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Students pack streets for march

By Thomas Felle and Margaret Donnelly

STUDENTS from across the country formed under one banner on October 27 to march on the Dail.

DIT students were also out in force, with some estimates putting the DIT attendance at about 3,500. Students from the five campuses and a number of the annexes across the Institute downed tools at lunch time on the day and made their way to DIT Mountjoy Square where the march got underway shortly after 2pm.

According to Garda sources, an earlier march to the northside site by students from Kevin Street and Aungier Street had caused traffic panic as gardaí were forced to police the marching students. "We were not informed that students would be actually marching from the southside colleges just to join the march," admitted one garda.

More than 1,700 students from the two southside colleges joined on Aungier Street and brought lunch time traffic to a standstill as they paraded to join the rest of the marchers.

DITSU President Sarah McGovern said she was delighted to see so many of the students who earlier gave the mandate to the students, union to strike had come out in support of their own issues.

"USI's demands are very realistic. Students have been living in poverty for too long and the time has come for the Government to listen to us. Student accommodation and student grants are hugely important issues," she continued.

The students, union president also commented that DITSU were constantly lobbying both DIT management and public representatives to invest in student accommodation. "We have to start buying, leasing or at least looking at the situation. Grangeegormon is coming online, but it is going to be a couple of years before anything is built on that site. We have to start doing something now," she added.

In his address, USI President Philip Madden said that students have the same basic rights as every other Irish citizen. "They have the right to a roof over their head, adequate financial support and access to education which is not limited by their ability to pay.

"Our educated work force is the direct cause of the Celtic tiger phenomenon, and yet some people cannot afford to go to college and many others drop out because they can't survive on the disgracefully low grants," he added.

Cathal Brugha student Paul Devoy was at the march. He was marching because he says he can hardly afford to go to college. "Marches like this are something every student should get involved in. We can't expect to be taken seriously if we aren't prepared to do whatever it takes to get what we deserve," he added.

DIT director resigns

ONE OF DIT's most respected directors is to resign. The DIT Independent has learned that Dr David Gillingham, the Director of Academic Affairs, is to take up a new position as the Pro-Vice Chancellor in the University of Coventry.

DIT President Dr Brendan Goldsmith said he had learned with disappointment of the decision. "David was a close colleague and a wonderful ally. He brought a wealth of knowledge to DIT and was broad ranging in his academic experience.

"He had an in-depth knowledge of the international dimensions of the Institute and had a broad understanding of what higher education was about for DIT. He will be greatly missed."

It is expected the Director will leave the Institute early in the new year to take up his position.

DITSU President Sarah McGovern said she was saddened by the news.

"I have had a wonderful relationship with the director in my time as a sabbatical officer. He was hugely in favour of getting class reps involved in quality assurance of courses and he will be greatly missed," she added.

In his time at DIT, Dr Gillingham sat on a number of European Universities boards, including the Kolding Business School in Denmark and the Regents Business School in London. He was also a member of the Open University's validation board.

A spokesperson for Coventry University said they were delighted that Dr Gillingham was joining their academic directorate and were looking forward to working with him.

Earlier last month, a group of DIT Kevin Street lecturers voted a motion of no confidence in the DIT Directorate including Dr Gillingham. However Dr Goldsmith dismissed the motion.

"He was uniformly regarded as being one of the most helpful people in DIT, and this in no way tarnished his reputation," added the DIT President.
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Julie Martin - DIT Kevin Street and Aungier Street

Ciara Toomey - DIT Mountjoy Square, Cathal Brugha Street and Bolton Street

Opening Hours

DIT Kevin Street: 10am - 12.30am daily
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DIT Mountjoy Square: 3.00pm - 4.00pm (Monday)
10.30am - 11.30 am (Tuesday)

DIT Cathal Brugha Street: 2.15pm - 3.30pm (Thursday)

DIT Bolton Street: 9.30am - 11.45am and 1-2pm
(Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
10.30am - 11.30am and 1-1.30 (Tuesday)
9.30am - 12.45pm (Tuesday)
Defending your life as a student

Opinion by Elaine Larkin

Sometimes admitting to being a student can be a bit embarrassing, but first know the scenario. You’re in a bar and that friend of a friend, working in that large multi-national financial institution, somewhere on Baggot Street, roars across the crowd and asks you in your ear:

“Do you have what it takes to rise another level?”

“I’m doing... course in DIT,” you answer. The pub is a bit noisy, but your friend hears you. “You what?” they roar back, pointing at their ears. You realise they can’t hear you.

“I’m a student!” you shout. Suddenly there is a full conversation, all goes quiet. The man turns around and looks you up and down, that mean little eyes calculating how much tax they’ve paid, how much of it has gone on your education. All the six people sitting in the immediate vicinity think that they have paid for the vodka and Red Bull you are gulping down.

A diverting way to go about it. “Student” you can hear the mutter, but it’s the way they pronounce it (STEW-DENT with a light throat and narrowed eyes) that is nearly more degrading than what happens next. The total stranger sitting right beside you strikes up a conversation.

“Yeah I’m preparing a paper on DIT, know any good sources?”

They have a million and one ways to describe students such endearing terms as “ungrateful whingers,” “spongers,” “weaslers,” “no-hopers,” “lazy good-for-nothings,” and “tight-fisted” ranking as the most popular.

Don’t bother trying to explain that no you don’t get the grant and that your parents pay tax too, and that you have to pay £278 just to register. You don’t really know it all or where it goes, but it’s called education fee. People living in the real world just don’t understand you may have to pay £278 out of your own pocket. £278 that used to be a meagre £150 in 1996, when fees done away with. They don’t care that that wouldn’t even get you a manky little bedsit in Rathmines. The fact of the matter is, students are under-paid.

And if you do get the grant, people in the real world think it is generous. “They should be paid more,” they say. “That’s why we have to pay taxes.” They think it is unfair that they spend the tax they’ve paid has already left the country. You

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By Independent Reporter

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“The point?”

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Ahern launches MA course

By Rachel Healy

A PIONEERING masters degree in environmental health risk management was launched by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern on October 11.

The course, based in Cathal Brugha Street, is the first of its kind in Ireland and according to organisers will "reflect a growing emphasis on environmental health issues".

In his speech, the Taoiseach said such a course was vital for both the health and safety and the tourism industry.

"Unplanned incidents which affect the health and well being of the population and the environment deservedly make international headlines. Courses like this one will give graduates the skills they need to prevent such incidents and minimise risks of major disasters."

