously remain as a disaffiliate, since 1990, dispatched its Information Officer Keith Piggott to assist Maynooth S.U. in their defence of their disaffiliated status.

Unfortunately none of the three sabbaticals could make it up for the campaign as they were preparing for the Repeats Protest on Wednesday. According to

sources involved in the Maynooth referendum- U.L., U.C.G. and U.C.C. are on a special hit list prepared by U.S.I. for the same style Re-Affiliation campaigns.

When contacted by an Focal Diarmuid Scully, President ULSU said, "The SU disaffiliated from U.S.I. three years ago, our position then was that their services did not represent value for money and that their political wing did not represent the views of our students". "That is still our position", Mr. Scully declared.

Despite efforts during the week, an Focal failed to make contact with anyone at U.S.I.

Head Office.

The five large republic Universities of U.C.C., U.C.G., T.C.D., Maynooth and U.L. are now all disaffiliated from U.S.I. and are hoping to work together on common issues.

Meanwhile, an Focal has received reports that signatures are being collected for a petition as the first step in a campaign to re-affiliate TCD Students' Union. It is reported that campus security at TCD have been asked to remove from the campus anybody collecting signatures who is not a Trinity student.

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SU President addresses the protesters

an focal requires news reporters - please attend meetings every Wednesday 1pm at an focal office PE Building

University Sector Unions To Meet

By An Focal Reporter

HE on the heels of Maynooth's decision to remain out of USI, the Students' Union of University College Cork, University of Limerick, and St Patrick's College Maynooth are to jointly hold a Republic of Ireland University Sector meeting to discuss a range of common problems in education.

Top of the agenda will be the involvement of the University sector in the debate on the Green paper as well as legalisation and student representation on the Higher Education Authority.

The decision to hold such a meeting arose out of a meeting between UCC and UL Students' Unions on Friday last. Presidents Mr Desmond Scully of UL SU, Mr Michael Walsby of UCC SU and

Ms Geraldine Delaney of Maynooth are confident that while most difficulties experienced by students' unions are of a local nature, there are a significant number of issues that would justify a co-ordinated approach.

The meeting has been scheduled for mid-March and it is hoped that all Universities, irrespective of whether they are part of the national student organisation, will attend.

The meeting should give some cause for concern for USI who traditionally have had a University sectoral committee to discuss such matters but in the past few years with the majority of Universities out of USI - the attendance can't have been entirely representative.

All of this is occurring in the context of the Government's forthcoming legislative proposals on the heels of the recently published Green Paper in Education.

Many students' unions in the University sector are worried that they will be left out of the consultative process. No details as are of yet available as to the format or location of the meeting.



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Copies can be obtained from the Campus Bookshop in the Mall.

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Runners-up were Mr Healy and his team mate Mr Kieran Holland in the team competition and Mr Kerida Naidoo of Kings Inns in the Individual competition. Mr

Naidoo was the only prize winner who spoke against the motion.

The chairperson for the Debate was Limerick TD and leader of the Progressive Democrats Mr Desmond O'Malley.

Ms Christina Murphy, chairperson of the panel of adjudicators said that the debate had been one of the wittiest in the competition for some years and that the standard of debate was very high.

Mr Ray Hurley, Auditor of the 'Lit and Phil' and his counterpart in the 'Parl Deb' Mr Derek Sheehan were co-hosts for the

event.

While most attention focussed on the subject matter of the debate, the longest ovation was accorded to a local speaker whose contribution came after the formal debate. In the course of that post-competitive banter a speaker from UCC jocularly addressed UL President Dr Walsh, asking permission to use his first name 'Ed'. In a subsequent comment Mr O'Malley said he was delighted to see that students at UL respected the University President and felt they could speak with him on friendly terms. At this point Mr Brian O'Farrell of the 'Lit and Phil' interjected to say "we want repeats". His interjection brought a good-humoured standing ovation from the UL students in the audience.

Deadlock in Trinity Dispute

Student occupation into twelfth day

The Students' Union and College authorities in Trinity College, Dublin are deadlocked in the dispute about overcrowding currently taking place on the campus, writes John Maguire.

Following a Students' Union Assembly a group of approximately one hundred and forty students occupied the East Chapel beside the Buttery in protest at overcrowding in the college facilities. The Student Union sabbaticals claimed the dispute will not end until the college authorities acceded to their demand, which include more shelf and seating space in the libraries, longer opening hours, a decrease in the staff-student ratio, cheaper photocopying, a resolution of the problem of overcrowding and better student facilities in the newly opened Hamilton Building. The President of the Trinity Students' Union, Ms. Orla

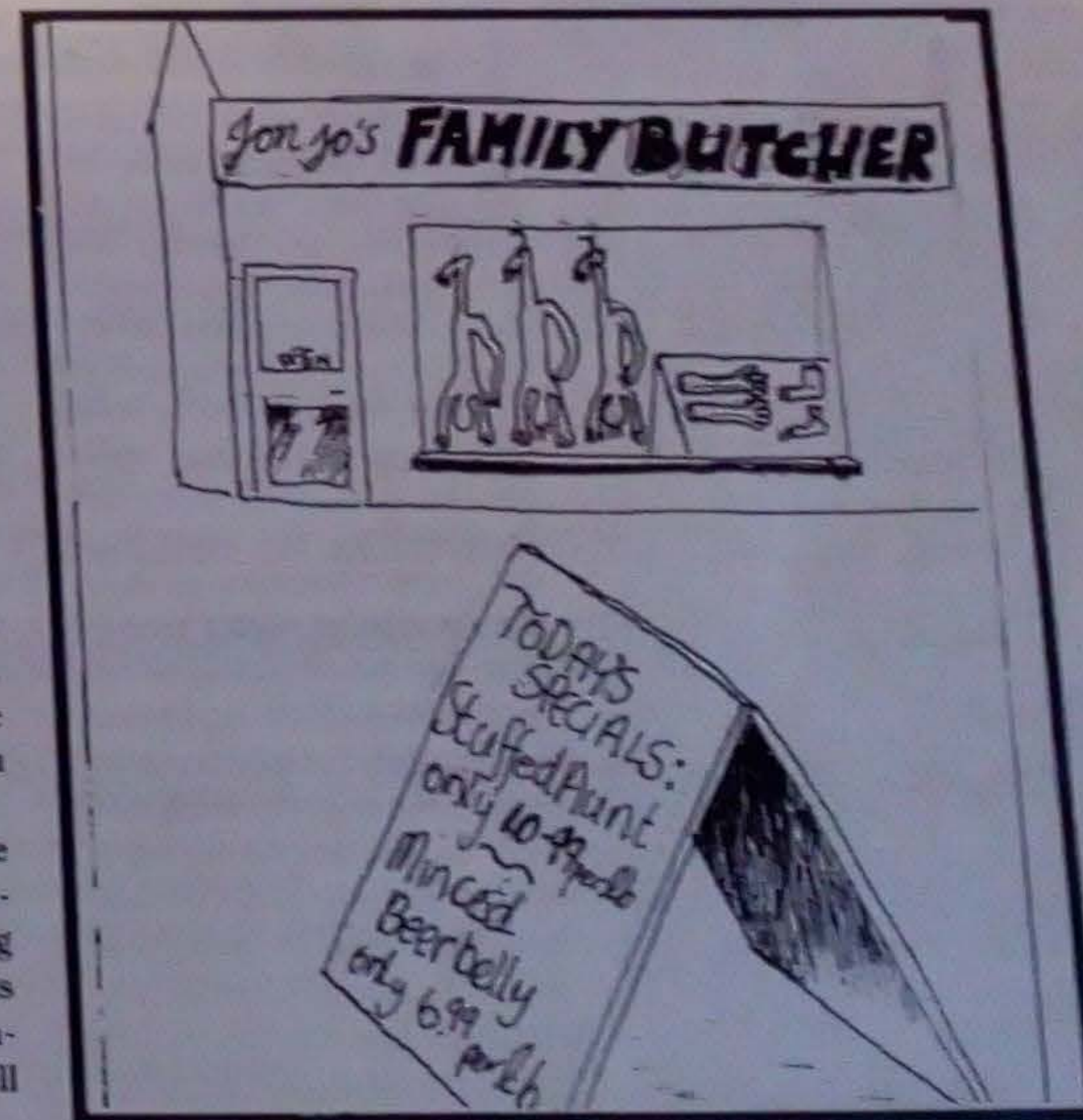
Costello claimed the S.U. had collected over 1,000 signatures from students in protest at over-crowding and that the college authorities have ignored this petition. A motion was then carried unanimously mandating the Students' Union to "carry out a campaign on overcrowding next term". The protesters have achieved their aim of bringing the issue to the attention of the college and the national media.

