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BOLTON ST. S.U. PRESENTS



WELFARE WEEK 9-13th DEC.



PIERCE
(FRIENDS, ROMANS
COUNTRYMEN...
LEND ME YOUR ODDS!)

JEREMY
(I'M THE ONE THAT
I WANT!
I WANT!
I WANT!)

DOUG
(WHAT DO WE
WANT?
SCULLY)

MYLES
(WHAT A GUY!)
O'GORMAN.

"A MUST" WASHINGTON POST.
"BRILLIANT" THE INDEPENDENT.
"BIZARRE GROTESQUE."
UNPRECEDENTED... THE DAILY TIMES.
"SIMPLY SUPER" TWINKLE.
"THE WHO?" ROLLING STONE.

"COMING SOON TO A
DEMONSTRATION
NEAR YOU!"

FROM THE MAKERS OF:
'THE KILLER BANANA SQUAD FROM PLANET X'
COMES A BRAND NEW
PRODUCTION...

THE TEAM!

Myles

Doug

Jeremy

Pierce

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

DIT Students are still left with some of their money in limbo.

This is demonstrated by the chart on the right...

The Report has made up things like expenses for one "student services officer" and "accommodation list" which was never taken seriously by the VEC.

We have got 30% for clubs & societies money mainly because they know they cannot do the Administration although one principal in the DIT thinks they can mainly because this person likes to think that there are no such things at students unions.

The 40% of the capitation fund has nearly all been paid over and is used to pay all wages for staff throughout D.I.T.S.U.

The 10% made available for a student centre called the "Development allocation" is still under discussion as to who is going to control it is used properly and to ensure that it is beneficial to the students of the DIT. 2.5% made available for students who need money for fees and who have hardship throughout college. We have asked that the VEC match our 2.5% as it runs out very quickly. This fund also subsidises payment to the doctor.

So it really is the 17.5% which we are fighting for now, plus control over the development fund.

The capitation money was split into so-called portions:

40%	Students Unions
30%	Clubs and Societies
10%	Development Fund (otherwise known as slush fund)
2.5%	Student assistance fund.
17.5%	Student service
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100% =	388,835 Council Allocation.

Still now at this time we do not have a breakdown of the 17.5% and if we do not keep pressure on the Student Services Council we will lose it to the items names earlier, such as expenses, accommodation etc..

If they receive control of this money the students of this college and all DIT colleges will have no come back to say where they would like to see the money spent.

I would like to thank the students for their support on the previous occasions concerning mainly clubs and societies and will be looking for their continued support.

JEREMY WARING
- PRESIDENT

Bolton Street SU

WELFARE

WELFARE WEEK MONDAY 9TH - FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Today Monday 9th December sees the start of Welfare Week. We have arranged a lunchtime talk for each day between 1-2p.m. in Room 134. See timetable below for details of speakers for each day. Tea and Coffee will be provided at all talks.

MONDAY 9th	:	L.F.P.A. - Contraception
TUESDAY 10th	:	Well Woman Centre - Womens Health
WEDNESDAY 11th	:	Threshold - Tenants Rights
THURS 12th	:	Irish Cancer Society - Smoking The Four Seasons 8p.m. - Safe Sex Quiz
FRIDAY 13th	:	Dublin Aid Alliance - AIDS & HIV

The Welfare Programme of work, as I outlined at the A.G.M. is running along smoothly and according to plan. The areas I have given priority to, which are of particular importance are outlined below with details of developments in each.

1. CRECHE FACILITIES

Again I would like to make it known that there is now a creche available in 9 North Great Georges Street. Anyone interested could they please contact the Students Union as there are student rates available if a number of students avail of the service.

2. SAFE SEX CAMPAIGN

The Safe Sex Campaign will be undertaken in the new year in conjunction with USI and colleges around the country.

The purpose of the campaign is to highlight and increase the level of awareness of AIDS. The campaign will initially consist of fly postering around all colleges.

