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U.S.I. and Ditsu.

Bolton Street and the National Union:

Ditsu Bolton Street is your local Representative to Ditsu. And Ditsu represents the D.I.T. Student Body at National Level.

Your Student Union was founded on the principle that students working together are more powerful than students working alone, this is also the fundamental principle of the national union, USI.

USI is the only recognised national representative body for third level students in Ireland. It represents over 120,000 students in 37 member colleges from all sectors of the Irish education system.

USI is a federal organisation, which means it consists of a number of component parts i.e. Students Unions. Our policies and programme of work are decided by majority consent of our constituent organisations. When national policy and local policy differ, local policy is not affected. Local Students Unions retain their autonomy within the federation with respect to their policies, operations and priorities.

The primary point of communication between USI and the student body is through the local union's sabbatical officers.

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USI Structures

National Council - which directs the day to day running of the National Union, at which every Students Union President has a vote, but which any representative may attend.

Annual Congress - the supreme policy making body of USI where Student Union Reps. debate and decide national policy.

Working Groups - Education Representation, Education Research and Policy, Welfare, Irish Language, and Publications. Ditsu has a Rep. on each of the working groups.

Regional Council - Northern Ireland and the West have autonomously elected full time USI officers to service the needs of the full time membership in those areas. There is one full time office in Belfast and one newly opened in Galway. Regional Council is made up of representatives of the area colleges. It elects the area Convenor and formulates the programme of work to be carried out by the Convenor.

Training Events - USI provides training for class representative at college level and organises a number of national training events on a wide range of topics: Welfare, Finance, Entertainments, Media Relations, Public Speaking and Negotiations etc.

Status - USI is the accepted representative body for Irish students and meets regularly with the Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health as well as the educational agencies; The HEA and NCEA.. USI is instrumental in the representation of you the Student Body and Ditsu Bolton St. will continue to represent the student body in Bolton St. at national level as well as local level. The last meeting of National Council was held in Galway on Saturday the 25th of February. The meeting was attended by Reps from D.I.T. as well as Reps from many colleges from both North and South of Ireland. Topics discussed included Reports from all the USI officers, discussion on the Hardship Campaign, debate on the SPUC situation. The National College of Industrial Relations was welcomed as the latest college to gain membership of USI.

Hardship Campaign.

The latest on the Hardship Campaign is as follows , meetings are presently been held with the Ministers of Education, Social Welfare and Health. The topics been discussed include the Grant, Medical Cards, Summer Dole and the Fees. Good progress is being made and the recent governments budget

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decision to phase out fees is seen as a step in the right direction. It is policy of USI not to sit back and go "well at least we got something" The Hardship Campaign will continue and meetings are taking place between USI Officers and the ministers concerned at the highest level.

On Monday the 13th of March in DCU, an open forum on the Student Summer Job Scheme at seven o'clock. The forum will be attended by representatives from the Dept. of Social Welfare and also from concerned Bodies such as Trade Unions. Anyone that has been involved in the scheme or interested in its removal should feel free to attend the forum.

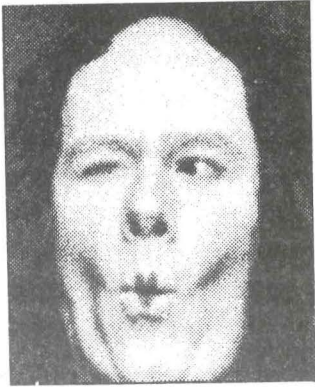
Also coming up on the 4th of April in Dublin Castle, USI will be hosting a conference intitled "Crisis in Education". The conference will have in attendance, Minister for Education Niamh Bhreathnach and many persons from the educational field who will have local, national and international opinions. The Hardship Campaign is an ongoing project and Ditsu is playing its part alongside all other affiliated colleges. Any queries on the above to Ronan or Alison in the S.U. Further info. will be published as soon as it is available.

R.A.G. WEEK '95,

SO DID YE ENJOY R.A.G. WEEK ?, WELL THIS IS WHAT YE SAID:
"I HAD A GOOD THURSDAY - BRUTAL FRIDAY (1ST YEAR ENGINEER),
"****ING DEADLY - PAYING FOR IT NOW THOUGH" (2ND YEAR PRINTER),
"NO ATMOSPHERE DURING THE DAY - BUT SURE WE WERE IN BED" - A HAPPY
R.A.G. WEEK COUPLE, "WE NEED A BIG HUGE PUB" (3RD YEAR GEO
STUDENT), "SHOULD HAVE A MYSTERY TRIP EVERY WEEK" (ENGINEER
ABOUT TO FAIL), OVERALL MOST PEOPLE ARE STILL RECOVERING, IF YOU
HAVEN'T RECOVERED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS SEE A DOCTOR! BUT
SERIOUSLY, HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE WEEK, WHEN WE KNOW THE FINAL
FIGURE ON THE AMOUNT RAISED WE'LL THROW A BIG PARTY AND SPEND IT
ALL. NOT. THANKS FOR PARTAKING AND HOPE IT WAS FUN. UNTIL THE NEXT
ONE .
PARTY ON DUDES (AND DUDETTES);
LOVE ALWAYS: THE R.A.G. WEEK COMMITTEE.....



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"The Diceman at work"

As most of you will probably know, Thom McGinty died last week after a painful battle with Aids. We, Bolton St. D.I.T. were honoured to have Thom speak to us on World Aids Day.