In a telephone interview with an Focal the students' Union president Ms. Orla Costello denied allegations made by the college authorities that the protest has not allowed students to collect their grant

cheques as the students have disrupted the work of the Records office. Ms. Costello called this allegation a "divisive tactic" in an attempt to dissuade student support for the occupation.

A second assembly of students voted on Thursday of last week to continue the occupation of the East Chapel. A turnout of 700 students, the largest Assembly in years, voted overwhelmingly to allow the protesters continue in their protest. At the time of going to press, the occupation was in its twelfth day.

Trinity Students' Union are organising a National Demonstration against over-crowding in Educational Institutions this Friday at 2.00 pm. The demonstrators will meet in Parnell Square.



Features

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An Focal Valentines

Trash. Mad for a Fieke of a child. yours. Lonely.

Molly. You're the Chick who makes my dick not spongey but grun-gy! Take me !!!!! Ki-Ki.

Earill. You're my chick - Elvira.

Elvira. You're my babe - Earill.

Why? Naughtiness the owl woman I will visit you in your dreams. M.

To Mike. my 22 drop-out, I will Try to Convert you to Wingers! - love, hugs, kisses, scrums and Garryowen forever - Mary Geoghegan Quinn!!!!

Roe. would you like to get stoned again just one more time with me? Jim.

You are the shift of Plassey with the finest legs on campus love, Alco.

Dev. Roses are red, Violets are blue. When I need a punk bassist, I'll come get you! Luv always, Me.

Hello! Lenny. mon petit couchon. see you on that couch! Guess who!!!!

Geft. This valentine just for you, has a sentimental touch, because you're very special, and you mean so very much. Love Always ?????

Mon Petit voyou. my friend, my lover, my love, you're the very best, yours forever, Mandy.

To Robert. the most gorgeous drummer in the world. Let's have a Color Party, love M.H.

To Lon from Lis, with a hug and a kiss, I love you always. Zip.

The only thing that will ever come between us is our love, my dear Lillie.

Dinny. You drive me Crazy! luv, Swinburn's whip.

Umpa lumpa umpety do. I really wanna make love to you. Skiz.

Because you act so sexy you're the one I want to come. FIFI.

Tony. you stud. How you race my blood. Meet you to-night under the ESB light.

Axl Rose. Don't Cry. Sweet Child O' Mine, have Patience, I'm On The Night-train, love your Rocket Queen, Mav.

Creegan. You'll always be my favourite cup of coffee - love always xxxxx

Green Bottle loves sexy frogs legs but won't last long if he doesn't hurry on.

Draculæ. desires to bite and suck the hell whore, Yvonne the Psycho.

Cliff. you have the cutest smile I've seen this year !!!!

Am I nice or what? love from, you know whol

Orna Larkin. we kiss not with our lips but with our souls. Love Phoenix.

Tiny. I luv ya really, from Batman!!!

Oh Maria - I'm high - I'm on cloud nine - I'm in love. R.

Pucker. You wild thing, how you make my heart sing! luv ya.....

Lots of love to my dear Dimitri, the man of my dreams, from an Admirer.

Kevin Jordan. Everytime I see you I get a funny feeling in the bottom of my stomach. lots of love from your secret admirer!

Sheepdip Darren. Ewe make me feel sooo baaaaa-

ad, wool ewe ram your horns my way. Fluffy.

Carrig. " I'd get down on my knees for you, if you would only love me like you used to! " Love, from me???

Karl Duggan. your dimples are divine. I'm yours any-time, P.L.O.M.K.O.

Earill. can I be your other babe??? luv - 'er downstairs.

Rory Murphy. "Take me to bed and lose me forever", love from your no. 1 fan.

Colm. You are " The Sunshine of my Love " love from your groupie.

Violets are blue, Roses are red, Skippy, take me to bed, - your hot water bottle.

Steve - You are the one and only dominator - Reefer.

Graphics

The Sniper

You may have noticed that two weeks ago this journal carried a sequence of three photographs of UL Vice-President Professor Noel Mulcahy leading the house in a rendition of 'There is an Isle' at the first concert in the new concert hall. An Focal is not the only publication in which he has been lauded for his oratorical skills.

Ireland of The Welcomes is published by Bord Failte, and their January/February 1993 issue is devoted to Irish traditional song and music. The Sniper's colleague on the news desk has passed her a copy of page 47 of that issue. Commenting that nobody can sing 'Salonika' like Jimmy Crowley, the author continues: 'But sure no one can sing Limerick's great song "There is an Isle" like the current Vice President of Limerick University. Particularly to an audience of knowledgeable fellow Limerick men who know when to sing up. And when to keep quiet'. The News Editor also assures me that the next opportunity you will have to witness this event is at the Engineering and Science Ball at the weekend. I wonder can any of our readers give us a history of that great song?



"He'd miss his own wedding" was just one of the comments passed in Costelloe's on Tuesday two weeks ago. The event was the celebration of our dear president's twenty-first birthday. Reports reaching the ears of The Sniper are that poor Diarmuid was a bit under the weather by the time the evening's festivities in that famed hostelry rolled round, and was safely tucked in his bed snoring off the significant quantity of alcohol that some of his friends had poured into him to celebrate the occasion of him officially reaching adult manhood. Wouldn't you think some of the bunch could have dragged him out of the sack so that he could at least put in an appearance. Not that his absence prevented those attending from enjoying themselves, I am told.

One of the guests from TCD's 'Hist' who was here for the final of the Irish Times Debating Competition last Friday was very interested in the UL campus. Not being on Ed's guest list of dignitaries, he arranged his own tour of the facilities with the help of The Sniper. Having been shown around the PE Building (comment: "Oh! You have a swimming pool on campus", no doubt a reference to absence of same on the TCD campus), Plassey House (impressed), the Main Building - from which we viewed the Schumann Building across the field and the Outside Of The Concert Hall (we couldn't get in) - we retired to the Stables. It was there that The Sniper's guest asked her about the building which he was really interested in seeing. "Which building", he asked, "is named after Dr Walsh?" Answers on a postcard.

Focus

Dear Ed.

In response to last week's Ray Hurley file concerning The Crap Office.

Back a few years ago, when I was still in the dark ages of post-pubescent mid teenage life, my time was oftentimes kept busy as I racked my brains in an attempt to decide what I would do with my life once I had been paroled from the prison sentence that was secondary school life in the concentration camp that was my local CBS (pause while I genuflect).

Once I had decided that the life of a Tibetan monk was not for me, I set about trying to make up my mind about which third level establishment I would grace with my presence.

Various criteria were involved: points (remember that lark?), location, cost, and finally the quality of the course. The University of Limerick struck me as being the most modern, with the best results, including that great feature unique to it (drum roll please) the COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM !!!!!!!!! This at first sounded like something out of Sesame street - and as you shall see in a moment all employees were formerly characters in that series - but I now know that it was all propaganda from the marketing machine that is UL. Now don't get me wrong, the principle of the thing is marvellous - combining the theory with the practical - it's just the way the system is administered is reminiscent of the average zoo.

Firstly the college tell you that they'll organise the jobs; then when you try to get these

people who work in the office to do anything for you they accuse you of making them your go-for. This actually happened to a friend of mine who needed vital information concerning a job the following day. Along with the aforementioned bad treatment he was given out to for calling during the woman's tea-break (shame, these reckless students) and treated as if he had the intelligence of a baboon. This particular individual, being shy in nature, did not want to answer her back so I would like to answer for him: WE'RE PAYING YOUR WAGES MISSUS SO DON'T FORGET IT !!!!!!!!!!!

I once went down to the Co-op office to sort out some trivial item or other, only to be told by the women behind the desk (who didn't appear to be doing anything) that she'd fit me in sometime in the future. You wouldn't fit your ass into a bucket, Madam. Am I being too rude? You should see the way she treated me.

Anyone who knows any 2nd year Humanities will be aware that an extremely high proportion of them, though officially on Co-op since January, ~~don't actually start~~ commence employment until March or even April. Bit like paying rent on a house from January that you don't occupy until April.