3. HOUSING

Although most students are set up in some sort of accommodation at this stage, the housing crisis is still an important question which needs to be addressed because if it is not tackled now it will only come back and haunt us again next year.

Action has been taken since the start of the year to highlight and draw the public's attention to the unacceptable situation in which student accommodation is now in.

(See housing article in 'What's been happening') More action is planned along the same lines in the New Year so anyone interested please contact the students union.

4. IMPROVED MEDICAL FACILITIES

a) A Doctor Killeen is now available for students in 67a Mountjoy Square at a student rate of £2 per visit with College ID.

Surgery Hours: 12-1p.m. Female Doctor
4-7.30p.m. Male & Female Doctor

b) Dr Eugene O'Connor is now available in the college in Room 143 (First Aid Room) every Monday and Thursday between 2 & 3p.m.. A fee of £2 with College I.D. is being charged.

Bolton Street SU CHAPLAINS

FROM THE CHAPLAINS - ROOM 136 & 151.

We, Rosemary, Brendan and Mike want say THANKS to all students for your support, encouragement and welcome -

and a special thanks to Jeremy, Doug and Maura in the Students Union.

Don't forget your CONCERN sponsor monies - we hope your friends are generous to you, and to CONCERN. Monies in before Christmas would help but AFTER CHRISTMAS if it means MORE MONEY!!!

Amnesty group have got off to a good start - but we feel there are many more out there who want to do something about:

1. opposing inhuman or degrading treatment of all prisoners without reservations
2. TORTURE of prisoners
3. fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners
4. releasing prisoners of conscience

What happened those who signed up for SOCIAL ACTION???

Finally, A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL -

we hope you have a great time - we look forward to welcoming you back in 1992 -

Anything we can do for you? - Just give us a shout at 136 or 151.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL - BOLTON STREET

The Amnesty Group was set up this year with the aim of raising awareness of the violations of human rights going on all over the world. The group intends to create awareness by advertising Amnesty International's worldwide campaign against human abuse and giving details of individual prisoners of conscience.

So far the group has only met once due to the delay in funding from the VEC but now that funds are available. There will be a meeting next week (the meetings will be once a month) and we hope to have a large attendance. Pre-paid letters will be available for writing letters of protest against the human rights violations reported about in this month's A.I. newspaper. The group committee consists of Secretary - Laura Markey: Treasurer - Gail Stinson and myself, Paul Lee as Chairperson. We hope to come up with plenty of brilliant ideas for raising awareness in human rights abuses and AI fundraising. If anyone wants to contact the committee we are to be found in the 1st year/2nd year studio up on the top floor working like mad hoors. The next meeting will be loudly advertised. All are welcome, and hope to see you there

The Amnesty International Irish Head Quarters are 8 Shaw Street Dublin 2, where information on human rights abuses is available and also items like Christmas Cards, AI Candles and other items available for purchase in the AI shop (adjacent to Matt Talbot Bridge, across from the Financial Centre.).

There is a Christmas Concert in Christchurch Cathedral on Saturday 14th December at 8p.m. with performances from Niamh Murray soprano and Jimmy Mc Carthy singer/songwriter who is absolutely brilliant. Admission is waged £7. Unwaged£4.

PAUL LEE

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENIN'



