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I'm not saying I've used cocaine. But if I did, it was merely a "youthful indiscretion." Today I'm clean. And I'm tough on crime. So if I catch you using coke, I don't want to hear any of that "youthful indiscretion" nonsense. I'm throwing your crack-addicted ass in prison. That's not hypocrisy. That's politics.

got coke?

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America's Ego Explained!
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In Loving memory of Brian McCullogh FT542/2 (On Left)

31st of March 1982 to 6th of February 2003
May you rest in Peace
You will be sorely missed by us all

DIT FM
April 28th - May 2nd 2003

Dont forget to check out DIT FM, on 97.3 FM from the 28th of April until Friday the 2nd May.
Greetings Ya'all,

Another year, another dollar. Well I don't know about everyone else but the only question on my mind is "where has the year gone?". It seems like only yesterday I saw all those fresh faced, bright eyed and bushy tailed first years streaming into college, anticipating the unknown and got D.I.T. Ah well! Seriously, it's been a whirlwind year for everybody here in Aungier Street with the changeover and before I vacate office I would like to offer a few parting words.

Because of D.I.T.'s ineptitude in relation to project planning, financial management amongst other things we in Aungier Street S.U. have suffered. Basically, they overspent on the expansion project here and money allocated for the S.U. area was used elsewhere to cover their cracks. Through endless letters, correspondence and meetings we secured extra funding for our area. The money has come in drips and drabs but then again with D.I.T. nothing is ever done straightforwardly. But the money is coming and our area will be completed; if not by the end of this academic year but definitely by next year. Unfortunately, when you are dealing with a bureaucratic and red tape laden organisation things do not get done as quickly as one would like but hey, we've got on with it and tried to do our best with what we could. The area will definitely be a different place soon and thanks to all for their hard work, time, and support with the project meetings over the last nine months.

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Marcella, thanks for your patience and perseverance this year through difficult times — your day will come! To Paul O'Sullivan, Pat O'Neill and all at faculty level thank you for your advice and general good nature. Gerry Byrne, Sister Mary and everyone else yiz are all legends. Last and definitely not least Joe, thank you for being such a hardworking and genuine deputy president and welfare officer. May I wish you the very best of luck not just for next year but for the future. Cheers man.

Have a wild summer you crazy kids but come back safe and sound and for those of you completing your courses here in D.I.T. especially the divas of FT 351/4 the very best of luck in the future; whichever road you take.

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Hello!!!

They say its all over it is now! It is difficult to believe that nearly nine months have passed since I started my job as welfare officer and deputy president last July. It seems like an age an eternity, an eon of time filled to the brim with errands, meetings, and problems not to mention solutions. It's been a year that even should I live to be 100 years old I will never forget. All I can do is start by saying that it has been my utmost honour, and an extreme privilege to work with and for all of you this year, without exception.

It all began with the incredible virgin ball, wow! What a night, it was simply incredible and fantastic, what followed has been an awesome year and I sincerely hope that all of you feel as happy and proud about the last year as I do when looking back on 2002/2003. The 10k walk (thank you to one and all, Aungier Street raised almost half of the total DIT amount raised, now out of 6 sites that s an achievement of epic proportions and you all deserve Mondo Kudos for it) class addresses, exam board sittings, the Halloween ball the Christmas ball. It was amazing, and it was all down to one thing, one simple reason as to why it all worked out YOU! The participation of you guys this year was a sheer phenomenon. You came out and joined us everywhere we went, the support and the work and the effort was greatly welcomed and will not soon be forgotten.

Let's be honest, it was a tough year many of you might (just might) be reading this now and wondering who I am. Well I am your welfare officer and deputy president this year which basically means that if you have any problems, just come to me and I too can solve that problem be it a he, she or it (happy days). The reason as to why you might not know me is obvious. For two thirds of this year your students union was in office up on the fifth floor in room 5052.1 (now how's that for a mouthful eh!) this was incredibly unfortunate. It meant that virtually not one single student knew where we were (it was a brand new building for everyone, no one knew their way around).

This meant that student knowledge and awareness of the students union should have been low, and yet look what you have all done! You have all turned this year around and turned what could have been an absolute disaster into an unfathomable success.

So just think! Just think for one brief moment, that if we can do what we did this year even though we had no students area until after Christmas, just imagine what we can achieve next year when we are more settled and prepared to break down all barriers (human or otherwise) and kick ass.

I am going to be here next year yet again. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to vote, whether you voted for me or not I wish to thank you. What makes your students union great, what really separates one college from another is participation and involvement, and thanks to everyone who voted I will be next years Students Union president which is an honour that I look forward to. I have many things planned. I don't believe that I can improve on the effort that myself and this years president Paul Malone put in. I gave 100% every day this year as did Paul, but what I can promise you, due to things being more settled down next year, is that we will be able to deliver more. We now have a students area for next year, which means we can have arcades, games and hopefully a cinema area put in place. We can put in a stage for bands, DJ's and comedians the possibilities are endless for next year and all because we now have the foundation to build upon.

So thank you to everyone, to all the part timers who worked so hard this year (and to Will Kinsella who is the father of the beautiful baby you currently hold in your hands). A Million thanks also go to the journalists for their participation in this magazine, hopefully their originality and distinctiveness can be added to our own to create something that is far beyond the sum of its parts. Thanks to the people I call the crazy gang, the people who were my own personal focus group, self help group, conscience and critics this year Fiona, Siobhan, Mick, Cathy, Will, Olive (gorgeous), Suzanne, Gary, Colin, Lorraine, Claire. Ellen, thank you for this year it really was something, but don't worry I will still be around next year. Viv, stop smiling, you still have me to put up with next year hehe. Last and most certainly not least, thanks to a man that has become a living legend in his own time as president, Mr. Paul Malone. It was an honour and a privilege to work with you this year, it was a tough year, a fun year but most of all to coin some of your own words, it was an emotional year. You are a legend my friend, may you always remain so.

To all you students who will be here next year I put it to you that we can improve on what was achieved this year, work together towards creating a union of students that we are proud of. In the words of a very wise man here come the good times.

Joe Savage
Naked Chicks

Three men, one American, one Japanese and one Irishman were sitting naked in a sauna.

Suddenly, there was a beeping sound. The American pressed his forearm and the beep stopped. The others looked at him questioningly.

"That was my pager," he said, "I have a microchip under the skin of my arm."

A few minutes later a phone rang. The Japanese fellow lifted his palm to his ear. When he finished, he explained, "That was my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand."