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STUDENTS UNION SHOP

Dear Editor,

At last we have our "Newly Designated" S.U. shop!! What a fantastic layout, let me congratulate the genius who designed it. Management must be delighted with the constant queues of students waiting to be served. It's pure pleasure to spend an afternoon or evening strolling around the shop.

But what is that everyone is queueing for? Surely everyone doesn't eat curly wurlys. It is my constant joy to see 20 people queue at one cash register while two other assistants are busy at the fruit counter deciding on the price of apples.

Roland Lacheiner
3rd Business

P.S. Must go Ed, just arrived at the till!!!

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Aerosol Cheese.

Dear Ed.

Just a short note to bring you up to speed on the events happening around campus.

Debates, sex, violence, debates, aerosol cheese, vipers, The Colbys, Groucho Marx, Final year projects, mis-management, junkets, soap on a rope, Rag Week (to come), Lost Continents and Presidents and consonants. Public Relations, Valium, Garlic chips, nervous breakdown, over-worked and underpaid, no communication, stress, anxiety, more stress, carefree flirting, the poxy Hurlers, ignorance, boorishness and peace.

Nothing ever happens around here.

Yours,

Farthead

E d i t o r i a l

Protest

Irrespective of what your opinion was on the current issue of repeats or lack thereof Wednesday's follow on from the E.G.M. called by Union leadership; was a welcome break from the monotony of campus life.

One can feel fairly sure that the protest certainly broke the monotony of the lunchtimes of all the various players on the white house team Ed Walsh amongst them!

The protest was effective, firstly it mobilised students responsibly and gave them an opportunity to give vocal and physical support in calling for a change in the system. Secondly it succeeded in highlighting the nature of the grievance forcibly to the College authorities, chiefly Ed, who mused a week previous that he didn't really see the needs for repeats. He'll muse no more!

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The final paragraphs of spokespersons from the university claiming that the matter was being looked into by a working group rang a very hollow note indeed against a full chorus of restrained impatience from an already pressurised student body. No amount of fire fighting from the powers that be, could escape the awkward fact that one of the newest Universities of the Country does not have a repeat facility. Maybe the Christina Murphy's of the educational world don't labour the point too much as it should have negative effect on applicants and that just might wake U.L. management finally to their senses.

Meanwhile the sabbatical

Anyone sane of mind and body should realise that U.S.I. is not. A "National" organisation that claims to speak on the behalf of all third level students, without having any of the non - Dublin University Unions, Trinity Students Union and Maynooth involved, is obviously trying to pull the wool over someone's eyes.

They failed miserably to pull the wool over the eyes of the Maynooth student body. The reported manner in which they went about luring Maynooth Students Union back in to the bosom of membership - could be likened to the dying man clutching at straws!

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Meanwhile the sabbatical officers and executive of the Union deserve praise for the way in which they set about tackling this one and got the masses out, but the real winners were the rank and file students who rose to the occasion without diverting attention from the cause and showed the White House that we can't be pushed around as consumers for much longer.

U.S.I. The Tale Continues

News from St. Patrick's College Maynooth that the students there voted to remain dis-affiliated from U.S.I. despite U.S.I.'s Blitzkrieg style campaign is to be welcomed.

Anyone sane of mind and body can't but acknowledge that third level students just like the farmers, nurses, teachers and even Garda Sergeants would be well served by a National Organisation of some form or another.

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The initiative announced last week by the Students Unions of U.L., U.C.C and Maynooth to host a forum on common problems to the University sector in the Republic is breakthrough.

Too much has been happening in this area with the Green Paper and revolving ministers for education while the structural difficulties with U.S.I. have resulted in the University Students Unions being left a little in the cold. If D.C.U. and U.C.D. can swallow a tad of their U.S.I. pride they too should leap to the invitation to participate in the forum - adding further weight.

Who knows what might happen out of this exercise maybe even the organisers could get the Minister of Education along to talk with the participants or at least the Chairman of the Higher Education Council.

Campus People

This Week: Enda Lonergan: SU Deputy President

Favourite Saying: Don't Bug me, John

Favourite Record: "Desert Moon" Denis De Young

Favourite Book : Any Gary Larson

Favourite Film : Ferngully

Favourite Musician: Mark Knopfler

Favourite Actor/Actress: Spencer Tracey / Demi Moore

Most Embarrassing Moment: Falling off my chair last Wednesday in the canteen.

Favourite Food/Drink: Homemade Shepherds Pie

Favourite TV Programme: The Den.

Favourite TV Personality: Zig & Zag

Favourite Item of Clothing : Boxer Shorts

Most desirable Date: Annette

Favourite method of relaxation: Pint of Murphy's



If you weren't persuing your present career, what would you have chosen : Hitchhiker

Biggest Thrill: Captaining Harding Cup socccer team.

Biggest Disappointment: Losing the Harding Final.

Your Concept of Heaven : Don't have one.

Your concept of Hell : Somewhere with only Guinness products

Greatest ambition : To Teach

Favourite Term of Abuse : Piss off

What would be your dying words : "I'm too young to die !"

Features

Anni Horribillum

Old Age- nearer My God to thee.

As you get older and older it gets harder and harder to be rational about your impending death, so I'm now going to ease your minds, save you endless hours of senile fretting and do it for you. I know I say this every week, but old age is really the worst time of your life. You have no body, no brain, no nothing. All of your friends have probably died and are waiting patiently on the other side for you to hurry up and pop your clogs. No amount of advice can properly prepare you for your impending old age. (Impending as in about 60 years hence). I find that walking the streets and staring at the decrepit wrecks hobbling past helps to put your existence in perspective. Not that at our age we need perspectives on anything other than shagging and drinking.

All of this may sound horribly ageist of me but I contend that anything that makes your hair and teeth fall out, diminishes your sex drive and wrinkles your face has nothing going for it in the first place. And that's saying nothing about incontinence. At 30 you start to feel past it, at 50 you can't remember what it was you passed and at 80 you've forgotten everything, isn't that right, nurse? Most of us will end our lives in an old folks home, mumbling incoherently about our youth and how time passes so quickly. Time does pass quickly, and it's up to us to

make the most of what we're given. Too many of the old fogies are remembering what they should be living. You won't catch me farting about on a zimmer frame when I could be climbing a mountain.

Sense doesn't come before age, nor does beauty. So what does? Death, that's what. As the



philosopher said, there's only two certainties in life, birth and death. I'd add misery to that list. I'm not going to talk about birth, because the details are far too gruesome, and you can practice whatever amateur psychoanalysis you want to on that particular statement. Death is the final passage. The end of the road, the last hurrah. There is nothing after this that you can boast about to your friends. I am not a particularly religious person, and only really pray about week 11, but I'm still not convinced about life after death. How about a little life before death? So, let's pretend my time has come, my demise is imminent and there's

only a thin thread between my life and absence of life. What am I doing about it? Ideally, I'd like to be on the side of a cliff with a bottle in one hand, Thomas Pynchon's 'Vineland' (favourite book) in the other and about 6 cigarettes in my mouth, preparing to jump. But if there is a God and He has a heaven he won't let me in because it's a suicide- even though how many people believe that nowadays? So, because of a loophole in Canon Law, I have to die in a hospital bed (assuming old age and all the clichés that go with it) surrounded by my family, who I notice are none too sad to see me go. Then I finally slip into the vortex, and die. Which would you rather?

So, keeping to this rapidly thinning idea, I'm dead and (assuming Judeo-Christian beliefs) I am either going to Hell or to Heaven. Or Purgatory, which has never been properly explained to me, and really doesn't sound too hectic anyway. I'd favour Heaven, though Hell has been given a really bad press.

If I were Hare Krishna or Buddhist I'd be preparing, assuming I had lead a good life, to be re-incarnated. That sounds nice. I'd probably like to come back as a horse, because I've always liked horses and they have fuck all to do all day but laze around and eat grass. Sounds even nicer.

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STUDY SKILLS???

For those of you who read last week's article you will know that I spoke about that which is the bane of our lives as students, namely studying for exams.

I myself am a confessed wannabe crammer, but have yet to master the technique of 'leaving it all to the last minute while still getting away with it'. In these heady days of student protests over repeat structures, the topic of exams has come to haunt the corridors of this establishment a couple of weeks earlier than is usual.

Weeks 5/6 are traditionally the weeks given over to mid-term exams and the such and this can have the effect of inducing spurts of study conscious behaviour in even the most guilt free individuals. For some people this spurt turns into se-

rious work for the week 11 exams, but for others the 5 hours spent last night 'going over' lecture notes from week 2 dies a sudden death and these people revert back to autopilot and cruise on until week 9 or 10.

