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Canteen.
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"Canteen Survey"

At the Annual General Meeting of the Students Union, October 28th, '94, many points were raised regarding the canteen and thus through discussions at Class Rep meetings it was decided that a survey of the canteen should be commissioned.

Points raised at the A.G.M. included

- the canteen was too expensive
- not big enough]
- price increases
- portion sizes
- standardisation of portions
- blandness of food
- vegetarian option
- price lists
- queuing.

In the previous academic year '93-'94 as a result of similar feelings at the A.G.M. and other forums a nine point plan was presented to Campbell Catering on the 30th of November 1993. The management of the canteen were both helpful and co-operative and the reply to the Student Unions plan was to the student bodies satisfaction.

The Survey was distributed on the 29th and 30th of November '94. The survey was randomly distributed and persons were asked among other things to return the survey (complete) to the Student Union office as soon as was possible. By Friday the 9th of December 137, completed surveys had been returned to the S.U. office.

A letter was sent by me to Ms. Mary Kennedy, manageress canteen D.I.T. Bolton and Mr. Michael Murphy, Acting President D.I.T. Bolton St requesting details regarding the leasing of the canteen. The reply to which was not very positive, in fact the request was refused and no explanation was given for this by Mr. Murphy.

It is hoped that the survey will be looked on as being fair and true and that any conclusions reached will be interpreted thus.

Aside:

The Document Campbells, the Acting College Director and your Class Rep have recieved is much more indept than what is contained in this newsletter. This is for reasons of space but feel free to contact the S.U. or your Class Rep. to see the full document.

Further details of the canteen shall be in the next edition of the "The Three Sheep" Which should be out within the next fortnight.

Yours in the struggle,

Ronan Haughey,
Site President,

D.I.T.S.U.,
D.I.T. Bolton st.,

Bolton st,
Dublin1.

PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL TOTAL SURVEYED

STAFF:	7%
STUDENTS:	93%
STUDENTS LIVING AT HOME:	56%
STUDENTS LIVING AWAY FROM HOME :	44%

WOULD YOU EAT THERE IF THE PRICES WERE REDUCED?

	YES	NO
Total	95.4%	4.6%
Students	95.9%	4.1%
Staff	89%	11%

IS IT AFFORDABLE FOR YOU TO EAT THERE?

Total	26.2%	73.8%
Students	20%	80%
Staff	67%	33%

DO YOU THINK THE CANTEEN SHOULD BE SUBSIDISED BY THE COLLEGE?

Total	85.6%	14.4%
Students	85.5%	14.5%
Staff	89%	11%

SHOULD YOU PAY MORE FOR BETTER QUALITY FOOD?

Total	27.6%	72.4%
Students	28.7%	71.3%
Staff	22%	78%

SHOULD STUDENTS PAY LESS THAN STAFF?

Total	74.1%	25.9%
Students	76.2%	23.8%
Staff	44%	56%

The results of this section of the survey are clearly definitive. There are no great differences of opinion between staff and students except where the question of affordability and higher prices for staff are concerned.

On the question of the canteen being subsidised by the college, this is a situation which has arisen elsewhere in colleges.

The canteen in University College Cork (which is run by Campbell Catering) offers its prices to students at prices which are cheaper than the staff prices.

As you will read later, the topics covered in the above were mentioned by many of those surveyed in the comments section

HOW OFTEN DO YOU EAT IN THE CANTEEN PER WEEK ?

	STUDENTS:	STAFF:	TOTAL:
ONCE	16.8%	30%	17%
2-3	34.4%	10%	34.3%
4-5	19.2%	40%	19.4%
6-7	16.8%	10%	16.8%
7+	4.8%	0%	4.7%
NEVER	7.2%	10%	7.4%
Other:	17% Hardly ever	83% 10 times	

STUDENTS:	QUALITY	QUANTITY	VARIETY
Very good	4%	4.7%	5.5%
Good	10.7%	19%	25%
Average	33%	41%	41.4%
Poor	43%	27.8%	20.3%
Very Poor	9%	7.5%	7.8%

STAFF:

Very good	0%	0%	0%
Good	10%	20%	12.5%
Average	50%	50%	50%
Poor	30%	20%	25%
Very poor	10%	10%	12.5%

Total

Very good	3.8%	4.3%	5.2%
Good	10.6%	18.7%	24.3%
Average	34%	41.7%	41.9%
Poor	42.2%	27.33%	20.6%
Very poor	9%	8%	8%

People were asked as to what they thought of the Quality, Quantity and Variety. The replies were varied, including terms like excellent, good, reasonable, average, poor, crap and many other pleasant and not so pleasant terms were used. For reasons of convenience, these terms were compiled under the following five headings: Very good, Good, Average, Poor, Very poor.