The Irishman felt decidedly low tech, but not wanting to be outdone he decided he had to do something just as impressive.

He stepped out of the sauna and went to the toilet. He returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from his behind. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at him. The Irishman finally said.......

"Well, will ya look at that, I'm getting a fax."--

Still Having a Bad Day?

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was 80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensive saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

Still think you are having a bad day?

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with "return to sender" stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

THERE NOW, FEELING BETTER?

Eggs

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places.

Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman.

YOURS IS STILL A BAD DAY, HUH?

Two animal rights protesters were protesting at the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany. Suddenly, all two thousand pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly. The two hapless protesters were trampled to death.

WHAT? STILL THINK YOUR DAY IS BAD?

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Horoscopes for the Year Ahead

Zodiac: Aries (21st March-20th April)
- Color: Red
- Body Part: The head
- Sign: Patience is not a virtue that many Arians possess, so it's tough to keep your head down this year. Use your natural energy and enthusiasm to stay focused. In other words, it's not that hard to reach your goal if you just stop being a lazy ass.

Zodiac: Taurus (21st April-20th May)
- Color: Green
- Body Part: The neck
- Sign: Taurus people are like Magpies attracted to shiny things, they like the extravagant, finer things in life. This desire to have the best sometimes results in them becoming a little greedy. This will lead to friction amongst you and your friends, because no one likes to have to put up with a greedy pig.

Zodiac: Gemini (21st May-21st June)
- Color: Any color
- Body Part: The hands and Lungs
- Sign: Gemini are people that like to be surrounded by their friends. They need to share their latest news or thoughts at regular intervals. In the year to come, this may prove to be a little risky. Be careful about what you tell people, as there's just some things they don't need to know!

Zodiac: Cancer (22nd June-22nd July)
- Color: Silver
- Body Part: The Breasts
- Sign: Being at home and surrounded by the people who love them is the most important thing for a Cancerian. This is all very warm and cozy, but don't get too settled. If you don't become more independent soon, you'll end up becoming a hermit in your safe little room until you die of old age.

Zodiac: Leo (23rd July-22nd August)
- Color: Orange
- Body Part: The Heart
- Sign: Ambition is one of Leo's greatest and most noticeable qualities. They always get what they want and have abundant confidence in everything they do. 2003 will be the year that this pays off. If it's a job at Burger King you're after, you'll be sure to be hired this year. July will be your lucky month.

Zodiac: Virgo (23rd August-22nd September)
- Color: Grey and Navy
- Body Part: The Intestines
- Sign: Although they are very shy and reserved sometimes, Virgos are actually very friendly people. They get along with almost everybody. Their only downfall is that they can tend to be a little bossy. This will be at its worst in the summer months, so just be wary about who you boss about. Someone who is already hot and bothered won't thank you for telling him or her what to do. Beware of walking into fists.

Zodiac: Libra (23rd September-23rd October)
- Color: Blue and Pink
- Body Part: The Kidneys
- Sign: Librarians would make perfect diplomats, as they always have a very balanced view of everything. This could be seen as a very passive trait, but just remember that if you sit on the fence too long, you'll get splinters in your ass. Try, if only once, this year to actually pick a side and stick to it!

Zodiac: Scorpio (24th October-22nd November)
- Color: Deep Red
- Body Part: The Reproductive Organs
- Sign: Scorpios are people that are often suspicious of others. They question their motives and aren't taken in by superficial things such as beauty. Sometimes, it doesn't hurt to be a bit more trustworthy, and in the coming year you will meet someone who will expect your trust. It is up to you who you trust, but I wouldn't advise you to place your trust in anyone, as you may find yourself embroiled in some alleyway and shouting about mobile phones "going cheap!"

Zodiac: Sagittarius (23rd November-21st December)
- Color: Purple
- Body Part: The Thighs
- Sign: A life of adventure is what most Sagittarians crave. They like nothing more than travelling, and partaking in dangerous activities. They need to be on the move and doing something all the time. This summer will be a hub of activity for all you action junkies, and don't be surprised if you find yourself naked bungee jumping (it's free that way).

Zodiac: Capricorn (22nd December-20th January)
- Color: Dark colours
- Body Part: The knees and Skeleton
- Sign: Capricorn people enjoy working hard to achieve something. They see achievement as one of the most important things in life. Let your hair down a bit this year, all work and no play makes a boring far. Go mad in August.

Zodiac: Aquarius (21st January-18th February)
- Color: Electric Blue
- Body Part: The ankles and Shins
- Sign: Original is a word associated with Aquarians. They enjoy coming up with new, innovative ideas. However, sometimes they become irritated because not everyone agrees with them. Use your intelligence to understand that people just don't care! October will be a good time to put an idea to work.

Zodiac: Pisces (19th February-20th March)
- Color: Sea Green
- Body Part: The Feet
- Sign: Pisces people are very emotional, and easily moved to tears. They are also very kind and understanding. So understand that crying people make everyone uncomfortable and stop doing it. November will bring something so good you'll cry, just try and do it by yourself!
Rag Trip 2003!

We were now heading towards Athboy in Co. Meath where we would be meeting up with the fun loving Cathal Brutha Street gang in Bucks nightclub.

The locals looked very scared indeed as hundreds of tanked-up students descended on their town, walking and stumbling on their way to more partying, drinking and dancing.

At this stage it was a bigger nightclub to house the joining of Aungier Street and Cathal Brutha Street. Also the drink was just as expensive, but they had hot food on the go inside the nightclub. Sausages, beans and mashed potatoes were ordered of the day while some people dangerously juggled their meal on the flimsy white paper plates. The sound of Bucks was old skool with the likes of Michael Jackson's Billie Jean and Jump Around really getting the crowd going. Shame nobody could moon walk. The music then began to take itself seriously bringing modern dance anthems to the floor.

Mary-Rose from Cathal Brutha Street told me that they had been to Ashbourne - the day was clearly taking its toll on some of us as a few people crashed out on the seats unable for any more at this point.

We ordered to the club - to give themselves some exercise but a spin on the dancefloor would have been healthier. Barry from Co. Kildare had fun in the club pretending to throw the passengers up - a little. The DITSU crew had had a job getting everyone back on the right buses - I even lost my partner in crime to the Cathal Brutha crowd. But I had plenty of people to talk to on the journey to the final destination where everybody would be meeting up. The rumour mill was working in overdrive, some people suggesting that we definitely would be going to Cork, despite there being a five hour bus journey and that we had been heading north all along. And north it was - final destination Monaghan.