There are many different methods of study and everyone has their own particular quirks when it comes down to working. We all know the people who go from 2 cups of coffee a day to 2 jars a day in week 10 in the belief that this will keep them more alert and therefore help them concentrate on the subject in hand. A high proportion of people prefer to study at night because it is 'quieter with less distractions' while others find their optimum hours for subject retention are in the morning. Some cannot work without the radio, or T.V.

switched on, while others shun any type of noise.

There is also the concept of 'study groups' which I have to admit from personal experience I view with a certain amount of incredulity. The particular group I joined consisted of 3 other girls from my course who all lived together. We took it in turns to go to lectures, shared the expense of course books and met in their house 3 times a week to transcribe lecture notes and 'study'. At 6.30 pm the T.V. was switched on to watch 'Home & Away' and from then on it was never turned off until the little black dot appeared. Needless to say we got nothing done and during week 9 we used to panic. Week 10 saw us climbing the walls and whereas 1 person cramming isn't too bad, 4 people cramming together is a nightmare. We used to share the workload of prepar-

ing questions and as I for one cannot use anybody else's work except my own, I inevitably ended up doing all the questions out anyway. I thought that by joining this group I would be spared that dreaded week 10 feeling of having nothing done, but I was wrong.

These people were cramblers in disguise, whose agitated faces in week 10 were merely the outward symptoms of the adrenalin rush which precedes the act of cramming. Some students get a natural high on the thought of having nothing done by week 10 and then trying to 'beat the system'. I must admit that when I hear people crowing about having beaten the system or about how easy it is to do, I get nauseous. In my eyes these people were just lucky in a set of exams and 'beating the system' is a load of crap. What system is there to beat? There

is no way that people can beat a set of exams at 11 week intervals. These people are practiced at the art of cramming and cramming is not beating any system, but merely a form of study suited to some people.

The only set of exams I ever enjoyed was the Leaving Cert. I loved having the syllabus completed 2 months before the exam, and then having this period of grace in which to 'revise', which incidentally is my favourite word connected with study. The 10 week term here in U.L. is too short for such an indulgence and subconsciously I am always 'fucked for the exams' by week 2. Even the thought of 10 weeks to the exams makes me cringe as it is so reminiscent of a count-down to doom. Ten, nine, eight, two, one, BOOM! EXAMS! Mental obliteration.
MAV ERICK.

Television

T.V. OR NOT T.V. - THAT IS THE QUESTION.....

As our regular T.V. columnist has been only able to communicate to the outside world via satellite, and a heavy cloud bank over Papua New Guinea has made made contact virtually impossible this week, it has fallen upon my shoulders to inform you the reader of the goings-on in T.V. land.

Now I am a veritable couch potato at the best of times and like nothing better than spending 12 hours in front of the T.V., remote control in hand. Like a vast proportion of this country I am addicted to Coronation Street, but while my colleague is fascinated by Don's gammy leg I am more intrigued by Carmel's gammy taste in men. God knows the poor girl hasn't done anything to nominate herself for a Bord Fáilte award for promoting the image of Ireland abroad, but even if she is a few pints short of a drunken spree, why did she have to choose Martin Platt, of all people. Surely Carmel should know that he is the ugliest, most boring fella in the world, with the dreaded Kevin Webster running a very close second. Martin has no redeeming qualities at all, and constantly runs around the place with an agitated look on his face which seems to be the only emotion he is capable of showing. The only decent thing that can be said is that he and Gail are well suited to each other. As Carmel's storyline is a bit of a farce any way the script-writers

should have gone the whole hog and put her in with the Duckworths. I for one would have enjoyed seeing Vera tear chunks out of Carmel's long tresses, and then give Jack a dose of her acid tongue. Or what about Des Barnes, it about time someone wiped that sickening grin off his face.

On Tuesday night at 10.00 pm RTE 1 are showing one of the best films of the late eighties, Brian De Palma's 'The Untouchables'. This story of American Prohibition, and Mafia is one of the greatest good guys v. bad guys films ever made. Sean Connery's Oscar winning performance is enthralling. Robert De Niro is perfectly cast as what he does best - Italian gangsters; and for Kevin Costner fans it's a must, as the character Elliot Ness lets Kevin show how broodingly sexy he can be. For those of you who have never seen this film, come out from under those stones, and indulge yourselves.

Beside 'The Untouchables' the rest of the week tends to pall into insignificance, but at 10.45 pm on Saturday nights for those who would like to stay in there is the addictive 'Reasonable Doubts'. Its a series you either love or hate, and as I love it I am going to write about it. For those of you who haven't seen it, it's a story about a D.A. who is deaf (Maralyn Matlee, who is deaf in real life and also starred opposite William Hurt in 'Children Of A Lesser

God') and her associate cop (the gorgeous Mark Harmon - remember him from the soap 'Flamingo' years ago), who translates for her using sign language. It is excellently shot, the humour can be a bit annoying, but the story-lines can be a very interesting look at American justice. Last week for example, saw a murderer, who had acted on diminished responsibility at the time of the crime, rehabilitate himself in prison, and gain parole after serving 15 years. Waiting at the prison gates was the mother of the girl he had killed, and she shot him dead. She admitted what she had done, and that she had done it to avenge her daughter's death, and at the trial was acquitted. However the programme, didn't dwell on a sympathy vote for either party but left the viewer in a bit of a dilemma as to the concept of the right and wrongs of murder in different situations. This series has also touched on the link between pornography and violence, and tampering with evidence, and even if the endings are a little pat sometimes it makes very interesting, watchable T.V. It is also a great opportunity to learn sign language if nothing else.

And as Gay Byrne would say "There is where we have to leave it for tonight folks". Hopefully next week we will be able to re-establish our satellite link with our regular T.V. guru, and we can have our mandatory 'happy ending'.

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Bram Stoker's Dracula

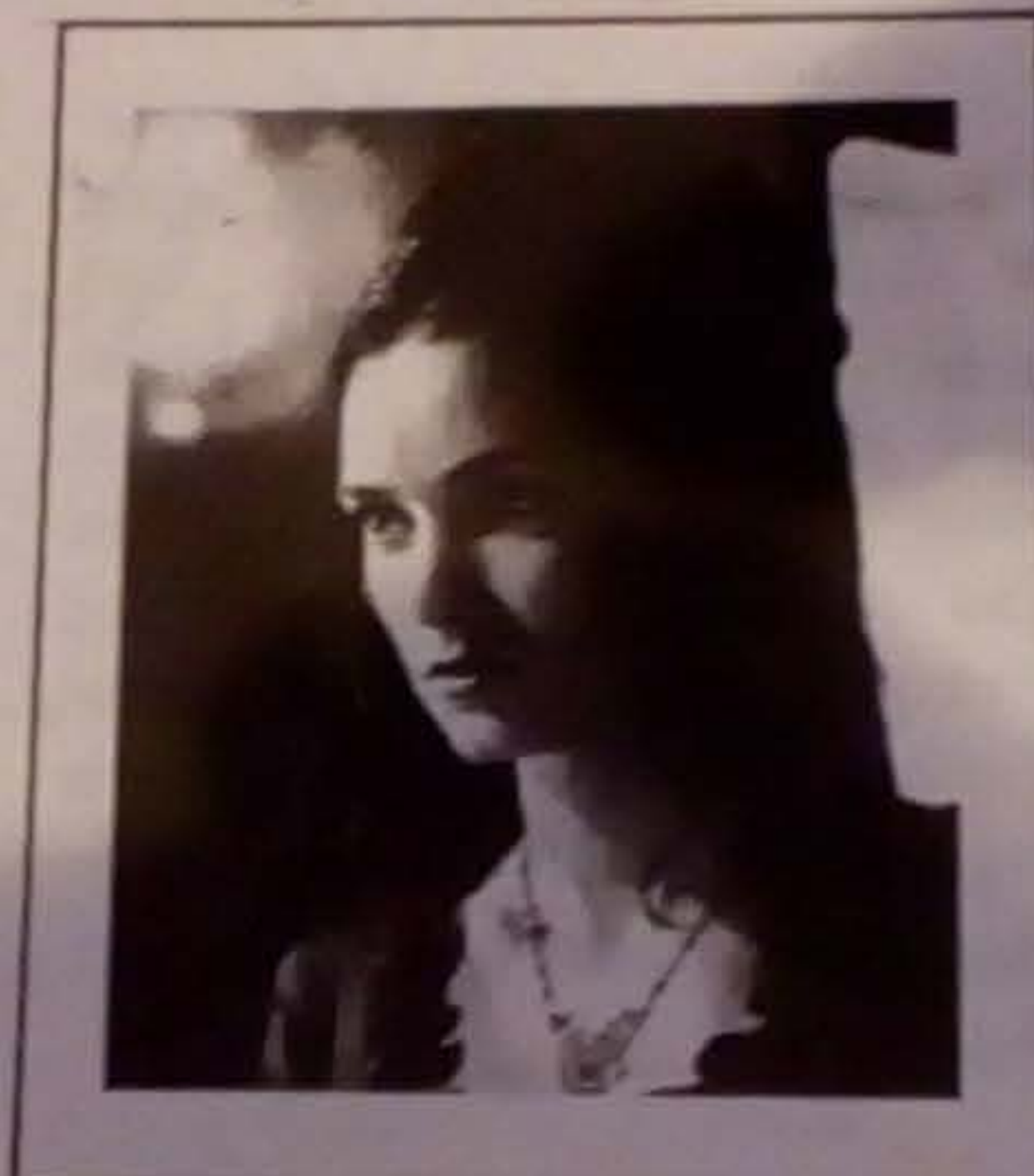
Director: Francis Ford Coppola
Starring: Gary Oldman, Winona Ryder.