He added incidents such as the Paddington rail crash and the BSE crisis had "shaken public confidence in our ability to protect quality of our safety and environmental controls." According to Michael Mulvey, Director of the Faculty of Tourism and Food, the course represents an increasing emphasis on environmental health issues.

He acknowledged DIT’s role in addressing this and added "DIT is continuously mindful of the society which it serves and of the dynamic relationship which exists between industry and academia."

"Industry and Government increasingly recognise the need to develop appropriate strategies to control significant risks to consumers, employers, products and the environment."

He also added graduates will be trained to identify, access and develop appropriate strategies to control significant risks to employers, products and the environment.

Taoiseach Bertie Ahern at the launch of the MA in Environmental Health Risk Management

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"It's something I have been wanting to do for a while. Everybody loves PlayStation, so something like this gives DIT students a chance to compete at another level," he added. The computer and video games societies in Kevin Street and Cathal Brugha Street are planning to hold inter site PlayStation competitions with the 'Tekken' programme during November to try and develop site teams and individual site champions.

Sites would play against each other on a league basis to become overall DIT champions in a grand final before Christmas. Interested students would be able to register by coming to play on the days advertised in local campuses.

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The events are being sponsored by Bank of Ireland, Sony Ireland, Planet Murphy and Gamesworld, the Liffey Street based computer games store. So according to the Kevin Street officer, the only question that remains is are you good enough?"
**The Overall View**

**CAN 99 film festival revived**

By Natasha Reid

A SHOWCASE of short films produced by film students in DIT were aired to a capacity crowd in DIT Aungier Street on Wednesday, October 13, which included dignitaries from the film and broadcasting industry as well as current and former DIT students.

The film festival was launched in 1998 after a lapse of several years. It was organised by Graeme O’Rourke, manager of the Media Production Unit in DIT to establish links with industry, arts organisations and film institutes.

“Putting their work on the wide screen helps enable students to find future employment and to encourage co-productions with production units,” said the unit manager.

Speaking at the event, Dr Ellen Hazekorn, Director of the Faculty of Applied Arts, said the event was an attempt to get the students interacting with the media industry.

“CAN99 is a confidence builder for graduates. It’s important to accredit their hard work and dedication,” she added.

According to Hazekorn, the idea for a film festival started in the early 80s, during the formative years of then communications diploma.

“It was the start of the development of DIT’s communications diploma,” she said.

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**Night at the Arts**

APPLIED Arts students from across DIT were treated to an evening of cultural entertainment in Rathmines on October 29.

The event was organised by the faculty as an orientation evening for first year students, according to instructor Padraig O’Gualainn.

“It was an attempt to introduce the students to a variety of cultural themes and ideas from right across the whole spectrum of what DIT has to offer,” he continued.

The evening included performances from music students in Chatham Row who gave a recital and acting students who performed a scene from a play.

The event was organised as both an evening of entertainment, according to faculty sources, and was a tremendous success.

This was the first year the evening took place and the organizers say they plan to continue running it in the future.

Sarah McGovern

NOVEMBER is upon us and with the advent of the new DIT Independent, we hope you like the new look of the paper and we welcome any comments you may have.

In the aftermath of Fresher’s Week, I can say as I’m sure you had a good time, if you didn’t, you didn’t get to let your local union officers know and make some comments.

I am very happy to welcome all the new part-time officers who were elected in October to the students’ union executive. A special welcome goes to the new welfare officer/deputy president in Aungier Street, Alan Coleman. These part-time officers work closely with the full-time Sabbatical officers on issues which affect you.

The USR met well and we were glad to see that over half of the total number of students were from Dublin.

To those who marched thank you very much, to those of you who didn’t we will be expecting your support later in the year for campaigns of our own.

This week saw our first meeting of DIT council which is the supreme policy making body of the union.

All the councillors are either elected students, class reps or are officers of the union. If you would like to get involved and get a closer look at the politics of the union contact your local SU office. DITSU council is a working council and if you come along to a meeting you will see the type of work the Sabbatical officers do. You might even see some of the union in action before your very eyes.

Bye for now - Sarah

**Unions to cause headaches for DIT**

By Thomas Felle

AS THE latest rounds of talks between the social partners begin, a DIT union official has warned staff in the Institute would be looking to the union for support later in the year for campaigns of our own.

The union official told the DIT Independent that up until now affiliate union officers have been tied until now with both the Partnership for Learning and the Institute’s council.

“Our own unique workshops, These are areas which we will want addressed in the coming year,” added the representative.

Earlier this year porters and general maintenance staff threatened strike action over pay and conditions, and last month a strike was narrowly averted when the Labour Relations Commission intervened in a lecturers’ dispute.

There has also been some concern recently that following the nursing strike, teaching unions may mount a challenge to the Government for further pay increases outside the PCW.

At a meeting of TU members in DIT Kevin Street last month, lecturers voted a motion of no confidence in the DIT directorate.

Currently, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions is deciding whether or not to enter a new round of partnership agreements with the current PCW.

The two main unions representing staff in the college are the Teachers Union of Ireland (TUI) and SIPTU, both of which are affiliated to the ICTU.

It is widely expected, however, that there will be more social partnership agreements.

Teachers may mount challenge for further pay increments

By Rachel Devlin

A MAJOR celebration of classical music is to take place in DIT.

The Frederick Fennell Band Festival will be held on Friday, November 5 at 8pm and is the first event of its kind in the college.

Chairman-row lecturer William Halpin is the main organiser of the event. According to Halpin, the cream of American conductors are invited to coach and conduct during the festival to gain insight into the little-known world of the Wind Band.

"Frederick Fennell, founder of the American Wind Ensemble and conductor laureate of the Tokyo Kosei Wind Orchestra, Jeffrey Renshaw, conductor of the University of Connecticut Concert Winds Ensemble, and Thomas Duffy, composer and conductor of the Yale University Concert Band, are just a few of the unique opportunities there is to know and just a few of the 'main genre' he added.

This will be the first time the wind ensemble octet has performed in Ireland. According to Halpin, the chance to have a chance to do this and lecture is an opportunity that he accepts.

"At his ripe old age Dublin is a treat for Europe. It has been a second chance."

The weekend's intensive training programme will run in Friday night and this will be conducted by William Halpin, the principal conductor, as well as the Fenenn, Renshaw and Duffy trio.