By Gemma Mansfield
Carnival Day and Foamlands

By Fergie The Bald Eagle Darcy

Bombarded by bungee jumpers, reinforced by rampant rugger buggers, salvaged by suave sumo wrestlers and frolicking with football fanatics! Where else would you get it, but a D.I.T. rag day. The weather, with spurts of sunshine, sparse showers and the absence of gale force winds suited the occasion aptly. The carnival even came equipped with a savage sound system and numerous devilish DJs. The altruistic organisers gaped in awe at what they had created a recipe for rampant raging hormones to run wild.

As Paul Malone, Site President of Aungier Street so astutely pronounced 'It was emotional.' The carnival itself held an abundance of activities for students to take part in. The importing of a crane for bungee jumping went down a major success, raising a huge amount for charity. Students were also given an opportunity to become acquainted with Grange"orman, D.I.T.'s future campus and donate their opinions.

The Northside/Southside rugby match was a courageous display of mesmerising, mind-blowing manliness. While Darren McDade (Site President Bolton St.) and Stephen Boyle (Site President Cathal Brugha St.) may have attempted to shake their tic tacs on the field, one Aungier St. mascot (who answers to Paulie) blew them away with his viscous vocal skills.

The Aungier Street Anarchists took the Gleeson cup home adding that extra zest to the day for the Southside contingent. This childish fun, endorsed by pubescent giggles, was enjoyed by all.

The second half of the day involved straggling to the Tivoli only to be engulfed by salacious suds. the night began with two DJs from the DJ Society warming up the crowd. They were then followed by resident DJ Rob Ryan. A frantic foam canon operator (Stevo baby face Boyle) was perhaps over generous with the fairy liquid. The revellers however, were wet, saturated beyond belief, severely soaked to the skin and ecstatic with anticipation.

In the thick of the ambience, they got their twinkle out. The music catered for all tastes leaving the usual thumpidy-thump of a student nite behind. The venue and the fairy liquid was perhaps over generous with the fairy liquid. But here in D.I.T, we love chaos.

Pandemonium on the dance floor, baffled at the bar, and intoxicated on fabulous, fantastic foam. Finally the quote of the day was FoamMachine "Gargle, gargle, gargle... burp gargle!"

Tara Finglas gets to grips with the prickly giant that is seven times taller than the GPO, the Supreme silver Spire.

With its glowing red light at night, the Spike puts a twinkle into the hearts of those craning their necks to get a better look. Costing some 4.75 million one has to wonder if the Spike will become what the Eiffel Tower is to Paris or what Trafalgar Square is to pigeons, a toilet in the centre of London.

Nearly 40 years ago Nelson's Pillar stood on the site of the Spire. Nelson's pillar was notorious for its reputation as a meeting landmark. Young courting couples met there to go dancing until on that faithful day in 1966 when the IRA attempted to blow up the monument.

Is the Spire a success and is it boosting business on O'Connell Street as promised by Bertie's government? To answer this question and many more we need to go on site and put our ears to the ground and listen to the people whose lives revolve around this new monument.

Pat O'Brien is the second generation of his family to work on the newspaper stand outside O'Connell Street. This is his task of summing up what the Spire means to them. His father, a quiet man, left Pat the task of summing up what the Spire means to them. "It's a waste of fucking money. Of course if they had not put the Spire up they would have put something else instead," said Pat.

The Spire is part of the rejuvenation programme on Upper O'Connell Street. Has the Spire delivered the bus loads of tourists promised in the rejuvenation programme, and have O'Connell Street businesses reaped the rewards of having a monument of national multitude on their doorsteps?

According to a report by Dublin Corporation, the Spike will attract tourists and visitors to O'Connell Street. This is likely to have long term positive impacts on commercial and retail outlets.

In reality, Pat paints a different picture of day-to-day business on O'Connell Street. "No Jesus, the Spire has not made a difference, no you must be joking. Selling papers is the most unpredictable game in the world. The Spike has made no difference to our sales," said Pat.
How to Get Pissed

Our boy Keith engages in some serious research to suss out just how pissed you can get for 20 bills these days in this inflationary environment of ours.

As all students know, there comes time every so often when the stresses and strains of third level life can almost become too much to bear. Deadlines, early starts and the financial gymnastics required to stave off debt are difficult to cope with at the best of times.

**BEER**

What better place to start than with the most vital ingredient in any self-respecting alcoholic's diet? We've all managed to weld the imprint of our arse into a barstool over the course of a beer-guzzling session. Encouragingly, €20 is more than enough to get you a full gallon of beer. With the more expensive brands like Budweiser and Miller costing about €2 per 500ml can, you'll get ten cans for your money. The lower-priced beers, e.g. Harp and Bavaria, can be found for as little as €1.25 per can. The best deal I could find was a 12-pack of Dutch Gold for €14, leaving me with a full €6 spare to invest in another 4 cans. That meant a total of 16 cans for a paltry €20; more than enough to get you royally pissed and prompt increasingly frequent visits to the bathroom.

**ALCO-POPS**

Certainly one of the more viable options for the ladies: infinitely more palatable than any other alcoholic drink and relatively hangover-free, they're also slightly higher in alcoholic volume than your average beer. Most examples hover around 5.5%. However, each and every brand is available only in a 275ml bottle. Bacardi Breezer, Archer's Aqua and Smirnoff Ice all retail for about €2.60 a bottle, with a six pack costing about €15-16. This means you'll be able to procure up to seven or eight bottles with your twenty. Not enough to make a serious dent in the sobriety of a seasoned drinker, but very suitable for the lightweights out there.

**WINES**

Another one most likely to be taken up by the fairer sex. A bog-standard bottle of plonk can be found for as little as a fiver, with the price increasing in accordance with quality rather than quantity. If you can stomach the lower-priced fare, then its unlikely that you'll spend the colour of €20 before getting well and truly shot. With most wines weighing in at between 10% and 15% volume, a couple of litres should be enough to see you reach the desired level of intoxication.

**CIDER**

By the time they reach third level, most students have grown out of the cider-drinking stage. However, hazy memories of nights spent skulking cans of Bulmers behind a hedge in a cowshit-splattered field can prompt people to do the strangest things. In the event of a nostalgic craving to revisit the glory days of your knacker-drinking youth, a 12-pack of 330ml cans of Bulmers can be picked up for about €18.80. Meanwhile, a 500ml can of Strongbow, Linden Village or Hudson Blue will set you back €1.60-1.80, meaning you'll be able to get up to a dozen cans for your money.