Well no prizes for guessing what this film is about. Coppola isn't too clear about what he's directing, he seems to be using Stoker's book as an excuse to make an erotic pantomime set in the 19th century.

The story does bear some resemblance to the novel, heroine Mina (Winona Ryder) the reincarnation of Dracula's past love, finds herself in the middle of a battle between good and evil as her Friend Lucy and Fiancee Jonathan (Keanu Reeves) are sucked into the terrible world of the undead. All the right ingredients for a horror thriller you might think? But some terrible casting and some over the top performances make the film about as exciting as the average episode of 'Neighbours'. Most of the lead roles suffer from that same poor casting, chiefly Gary

Oldman as Dracula, whose lack of intensity is clearly evident throughout. To compensate for this, the special FX crew have Dracula constantly metamorphosing which only degrades the film further.

It is doubtful whether Stoker would have approved of Coppola's attempted eroticism into the film, semi naked actresses wandering around 19th century backdrops is hardly erotic, merely gratuitous and boring. Other ham-fisted attempts at eroticism include the



Winona Ryder in "Dracula"

three brides of Dracula to whom Jonathan is used as male sex slave. The overall effect is to produce disgust rather than horror. Coppola's so-called epic despite it's lavish photography and sensational viewing is a poor mix of pantomime and sex.

Bill Kearney.

BOTTLER PLAYS THE BELLTABLE

His GRACE, Brendan is playing a stormer in the Belltable this week with special guest Pat Fallon - a superb illusionist and magician. Gales of glee and laughter can be heard erupting from the Belltable as Brendan amuses and bemuses all and sundry. Drawing his comic material from everyday situations and using his guitar and wonderful singing voice to full force, this has proved to be a very popular combination for his show. Brendan is making his second video around the Limerick area during his stay, so watch out for this laughter master who plays the Belltable until February 13th.

Scariff Drama Group are set to increase the laughter lines with their production of Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward, from February 17th to 20th. Scariff has a long and honoured tradition of amateur drama, and has presented many shows in the

Belltable down through the years including The House of Bernarda Alba (which Charabanc Theatre Company will present in the Belltable from March 15th to 20th), Barefoot in the Park and Midnight Court. This production is directed by Maurice O'Sullivan.

Blithe Spirit is a three act comedy, a hilarious farce. The story revolves around an author, Charles Condomine, who is living rather comfortably with his second wife Ruth, in rural England. In order to research his new book on dreams, Charles asks the local medium, Madame Arcati, to perform a seance in his house. This seance has far reaching consequences, one being the return of Charles' first wife Elvira. As you may imagine, this is when the real fun begins. Booking is now open on 061-319866.

Further information: John Keating, 061-319709

High Fidelity

Opera Theatre Company
(Belltable Arts Centre
20. 201)

An elaborate game of romantic snakes and ladders, "High Fidelity", adapted by Gerry Stembridge (of 'Scratch Saturday' fame) from the opera 'La Vera Constanza' by Haydn (of 'La fidelita premiata', fame - ha, ha), is a delightfully rare convergence of modern satire and old fashioned love.

Set back in the days when aristocrats were Gods and peasants did what they were told, the story runs thus: Rosina (Elizabeth Woollett) and her brother Masino (Quentin Hayes) live an idyllic peasant life in a small fishing village. Idyllic apart from the fact Rosina has been seduced, impregnated, married and abandoned by the philandering Count Errico (Paul McCann) five years earlier. Unaware of these clandestine nuptials, the count's conniving aunt, Baroness Irene, (Riona Bradley) sets sail with her fiancé, Marquis Ernesto (Philip Salmon) to sort out her nephew's life and get him away from Rosina. Travelling with them are a stupid, wealthy aristocrat Don Villoto - intended for Rosina in lieu of the count - and Lisetta, Drene's maid. Rough seas drive them towards the village. Masino and Rosina help them ashore even though Masino protests it's only "a bloody private vessel" full of "rich bastards". On reaching shore, the Baron-

ess immediately puts her dastardly plan into action - and the fun starts. and Hugh Mackey as Don Villotto provide much of the comedy of the opera. The seemingly demure Lisetta is a strong-willed latter-day feminist who has a thing or three to say about "silly mixed-up" men. There is a memorable scene where she seduces Masino, clad only in raunchy black under-wear, protesting all the while that she never has any luck with men and has only ever received "kisses like handshakes/ no passion in mind". Don Villato is a lovable fool who laps up the count's sexist and ridiculous spiel about conquering and dominating women. He is highly disappointed when these charming notions don't wash with Rosina.

Further twists in the plot see the whole cast turning against the hopeless Rosina for all the trouble she's caused. "You're a tart without a heart" Lisetta tells her. The Baroness contents herself with the more traditional, "slut, slag, vixen, jezebel" tirade. Thoroughly peeved with this betrayal and the Count's indecision Rosina leaves. The subsequent search and inevitable conclusion bring the opera to its close - all too soon.

Directed by Martin Duncan and conducted by Seamas Crimmins "High Fidelity" is hilariously funny and infinitely entertaining. It opens in Dublin's Gate Theatre on Wednesday 3rd for four nights, then goes to Waterford, Cork, Ballyshannon and Dundalk.

O'MAHONY'S

THE BOOK PEOPLE



True Believers

Joseph O'Connor
Flamingo, 1992 (£ 5.99)

Reviewed by Elaine Vaughan

This is, not to mince words, a bloody brilliant book. A delight to read from the first word on the first page to the very last. Joseph O'Connor, author of "Cowboys and Indiana" and winner of the Sunday Tribune first fiction award 1989, writes stories that are as funny as they are sad, as ridiculous as they are poignant and as romantic as they are cynical.

He is story-teller, primarily, and as such weaves a magical web around the reader, acquainting him with a string of very real characters, sad and eccentric sometimes - but always real. He "scratches the surface", writes about the people behind the nameless faces around us. He reminds us of some of the unpleasant situations we'd really rather forget. O'Connor seems to embrace squalid realism, drinking, vomiting, smoking and leaving grimy dishes in the sink. Yet, behind all these lies the romantic notion that not all is squalor, there's hidden depths

and unseen facets to all... and something infinitely beautiful in everyday life. The thing about all the characters and circumstances are how quiet, ordinary, not quite out of the ordinary. They are all conceivable scenarios and all the more disturbing for it.