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**Classical music festival**

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Students across the country in a bird of solidarity told the Government what they thought of fees by the back door, incredible standards of student accommodation and inadequate maintenance grants on October 27. And rightly so. Indeed, the protest march allowed students went their anger and frustration at an education system which seemed to pay little heed to their feelings. A single representative of the main opposition, and similar representation from fringe parties was hardly cross party support for what is essentially a fundamental right. That is why a march such as this one combined with a massive media campaign will definitely ruffle feathers in Government buildings. One student voice can often turn into three when it is the mother and father who help support that student. Thanks to an election system that makes sure parish pump politics will outline all, TDs don’t want another bad egg in the basket when knocking on the doors. For a march that got the support it deserved from students within this Institute is to be commended.

DT students joined in this protest against a society that is growing more and more capitalist by the day. A strong show of support in favour of increasing maintenance grants to make them in line with dole payments is not a ridiculous suggestion. In essence, what the Government are saying is that it is perfectly OK to draw the dole and live off the State, and get housing assistance and a number of other handouts, but don’t decide to do something of your life and work three nights a week to put yourself through an increasingly expensive and complex free education system, you are to be condemned and are to receive little more than pocket money, which gives absolutely nowhere to meeting soaring costs of accommodation in Dublin.

Indeed asking the Government to invest in student housing is not something to be derided, either it is unreasoned to expect a students unions to fork out millions to try and house the multitudes of students stepping on friend’s couches. It is said that that is being met with little to no resources that are already required to finance much needed welfare schemes within the college system which could only strain on budgets.

But most importantly of all, the abolition of fees for three levels of the Faculty of Business was a landmark decision by the then Education Minister, former Labour Deputy Niamh Breathnach. However, the reason was to be the Government’s decision to introduce all the, cute “hoseins” of the civil service and who didn’t get a job, had to almost double and will no doubt GCleave fees through the back door, in due course.

It was a day for DT to be proud of, as the students of the Institute made up at least 60% of the total student attendance of the crowd. Conservative estimates put the attendance at about 4,000, which may not seem much when you look at the overall membership of the USA.

However, it is indeed a grand figure considering the amount of students who travelled from even the smallest of colleges to attend the rally, DT students in particular having something very special to be proud of. They led the general band of students and their voice was as one as the familiar chant of the initial cluster echoed around their true campus: The bliss was to be short lived. Capitation fees were in the order of the day all round.

Students were right to down tools, on Wednesday. There was some concern and even dispute amongst some of the DTIE independent students, from the Faculty of Business will be expected the Faculty of Business made up at least 50 per cent of the total student population within the Institute for the 1999/2000 academic year.

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By Tom Tuite

A TEAM of five public relations students from DIT Aungier Street has won a top European public relations award.

The award, the CERP Communication Challenge, which is run by the European Public Relations Federation, aims to create a cross cultural campaign for the EU to demonstrate the advantages of the Information Society. The prize for the winners was EUR10,000 (£7,785).

The five students, Karen Cunningham, Sandra Hogan, Maurice Kelly, Sinead Ni Mhaille and Kathy Tynan all came from the MA class in public relations. The contact is Francis Xavier Carty.

In taking part in the awards, the students made a presentation in February to colleagues and PR experts in Brussels at the start of OUP. The entry to the CERP Challenge dealt with the benefits that the information age has in a cross cultural community. The PR students were motivated by their feeling that the agricultural community throughout the EU is missing out on the benefits of the information age. With much of Europe embraces new technologies, the farming community is lagging behind. There is a genuine risk of a two-tier society developing within the EU that would further entrench economic and social differences that goes against the very essence of the EU, said student, Karen Cunningham. Each team had to prepare and submit a 25-page proposal document with illustrations and a 20-minute presentation on video tape or CD.

In their proposal, the DTIE team proposed many strategies whereby farmers could be made aware of what modern information technology could do for them. They also examined how this could be accomplished. They recommended that an extensive PR campaign should be undertaken to show farmers the benefits of modern information technology. This could be done through a comprehensive media campaign to bring the issue to the farming community’s attention.

“Political and economic lobbying be conducted at all levels and a quality branding scheme be awarded to farmers who use the information society to increase efficiency on their farms,” their proposal said.

“This,” the proposal continued, “would provide an incentive to farmers that are not aware of the advantages of information technology. This would also offer a reward to those who already avail of these facilities”.

According to the preliminary jury in Brussels, they were impressed by the content and presentation of the proposal, CERP, founded in 1999, is a confederation of European national public relations associations. The Public Relations Institute of Ireland joined CERP in 1998.
focus on ... elections

AUNGIER STREET

SABBATICAL ELECTION

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Total Poll: 605
Spoils: 91
TVP: 514
Quota: 268
Alan Coleman: 333
Niema Pakenham: 76
RON: 5

Alan Coleman deemed elected, having reached the quota.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Desire Stapleton

Total poll: 614
TVP: 514
Yes: 409
No: 45
RON: 60
Candidate deemed elected.

BOLTON STREET

ENTERTAINMENT

Candidates: Stephen O’Byrne, Emma Byrne
Total Poll: 232
Spoils: 11
TVP: 221
Quota: 112
Stephen O’Connor: 121
Emma Byrne: 82
RON: 18
Stephen O’Connor elected on the first count.

APPRENTICE OFFICER

Kate Mealey, Colin Sharkey
Total Poll: 240
Spoils: 11
TVP: 229
Quota: 115+1
Kate Mealey: 142
Colin Sharkey: 72
Kate Mealey deemed elected on the first count, having reached the quota.

CLUBS AND SOCIETY

Padraig Gaffney
Total Poll: 233
Spoils: 7
TVP: 226
Yes: 184
No: 31
Deemed elected.

EQUALITY OFFICER

Michael Abrahamson
Total Poll: 229
Spoils: 5
TVP: 223
Yes: 153
No: 55
RON: 15
Deemed elected.

MOUNTJOY SQUARE

Arms and Design Officer

Total Poll: 391
Spoils: 8
TVP: 383
Quota: 192
Ann Leary: 150-4
Ruth Harrell: 162+4
RON: 31

Elimination of RON - Non Transferable 24

Annette Leary elected on second count.

IRISH LANGUAGE OFFICER

Total Poll: 387
Spoils: 12
TVP: 379
Quota: 191
Colin Brosnan: 193
Shenish Waters: 163
Michael O’Loughlin: 95

2nd Count

Elimination of Past
Non-transferable 30

Doyle + 20170
Walsh + 17172
Caroline Walsh elected, not having reached the quota.

PRO - Barry Keegan

Total Poll: 387
Spoils: 12
TVP: 386
Quota: 195
Keegan: 190
O’Reilly: 172
RON: 25
Redistribution of RON
Barry Keegan elected.