**SPIRITS**

Ah, now things start to get serious. €20 certainly goes a long way when you venture into the spiritual realm. A 700ml bottle of Smirnoff red label vodka can be yours, along with the accompanying irreparable liver damage. Whiskey drinkers will find 700ml of Jack Daniel's or Southern Comfort slightly out of reach at over €25, but two naggons comes to €18. All three of the above drinks are a hefty 37.5% in volume, so you may have to add on the price of a suitable mixer. The less lethal spirits (e.g. Malibu, Archer's) are less than 25% in volume and a bottle costs in the region of €19.
Howya now, Colin Saunders here. I just want to say a few words to finish off the year.

There has been allot of activity from Societies in Aungier St. this year. Especially the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for their excellent charity work amongst others. Fair play to anyone who got involved this year as it has been a productive one.

I would also like to take this opportunity to declare my fluctuation problems to the world. Please avoid sitting beside me for long journeys if you are ever in this position; I will unwillingly inflict severe nasal damage upon you if you fail to do so. Alas I bid farewell to you all.

(Colin Saunders may or may not have actually written this report. He was not available for comment unfortunately. -ED)

DIT DJ Battle: “Rollin’ n Scratchin”
In association with the DJ Society and the Roots Movement

The D.I.T. battle of the D.J.’s was held in Da 2 Bar on Wednesday, 12th of March. The event attracted D.J.’s and music enthusiasts from all of the D.I.T campuses. The doors opened at seven. While the crowd waited for the competition to begin, they were entertained by D.J.’s Tim Ryan and D.J. Nelson.

The competition started at eight and it was clear to all that the standard was extremely high. Each D.J. brought something different and authentic to the night. The line-up for the night consisted of Sam McGlone, Noel Walsh, Jan Pallas, Damien Kelly, Tony Flynn, Will Kinsella, and Karla Van Der Klamp. MC for the night was the very talented MC Sage, who free-styled on various occasions during the competition, to the enjoyment of the crowd.

The three finalists who progress to the Tivoli to represent D.I.T in the inter-college event are Tony Flynn, Karla Van Der Klamp and Will Kinsella. The judges had a hard task to choose the finalists because all the D.J.’s were talented and varied in style and music genre. The DJ society would like to thank the judges on the night and Abbey Discs, Red Bull and Da 2 Bar for their sponsorship for the D.I.T battle of the D.J.’s. The D.J. society wish all the finalists luck in the inter-college D.J. competition. We encourage students to go along to the event on the 9th April in the Tivoli and support the D.J.’s representing your college. Tickets for the event are on sale in the Aungier Street student union shop. Tickets are priced at €6.

good luck for the rest of the year
Barry whole lotta luv Ryan
Treasurer

Thank you all for a brilliant year. We are looking forward to the D.J. battle on the 9th of April, when the D.J.s representing the college battle.

Next year we ll grow even more.

This term began with the launch of "Lunch time Leisure" in the common area downstairs in the Student Union. Basically we have live DJ’s from Tuesdays to Fridays. We are trying to create more of an atmosphere in the place as it was very quiet otherwise.

As Barry mentioned already, on the 12th of March we ran "Rollin & Scratchin" the DIT DJ Battle in association with the Roots Movement (parent organisation) in DA 2. It was a great event with 10 DJ’s two beatboxers (Keane and Murro) and it was hosted by MC Sage. The night had a diverse flavor to it with the presence of Trance, Techno, Drum n Bass, House and Hip Hop. The winners progress to the inter-college battle in the Tivoli on the 9th of April.

Thankfully we now have a website so everyone can monitor our progress on a weekly basis @ www.geocities.com/djsociety_dit. It basically has news on upcoming events, the DJ s, the people behind the scenes and loads of photos.

You can also email us at djsociety_dit@yahoo.com

There was also a limited number of hoodies and T-shirts made up with the Roots Movement logo representing the Society on them. They seem to have been well received.

To finish off I’d like to wish everyone the best for the rest of the year. I also want to thank people like Barry, Claire, Anton, Tim, Karla, Jan, Juhun, JP, Kate, Kiwi and Jamie (Duffman) for their help this year. I also want to say thanks to the lads and lovely ladies in

Abbey Discs for sponsoring us this year. If you have any inquiries about the DJ Society or the Roots Movement email me at djsociety_dit@yahoo.com

Take it easy and enjoy the rest of the year.
Will Kinsella
Paintball Society Review

The cold Friday morning of the 24th of January 2003. The bus arrived and everyone on our second trip prepared themselves for a day of carnage.

The venue: Crossfire Paintball Games in Kilternan. What follows is an account of the days mayhem:

12pm: load onto bus

1:20pm: unload from bus and trek up to forest

1:40pm: still waiting for stragglers to arrive, kit up in gear and do safety check

2pm: Stragglers arrive, kit up, fire test shots and enter the zone

2:05pm: The first shots are fired, with a standoff as our team tried to dig out enemies holed up inside a fort, mission unsuccessful

2:45pm: Second game begins, again mission is unsuccessful.

3:00pm: Lunch, a gourmet meal of a hamburger, baked potato and beans, washed down with orange juice. The nicest meal I've had.

3:45pm: Back into forest for first game again, this time we push forward into their base to claim the flag, winning.

4:10pm: Final game, Assassination. Two German Erasmus officers, protected by a platoon of combined DIT and IT Tallaght forces fail to see a flank come up on them, forcing them back into hiding before they retreat and surrender.

4:30pm: Load back onto buses, victorious, covered in bruises but happy after a good days excursion.

just to wrap things up i'd like to thank everyone who helped the Society this year. it has been another productive year and Fiona, Micko and myself are happy with how things have went. we wish you all the best in the summer.

Jamie Duffman McCormack
Chairperson

Ski Societies Pimps n Ho's Review

By Jamie McCormack

The Ski Society organised the P-Diddy and J-Lo Pimp's and Ho's night in D2 bar on Harcourt Street recently. I arrived at around 11:30, an hour and a half after the evening kicked off to be greeted by some pretty funky tunes, drunken students and lotsa dancing on the dance floor (who could miss him).

Great stuff. The night was a great success, with plenty of drinks promos, around 300 people turning up to make the night a pretty funky evening and hopefully a good fundraiser for the lads who organised it to allow the lot of them to go on the piss in Andorra.

Although the night was supposed to be a theme night, only a small percentage turned up kitted out, but they just added to the fun on the evening. The drink was good, with some pretty good pints from the bar, but a DJ who couldn't mix for shite was the only downfall of the evening.