O'Connor describes characters with a rare and perceptive insight. The opening pages introduce us to Eddie Virago, the suave handsome sophisticate, the careless pseudo-radical that we see everyday walking around on campus. He's the one that we pretend to detest but whose smug superior charisma is an irresistible attraction. The Eddie Virago's of this world seem to visibly strut around, self-assured, confident, the epitomes of cool - and yet they are as vulnerable and unsure as everyone else. There are a myriad of characters here, the "True Believers" of the title, lovers, losers, miscreants, drinkers, poets, failed romantics. There are pious old ladies with paralysing fears, there are sad old priests, spurned lovers. There are tales of husbands and wives who leave. Ray Prest decides to leave his wife but fate intervenes in the form of a strange young man who cubs his hands together and laughs an unsettling "heh, heh, heh" laugh. Ray realises... "love is often a homecoming and little more. And the journey home of the heart is sometimes the longest of all". Marion dumps Johnny because she doesn't know where they are going. Johnny says he's going to

Madigans for a pint. There are plenty of sarky little quips in here for the next time you are dumped with very little cer-

gilled writer, a new voice, a new talent beside the obsolete and the faded. His writing is enthusiastic and inventive. He knows and loves the world he describes, with all its faults. Through this collection of short-stories, he is contending that we are all "True Believers" in something, there is a common faith that binds us all more closely than we could ever imagine. We all cling to something with religious constancy, religious desperation. He can conjure up an image, freeze a moment in time with one phrase: "When he got home and saw the washing up undone in the sink, he knew she had left him". Every situation he describes - even though there is a kind of perverse symmetry combining them all - is unique, unrepeatable and faultlessly real. The quality of his narrative may lie in the "idiomatic resonance" of the language he uses but more likely lies in the fact he echoes your thoughts and sentiments with alarming clarity. He has an uncanny knack of putting them into words. Sometimes it feels like the old bastard's been reading your diary.

This is a book that I, for one, thoroughly enjoyed reading. Joseph O'Connor tells great stories. The way he writes he could just as easily be sitting beside you telling them. That's the beauty of it.

Comment

The Ray Hurley File

It is quite intriguing to see how people at the highest level of a University can get their heads so absorbed and engulfed in the clouds, that they lose even the most tenuous of contacts with the reality of the grassroots.

In that introductory convolution, I am of course referring to Dr. Edward Walsh and his cohort of assorted dignitaries who constitute the powers-that-be in our fine academic institution. Last Wednesday's successful demonstration has shown them once more that we, as students, cannot be liberally and arbitrarily bandied about like scarecrows in a typhoon. Good ol' Ed, who since the dawning of another new year, has been fretfully worried about his public image, now that his 87 LK Mercedes is fast approaching the unacceptable age of half a dozen years; all of a sudden, he finds his attention diverted from his brown equestrian-like motor and onto the fact that there were 700 angry, up-and-coming entrepreneurs creating a

I mBÉAL AN PHOBAIL

C.I.E. MISFITS

An raibh éinne agaibh ag déanamh bhur mbealach abhaile tráthnóna Aoine, 29 Eanáir, ón Ollscoil? An raibh sibh ag teastail ar bhusanna C.I.E. nó Bus Eireann mar a glaotar orthu anois? Bhain mé féin iarracht as dul abhaile an tráthnóna sin. Turas seacht míle agus fiche a bhí romhaim. Cheap mé toisc go raibh na busanna ag fágáil an car park thaobh thiar den Foundation Building go mbeadh an turas níos tapúla ná an gnáth.

D'fhág an bus an Ollscoil in am ach ní thuigim cén fáth a bhfuil gá le beagnach gach uile bhus dul isteach go dtí an Staisiún. Bhí ár mbus lán ach caltheamar ó fiche tar éis a cúig, go cúig chun a sé in ár suí i Staisiún Luimnigh!

Cén fáth, cuirim an cheist nuair atá bus amháin lán nach

féidir leis imeacht díreach ansin, in ionad an stíl amaideach atá ag Bus Eireann nuair a fhanann gach bus sa Staisiún go dtí go bhfuil siad ar fad lán nó go dtí nach bhfuil aon phaisinéirí eile ann.

Ansin, tar éis leathuair a chloig nó mar sin, fágann na busanna, trí nó ceithre cinn i dtreo, Inis, Gaillimh agus elle le chéile.

Ní thuigim féin é seo, ná níor thuig éinne a bhí ar an mbus liom ag an am. Scar an Rialtas na treanacha ó na busanna le go dtiocfaidh feabhas ar an dá chóras. Ní mar sin atá ag tarlúint ó thaobh Bus Eireann ar aon nós. An bhfuil leigheas ag éinne ar an scéal?

STUDENTS TOO CYNICAL

Deirtear liom go dtagann forbairt ar an duine nuair a leanann sé ar

aghaidh sa chóras oideachais go cúrsa Oillsciole.

Foghlaimítear scileanna agus eolas i gcomhair an tsaoil atá romhainn. Faoin am a fhágtar an córas, ba cheart go mbeadh leathnú agus forbairt ar mheoin an duine féin sa tsli go mbeadh sé in ann páirt chumasach a ghlacadh sa saol. Sé sin a rá, go mbeidh an saol, an tír agus an domhain níos fearr ag deireadh a shaoil.

Sin a deirtear ar aon nós. Ní dóigh liom go bhfuil sé mar sin anseo in Ollscoil Luimnigh. Foghlaimítear scileanna ceart go leor. Táim cinnte go n-éireoidh go maith le gach mac léinn ó thaobh postanna agus a léitheid. Ach cad mar gheall leis an saol sóis-lalta, rud atá an-tábhachtach go deo.

Iarraim ar gach éinne anseo, go hairithe na "plebs" ar fad atá sa leabharlann ó sheachtain

a haon dul amach agus taitneamh a bhaint as bhur tréimhse anseo. Nílím ag rá dul síos go dtí na Stáblai gach oíche ach bainigí triall as dráma nó dhó sa Belltable, na talspeántais ealaíona anseo i UL nó ar an mbaile, agus go háirithe a bheith páirteach ins na clubanna.

Faol láthair anseo, de bharr an brú oibre ar dhaoine, tá easpa spride le féiceáil anseo. Tá sé ró-éasca tabhairt amach faoi Ed, na polaiteoirí agus an aimsir. Ní gá eisteacht le na "cynics" a thuilleadh nuair atá daoine ar fud na háite ag déanamh beagáinín iarracht feabhas a chur ar rudai sa tír bocht seo. Muna dtagann athrú meoin ar na hiománaithe ar an gclai ar fad atá anseo, bhfearr dúinn an áit a fhágáil ar fad.

Beir bua

An Spallpín Fánach

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RAG WEEK '93!

As we mentioned earlier, Rag Week will be week 2 of next term, starting Monday 12 and going through to Saturday 17th of April. To date we have had a few ideas, all workable, handed in by students, but we want loads of events, so when you're at home with your chocolate hob-nobs, start talking and thinking about ideas for Rag Week, particularly ideas that will make money for charity.

In Manchester we talked to many Rags, most sounding better than ours, who had some excellent ideas. We also met companies that supply Sumo Wrestling, Bar Flys, Spaceballs, Bungee Jumping, Bucking Broncos and a company that supplies "Kraser Laser" for outdoors, and Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting. It would be our intention (if we secure adequate sponsorship) to bring all these gimmicks and more! Also, if possible, we would have TWO marquees.

You can help now by inviting friends, particularly if you have friends in other colleges, as most colleges are free at that time. Also start putting pennies and two-pences into jars, for charity

during Rag Week.

Another development since we last talked in an Focal is that while myself and Billy returned to Ireland, ALL the Rags at the U.K. conference voted that they hold the National Rag Conference here in U.L. next January, which effectively means that we will have some 600 or so students, mostly from the U.K. (a special ferry will be hired) here for the first week of term in 1994.

At the moment we are checking out the feasibility of this and should let you all know in due course. Of course if any one would like to help us, please let me know and please keep getting the Rag Week Ideas coming to me (Ber) or Billy.

Rag Week '93

Get Involved!

Ents

"SAINTS AND SCHOLARS"

Saints and Scholars has become much more popular than we had previously anticipated. Every night so far has been a complete sell out.

Because the venue had a recent fire we have to keep the numbers to strictly fire regulation numbers, this has been regulated on two occasions by the police. So once we have reached the number, not one more person can enter the building.

So we are sorry if people are left outside, but to ensure entry, on an admission only night (soon it will be ticket only) please arrive early.

All the class party nights are sold by ticket, (mainly through the class reps) so unless you have a ticket, chances are you won't get in on the door. Check with the class rep to be sure.

We are of course still monitoring Saints and Scholars as a "new" venue. If you have any suggestions that

you feel might improve the venue and the nights please let me (Ber) or Billy know.

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Support Your Own Ents.

Enjoy Not Destroy

The Ray Hurley File

It is quite intriguing to see how people at the highest level of a University can get their heads so absorbed and engulfed in the clouds, that they lose even the most tenuous of contacts with the reality of the grassroots.