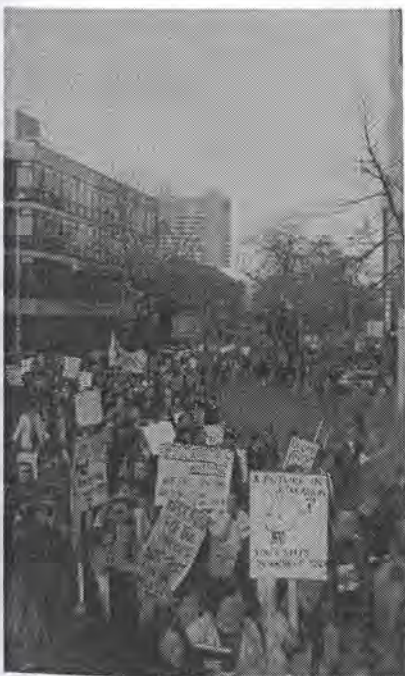
THE GALWAY DEMO

Two bus loads of students from Dublin Colleges went to demonstrate at the slow payment of Local Authority Grants by the Galway Local Authority. Joined by students from Galway University we descended on the local authority building. In our attempt to gain access to the building a scuffle broke out between us and them (Local Authority heavies!) who were on the door. Being unable to get in we retreated with a few cuts and bruises and minus one student union banner.

We then let them know we were not happy, by singing and shouting and then a few speeches were given. The Gardai had in the meantime arrived and stood around protecting the officials

from any more attempted takeovers that we may have tried. One Garda proceeded to explain to us how to hold a good demonstration and gave us some tips for any future actions. Eventually when those inside found it safe enough they opened the door to accept a letter of protest and a number of students were able to explain the situation to them.

From there we marched back through the city to the College, bringing the evening traffic to a stand still, and from there we proceeded onto a good session in the student bar.



RIGHT TO INFORMATION

SUPPORT WOMEN'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION ON ABORTION

WOMENS
PAGE

Abortion is a reality to Irish women and the campaign on censorship against women's right to information on abortion - led mainly by the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) - has not and will not reduce the number of women travelling to Britain for abortions.

It is estimated that 10,000 Irish women seek abortions every year. These women come from every walk of life - workers in factories, hospitals and offices, housewives and unemployed. They come from every age group - from 15 to 55.

In certain age groups (18-26) an Irish woman is as likely to have an abortion as her English sister. The increased censorship - with SPUC'S attacks on the Well Woman Centre, Open Line Counselling, Trinity College Students Union and most recently the removal of ads from Cosmopolitan and Company magazines - have made it increasingly difficult for women to get information on abortion.

Yet women still go in the same numbers - if not increasing numbers - to have abortions in Britain. They know that if they are to have an equal part in society, they must be able to control their fertility. They must have the right to choose when and if to have children. And if their contraception fails they must have the right to choose abortion if they wish.

So why not stop the hypocrisy of this censorship? Fight for the right of women to have access to information on all options - including abortion.

STOP SPUC'S CENSORSHIP NOW!

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ape young women.
rape women.
arriage.
on't exist!



AIDS & HIV+ are very much a reality.

Statistics show that we all know somebody with the Virus (whether they know it or not).

Protect yourself and your partner. Insist on a condom EVERY time.

**DUBLIN WOMENS
INFORMATION
NETWORK (D.W.I.N.)
(01-6794700)**

This is the telephone number of a non-directive pregnancy counselling service which includes information on abortion. The people on the end of the line are professionals who worked in non-directive pregnancy counselling before they were censored by SPUC.

WOMENS' GROUP

Our group meets at least once a fortnight for discussion, videos and guest speakers. We welcome all women who have an interest in feminist issues or just want to learn about them. We will be having some open meetings so any 'New Men' will be able to attend! Look out for posters for dates etc..

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment continues to be a problem in the college.

The victims are women and the perpetrators, are men. If you are being harassed please tell someone. You can contact me, Helen O'Sullivan, in the Students Union if you just want to talk about it or wish to make a complaint.

Your complaint will be taken seriously.

WOMENS AUTONOMY

For the past few years USI have been trying to introduce a constitutional amendment regarding womens autonomy. It calls for the Womens Officer to be voted in by Women (simple innit?)

Of course, women are underrepresented on students unions, hence underrepresented at Congress (where these motions are voted on). While it has always received a majority vote - being a constitutional amendment, it needs a 2/3 majority. Last year it was defeated by two votes. Thanks a lot guys.

* Femmy joke:

What is the most amazing thing about the nativity?

Three Wise Men.