Putting that aside, the night was well worth the €6 entry fee, with everyone I saw and spoke to having a good laugh. The trip to Andorra also went well for the Society. it was well organised by Paul. all in all it has been a good year for the Society. hopefully next year will be just as eventful.
How you know you have been in College too long

Here's just a few points to inform you that your doing absolutely nothin

You consider McDonald's "real food."

You actually like doing laundry at home.

4:00 AM is still early on the weekends.

It starts getting late on the weeknights.

Two miles is not too far to walk for a party.

You wear dirty socks three times in a row and think nothing of it.

It's dark.

Half the time you don't wake up in your own bed and it seems normal.

The X-Box is more than a console it's a way of life.

You schedule your classes around sleep habits and soaps.

You know the pizza boy by name.

You go to sleep when it's light and get up when it's dark.

You live for getting mail. (E-mail included)

Looking out the window is a form of entertainment.

Prank phone calls become funny again.

Londis is the coolest store.

World War III could take place and you'd be clueless.

You start thinking and sounding like your room mate.

Blacklights and highlighters are the coolest things on earth.

Rearranging your room is your favorite pastime.

You find out milk crates have so many uses.

The weekend lasts from Thursday to Sunday (or Wednesday morning to Tuesday night).

You count a full day spent downstairs in the poolroom as a day's work.

You still cry about the closure of the Palace. (Oh those Wednesday nights).

That six pack you had just won't comeback through your participation in the sofa Olympics.

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Jackass - The Movie

"The following stunts were performed by professionals, so for your safety and the protection of those around you, Paramount Pictures and MTV films insist that neither you or your dumb little buddies attempt any of what your about to see."

Have you ever wanted to try a pragmatic bungee wedgy, experience a nauseating alligator nipple piercing or even make your mum coarsely curse on front of hundreds of people? If so, Jackass is the movie for you! A film without a plot, without main characters and without any morals a masterpiece. Released on October 25th 2002 to say the least this film has been extremely successful. Paramount Pictures in association with MTV Films have concocted an assorama due to the success of the series, and for the sheer entertainment of mayhem-makers worldwide. All of the Usual Suspects appear in the film i.e. Johnny Knoxville, Steve-o, Chris Pontius, Bam Margera, Jason Wee Man Acuna, Ryan Dunn, Preston Lacey and Dave England. Your imagination will run wild with the nasty writing of Johnny Knoxville, Jeff Tremaine and Spike Jonze who epitomise the phrase - Jackass. The Jackass saga began when Philip A. Clapp (A.K.A. Knoxville) approached Tremaine, who was then editor of Big Brother magazine, in an effort to sell his daftness. They then compiled videos of these sadistic stunts, which were transformed into a hit series for MTV. The film itself mainly appeals to the thousands of Jackass fans and veterans, worldwide.

Other than this outstanding astute audience, the film will probably gain little or no interest from other spectators.

The stunts involve a compilation of old and new. Oldies such as Party Boy, Skateboarding in fat suits, Preston chasing Wee Man, Trolley Rallies, Bam Abusing his father and swimming with sharks all provide pubescent giggles. New stunts involved Rent-a-car crash derby, Old age make up, sticking toy cars in the most notorious of body cavities, getting X-rayed and the likes. Cameo appearances from Super Heavy Weight Champion Eric Butterbean Esch (who puts Knoxville in intensive care), BMX pro Matt Hoffman, skateboarder extraordinaire Tony Hawk and Former Black Flag Frontman Henry Rollins provide immense humour.

All footage in the film is shot in the same manner as the series. Tremaine, the director, uses hand-held cameras and spy cameras to capture the hilarious to hideous stunts. The soundtrack is legendary incorporating the main theme from The Omen, and The Revs - Turnin Japanese (blaring while in Japan). Overall the film is a good watch for those who enjoy middle-aged men prancing about in tongs and inflicting pain on each other. But for those who enjoy those movies with deeper meaning, a sense of plot and that all-important moral at the end, perhaps Jackass- The Movie is not for you.

D A R C
1. Any Man who brings a camera to a stag night may be legally killed and eaten by his fellow partygoers.

2. Under no circumstances may two men share an umbrella.

3. It is ok for a man to cry under the following circumstances:
   a. When a heroic dog dies to save its master.
   b. The moment Angelina Jolie starts unbuttoning her blouse.
   c. After wrecking your boss' car.
   d. One hour, 12 minutes, 37 seconds into "The Crying Game".
   e. When she is using her teeth.

4. Unless he murdered someone in your family, you must bail a friend out of jail within 12 hours.

5. If you've known a bloke for more than 24 hours, his sister is off limits forever, unless you actually marry her.

6. Moaning about the brand of free beer in a mate's fridge is forbidden. Complain at will if the temperature is unsuitable.

7. No man shall ever be required to buy a birthday present for another man. Infact, even remembering your mate's birthday is strictly optional.

8. On a road trip, the strongest bladder determines pit stops, not the weakest.

9. When stumbling upon other blokes watching a sporting event, you may ask the score of the game in progress, but you may never ask who's playing.

10. You may flatulate in front of a woman only after you have brought her to climax. If you trap her head under the covers for the purpose of flatulent entertainment, she's officially your girlfriend.

11. It is permissible to quaff a fruity alcopop drink only when you're sunning on a tropical beach... and it's delivered by a topless supermodel... and it's free.

12. Only in situations of Moral and/or physical peril are you allowed to kick another bloke in the nuts.

13. Unless you're in prison, never fight naked.


15. If a man's fly is down, that's his problem, you didn't see anything.

16. Women who claim they "love to watch sports" must be treated as spies until they demonstrate knowledge of the game and the ability to drink as much as the other sports watchers.

17. You must offer heartfelt and public condolences over the death of a girlfriend's cat, even if it was you who secretly set it on fire and threw it into a ceiling fan.

18. A man in the company of a hot, suggestive­ly dressed woman must remain sober enough to fight.

19. Never hesitate to reach for the last beer or the last slice of pizza, but not both - that's just mean.

20. If you complement a bloke on his six-pack, you'd better be talking about his choice of beer.

21. Never join your girlfriend or wife in dissing a Mate of yours, except if she's withholding sex pending your response.

22. Phrases that may not be uttered to another man while lifting weights:
   a. Yeah, Baby, Push it!
   b. C'mon, give me one more! Harder!
   c. Another set and we can hit the showers!

23. Never talk to a man in a bathroom unless you are on equal footing: Both urinating, both waiting in line, etc. For all other situations, an almost imperceptible nod is all the conversation you need.