ENTERTAINMENT

Total Poll: 389
Spoils: 8
TVP: 381
Quota: 191
Hugh O’Dwyer: 26
Mark Greene: 142
Ann O’Sullivan: 192
RON: 21

Waters elected having reached the quota.

KEVIN STREET

PRO - Caltriona De Chaudmont
Total Poll: 190
Spoils: 13
TVP: 177
Yes: 117
No: 44
RON: 16

5th Count

Elimination of RON
Distribution of RON 25
Non-transferable 20
O’Lochlainn +6 161
Waters +2 165
Brosnan +93

3rd Count

Eliminate Brosnan
Non-transferable 57
Waters +50 195
O’Lochlainn +26 127
Waters elected having reached the quota.

CLUBS AND SOCIETY

Darragh Buckley
Total Poll: 390
Spoils: 10
TVP: 380
Yes: 380
No: 10
RON: 27

CATHAL BRUGHA STREET

CLUBS AND SOCIETY

JP McKenna
Total Poll: 180
Yes: 140
No: 39
RON: 5

ENTERTAINMENTS - Alan Wolfe
Total Poll: 187
Spoils: 5
TVP: 182
Yes: 167
No: 15
RON: 7

CLUBS AND SOCIETY

Mark Smyth
Total Poll: 186
Spoils: 6
TVP: 182
Yes: 147
No: 22
RON: 12

QUALITY OFFICER - Orla Burke
Total Poll: 187
Spoils: 7
TVP: 180
Yes: 155
No: 19
RON: 6

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Motion passed by 75.25%
New procedures to ensure greater security

By Thomas Felle

This year for the first time in DITSU elections, a completely independent body of students was garnered to run the counts.

Chief Returning Officer, former DITSU President Colin Joyce said this move was made to take away any doubt that there may be any interference in elections.

"It is a move forward for DITSU and removes any doubt that elections are not completely impartial," he said.

There is no suggestion that in the past there were any irregularities in the election supervision process.

Currently, a group of students are elected each year to a high level election supervisory committee, made up of the chairpersons of the site class representative bodies, the overall DITSU President and other elected members.

No student who is running for election may sit on the committee.

The main change this year however is that an independent Chief Returning Officer has been appointed.

In the past this position had been filled by the General Secretary of the organisation.

In his official statement, the Chief Returning Officer said he was very satisfied with the election process.

"We have a new counting staff this year and I would like to be able to use the same staff again in the future."

"It will mean they will be more proficient and will be able to get through the job more quickly," he added.

Counting in the sabbatical by-election and the part-time officer election began shortly after 9am on October 21, in the count centre in Gleeson Hall, and much of the counting had been completed before lunchtime.

DITSU President Sarah McGovern, commenting on the low turnout in the elections in some sites, said she was disappointed more people did not use their democratic right not vote.

New Deputy President

ALAN Coleman is the new deputy president/welfare officer for DIT Aungier Street. 26-year-old Alan lives in Dun Laoghaire and up until now was repeating his second year of a degree in Business studies in the college. Alan has always been involved with student activities in the college, although he says it was at a bottom up level. "I was the class rep in first year and I was involved in running the indoor football club, one of the biggest clubs in the College, last year," he says.

Alan says he ran because he felt that although the current students' union is doing a good job, there were lots of ways in which they could do more. "That is what I want to do: more," he adds.

One of Alan's biggest campaigns is to move the new traditional Wednesday night out to a different location.

"Planet Murphy is great for a night out, but in reality it is too big for Aungier Street. In Serokans, Aungier Street, people were able to mix together as a college, that's something that just doesn't happen in Planet Murphy."

The sabbatical officer also added that students were in favour of such a move. "From talking to students on the ground, there is definitely a feeling that a move would be in our best interests," he concluded.

Alan takes over the position which was left vacant until now as no one ran for the position in the March elections.

... elections

Elections show apathy among student population

Opinion by Thomas Felle

RECENT results from part time officer elections point to huge apathy amongst the student population. The election results speak for themselves. A situation wherein one campus 16 people ran for six positions is to be commended. An vibrant interest in student welfare, campaigns, politics and all the other things that go with being a part time officer is enthralling. Comadians and the elected officials are to be congratulated for having gone through an enormous election process. However, not all campuses have such dedicated students.

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This is not a problem that rests solely within Aungier Street's jurisdiction however. All but the Comadians had relatively little interest in running for office. Kevin Street, managed to fill each position unopposed, while Bolton Street and Rathdrum had failed to do so to date. Why so are students becoming more and more self interested?

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Students pack the streets

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Des Garaghy, vice-president of SIPTU also addressed the crowd and said he was delighted students had decided to take a stand.

"Investment in education is vital if this country is to continue to grow at its current rate and we are delighted to lend out support to it," he added.

Earlier in the afternoon, there was a stand-off between members of the socialist workers, group and stewards policing the event. According to USI, the rally was organised to be strictly non political.

"There was a feeling they were trying to ambush the event," a spokesperson added. The march started from Mountjoy Square on time and continued down O'Connell Street, around Trinity College and arrived at Molesworth Street shortly before 3pm.

Afterwards, the masses were entertained by the band Junkster who waived their fee for the event.

Mary O'Neill looks at the root causes of the disease

TB is usually an infection of the chest (or lungs) but can sometimes affect other parts of the body. It is caused by an invisible germ known as the Tubercle Bacillus. About 600 people get TB in Ireland each year.

TB is spread through the air from someone with the infectious type of TB. It can also be caused by drinking unpasteurised milk from cows with TB. It is not a particularly infectious disease, the chance of developing it is only about one in 10.

The most common symptom of TB is a cough which lasts for a few weeks, which can be accompanied with phlegm stained with blood. Other symptoms are breathlessness, loss of weight, loss of appetite, night sweats or general tiredness.

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The sun shone the following morning and we knew we were over the worst. We landed in Warsaw the next day after sleeping on a night train to Poland, which was jammers, and made the loo a little bit more hassle than it was worth. When we arrived we didn't know what to expect. Misconceptions of a war-torn communist country plagued our minds, but having not washed for days we could think of only one thing - Shhhhhoooonnnwwwweerrrm.

Our journey from the station to our youth hostel was debatable. The city looked shabbily compared to Hamburg, but it was so sunny and warm that day it looked a nice kind of shabbily.

Our youth hostel was a kid's orphanage during the school term, and the little old lady that answered the door was like an angel sent from heaven. She showed us to this really nice room decorated in kids drawings and Mr. Donalds happy meal houses. Paradise.