In that introductory convolution, I am of course referring to Dr. Edward Walsh and his cohort of assorted dignitaries who constitute the powers-that-be in our fine academic institution. Last Wednesday's successful demonstration has shown them once more that we, as students, cannot be liberally and arbitrarily banded about like scarecrows in a typhoon. Good ol' Ed, who since the dawning of another new year, has been fretfully worried about his public image, now that his 87 LK Mercedes is fast approaching the unacceptable age of half a dozen years; all of a sudden, he finds his attention diverted from his brown equestrian-like motor and onto the fact that there were 700 angry, up-and-coming entrepreneurs creating a fierce din downstairs.

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ATHLETICS CLUB NOTES

Table Quiz

The Club's Hilary Term table Quiz was held in The Hurlem on Monday, week 4. The night was a tremendous success and congratulations to the team from 3rd Industrial Chemistry who were the winners beating a team of Postgrads by just one point in a nail biting finish. Thanks to the Hurlem for sponsoring the prizes and to the hard working committee who ensured the nights' entertainment was carried out efficiently and successfully.

Training in Nenagh

Every Wednesday night for the past few weeks, Club members have been training in Nenagh in preparation for the Indoor Intervarsities, these sessions have been enjoyable and have provided a framework for Club members to get to know each other and build up a Club Spirit, thanks to everyone for coming, the bus was full each night thanks to you.

Indoor Intervarsities Championships 1992. A bus will be leaving from the College on Friday the 12th at about 2 p.m. in the afternoon, check the Noticeboard for details, as this will be the last notes before these Championships.

we wish both men's and women's teams every success, hopefully we will be celebrating on the Friday night, so good luck everyone, we can do it.

New members

Anyone who is back from Co-op can still join the Athletics Club by contacting anyone of the Committee or myself at anyone of our training sessions, it only costs £2 and means you have the chance to compete in four Intervarsities Championships.

Next week

In the next weeks issue of An Focal, the full results to the indoor intervarsities will be given and the notable highlights of these Championships will be discussed. There will be more news on the Intervarsities Cross Country to be held in Jordans Town as well, so watch this space for your Athletics Club News.

Important Meeting

There will be an important meeting on Monday, week 6, at 6 p.m., in the Sports Hall, this meeting will discuss arrangements for Nenagh, busses and the selection of both the Men's and the Women's teams. It is important that you should attend this meeting.

Ray Dajk P.R.O.

FILM SOCIETY NEWS

The following are brief reviews for presentations to be shown on week 5, 8-12 February. Please note that the previously advertised "Raise the Red Lantern" which was to be shown on Thursday 11th, has become unavailable to us and has therefore been replaced by "Night on Earth" - see below.

Tuesday 9th: "Prospero's Books"

Director Peter Greenaway (The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover, etc.) here uses modern techniques to bring his interpretation of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" into nineties and beyond.

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John Gielgud (one of the perfect Shakespearean actors) is Prospero, the Duke of Milan, who sets sail with his daughter Miranda, and 24 of his prized volumes from his library. Characters met along the way are both real and imaginary, the latter conjured up by Prospero's magical capabilities.

The film has all the style and technical wizardry one would expect from a Greenaway film - it has been described as Renaissance MTV - and if it is, so what! Shakespeare will never be the same again!



Winona Ryder in Jim Jarmusch's Night on Earth

Thursday 11th: "Night on Earth"

Filled with quirkiness, deadpan humour and occasional poignancy, the latest offering from director Jim Jarmusch focuses on five different cabs across the world in the one night.

The trans-global experience kicks off in L.A. at sunset where cabine Winona Ryder (what a name! refuses an offer from a Hollywood studio-executive which could have made her a star-actor), then moves on to New York, Paris, Rome and finally, with day breaking, Helsinki. Each episode is punctuated by a thumping Tom Waits score and a glimpse of the local time.

This is familiar Jarmusch territory: mismatched pairings, odd-ball encounters. Nothing really happens, but the five incidents, only connected by the theme of taxi-rides and sharing the same moment in time, fuse into a highly entertaining and odd-ball mix.

Showings are at 7:30 p.m., in the Jean Monnet. Non-members charge is £1.50.

Dedan O'Grady, PRO

...STOP PRESS!...UL CHOIR...5.00 til
6.30.....WEDNESDAY.....SCHRÖDINGER.....

Clubs & Socs

JESUS - THE RADICAL

On Friday, January the 29th, seven members of our Christian Union headed to Knockadoon, a camp on the coast of Cork, where we spent a weekend with the Christian Union of University College Cork. There was altogether about 40 participants. It was good craic with lots of music and singing, games, walks along the beach and the cliffs, and little sleep.

But it was also a time of reflection, contemplation and discussion. We were lucky to have Steve Stockman (Dublin) as a speaker, who is also a gifted poet and songwriter. His main topic was Jesus - as he really was: a radical advocate of love, acceptance and righteousness, who did not bother about the social norms and prejudices of his time. Jesus talked e.g. to a Samaritan woman, breaking racial, religious and secular taboos. He went into Zachaus', the tax collector's house, even though this was the most hated and despised person in the town.

Additionally Jesus was an artist. The way he spoke to his audience was highly artistic. His parables belong to the best short

stories in world literature.

But the most important fact about Jesus' character is the love he had for the people of his time - and that he still has for the people today.

Steve pointed out that today Jesus still offers us a relationship - a love relationship. Believing in Jesus does not mean that one has to obey certain rules and commands, but if somebody loves Jesus, he wants to do what Jesus likes. This can be compared to a human love - relationship: if you love somebody, you try to do what pleases the other, what makes him or her happy. You don't do this, because the other commands you to, but because of your love. Love is not about having to do something!

So this was not only just another good weekend, but a deeply enjoyable and motivating one, that challenged us to live in this love-relationship with Jesus.

Everybody is welcome to our meetings:

Monday, 4 p.m. Bible Study in the Meditation Room

Thursday, 6 p.m. talks about topics that will be announced, in A1-065.

Lisdoonfarout and Helicopter Pads?

On weekend 4 the OPC headed into Co Clare with tents on backs and ropes in hand. A party of under ten led by John Hawkins were bound for a camping and rockclimbing weekend beside the Atlantic in Fanore, the Burren. C.I.E. brought them as far as Lisdoonvarra and a private coach dropped them off out at the helicopter pad (there is one beside the road where they camped, for the rescue services in case rockclimbers find out the hard way that g is in fact $\approx 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$). The tents were erected in the dark after which the group settled down and were left to their own devices to entertain themselves.

On Saturday they got a brief chance to tackle the cliffs and try their hands, legs and anything else that grips on rock, at a few climbs. "Lisdoonfarout" was climbed that evening and several others were abseiled. However poor weather consisting of rain and persistent mist blown in from the Atlantic, put an end to the day's activities. Dinner was then cooked with light people in three stars using lashings of that good old students' speciality, spaghetti bolognese, and all in one tent (bodily warmth is hard to beat)!

With dinner halfway through, a stream was found by Fiona (the infamous orienteer) and

indeed was found to be flowing under and through the three tents. After a few seconds the tents were swimming so evacuation procedure ensued, shortly followed by a relocation exercise. Later that night John Hanley arrived in his trusty Fiesta and availed of the privacy of one of the tents again demonstrating the usefulness of body heat.

After a night during which temperatures fell below freezing, Sunday dawned or "afternooned" on the group bringing one of the brightest and most glorious days of the year so far. They spent a very enjoyable day rockclimbing and abseiling in panoramic settings: Cliffs of Moher to the left; Aran Islands dead ahead; Galway Bay to the right; Atlantic Ocean and yellow sunshine all round. Even though most of the group had never set foot on or up a cliff before, all went away with a good taste of rockclimbing. By mid-afternoon it was time to haul up camp return to

Due to pressure on space, some of the articles handed in for publication are not printed. These will be printed next week

U.L. Here's to more club weekends away from it all.

Wednesday of week 4 saw Paul Butler give a workshop on map reading. Paul spent two hours that night with a group of 10, taking them through compass work, navigation skills and map exercises.

Also on Wednesday of week 5 a coloured, grace a John "Fiesta", spent the afternoon indoors in Killfinnan, Co Tipperary on a climbing wall.

Returning Events:

UCC are hosting orienteering intervarsities in Cahir on Saturday, 20th Feb-

ruary (Week 7). We will be entering a team of eight in the event and there are places left. Details will be posted later.