24. Never allow a telephone conversation with a woman to go on longer than you are able to have sex with her. Keep a stopwatch by the phone. Hang up if necessary.

25. You cannot grass on a colleague who shows up at work with a massive hangover. You may however, hide the aspirin, smear his chair with cheese, turn the brightness dial all the way down so he thinks his monitor is broken, and have him paged over the loud speaker every seven minutes.

26. The morning after you and a girl who was formerly "just a friend" have carnal drunken money sex, the fact that you're feeling weird and guilty is no reason not to nail her again before the discussion about what a big mistake it was.

27. It is acceptable for you to drive her car. It is not acceptable for her to drive yours.

28. Thou shalt not buy a car with an engine capacity of less than 1.5 litres. Thou shalt not really buy a car with less than 1.8 litres, 16 valves, and a turbo.

29. Thou shalt not buy a car in the colours of brown, pink, lime green, orange or sky blue.

30. The girl who replies to the question "What do you want for Christmas?" with "If you loved me, you'd know what I want!" gets a Playstation 2. End of story.
IF IT REALLY WAS A MAN'S WORLD

1. Breaking up would be a lot easier. A smack on the arse and a Cheers for the sex - would pretty much do it.

2. Birth control would come in ale or lager.

3. Valentine's Day would be moved to February 29, so it would only occur in leap years.

4. On Mother's Day, you'd get the day off to go drinking.

5. Instead of "beer-belly", you'd get "beer-biceps".

6. Tanks would be far easier to rent.

7. Every woman that worked would have to do so topless.

8. Every man would get four, real Get Out of Jail Free cards per year.

9. Telephones would cut off after 30 seconds of conversation.

10. When your girlfriend really needed to talk to you during the game, she'd appear in a little box in the corner of the screen when the ball goes out of play.

11. Nodding and looking at your watch would be deemed as an acceptable response to "I love you."

12. The funniest guy in the office would get to be CEO.

13. "Sorry, but I got wasted last night", would be an acceptable excuse for absence and/or poor time keeping.

14. Lifeguards could remove people from beaches for violating the "public ugliness" ordinance.

15. Hallmark would make "Sorry, what was your name again?" cards.

16. Lager would have the same effect as Viagra.

17. "Fancy a shag" would be the only chat up line in existence and it would work every time.

18. Everyone would drive at least 70mph and anyone driving under that would be fined.

19. Dinner break would happen every hour and the boss would hire in strippers and 1000 a night hookers for the duration of those breaks.

20. Saying "Let's have a threesome. You, me and your sister" to your wife/girlfriend would get the response, "What a great idea!!"

21. Harrier jump jets would take you to and from work.
Here is a page dedicated to those unsung heroes, the celebrities.

Liz multiplied by ten equals......

Celebrity Corner

Above: Jacko and his new missus.

Right: Looks like Tina Turner Picked the wrong week to give up sniffing glue.

You're a woman and you see a handsome guy at a party. You go up to him and say, "I'm fantastic in bed," That's Public Relations.

You're at a party with a bunch of friends and see a handsome guy. One of your friends goes up to him and pointing at you says, "She's fantastic in bed," That's Advertising.

You see a handsome guy at a party. You go up to him and get his telephone number. The next day you call and say,"Hi, I'm fantastic in bed," That's Telemarketing.

You're at a party and see a handsome guy. You get up and straighten your dress. You walk up to him and pour him a drink. You say,"May I," and reach up to straighten his tie brushing your breast lightly against his arm, and then say, "By the way, I'm fantastic in bed," That's Brand Recognition.

You're on your way to a party when you realize that there could be handsome men in all these houses you're passing. So you climb onto the roof of one situated toward the center and shout at the top of your lungs, "I'm fantastic in bed!" That's Junk Mail.

FINE - This is the word women use to end an argument when they feel they are right and you need to shut up. Never use "fine" to describe how a woman looks. This will cause you to have one of those arguments.

FIVE MINUTES - This is half an hour. It is equivalent to the five minutes that your football game is going to last before you take out the trash, so it's an even trade.

GO AHEAD (With Raised Eyebrows) - This is trash, so it's an even trade. One that will result in a woman getting upset over "Nothing," and will end with the word "Fine."

GO AHEAD (Normal Eyebrows) - This means "I give up" or "do what you want because I don't care. You will get a "Raised Eyebrow Go Ahead" in just a few minutes, followed by "Nothing" and "Fine," and she will talk to you in about "Five Minutes" when she cools off.

THAT'S OKAY - This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's Okay" means that she wants to think long and hard before paying you back for whatever it is that you have done.

Words Women Use

NOTHING - This means "something," and you should be on your toes."Nothing" is usually used to describe the feeling a woman has of wanting to turn you inside out, upside down, and backwards. "Nothing" usually signifies an argument that will last "Five Minutes" and end with the word "Fine."

YOU NEED IT BECAUSE YOU'RE FAT

And you sweat and stink, and when you run the earth shakes.
Our college years are the time for experimentation. Aungier Street is proud to possess the likes of Tampon Boy and other pioneers in their fields. But for the remaining student body we want to play the pervert and discuss various things that go on behind closed doors. All this and more will be disclosed in Aungier Street’s Sex and the Street.

First of all we must say those of us who talk about sex get none. Individuals who write about sex really must not get any; we can certainly vouch for that. Before we proceed we must do the responsible thing (don’t worry we ain’t getting preachy!) — do whatever but just make sure its safe and do this at home!

To be sensational we decided to deal with oral sex. Through discussions and interviews we found that opinion and enjoyment of the act hugely varies with gender.

The performance of oral sex on a man is referred to as fellatio. The idea of oral sex simply makes some women cringe whereas others are more accommodating in the literal sense. We came across many women who found both the thought of receiving and giving very disgusting. However there is a good amount that enjoy nothing more than receiving a good tongue-lashing. One girl described a guy’s equipment as smelly. The man, the simpleton, seems to put little thought towards the act.

When they receive it just happens. Some men are known to prefer the act towards full sex. This can be for reasons for convenience (outside a nightclub) or they simply desire something different. Most men would appear to take pleasure in satisfying a woman’s needs. They find it desirable rather than repulsive. This highlights the contrast between men and women’s perspectives of sex. In the early stages of a relationship oral sex is usually a preference over full sex. This can be normal for the initial months of a relationship.

On technique the simpleton becomes fussy in how they receive. In a nutshell women, do not use your hands and tongue action is very welcome. Be very careful with the teeth. Without being overly graphic, a guy may appreciate kissing in that area. This can be viewed as a form of foreplay. Unfortunately for men women do not come with a map. Strategic positioning has to be self taught. Apparently a stiff lower and upper lip guards the teeth, which avoids carnage. Rhythmic thrusting is required.