The old town of Warsaw was just full of character and characters. It was a Saturday when we arrived, which set brides and grooms loose all over the city. Couples would just line up outside the Roman Catholic churches waiting to be wed; it was such a merry little place. Everybody was out celebrating.

Kids watched street plays while grown-ups rooted through the market stalls, all set on a backdrop of beautiful nineteenth century buildings untouched by the war. The fact that everything was so cheap was an added bonus so it was time to loosen the budget.

Our first meal in days was a refreshing change from sandwiches and the beer went down very well.

The most amazing street performance took place outside our youth hostel that night. Fireworks and bright lights were used to capture the audience's hearts and minds in an illustration of good and evil, with powerful modern dancers accruing to the sounds of classical music. You will encounter nothing like it in your life.

Krakow was two hours away on the train in the south of Poland, another amazing city that had a younger spirit than Warsaw, but older in architecture.

We drove Auschwitz that was another two hours away, and took a train that reflected the type you'd see in WWI documentaries. It was so hot that day that the doors of the rusty train were left open. Auschwitz was a ghost town with two shops and a pub.

We walked up to the concentration camp feeling nauseous from the horror of what we were about to see. The feeling of horror and bitterness almost screamed when you entered. It was just horrific, especially the furnaces.

It was definitely a shocking experience that doesn't really hit you at the time, but later becomes more of a reality.

Running out of money fast we had to decide our route for the next week.

Prague was a definite maybe, and filled all our expectations. Cheap beer, good nightlife and so picturesque. We were in our element for the next couple of days.

We visited all the usuals, Charles's Bridge, Prague Castle, The Powder Tower, St. George's Basilica, churches, pubs, clubs, and more pubs. It was a dream and just what you need to work up an appetite for Berlin's Love Parade.

Another completely outrageous event that lifts your spirits and pulls your energy into a humming crowd, dancing free to the sound of a love bug, buzzing around the streets of Berlin. Madness!

Prague had to be revisited again, then onto Slovakia then Austria.

We were all freedom fighters until our money had run out, but our quest for survival on £300 took us further than we ever imagined.

Inter-railing is living. But you have to live it yourself to get the true taste of it.

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SMOKERS DIE YOUNGER
Irish Government Warning
Music Oscars in Dublin

By Elaine Larkin

Last month it was announced that youth audiences across Dublin will now have access to a new station to tune into from the beginning of next year. On October 11th, the Independent Radio and Television Commission (IRTC) awarded Spin FM a license to broadcast to the youth of the city from the year 2000 on.

The consortium behind Spin FM is headed by Radio 2000, the company responsible for the station tune in to the future, which has to be introduced and planned, the top 40

Disc nation

As another local radio license is granted, Ray Foley looks at what's on offer for those students who like to listen while they work

The stations broadcasting in Dublin are:

- ABC FM on 87.6FM, with a varied musical output; RTE Radio 1 on 91.5FM, with the Morning Show, Jazz FM on 90.9FM, with the Jazz and Hip Hop Show;
- Hits 106 on 90.4FM, with your favourite love songs; 2FM on 90.7FM, Larry Gogan’s stamping ground; Freedom FM on 92.5FM, with pop and dance hits; Relix FM on 92.6FM, with Irish music, Premiere FM on 92.6FM, playing the oldies (4 hour Larry’s);
- 2FM on 94.5FM, with the big hits; Nova Dance on 94.9FM, with club and dance; Kicks FM on 96.6FM, playing pop and dance hits, RTE's 96FM on 97.7FM, with the classic; Power FM on 97.2FM, with underground music; 98FM on 98.1FM, The Sound Of The City - Essential Galaxy on 98.5FM and 105.9FM, playing dance music, Radio Dublin on 100.0FM, with country and Irish music, Premiere FM on 100.2FM, with Irish music;
- C101.3 Automatic, on 101.3FM, with the talk, 92.9FM carries Radio na Gaeltachta The national Gaelic Sound FM 90.5FM and 94.9FM with top 40 music; Flash FM on 94.1FM with more oldies; ABC Dublin is on 94.5FM, with the big hits; Nova Dance on 94.9FM, with club and dance; Kicks FM on 96.6FM, playing pop and dance hits, RTE's 96FM on 97.7FM, with the classic; Power FM on 97.2FM, with underground music; 98FM on 98.1FM, The Sound Of The City - Essential Galaxy on 98.5FM and 105.9FM, playing dance music, Radio Dublin on 100.0FM, with country and Irish music, Premiere FM on 100.2FM, with Irish music;
Grant run out? Always strapped for cash? Have an alcohol dependency problem that you really need to fund? Looking for a job? Rachel Collins takes a look at what jobs are out there

The time has finally arrived. All the money you’ve been saving over the summer has disappeared in a flash of smoke. In order to further your career as a student you need money, and fast. The solution? GET A JOB!

O.K. so maybe it sounds easier than it actually is to find employment (the type that pays top dollar, yet doesn’t interfere with social life)

But fear not, the DIT Independent has done all the hard work for you in finding a number of jobs to suit all student types.

Right, so you’re settled on the idea of life in the workforce. Now it’s time to look at what jobs you’re suited to.

Incidentally you’ll find yourself emptying up all the old faithfuls - McDonalds, Dunnes Stores, the local pub and restaurant. Not a route to do a really bad job, but accessible, flexible jobs nonetheless.

Many of Ireland’s finest graduates would have been cast aside by the ‘social life wayward’ had it not been for the odd Friday night dishing out Big Mac’s to the hordes on Grafton Street.

While working in some ultra hip nightclub or pub in the city centre sounds like a job to die for, you have to remember a few things.

These places are great to get to on a Friday night, the service is great, the atmosphere is electric, the punters in great form. But put yourself on the other side of the bar before you race in for an application form.

The pay is usually pretty good - anywhere from £4 to £5 per hour (depending on the type of job you do) but generally have to work a minimum of 20 hours a week in pubs and clubs.

This usually manages to wipe out your Friday and Saturday night, along with at least one week night (remember, college waits for no man, so will you be able to make it in the next morning?)

Also, this great service you receive as a customer is usually down to extremely hardworking staff - don’t be hauled into thinking you can stop for the odd pint with your friends and…

And finally, just remember the time you’ve laughed at people lurking around the club, ending up in a corner depositing their dinner (carrots and all) in a neat little pile.

Well, from now on, you’ll be the one cleaning it up - not so glamorous after all, is it?

Shop work is another, more sociable type of part-time work. The hours are generally shorter and earlier and closing times mean you’ll be out of there in time for last orders (unless you opt for a 24 hour opening).