A Christmas thought (sisters)

Is the birth of a man who thinks he's God such an unusual thing?

START OFF WITH EIGHT OR NINE
AND HAVE THE REST LATER....



13 ways to avoid

- 1) Don't go out without clothes - that's stupid
- 2) Don't go out with clothes - any clothes
- 3) Don't go out alone any night - that's stupid
- 4) Don't go out at any time - any situation
- 5) Don't go out with a female friend
- 6) Don't go out with a male friend
- 7) Don't stay at home - intruders and burglars
- 8) Avoid childhood - some rapists are
- 9) Avoid old age - some rapists 'prefer'
- 10) Don't have a father, grandfather
- 11) Don't have neighbours - these are the relatives who most often
- 12) Don't marry - rape is legal with
- 13) To be quite sure of avoiding rap

HELEN O'SULLIVAN - WOMENS RIGHTS OFFICER

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENIN'

HOUSING

The national week of action on housing, co-ordinated by USI and Dublin Colleges on 14-18 October, brought into the public eye the seriousness of the housing crisis. The week was regarded to have been very successful. The week consisted of a Press Release being issued, outlining the problems faced by students when it comes to housing. This was followed by soup kitchens being set up by students at two locations in the city centre. Members of the public were given a cup of soup in return for which they were invited to sign a petition condemning the government for failing to act on the housing crisis. These received a lot of media coverage with a live interview on the Pat Kenny show and pictures in the national press.

The highlight of the week was the occupation of vacant buildings opposite "Charlies Palace" on Merrion Street. A group of students from colleges all over Dublin squatted for 24 hours in the Georgian building, which has not been put to any use over the last few years. This action was carried out to highlight the need for re-investment in housing by the Government. A lot of media interest was raised and student demands were aired through a number of live radio interviews. A small group of students had assembled outside the building the following morning to welcome the occupying students out.

This is not the end of such action and the Students Union intends to keep highlighting the housing problem. Keep in contact with your students unions for more details of what's happening.

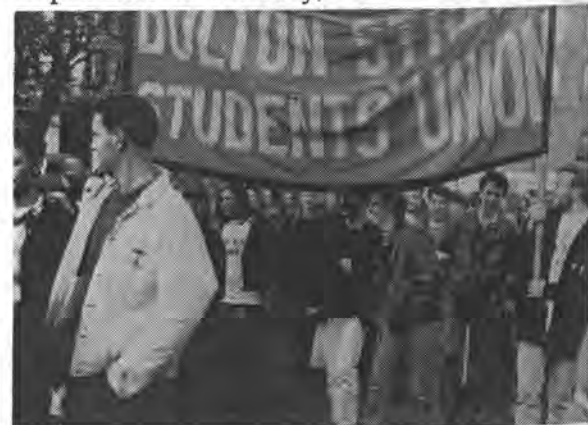


THE BELFAST DEMO

The biggest demo seen this year was in Belfast when over 3000 students bit the streets of Belfast to show their anger at the crazy situation which affects all colleges in the North in which grants were scrapped and student loans were given out.

Two DIT busses travelled up to Belfast on the 20th of November to show our solidarity with our Northern comrades. The reality is that some time in the future the same situation could happen here. The march left Queens University and proceeded to the City Hall. Voices were raised all through the streets of Belfast and speeches were given at the City Hall followed by a band which entertained the crowd for a while. The march was lead by the RUC who closed streets and stopped traffic leaving Belfast city centre in chaos for the duration of the March. We then marched back to Queens Students Union from where everybody dispersed into the student bar and indulged in 'cheap beer and good music'.

**DOUG SCULLY -
DEPUTY PRESIDENT**



ROMANIAN RESPONSE

Romanian Response is a cross-denominational and cross-border group which seeks to make available expertise and skills from educational and caring communities for the alleviation of distress and deprivation within Romanian orphanages and institutions.