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Ladies showing their blowing skills, in preparation of the last stop on the rag trip.

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Marilyn Monroe is said to have aided her career with her ability to perform fellatio. She is said to have performed the act on men within the show business network. She seemed willing to perform and did not mind doing so as long as they were nice. It is said that she even drank from the furry cup but soon realised she was not a lesbian. It is possible that oral sex can bring you to the peak of pleasure and your career, but only in Los Angeles.

Deep throat refers to the phenomena of a woman being able to take an instrument in its entirety without ‘gagging’. This ability is not as legendary as some may imagine. Very many of us may have witnessed this ability in a more innocent form on television or at the circus — sword swallowers make great bedfellows!

Sex has no perimeters and cannot be explained within a magazine column. One definite question we managed to answer was whether to kiss or not to kiss post performance. Do not attempt this; nobody wants a mouthful of themselves. Sex reveals a lot about our personality. The
90s Bird

If you are a gal born in the 80s and grew up in the 90s, here are some things you might remember.

1. You once used Wella Plum mousse or Sun-in in your hair that you thought was totally original and highly stylish.
2. You thought blue mascara looked good on EVERYONE!!
3. You bought/stole Constance Carroll's rollerball lip gloss from the Pound-shop.
4. You could do or tried to do the prodigy step.
5. You owned or longed for an Adidas three-stripe tracksuit, in every colour.
6. Platform runners??
7. You owned a compilation tape with top tunes such as "Mr. Vain", "What is love" and "Rhythm is a dancer" on it!
8. Hour long debates on who was better... East 17 or Take That?
9. You judged a girl on who she fancied from Take That! (Robbie: you were cool. Gary Barlow: you were not!)
10. For all you die hard E17 fans... "Outside its raining but inside its wet" and "Alright alright, everything's gonna be alright"

In a perfect world a boy meets a girl, they fall in love, and they have 2.5 children and live happily ever after. In our parents generation it was common to meet their Mister wonderful or Miss wonderful as the case may be, around the age of twenty. That would be about now for most of us. Thankfully our generation has changed. Why is it then when we, the female sex, mention the R word (for you unenlightened people out there that means relationship) most guys would run for the hills. Don't they understand that despite all information to the contrary we are not looking for Mr. Right but Mr Right NOW!

Is our generation changing so much so that guys actually prefer to be out boozing with their mates then enjoying a simple one-on-one, (in a very restrained sense of the word of course), with that special girl? And what's happened to mixing the two? Are women still willing to take a back seat to manly comments such as "she cant drink as much as me and the lad(s)"? Seeing as guys care a great deal for their beer bellies I say if you can't beat them... then have a better time elsewhere! But that's not really the issue here. It's the C-word. Yeah it ends in a T, has an N and a No not THAT word. I'm talking about Commitment. Ever heard of it? Most of you haven't! Or maybe you've heard stories about little Johnny who got involved with Mary-Sue. And soon after she started talking about the C-word and before your heads could spin little Johnny was drinking lemon-ade on his nights out and was home by ten tucked up in his bed. And now ever and again someone would ask, "What happened to Johnny?" and the only reply that he said is "Mary-sue got him!"

Snap out of it! What is with the word commitment? What is with guys and their bizarre understanding of the meaning of the word? Could it be that maybe under-worked brains don't have the capacity to understand words that are over three letters? But then drink is a five-letter word! Hmmm that must be an exception to the rule. Proof being that orgasm is a six-letter word!

For some guys commitment and relationships seem to be in the same league as marriage. Of course the rationale there is similar to 1+1=5. And they say women are bionks! We're told men think sex 24/7 and from the majority of them that I know or at least work with, I would concur. But what I fail to understand is why it is still believed in this day and age that women are never the initiators of sex. And if she is well then she's the biggest hussy around! For a woman to sleep with a guy she's just started seeing its risky, but for her male counterpart he's considered "de man" because he managed to nail her on the first night. I won't harp on a long debated issue of sexism but move on to a more interesting one.

The question being that when it comes to relationships why is it that a lot of boys always seem to cheat? Is it the thrill of the chase or simply their inability to keep their not so special little guys locked up? Or are they simply opting out. Because suddenly they have to work a little bit harder (no pun intended)!! Is a reality emerging that all boys cheat? Do they really or are some of us simply unfortunate enough to constantly meet guys who are incapable of controlling themselves and their meagre urges for a quickie when under the influence of alcohol? Is this reality something that we, the monogamous member (male or female) of the "relationship" have to accept as common practise? "Oh I was really drunk, it didn't mean anything... I was thinking of you the whole l!" Whoa stop there! Please don't tell me that.

There's honesty and then there's just plain bullshit! Question is would you want to know? Would you accept a part-time boyfriend sharing him with his friends, his booze and the occasional fling? Simply because he doesn't think he's ready to settle down with one person! Ah poor baby! Sure I've no problem with you having it off with every bit of fluff that comes your way. Just be careful of his nightly infatuation with your one down the local whose resemblance to Gill from Coronation Street is striking! Is this what our generation has to look forward to?

And worse for women are we later to become, as single women now, those relationship girls that we so desperately hate. "Oh I can't come out tonight. Mike and I are going to the cinema again" they chirp so smugly. I'm embarrassed to say, despite rumours of Johnny and Mary-sue, that there are girls out there who simply have no interest in the outside world once she and her boo have locked eyes for the first time. It's these girls that live the rest of us a bad name!
AN URBAN FUNK EXPLOSION

Exploding onto the Scene

We are a group of white students playing what is essentially black-music, so it's fairly dodgy.

There was a load of instruments on the songs and I couldn't play them all on my own, so I asked a few of my friends to help me play them live.

The best compliment they could get? We are a group of white students playing what is essentially black-music, so it's fairly dodgy.

"I suppose because Ireland has no real history or cultural legacy with hip hop, it's taken time for it to develop over here," explains Forde.

"Also, the fact that hip hop has been a predominately American-based genre means that the artists were less accessible to Ireland. And it's only now that people are really taking notice of the UK scene, which I'm sure has always been there, it's just never been nurtured before. But from what I can tell, the artists definitely want to play here, and the more they play here, the more our home-grown structure can develop.