The pay depends greatly on the type of shop, the shifts you work and the area the shop is located in. But beware, due to early closing, earlier starts are necessary, so shop work is not really suitable if your lectures finish late in the afternoon/evening.

Clothes shops fall into the same deceptive category as pubs and clubs. Yes, the clothes may be fabulous, but when you’re folding them for the umpherth time in an hour they lose much of their appeal.

Many clothes stores require their staff to wear the store’s clothes to work - sounds nice, but you usually have to buy them yourself, which will eat away at your earnings in no time. (Although staff discounts generally help to cover some of the cost).

The Spar and Centra brigade have been taking over every street corner in Dublin over the last few years. They are very receptive to student applications and offer reasonable working hours, with pay falling into the £3.50 - £5 category.

Uniforms are provided in most outlets (always a bonus!) and the work itself is pretty easy. Dunnes Stores, with oodles of outlets all over the city, is a great way to make extra money for students.

Think of all those thousands of shelves that need packing every day!

Again, the work is basic and you’ll be trained into whatever position you are given. The pay is pretty good (£3.50 an hour and upwards) and as an added bonus for students from the country, Dunnes are always willing to let you transfer to a different branch over the holidays and vice versa.

Uniforms and subsidised canteens tend to give students that extra push for application forms.

Finally waiting/waitressing have long been the friend of the penniless student.

With hundreds of restaurants, cafes and pubs serving food in every area of the city, you’d be hard pushed not to find a suitable employer.

The work can be physically strenuous (especially after a taxing day doing in lecture theatres) and the pay is not always top notch (some of Temple Bar’s more popular haunts are paying staff a mere £3 an hour) but tips can bump up your wages considerably (Tipp: Kafe Moka is great for big tips)

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**The job from hell**

I went for an interview that ended up lasting over 40 minutes. It was really in depth and over the top - he was asking me what books I read and over the top - he was asking me what books I read out. I mean, I was only going for a waitressing job!

The job from hell

The pay was £2.50 per shift if I turned up on time, £3.70 extra £2.50 per shift if I turned up on a Friday night, the hours were generally shorter and earlier which was a bit much, especially with college, but I needed the money.

On my first night I went in and was met by someone from the restaurant. They led me into the restaurant and right out again. They wash-up area. I was told that everyone was too busy to train me, so I’d have to stay there for a while, I thought a white meant half an hour.

I spent the entire shift washing dishes (5 hours) and only got a 10 minute break during the night.

Another girl working with me told me that the only way to get out of working there was to do a really bad job, they couldn’t leave you there.

After getting a job as a waitress I was expected to wash dishes for 25 hours a week.

I went into town the next day and got a job in a newspaper’s earning more than £1 extra per hour. That was the last they saw of me!

**The job from heaven**

Ronan, a third-year Engineering student has been working for ‘Thirsty’ car rental in Dublin Airport since August

Initially earning a salary of £200 per week, for full time work, including a free car for his trouble, Ronan now works part-time in order to “fit in his studies”.

Three shifts a week see him coming out with over half his full time pay and (here’s the sickening bit) he still has his free car!

“It’s a great job really. Especially now that it’s part-time, I earn £120 per week and still have my car.

The work is easy - I just drop cars off, pick them up and show people to their rented cars.

Obviously, a driver’s license is essential, but other than that, you only have to be polite and willing to drive all over Dublin!

And if you think that you need to pull hundreds of strings to land a job like this - think again.

Ronan found his job “just walking in and asking them if they needed anyone.”

Pretty nice, huh? Not that I’m jealous...

Remember

A great way to find jobs near to your college is on the jobs notice board in your Students’ Union, or alternatively, DIT have a great website called jobsin which is changed weekly and keeps you up to date on job offers for students and graduates alike.

Find it on www.dit.ie/admin/careers/jobsearch.html

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Mary O’Neill samples some of the more interesting clubs and societies that DIT students can join

The Beer Appreciation Society

Although the idea of physics and astronomy may seem daunting to the lay person, Jarlath is adamant that a prior knowledge of physics is unnecessary. "Anyone can join up - not just science students. It’s an unusual society and I’d like to grow." 

HONDY

Another unusual society to emerge from Kevin Street is the "Hondy" Society, established by Dave Hession. Vincent Dooley, Kevin Street S.U. President explained the story behind the name. "There’s this really odd CD in the jukebox in the snacker, with a song on it called ‘Hondy’. One of the students discovered it and it was literally played all day every day after that. So Dave and a few others set up the ‘Hondy’ Society with a view to seeking alternative forms of entertainment.

FINDING THE CASH

It is rumoured there have been a number of reports to the gardaí in the past few weeks regarding thefts on Temple St., in the vicinity of the Temple Theatre. They are, it is claimed, attracted to the music and cheap drink, not to mention the potential love prospects at ‘Missing In Action’, the intercollege student night out.

The beer appreciation society has set up a co-ordinator to manage the society, and has been successful in raising money for the society. However, the society has yet to secure a venue.

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Des Bishop (MC)
A native New Yorker exiled to Ireland in the latter years of his adolescence, Des’s attitude towards his adopted country has been described as “aggressively observational”. Having performed in the BBC New Comedy Awards at Dublin’s Gaiety Theatre in 1997 and Channel 4’s “So You Think You’re Funny?” competition at the 1998 Edinburgh festival, Des recently travelled home to perform at New York’s premier Comedy Club “Carolines”.

Bob Reilly
At just 23 years of age Bob Reilly has already amassed an impressive collection of comedy silverware. Voted best newcomer at the Dublin Comedy Awards in 1996, he was also a winner in the Tetley’s Tea Comedy Competition in 1997, and appeared in the finals of the “So You Think You’re Funny?” Competition at the 1996 Edinburgh Festival. In 1998 Bob starred as one-third of the highly-acclaimed, best-of-Irish amash “Young Gifted and Green”.

Paddy C. Courtney
Described by The Scotsman as “looking suspiciously like Gary Oldman after a few months spent on a crash diet of bagels and chips”, Paddy has brought his endearing mix of charm and sarcasm to three Edinburgh Fringes, the Kilcomney Cat Laughs Festival, various Murphy’s Unagaged spots, and the Dublin Fringe Festival. He has also just taken over the job of resident MC at the Comedy Cellar in Dublin.