How much do you spend?

AMOUNT	STAFF	STUDENT	TOTAL
£0 - £1	11%	9.4%	9.6%
£1 - £2	11%	15%	14.7%
£2 - £3	22%	16.4%	15.4%
£3 - £4	11%	14.2%	14%
Other	44%	44%	46.3%
% of "other" who specified	£5-10: 68%;	£10-15: 26.3%;	£15-20: 3.5%; £20+ 1.75%

Other comments:

Many comments were made, some consisted of just a few words, other covered the whole back of the questionnaire. Comments varied from cost to overcrowding, tidiness, quantity, quality, price of butter, vegetarian options, and queuing procedures.

Comments included:

1st year student living at home:

"Sandwiches are terrible"

1st year student living at home:

"Tables and chairs not kept clean enough"

3rd year student living away from home:

"More specials"

3rd year student living away from home :

"The canteen does not offer student meals at student prices"

3rd year student living at home:

"They have very little competition - Campbells"

4th year student:

"Guys get bigger portions than girls"

2nd year living at home:

"The canteen is good but too expensive"

1st year living at home:

"Excellent canteen - serving purpose intended"

College staff:

"Campbells food is presented very well, that is the only comment I can pay them.

College staff:

"Menu pricing"

3rd year living at home:

"An idea would be to have a sandwich bar, where they are made there and then, cutting down on waste"

2nd year student:

"Better quantity, better quality, lower price"

3rd year living at home:

"Theme weeks are good"

2nd year living away from home:

"Cater for vegetarians"

2nd year living away from home:

"Not enough people clear their tables.

The above are an example of the comments made. The majority of comments were on the following:

1. Quality of Food.
2. Pricing
3. Sandwiches
4. Overcrowding.

The Canteen came in for serious criticism, some constructive but it is true to say that the vast majority of comments were more negative about the service being provided by Campbell Catering than positive.

Maybe this is because Campbells are not able to compete and provide a college friendly service. This is not the case. Prices in UCG, UL and UCC canteens which are run by Campbell Catering have many prices which suit students. Student meals in UCG, UL and UCC are cheaper than in Bolton Street. A student meal in Bolton street costs £1.75 in UL and UCC £1.55 and UCG £1.45. Many products vary in price and in UCC the canteen is subsidised by the college and by higher staff prices.

Surely there is much room for improvement and the figures and comments found in this document back up and reinforce this point.

There will be proposals from the Students Union on the direction that needs to be taken to improve the canteen for all. These proposals shall be representative of the results of this survey.

**BIKES CLASS
ARE REPS.
STOLEN. MAKE
WHY?... CHANGE
..... HAPPEN**

Bicycles get

STOLEN

Wallets are

TAKEN

Jackets go

MISSING

BEWARE OF

THIEVES

**CLASS REPS are
part of the decision
making process.**

If your Class does not have a
REP then it will not be
benefitting like a CLASS
with an active REP.

Make sure your class gets its say.

INTERESTED?

Contact Alison or Ronan.

A B.ST.S.U.MESSAGE

R.A.G. WEEK

This years R.A.G. Week is to be held from February the 20th to the 24th
Having read that opening piece of info before you get bored
Can you dance? If so contact the S.U. office

**WE WANT PEOPLE WHO CAN DANCE TO
CONTACT THE S.U. . CAUSE WE KNOW YOU KNOW THEY DONT!
BASICLY WE AINT TELLIN YOU WHY ONLT ITS FUN AND FOR
CHARITY.**

Furthermore some of the events and things that will happen during the

RAISE A GRAND week include

TREASURE HUNT, MUSIC QUIZ

MYSTERY TRIP, R.A.G. BALL

MOCK WEDDING, DRINK COMPETIONS

BAND COMPETITION, LIVE GIGS

EATING COMPETITION, TWISTER

LUV AT 1ST SIGHT, MOVIES

and on and on and on and on etc.