Look out for posters and details on the notice board regarding the hillwalking weekend in Connemara on Weekend 6.

Eoin Fitzgerald
P.R.O.



LIFESAVING CLUB

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The Lifesaving Club is staging a 'staged incident' (mock multiple drowning where teams of 4 are supposed to successfully save the victims!) on Wednesday week 6 in Thomond Swimming Pool.

Teams of four are invited to enter for a mere £4 per team. There must be at least one of each sex on each team (i.e. no all male or all female teams).

Anyone with any lifesaving experience is encouraged to enter

but each team should have at least one member who has intermediate/bronze qualifications.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. sharp on Wednesday week 6. Teams entering should be in Thomond canteen at 5.30 p.m. Teams can enter on the night or during the Lifesaving Club training sessions: in the swimming pool on Tuesday between 6-6.45 p.m. and Wednesdays between 6-7.30 p.m. Spectators are more than welcome to come along. A good laugh is guaranteed!

U.L. GOLF CLUB

The first outing of term 2 took place at Newagh Golf Club on Wednesday - week 5. Kevin Martin took the honours with a fine score of 40 points. He was closely followed in 2nd place by local player Dave Hunt who was unlucky not to have a hole-in-one on the par 4 seventh with his ball coming to rest 12 inches from the hole. Next to Dave came M. Sugrue who pipped S. Keane at the last.

The top five positions in the golfer of the year competition

are as follows:

1. K. Martin
2. D. Hunt
3. R. Coleman
4. E. Lynch
5. P. Hennessy and C. Willits

The next outing will take place at Castletroy G.L. on Wednesday week 7. The tee is booked between 12-1 o'clock and the time sheet is in P1026. Book early as places are limited.

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WINDSURFIN' NEWS

A reminder to everybody interested in participating in A or B fleet races in the Intervarsities - every Tuesday there will be an off the water training and technique session. Details of time and venue will be posted on the club noticeboard. There will be a serious training week-end in Drommeer at the end of week 6, which the club is subsidising, so the weekend should cost less than £5! U.C.D.'s windsurfing club will be there too so we should get some practice racing alone before the Intervarsities in week 8. Talking about the Intervarsities - members should have paid the £20 deposit by now. The rest of the dosh i.e. £45, should be given to Willie, Peter Keogh, or Oisín before Friday week 6! The hotel we'll be staying in is a TOP CLASS FOUR STAR hotel!! with, wait for it... swimming pool, jacuzzi, and sauna! Members! - if any of your friends are interested in coming along to Dunganarvan for the Intervarsities - do drag them along too.

The trailer that the club is building (from scratch!) for the new race equipment is coming into shape. But to get it finished before the Intervarsities a lot more work needs to be done. Come along to the machine shop (that's next to the porters office in the Bianconi tower!) on Thursday nights.

EXCLUSIVE: ALL IS REVEALED

According to some recent TOP SECRET information which the windsurfing club has eventually decide to reveal, one of our most prestigious members has been using a Pseudoname (the name being Stephen) because of the embarrassment caused by his real name Jock. We sincerely hope that this revelation will not cause J.D. any future embarrassment but we feel that all club members and all those who know J.D. to approach him with caution especially when addressing him by his real name! The windsurfing club - doing it in black rubber every Wednesday!

TAEKWONDO CLUB

Just before Christmas the Club participated in a tournament in Limerick, run by Mr. Moloney, 3rd degree black belt. It was an all-styles open tournament with participants from Karate, Kung-fu, Kickboxing as well as Taekwondo.

Despite a weakened entry from the club due to the competition being outside term time, they put up a very good performance. Seo O'Riordain in particular had a brilliant day, winning the pattern section and coming a very close second in the sparring section.

The next few weeks are a busy time. Firstly there is the club disco on Tue (Wk6) in Cheers. On the following Saturday the club is hosting the Intervarsities with teams coming from Cork and Waterford held in the Sports Hall. Any support would be welcomed. Also the following weekend (Wk7) finds the club travelling to Cork for a competition against UCC, which has become a regular event in the clubs calendar in the last number of years.

Remember to hand in material for these pages by Wednesday for publication the following Tuesday

Notices

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Classified Advertisements

The classified ads are compiled by Anthony Denver. Contact An Focal if You have an Ad For inclusion in next weeks issue. All ads must be received by Wednesday afternoon. This service is free to UL Students and Staff.

Grinds

Grinds-Don't Worry about German! A native can help you Grinds, translations, (e.g. job applications) Come and see me! Bettina, 8 Carysford Ave. c/court

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Accommodation

Christy Carey or Carmel @ 367272 Ext. 2277 DAYTIME

House to Rent for 4 People Near Parkway. 2 Large Double Rooms, Very Reasonable Rent Contact: John, Room 3, Salesian Hostel at 6.20 - 7pm or Niall, No. 3 Iona Close, College Court, from 6-8pm

Accommodation Available Rent £83 per month For 1 person sharing Call 29 Dun an Oir after 6pm

Wanted Male to share double room Warm, all mod. cons. Reasonable Rent Call to 32 Oaklawns after 6pm

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Phone :330879

Personal

Nice girl seeks nice boy for quiet evenings at home. Non-smokers, TT, No Messers please.

P.O. Box 13

Big Hearted third Year Male Looking for partner for Eng & Sci Ball - P.O. Box 14 A

Looking for love ? Don't bother me. Just quick shags. Must look O.K. PO Box 15.

G.A.A. Valentines Ball - Saints & Scholars THURSDAY Tickets £4 (Ticket only) On Sale Wed. Lunchtime.

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Noticeboard

2ND HAND BOOKS

Money can be collected from books that we sold, when you produce your invoice.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check Lost Property in the S.U. If you think you could possibly have anything down there.

Hardship Fund Update

Well yet another update in this long saga but for once I've got some good news. Last week legal letters were sent to all those on our list who've graduated or left the college for one reason or another and on their way neglected the fact that they owed money to the Hardship Fund and I'm happy to report that it is having the desired effect on some of the people. It is thus hoped to get the Hardship Fund back in Financial Order by the beginning of the next term. A limited fund is available each week and anyone requiring assistance should call in to see me on Thursday mornings between 11 - 12 noon.

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A new group has been set up in the College to

U.S.I.T. CARDS

Are available every day between 2 pm and 4 pm. Cards cost £6 and £7 for the travel stamp.

(Hilary) Blood Clinic

Last term a successful blood clinic was held over a three day period in EG010. Well the time for the clinic this term is almost round once again.

The dates and times are as follows:

Tues: 9th February
12 noon - 1.30 pm EG010

Weds: 10th February
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I am however, appealing to everyone to be a little bit more careful with your personal belongings - don't leave wallets/purses lying on your desks or visible in an open bag, and most important of all, watch out for each other.

ACROSS

- 1 Very steep cliff. (9)
- 9 Intense disturbance to the body from stress. (6)
- 10 Put tax on Vie for the annoyance caused. (8)
- 11 Not sensible or intelligent. (6)
- 12 Formal evening jacket. (6)
- 14 Engrossed in part. (4)
- 15 Wild Australian dog. (5)
- 16 Yellowish chemical used as an antiseptic. (6)
- 18 A Frenchman's home is his this, perhaps. (7)
- 21 Type of beacon named after a British Minister for Transport. (7)
- 24 Walk around for observation and security. (6)
- 26 Ingress, access. (5)
- 30 Monk's hood. (4)
- 31 Feeble-minded or foolish persons. (6)
- 32 Contaminate with a disease. (6)
- 33 Shoemakers. (8)
- 34 Agreement, harmony. (6)
- 35 Released from control or restraint. (9)

DOWN

- 2 Sorrowful. (4)
- 3 Stopped. (6)
- 4 Chemical that can injure or kill. (6)
- 5 Dominate, manage or direct. (7)
- 6 Cave, with religious connection perhaps. (6)
- 7 Guilty persons. (8)
- 8 Pouch on horse or bicycle. (9)
- 11 Steeple. (5)
- 13 Appalling, frightful or terrible. (4)
- 17 Critical or doubting. (9)
- 19 Trick, device or gimmick. (8)
- 20 Distribute as a share. (5)
- 22 Pork fat. (4)
- 23 Large-billed seabird. (7)
- 25 Takes place. (6)
- 27 Quality of sound, of a voice maybe. (6)
- 28 Surrenders or bears as a crop. (6)
- 29 Suffer or die from hunger. (6)