The plight of orphans in Romanian institutions was brought to people's awareness through the media during 1990 and intermittently since then. In November 1990 Bolton Street College's Cairdeas Group hosted speakers from the Farset Community, Belfast. They invited student and staff from the college to be involved with them in a new Romanian project they were setting up as a result of a visit by them to Romania and some of its institutions.

The dreadful conditions pervading throughout many of Romania's institutions was vividly highlighted by various TV and radio programmes since then. The Romanian Response Group was set up after several meetings which were attended by staff and students within the college. Several fund raising functions were run to help fund relief projects in the Romanian institutions.

A specialist member of staff from Bolton Street College was sent out in June to assess the building needs of several institutions. As a result a considerable amount of assistance was sent out to Romania in the late summer and included sanitation and decorating projects. The work involved was completed by mid September.

It is planned to have a further project undertaken next summer. A variety of fundraising activities are being planned to help fund further projects in the future. Please give them your support.

Perhaps you will make a special effort to come to three lunchtime presentations on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the Large Kinema (Room 281) starting at 1.15p.m. each day. See Bolton Street College Activities Week Diary for details.

BOLTON STREET COLLEGE ACTIVITIES WEEK

MONDAY DEC 9TH:	1.15p.m.	Romanian Response : Video Room 281
TUESDAY DEC 10TH:	1.15p.m.	Romanian Response : Project '91 Speaker: Richard Mc Carthy Room 281
	6.30p.m.	Newgrange Standing Stones Speaker: Frank Prendergast New Lecture Theatre (Room 259)
	8.00p.m.	Christmas Carols Franciscan Friary Choir, Merchants Quay, Main Concourse.
WED DEC 11TH	1.p.m.	Romanian Response: Experiences from Romania. Panel Tony Hayes, Patricia Blair, Michael Jordan. Room 281.
	8.00p.m.	Ceili and Set Dancing.
THURS DEC 12TH	1.15p.m.	Cairdeas : 1916 Speaker: Prof. Donal Mc Cartney U.C.D. New Lecture Theatre Room 259.
FRIDAY DEC 13TH	1.15p.m.	Cairdeas : 1916 Workshop Sean Hogan: Tone and Republicanism Eanna De Burca: 1916 A Nationalist Perspective Pat Carroll: 1916: A Socialist Perspective

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Well it's nearly Christmas and at last our Clubs & Societies have got off the ground!

With problems coming from the VEC on who is going to do the Administration and who will hold and sign the cheque books for both councils resolved, there was still one small problem. Who was going to pay for it. The big \$64,000 question!

Well after the cancelling of services for clubs and societies for a week and telling the VEC that we are not doing it until we know where the money is coming from.

It was decided that all the money would come from the clubs and societies. That is 5% from the total allocation of 30% which will cover the Administration costs for the clubs & societies throughout the DIT.

Now that both Sports and Cultural Councils are fully operational clubs and societies can now start to receive the money they have been allocated.

The sports has been operational a little longer than the cultural so I can safely say that they have no problems.

The cultural has just got under way and is also running smoothly.

I would like to thank both the members from the Sports and Cultural Councils for the time and effort they have put into making the councils run, and look forward to working with them during the year.

**JEREMY WARING -
PRESIDENT**

NEW SERVICES

As well as the new Doctor who is in the college, I would like to notify students that we also have a new up-to-date hi-tec 6 speed four wheel drive photo-copier that is
CHEAPER THAN THE LIBRARY BY 1.5P!!!

At 6.5p per copy it beats the Library which costs 8p.

SO...

I would please ask all students to use this photocopier as the more copies that are made the more we will be able to reduce the price.



Bolton Street SU

EDITORIAL

I'd just like to thank all the people involved in putting the magazine together and for submitting articles to be published. I would ask for more involvement and hope that we will get more articles/stories - anything for the next mag, which is planned for sometime after the Christmas!

OVERCROWDING

Still in some faculties in the college there are major problems with this overcrowding with the lack of desks, chairs etc.. If any class rep has this problem please come down so that I can send a letter to the Principal outlining the problem(s).

