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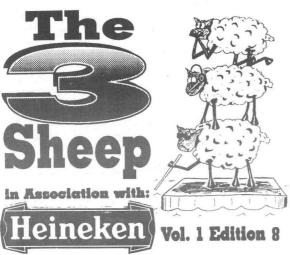
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USI Congress

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USI Congress

Last weekend in the far off city of Limerick, 160 student activists and do gooders from all over this island came together under the banner of USI to formulate policy on issues effecting (some would say infecting) the students they represent.

In all DIT had 24 delegates in attendance and of those 24, 5 were from DIT Bolton st. They being: Ronan Haughey, site president; Alison Flannagan, site deputy pres.; Derek Burke, acting PR.O. and incoming Ents officer; Colin Costello, incoming Deputy pres. and Shona McKenna, acting Equality officer.

Congress is the annual meeting at which policy for the national Union is made. It would be similar to the A.G.M. of our S.U. in that our A.G.M. formulates policy for our Union.

Motions are proposed by the many colleges in attendance and are debated when neccessary. Usually, as was the case this year the debate was very healthy if you were in favour of hearing the other side of the story and not if you were lost in your own world. Ditsu proposed many motions and a number of them were most interesting and highly debated.

One motion from Ditsu proposed that DIT and

the RTC's should recieve the same funding per head as students in Universities. In proposing Ditsu president Colman Byme stated the fact that services and facilities to DIT and RTC students were of a much poorer standard to those in the Universities and that students regardless of the college they attend should recieve similar funding. The motion was strongly opposed by many University colleges and a speaker from UCD felt that it was not possible to fund all equally as the facilities each provide were varying and different. Points such as unit costing were raised but in the end the motion was passed

and it is now policy of USI to bring the question of equal funding to those responsible for the issue at government.

An other motion from Ditsu which was well debated was one dealing with USI Affiliation fees. Each college with membership to USI pays £2.50 per full time student and £1.25 per part time student. For many member colleges this is guite a substantial amount when the capitation for some S.U.s is as low a £5 per student as it is in Carlow RTC. Ronan Haughey in proposing the motion said in his 2 years of involvement in USI the issue of cost to the local union was never addressed properly and that many non-affiliated unions will remain so due to the costs incurred. The motion caled for a report on possible areas of a commercial nature USI could get involved in be presented to the last national council of this academic year (national council is a four times annual meeting of all member unions). The motion was carried unamimously and this can only mean good for our own as well as all unions if the work is carried out.

Ditsu can be proud of its level of participation and also by representing the student body of DIT in accordance with policy from referendums and council meetings.

On the issue of womens autonomy and womens rights officers, Ditsu had to defend the wishes of DIT students to have equality officers instead of womens rights officers and the debate was often heated and electric. The main thrust of the debate was an attack on Ditsu policy and questions were raised of the incapability of in particular male welfare officers and equality officers. Many speakers were emotional in their speeches and a number of delegates from DIT spoke of the intimidation they have received from the womens movement in USI.

The weekend was tough, on congress floor from 10-10 and in the bar from 10.05-9.45, 15 minutes spared for showering etc, etc!



Delegate at USI Congress Posing for Photographs?

DID YA' KNOW

That the capital of Luxembourg is Luxembourg~!

That the president of Ireland is a Mayo Woman~!

That the world is not round its Geoid~!

That this is the 8^{th} edition of The 3 Sheep~!

That R.A.G. week did

RAISE A GRAND~!

That without your support it would not have been possible and also when the final figures are totted up we'll be nearer 2 maybe nearer 3 grand.

Again, I know we harp on the point but thanks.

E.S.F Grant
Next payment
April 12th

A B. St S.U. welfare message.

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Metheylene Dioxy Meth Amphetamine spells that way, speaks this way 'E'

Bolton street Drama Society

presents

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'BOOBS, BALLS AND CAT CALLS'

also

'Come and Go',

'Not I',

'Quad',

'What Where'

by Samual Beckett

Wed. the 26th of April, 7.00 p.m. Social Area Bolton st DIT.

-The Peace Process-

The Cairdeas Soc. in the college has been very recently doing its bit for the peace process and as is normal their recent meetings were excelently attended and credit is due to all who attended.

During lunchtime on Wednesday the 22nd the Cairdeas society held it's first open forum on the Peace Process.