Mark Doherty - Headline
The man whom the Sunday Times has hailed as Irish comedy’s “brightest spark” has certainly been busy since he first came to prominence by winning the Dublin Comedy Cellar’s Best Newcomer Award some years back. In the past 12 months he’s brought his “deliciously off-kilter and surreal approach” to stand-up venues all over Ireland and the UK, passing only to write and perform in the second series of the RTE sitcom “Couched” with Barry Murphy.

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The Out-of-Towners

Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn team up again in this remake of a Neil Simon play. They play a couple who take a trip to New York in an effort to put some spark back into their 24-year-old marriage. However, the trip is jinxed with bad luck and misfortune. Also starring John Cleese. Released November 12th.

Fight Club

This controversial violent drama stars Edward Norton as Jack, an unhappy insomniac, who spends his meetings, even though there is nothing wrong with him. He meets Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt) who introduces him to the world of Fight Club, where average men gather and fight. The film is directed by David Fincher (Seven), and also stars Helena Bonham Carter. Released November 12th.

Office Space

During a therapy session an office worker is reborn and decides that he wants to fulfill his dream of having absolutely nothing to do. As a result he loses all sense of responsibility. This office comedy stars Ron Livingston, Gary Cole and Jennifer Aniston. Released November 12th.

EdTV

Matthew McConaghey plays Ed, an ordinary man whose life is put on television 24 hours a day. Things get complicated when he finds himself becoming attracted to his brother’s girlfriend. Also starring Woody Harrelson, Jenna Elfman, Martin Landau and Elizabeth Hurley. Released November 19th.

Brokedown Palace

This drama sees two American teenagers, played by Claire Danes and Kate Beckinsale, end up in a Thai prison on a drugs charge. Bill Pullman is the American lawyer trying to secure their release. Released November 19th.

Random Hearts

Harrison Ford plays a police sergeant who ends up having an affair with a Republican congresswoman (Kristin Scott Thomas), after their respective spouses, who had been having a secret affair, die in a plane crash. Released November 19th.

The World is not Enough

This movie needs little introduction. Pierce Brosnan returns as James Bond in the 19th film about the super spy. Robert Carlyle plays the villain Renard. Denise Richards plays Bond girl Christmas Jones. Also starring Sophie Marceau and John Cleese, the film is directed by Michael Apted (Gorillas in the Mist). Released November 26th.

Film Critic Deborah Condon takes a look at the upcoming releases on the big screen this month.

Experience in the Third Dimension @ IMAX

THE IMAX large screen theatre on Parnell St must be a complex alternate dimension; everyone knows where it is, but no one has ever been there to know exactly what is. Well, it’s a cinema with a really big screen, and a really big speaker system.

Up until recently, the IMAX™ has been screening movies in 2D, like ‘Everest’ and ‘Back to the Future’, which are simply 3D films on a big screen. You can go to the cinema for twice the time for the same price, and you won’t have to cringe your neck to see the entire image.

Recently however, the IMAX™ has presented two movies in 3D format, allowing the images to leave the screen, and come toward the audience. ‘Experience in the Third Dimension’ is their second 3D movie after ‘Into the Deep’, a 3D documentary about sea life.

The trailer for that one is quite impressive, with a shark swimming out of the screen right up to your nose.

‘Experience in the Third Dimension’ is the story of 3D film making, and the science of its roots throughout this century presented in a fun way.

It’s another documentary about a subject very few of us actually care to learn about. MAX the robot and the Professor take you on a 3D journey of the history of this art of filmmaking. They give you the daft glasses to wear, and the movie is in 3D for the full 50 minutes, which is really impressive.

However, who really cares about the history of 3D filmmaking? Give us a horror! Going to the IMAX will set you back a few quid, but if it means you get to see Salma Hayek as a school nurse...

The Faculty

The Faculty is yet another movie in a long line of 90’s horror flicks where we have the pleasure of seeing gorgeous girls and well-built guys being “gutted like fish” for our entertainment.

Starring Shawn Hatosy, Laura Harris, Josh Hartnett, Jordana Brewster, Clea Duvall, Elijah Wood and Salma Hayek, it boasts lots of lovely girls and guys and plenty of screams and gore.

The odd idea of an alien taking over the bodies of the teachers in a small-town high school is explained away by Wood, as he tells his co-star “They’ll strike where we least expect it. Then they’ll take over the world.”

There’s not much to it, but the frights are very effective, the who is the alien leader? theme is quite cool as we all try to work it out, and we get to see Salma Hayek as a school nurse. What more do you need? 7/10

Theatre/The Abbey

Dolly West’s Kitchen, an original play from Frank McGuinness, is set during the second World War in the small town of Buncrana in Co Donegal.

The action takes place in the kitchen of a small house where two American G.I.s, a British army captain, and the West family all share meals and battle it out over the war, the social structures of the day, and the place of the woman in the home.

They fall in and out of love, in and out of love....
A Few Good Men?

Sharon Commins dishes the dirt on what DIT students think of doing the dirt

"All guys are pigs. The end."

were the words of wisdom from a DIT male transport management student, when I queried about male affairs of the heart.

Stunned at the sheer conviction of his statement, my head swirling, my hopes shattered.

Hold the wedding alterations - dowry negotiations temporarily suspended.

An Augier Street inquisition was in order. Off with the moustache, mammoth look being so passe, and in with the Revlon Stayon All Day make-up.

To the canteen with me, to find out were all men really pigs.

My first encounter was with a hair deficient Colm Brophy; yes he's yes he is.

When I queried his faithfulness to partners, he retorted "Well that's a very broad question - I mean does she make the bed, a dedicated follower of fashion, oh out were all men really pigs.

Gingerly, I approached, in hope that he could restore my faith in mankind.

"No I'd never, ever, ever do the dirt", but before my sigh of relief was complete, he continued, "if she was standing here beside me". His lunch buddy added "Tis an utter disgrace" pause, "for you've met the right person".

Enter Cyndi Lauper's True Colours, and a warm fuzzy feeling in my tummy.

The ladies' faithfulness to partners, he reasoned "Well I wouldn't be going out with a guy in the first place if I intended doing the dirt" and "I'd break up before I'd resort to that sort of thing".

One Emma Dunne explained to me how in three years she had never been unfaithful, despite the fact that she was new her boyfriend continually was.

When I challenged the sincerity of her boyfriend's affection for her she ignored me completely. Further coaxing, bullying and eye-gouging proved fruitless.

The aspiration: to restore faith in men. The outcome: all men are pigs. The end.

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Crossword Challenge

Fancy yourself as a wizz on the crossword?

Well pit your brains against this Irish Independent crossword, and you can win tickets to HQ at The Hot Press Hall of Fame, Dublin's newest venue.