Another problem I found quite common while talking to class reps in different courses was the fact that some don't have enough time to use computers. Some don't get enough lectures on how to use them and some find that they don't get either lecture or computer time.

During the last week these problems and others came up regularly at Head of Department meetings. I would ask Class Reps to inform me if some of the problems have been solved and if not please come down and tell me so we can ensure that pressure is kept on the college authorities to see that something is done.

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**And thanks to all who
contributed articles**

OVERCROWDING DEMO

A demonstration will be taking place outside the Department of Finance at the back of the Dail on Wednesday 11th December to protest over the bad overcrowding problem faced by many colleges. Support your Union and get involved. Contact the student union for more details.



Bolton Street SU

CLASS REPS

I would hope that by now each class has elected a class rep. I was glad to see that there was a very good turn out of class reps at the Head of Department meetings and everybody got involved.

There were a few class reps who could not make the meetings or that particular class had not got a rep. If this is the case please call into the union to get a nomination form.

I am glad to say the class reps have been in attendance at all meetings and I hope that they will keep this up for the rest of the year to ensure good communications between students and staff.

The Head of Department meetings will take place during next term. There will be two more before the end of the year.

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JEREMY WARING
- PRESIDENT



**BELFAST TRIP...
COMING SOON**

HOROSCOPES

GEMINI

Fuck off, you crowd of wankers. Go back to your wardrobes and continue masturbating 800 times a day. Some Geminis turn out to be actors. Far more end up in jail.

CANCER

Aply named the crab, you are about as good-tempered as a charging bull. During the next month, a holocaust will claim everyone you know called Steve. That grotesque, spongy expulsion next to your commode might be related to you. Mindwise you're fucked.

LEO

You are an arrogant bastard and strut around as if the whole world is under your command. In reality, people think you're an absolute wally and laugh their asses off at you. Yours is the sign of the lion and rightly so too. You belong in the jungle or in a cage.

CAPRICORN

Being unlucky enough to be born around the start of the year you miss out on a lot of presents. "That's both your Christmas pressie and Birthday pressie, now piss off". However, don't despair, due to your unnatural kindness, charitable personality and willingness to help others, you will all become prostitutes and rent boys and form a trade union.

AQUARIUS

You fancy yourself as a politician and spend your hours saluting people who don't want to look at your ugly face. In short, you are a failure. Aquarian men have AIDS.

VIRGO

You are found in profusion in the business studies faculty, perhaps because you're so boring. You have not got enough personality to be disliked by anyone, everyone is simply indifferent to you.

LIBRA

You are a revolting person and have a really weird appetite. Your regularly get V.D. in your gums probably from chewing toilet seats. Seriously, you're great girls 'n guys and I hope you're terminal diseases get better.

SAGITTARIUS

You're a half woman(man)/half horse, according to your sign. You're an animal. You eat off the floor and are regularly found scratching. Mind you, you do have rather large oedipus or electra complex.

SCORPIO

You are a nervous wreck, a hypochondriac, and are basically impossible to live with. You spend the first 20 years of your life trying to get past the 3rd letter of the alphabet, your brain is so shagged. You'll probably spend the rest of your life in a mental house or a prison.

TAURUS

Beware of Jupiter's third sun being in your house on the fifth of the fourth month as he's a kleptomaniac. Also watch out for Uranus and your anus. Make sure that you duck when people fire bullets at you. Your lucky number is 1665.

PISCES

All pisceans are lazy and their only ambition is to be first in the dole queue. Unfortunately, this month won't be very good for you as you will probably be menstruating. This month a comet will dent your forehead. You're a crowd of wankers, you should be shot.

ARIES

You are generally so overweight that people mistake you for a pig and try to make sausages out of you, which is strange because you can't handle a piece of meat. There are better ways to remove your armpit hair than using a blow-torch, you dumb shit you.