What he said was both informative and light hearted. He told us that he was mostly upset that he could no longer perform. But that night he entertained and educated us.

Thank You for courage and your Art, Thom

THE D.I.T. BAND COMPETITION.

A VERY ENJOYABLE EVENING WAS HAD BY ALL INVOLVED IN THE D.I.T. BATTLE OF THE BANDS. OF THE NINE ENTRANTS WHO TOOK TO THE STAGE IN SLATTERY'S OF CAPEL ST ON THE MONDAY NIGHT OF R.A.G. WEEK. THE JUDGES HAD A DIFFICULT TIME IN DECIDING WHICH WAS THE WORST, I MEAN BEST BAND!!

THE FINAL DECISION WAS SO DIFFICULT THAT WE (THE JUDGING PANEL) DECIDED TO HAVE A FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE. ULTIMATELY THE WINNERS WERE WAIT FOR IT "STONE WOOD" WHO DECIDED TO SHOW EVERYONE THE LATEST FASHION IN PINK BRA'S. IN SECOND PLACE CAME "BLIND", SUN GLASSES, SILVERY SHIRT AND ALL.



THANKS TO SMILEY BOLGER, MICHAEL FROM TRACK MIX STUDIOS, ALL THE BANDS WHO PARTICIPATED AND TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO SHOWED UP TO SUPPORT THEIR COLLEGE BANDS.

WANTED

(SAVE THE SHEEP)

Articles for "The 3 Sheep"

Drop them in to the S.U. Office.

Before its too late!

news

DCU tv

available on

CABLELINK

FEB. 27th to MAR. 3rd

8.00 -9.00pm

Heineken

DON'T MISS IT!

Swimming / Water Polo

The intervarsity season is now finished and again for a third year in a row the DIT team has been the most consistent on the scene with yet another second place in Belfast three weeks ago. It was a thrilling final against the host team Queens University Belfast in the Water polo final, 4 all at full time QUB eventually won 6-5 after two periods of extra time. We have had two firsts and four second places in the last three seasons. Maybe we'll get the double next year.

DIT hosted the Life Saving intervarsities last weekend - it was a great success even if none of our own teams figured in the placings.

The Bolton St. swim travelled to the HESF competition in Athlone on March 1st and news of that in the next Sheep. The inter DIT Polo matches will be played soon so watch the notice board for further details, especially if you've never seen a water polo match before, Come and see what it's really about.

Stuart.

Dyslexia Society,

The Dyslexia Soc. had it's first ever meeting on Tuesday the 28th of Feb.

A campaign to raise awareness of the problems involved is starting. There will be a talk given on Dyslexia, primarily targeted at counsellors on Friday the 3rd in DIT Bolton St, Rm; 132, @ 2-30. The speaker will be Alan Sayles of the Dyslexia Assoc. He will also be speaking to students in Kevin St DIT on the evening of the 3rd.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Shona Mckenna, the Equality Officer in the S.U. Office

nite line

1800 78 4357

A Confidential Helpline run by students for students
THURSDAY - SATURDAY 9.00p.m.- 2.30 a.m.

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THE ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BALL 1995

experience

Heaven and Hell

16th day of march Ormond multi-media centre door open 7.00pm
taste the devilish brew at 8.00pm
tickets £14.50
Devilish or angelic dress required

ASA Ball
Tickets available
from ASA Reps.

Surveyors Ball
Tickets available
from 3rd AVEA.

Surveyors Ball

The Gresham Hotel,
Wednesday
22nd March 1995

Dinner Commences at 8 p.m.

Black Tie

Tickets :£20

The Canteen

Recent improvements to the canteen have been welcomed by the S.U. officers. A letter has been delivered to Campbells indicating areas in need of improvement and further details will become available after the next Class Rep. Meeting. Thanks to all those who returned their completed surveys to the Student Union Office.

BOLTON ST. DRAMA SOC.

PRESENTS

"BOOBS, BALLS +CAT CALLS"

-COMMON AREA-

WEDNESDAY THE 8TH

6 O'CLOCK

Security!

Have you had some of your possessions stolen?

Are you sick of being a Victim?

Has your bike been stolen?.

Do you have a locker?

If you can answer any of the above, please contact the S.U. Office as work on improving campus Security is of utmost importance.

With info. from people available to the S.U officers.....

.... the S.U. see their task in Making Change Happen a real possibility.

S.U. Elections '95

Nominations Open Thursday the 2nd 9 o'clock

Nominations Close Tuesday the 7th 5 o'clock

Voting Wednesday the 15th 9a.m.-9p.m.

Positions open for Nominations:

Ditsu Overall President

Site President

Deputy President/Welfare

Club's and Societies Officer

Equality Officer

Entertainments Officer

Irish Language Officer

Apprentice Officer

Public Relations Officer

The time of the year has come for students to run for positions in Ditsu and in Bolton St. Please consider running for any of the above. Contact any of the S.U. Exec if you require any info. on the work contained in each brief. The S.U. is for everyone, if there is a clique, well get in there and sort it out, if not get in there anyway, it's a job but it's only as good as you want it to be. If you feel that you have something to offer well we want to hear from you. The S.U. Exec is there for you (tacky but true) if you want to be part of it then do so.

This years Exec.

A B. St. S.U. Elections Notice.



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