**ACROSS**

1. The kind of clubs that go with a swing (6)
2. Sects needing new order - I don't mean Sion (13)
3. Bikini, maybe, showing what is levied (5)
4. Metal fastener (6)
5. Solar turning-points are the hottest regions (7)
6. Coming to blows over a purse (5-8)
7. Eastern country disposed of in a will (6)
8. Dramatic platform (5)
9. Ancient Peruvians (5)
10. Interval (4-3)
11. Incompetent (9)
12. Mineral problem (5)
13. Minor problem (5)
14. In motion (5)
15. Hid (7)
16. Minor problem (5)
17. Piece of landed property (6)
18. Ancient Peruvians (5)
19. Pervençãos Carr's upset (6)
20. Cropped up (5)
21. Cinema worker (13)
22. Leeds (6)
23. Mendicant (6)

**QUICK CLUES**

1. Provocative perceptive under-standing, we hear (6)
2. Sirens needing new order - I don't mean Sion (13)
3. Bikini, maybe, showing what is levied (5)
4. Solar turning-points are the hottest regions (7)
5. Coming to blows over a purse (5-8)
6. Eastern country disposed of in a will (6)
7. Occupied by people in an acting capacity (6)
8. A piece from Bach I eventually manage successfully (7)
9. It's specially built for the services (6)
10. Be quiet about many people showing laziness (5)
11. Lacktender? (6)
12. A flower didn't stay in bed (5)
13. A flower didn't stay in bed (5)
14. A flower didn't stay in bed (5)

**DOWNS**

1. Poppy (6)
2. Religious groups (13)
3. Circular reef (5)
4. Hot areas (7)
5. Boxing (5-8)
6. Piece of landed property (6)
7. Dramatic platform (5)
8. A stunt? (7)
9. A stunt? (7)
10. Small church (6)
11. Idleness (5)
12. Public speaker (6)
13. Cropped up (5)

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**Soccer stars strut their stuff**

By Sean Fay

DIT Aungier Street may have struck the first blow of the soccer season, when triumphing at the Annual Sports Day, but the serious business of the Irish Technical College’s Football Association (ITCFA) groups has yet to begin.

DIT have been recently holding trials in a bid to discover new talent.

Overall DIT manager Mickey Wyclan (Belton Street) will be watching fresher closely this season in the hope that he can improve on the squad that performed so credibly in the Institute’s first attempt at The Collingwood Cup.

The Cup is the most prestigious competition in Irish Third-Level soccer and was in the past restricted to Universities. However DIT were granted a place in last year’s competition and held their own.

After finishing second in their group the Institute went on to compete for the Collingwood Plate but were forced to rent out pitches and buses just to be able to compete in competition’s which drew up funds that should be spent on equipment.

Recently DIT players found themselves in the embarrassing situation of being the only college competing in the Collingwood Cup without a team track suit.

Trevor Tilley, a striker with DIT Aungier Street admitted “although better facilities would not necessarily attract more people to DIT it would encourage more students to take part in DIT Sport”.

He added that potential players used the constant trekking around the city for matches and training as an excuse for their “business”.

Many footballers of exceptional abilities would often have chosen to study courses at UCD, with the college playing in the National League, but it has been proven in recent years that players need not abandon their ambitions of playing at a higher level when choosing a course at DIT.

DIT students John Martin (UCD), Damien Davey (Bohemians), and Brian Ricardo (St Francis) are all attached to National League Clubs while Colin Kelly of Aungier Street has recently returned from a trial at English Premiership Club Coventry City.

This year the ultimate ambition for all DIT players must be to be picked for the ITCFA’s international side which is made up of the best players from the countries IT’s.

However such thoughts will have to be put to the back of players minds for now, as they concentrate on competing for their various campuses, before the institutes join together for the united team early next year.

**Rugby to take greater focus**

By Margaret Donnelly

THE DIT Sports Officer responsible for rugby has promised a shake up of the inter DIT colleges championship this year.

After last years disastrous turn out from colleges, Niamh O’Callaghan, Sports and Recreations Officer based in Dit Mountjoy Square, has said she plans to run the competition off in four weeks, beginning early November.

“The problem with the Gleeson Cup is that some of the colleges are now semester and some are not. Last year we had matches scheduled for December and January, when students were doing exams, which meant that matches had to be postponed. The whole thing dragged on too long and in the end it was a disaster.

This year we aim to do thing differently. All the league matches will be played off in November, when it doesn’t clash with exams or DIT games.

A final would then be played in February.”

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**Sporting calendar**

DIT has already started planning its sporting year and to date there are 13 events planned.

This year sees a wide variety of Inter College events scheduled for the next two months. The basketball, volleyball, and badminton cups are now underway with the first of the league games as is the Gleeson Rugby Cup. The calendar for the rest of the year sees women’s five-a-side kick off in November.

The swimming gala for freshers, Kevin St and DIT will also be held in November and sports will be suspended for the Christmas month.

The sports new year will begin with the martial arts open competition due to take place during January and February in the Sportslink Sports Centre.

The mixed indoor hockey cup, men’s seven-a-side rugby cup and women’s seven-a-side rugby cup will all take place in March.

The tennis and golf championships are being left for the summer sunshine of April and the final sports event of the year will be the DIT Sports Awards also scheduled for April.

Watch individual sports notice boards for venues and any changes.
Sports day far from impressive

THIS YEAR’S sports day was blessed with good weather and student enthusiasm but not much else.

More than 2,000 students arrived by the bus load to the ALSAA sports centre in Santry to be greeted by the lack of organisation that seems to hover around DIT sports events.

For students arriving on the first buses, which were running almost an hour late, the complete lack of organisation became apparent. Students were hanging around for another hour before anything was even ready to begin. Finally, audible voices on the PA system told where and when each event was to be held.

When the games finally kicked off the crowds swelled towards the soccer pitches to the extent that most were unable to even get a game. To be fair, such participation in the game was unprecedented and organisers even ready to begin. Finally, the day does however serve the purpose of introducing such talented individuals to the relevant sports officers involved with the particular disciplines.

But what about the rest of us? DIT sports day is after all a day of sport and recreation. It is designed to encourage people to get involved in sport, any sport, and to have fun.

Without doubt the fun events were a big hit with the non sporting enthusiasts as sumo wrestling, velcro wall climbing and gladiator-type games drew a constant stream of students who were out to enjoy themselves.

However, for the college side with a point from play, DIT ahead by a point. Murphy added a final DIT long range point from play. Murphy resulted in a...
All right, go if you must, but don't come back here pissed.