BAND COMPETITION

During R.A.G. Week the S.U. is organising a BAND COMPETITION. They comp. will be held during R.A.G. Week at a venue yet to be disclosed.

The competition will be for all D.I.T. BANDS AND THE RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS.

1, Atleast one member of the band must be a fulltime, parttime or apprentice at the Dublin Institute of Technology.

2, Application form must contain

a) Name of Band,

b) List of Band members

c) Their course codes

d) Name of Band Leader who will liaise with or gainising comt.

e) Demo tape of Band, (optional)

All entries must be submitted before Friday the 27th of February at 5 o'clock.

**Are You a Stud or Studdette,
mEgA kuHI
good.(EVEN).**

if you reckon your a bit of allright then drop your name into the S.U. A.S.A.P. We will help you fall in luv at first sight.

Its up to you. Can you do it? do you want a good time, Of course you do

We want you lock, stock and barrel. And we want you before the 27th.

ATTN: STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN

It is hoped that a party can be organised during Rag week for Student Parents and their children, If you are a Student Parent or know someone who is could you contact Rachael Wall in the S.U. Office. It is hoped that the party will be a success and by contacting the S.U. YOU CAN INSURE THIS

Health, Safety and Welfare

As part of its on going policy to heighten the case for better Security within the college the Students Union made an Application to the Deputy Director of the college, Mr D. Cotter for a position(s) to be made available for student representation on the college "Health, Safety and Welfare committee in Bolton st D.I.T.

The application has been accepted and the re will be student representation at the next meeting of the Committee which is scheduled for the end of January.

The following are a number of the issues that hope to be addressed by the S.U. on the topic of Security

- college fire drill,
- overcrowding,
- bicycle shed security,

anyone with any suggestions on other aspects on the issue of college security

etc. please contact the S.U. office or your class rep.

THE CLASS REPS. THING.

The recent meetings of the Class Reps have been gradually reducing in attendance. To those Reps who attend thank you, to those classes who dont have a Rep present please do. The Class Rep Head of Department meetings will be comencing soon and when Department meetings for Reps are called could one Rep from each class please attend. If you class for some reason does not have a Rep, please elect one, nominate one or if your wondering as to why? contact the S.U. A..S.A.P.

The Grant news.

Due to the recent delay on the E.S.F. Grant payment, Ronan haughey , site president, DITSU Bolton, wrote to Mr. John Wade the manager on the grant section at D.I.T. Head officeto inquire as to why this ocured. The letter was dated the 16th of December, and as of yet has not yet been replied to .

As soon as it is clear as to why their was a delay in the payment scheduled for the 14th of December their will be a breifing in " The Three Sheep " .

The next grant payment is scheduled for February 15th.

reaction

Recent reaction to "The Three Sheep" by some has been negative in a constructive way. Any of ye who found the Christmas edition of "The Three Sheep" infantile , stupid, funny, an insult to the intelignsea (c'ant spell that one) we apologise. Hopefully some found it amusing and that it contained some YULE TIDE sentiments.

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The S.U. Exec.

The recent decision to abolish the positions of Womens Rights Officer and Anti Discrimination Officer and replace them with an Equality Officer and Irish Language Officer means that as of the 11th of January, Shona Mc Kenna (who was the anti-discrimination officer) has been appointed to the position of Equality Officer and Rachael Wall (Womens Rights Officer) has been held on as an Exec Officer.

The first time elections for the new positions will be in the S.U Elections in March and it is hoped the positions will appeal to more than their predecessors did. Anyone interested in promoting the Irish Language is welcome to contact the S.U. so as to help in developing the union bi-lingually.

This edition of "The Three Sheep" is dedicated to the memory of Con Cormican, who was a graduate of D.I.T. Bolton St, graduating in December '94. Con held the position of Clubs and Societies Officer in the S.U. during the academic year '93-'94 and was also a long standing member of D.I.T. Bolton St Mountaineering Club.

He passed away trajically on the 16th of January 1995 aged 21 years. He will be dearly missed. R.I.P.

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