The speaker was Meath Co.Councilor Joe Reilly representing Sinn Fein. The meeting was well attended and councilor Reilly outlined his parties policy on The Peace Process. In his address to the meeting Mr Reilly said it was his first time to speak to a group of students and he welcomed the oppurtunity to do so. Councillor Reilly said that presently this Island was going through a time of change and that the natural process of change was radically brought forward by the Peace Process.

In dealing with the legitimate fears of unionists he said the results of the process must meet



everybodies needs but in saying that he also mentioned that his party were politically oposed to unionism. In summing up the speaker used South Africa as an example in saying that that "I have no doubt the people of Ireland willachieve in 5 years what took 4 in South Africa.

Questions followed ranging from issues such as punishment beatings to Sinn Feins social policies. In closing the meeting Martin Butler from Cairdeas thanked all those who attended and specially the speaker Mr Joe Reilly.

On Friday of the same week again at lunchtime Reverand Jim Rae spoke on 'The Peace Process- a Prodestant perspective'. Rev. Rae is a methodist clergyman from the predominatly working class unionist East Belfast. The speaker briefed the forum on the unionist opinion in the community in which he worked, he also emphasised a much forgotten point that had not the Churches in the north not taken such an active role in promoting peace that their could have been a Bosnain situation in the North. On the question of a united Ireland Rev. Rae said that the Prodestant community would need to given clear indication from the south with regard to their security and equal status as citizens of a integrated Ireland. Also Rev. Rae felt that the parties that were not helping in bringing the process forward were predominately from a unionist background. The meeting was also well attended and credit must go to Cairdeas for promoting discussion on the topic of Northern Ireland. A topic often not discussed in southern colleges but one which has been part and parcel of college life in Bolton st for many years due to the work of Cairdeas and other interested groups and individuals.

ENTS OFFICER

DUE TO CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES MAEVE PEOPLES HAS RESIGNED AS ENTS OFFICER FOR BOLTON STREET STUDENTS UNION. MAEVE HANDED IN HER RESIGNATION ON THURSDAY MARCH 30TH. SHE OFFERED ONE OF HER REASONS FOR RESIGNING WAS DUE TO A PERSONALITY CLASH WITH THE CURRENT STUDENTS UNION PRESIDENT IN DIT BOLTON ST .. RONAN HAUGHEY. IN HER LETTER TO RONAN MOTIFYING THE STUDENT BODY OF HER DECISION MAEVE STATED SHE HOPED HER SERVICE AS ENTERTAINMENT OFFICER WAS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH THE STUDENTS OF BOLTON ST AND TO THE DIT STUDENT UNION BODY.

<u>Library</u> <u>Easter Timetable</u> <u>Library Opening Times:</u>

Saturdays:

Monday the 10th of April -12th:

open 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

Thursday the 13th 9.30 am -1.00 pm

Closed April 14th - Tuesday the 18th

Open April 19th - Friday the 21st

9.30 am - 5.30 pm

Closed Saturday the 22nd

Normal hours resume on Mon the 24th.

The library will open on Saturday on the dates and times listed below:

9.30am - 1.15pm and 2.00pm - 5.00pm

April 8th
April 29th
May 6th
May 13th
May 20th

May 27th

USI Elections '95

The following are the new officers for USI who were Elected at the 37th annual Congress of USI:

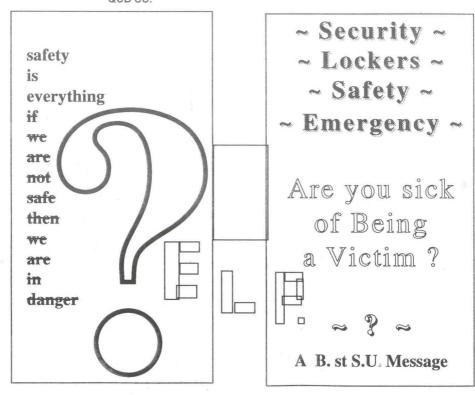
USI President: Colm Keaveney was Elected a head of Paul McMenamin and
Mike Egan. Colm has been president of Letterkenny RTC
Students Union and is presently Deputy President of USI.

USI Deputy President: Bob Jordan, present Union Development Officer at
USI was elected unopposed. Bob is a graduate of
DIT Kevin st.

Education Officer: Liam Kelly ex president of UCDSU defeated Lynn Carvil presently Deputy President at QUB SU, Belfast..

Welfare Officer: Noeleen Hartigan was re-elected to the position of welfare officer, she was unopposed.

Union Development Officer: Gerard Green who is presently Northern
Convenor for USI was elected. Gerard is a student from
QUB SU.





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