By Alana Doogan
7 Days of Madness: the Tupac legacy

By Will Kinsella

On September 7th 1996 Gangster Rapper Tupac Shakur was gunned down in Las Vegas after leaving a Mike Tyson fight. He was traveling with his associate and Death Row CEO Marion "Suge" Knight in a black sedan when 13 shots were released into the car. This just followed a scuffle in the Los Vegas Casino with Orlando Anderson, a well known Crips gang member. On Friday the 13th of September 1996 Tupac passed away. Hip Hop had just lost its largest personality.

Before his death he was engaged in a East Coast vs. West Coast record label rivalry with fellow rapper Notorious BIG. This created suspicion that he was behind the shooting. Or so it would seem. After Tupac's untimely death a series of messages were left behind in his music that portrayed his death. These messages formed what is known as the 7 day theory. Here are some areas of the theory that have lead some of his fans to believe that he faked his death and is to return 7 years after his death. Some say that he will return just in time for the elections to help Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton found a new political party.

The video "I ain't Mad at Cha" was released only a few days after his death. "I ain't Mad at Cha" is track 13 on the album All Eyes On Me. The video shows Tupac as an angel in heaven. In the video, Tupac was shot after leaving a theater with a friend, which is very similar to how he was shot in real life. Interestingly, Tupac dies in his last video released under the name "Tupac". His new video "Toss It Up" from the new album was released under the name "Makaveli".

The name Makaveli is based on an ancient Italian political and military theorist Nicolo Machiavelli who faked his own death to return and defeat his enemies who thought he was dead.

The title of this album is the 7 day theory

Tupac's body was cremated just two hours after his death. In his song "Life Goes On" he rapped about how he wanted rappers to perform at his funeral. He was also a Muslim and it is against the Muslim faith to be cremated as they believe it prevented any future exhumation.

In interviews prior to the shooting, Tupac talked about how he wanted to stop rapping and being a gangster and get out of the limelight.
Looking Forward to return

Between losing their bassist, finding a replacement and planning the release of a new album the last six months have been busy for Irish band Turn. Ciara Bambrick met up with Ollie Cole and Alan Lee to talk about the past and indeed the future for the band.

If DIT had one single campus and a venue large enough to house a stage and a crowd of gig goers then perhaps in recent weeks we would have been lucky enough to have experienced the Heineken Rollercoaster Tour, whose headliners this year included Kells and Thin Lizzy. Well take note, because Turn are about to hit the road again, and the second leg of the Infection Tour is set to cause quite the stir. It is said that every dark cloud has a silver lining. When Kells band Swampshack broke up I was their recent success in the Irish music scene perhaps when you read the name Turn it has absolutely no meaning to you.

The band started to look up when Ollie got a job in The Factory rehearsal studio and met Gavin Fox. A couple of weeks later, myself, Ian and Gavin stood in a room, everything was already written, we played 10 or 11 songs, everything sounded great immediately and that was that.

It didn’t take long for the band to be signed by British indie label Infectious, release their first single and start to tour. Their success with Infectious was however to be short lived and Turn were dropped shortly after releasing their debut album Antisocial.

Their unpleasant experience with major record labels has left a somewhat bitter taste, evident when Ollie talks about which label the band will use to put out their new album Forward.

Major labels are just full of fuckin’ pit falls. When you’re selling your own record you totally believe in it. Whereas, when you’re with a major label, they just drop it into places and its just one of maybe 10 out that week. When we were dropped by Infectious a part of me just thought right, we’re fucked now we’ll never recover. But if anything we’re doing better now than before. After being dropped by Infectious Turn set up their own label, Nurture. It was under that Nurture Turn released their successful EPs In Position and Summer Song/Another Year Over. Following extensive Irish touring the band went back into the studio last year to record their new album.

Everything seemed to be looked up for the band until Gavin decided to leave and join Scottish band Idlewild. In the beginning I missed his company, says Ollie speaking about Gavin’s departure, the album was almost done when he left, myself, Ian and Gavin made that record from nothing, so it seemed odd finishing it without him. The only thing we can now is do it fucking better. We have to be better than we already were.

For the new boy, who formerly played with another Irish band Skindive, how does he feel about being in a band. So I let Ollie and Alan into the studio last year to record their new album.

Just recently they were dropped, but this is the last thing I’d do to the band. As for the new boy, who formerly played with another Irish band Skindive, how does he feel about being in a band?

V том числе и многократное использование языка.

Down In the Dumps

Dumping. It’s something that most of us have been through whether we admit it or not. Pack your bags, on your bike, you’re dumped. But how cruel do we get when it comes to getting rid of our other halves? Well here are some of your dumping techniques.

I was going out with a girl for a couple of months. Then on a night out I scored one of her friends. When she found out she texted me to find out what was going on. All I said back was yeah, sorry forgot to mention you re dumped. Her and her friends weren’t too impressed but then again it didn’t stop me meeting three of them in the next month.

Phil, Security Management

Once I met up with a guy a couple of times but I didn’t think that we were getting on well too. I’m not very tactful so I got one of my friends to write a text message politely dumping him. I’m not sure what she said but it worked and I didn’t hear from him again.

Jennifer, Business Management

The Dogs Bollox; Special War Edition.

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Just really good. I think I’m really lucky.

With all the ups and downs the band have experienced over the last three years what exactly is it that makes them do what they’re doing? Why do Turn play music? I’ve no idea why I’m doing this.

Ever since I was a kid I’ve been obsessed with music. It was the only thing I ever cared about, I’m still like that and I’m glad I’m like that, says Ollie. When I get up in the morning the first thing I do is pick up my guitar and start playing. I can’t walk by a piano without playing it.

It’s said that every dark cloud has a silver lining. When Kells band Swampshack broke up I was left with a somewhat bitter taste, evident when Ollie talks about which label the band will use to put out their new album Forward.

Major labels are just full of fuckin’ pit falls. When you’re selling your own record you totally believe in it. Whereas, when you’re with a major label, they just drop it into places and it’s just one of maybe 10 out that week. When we were dropped by Infectious a part of me just thought right, we’re fucked now we’ll never recover. But if anything we’re doing better now than before. After being dropped by Infectious Turn set up their own label, Nurture. It was under that Nurture Turn released their successful EPs In Position and Summer Song/Another Year Over. Following extensive Irish touring the band went back into the studio last year to record their new album.

Everything seemed to be looked up for the band until Gavin decided to leave and join Scottish band Idlewild. In the beginning I missed his company, says Ollie speaking about Gavin’s departure, the album was almost done when he left, myself, Ian and Gavin made that record from nothing, so it seemed odd finishing it without him. The only thing we can now do is do it fucking better. We have to be better than we already were.

As for the new boy, who formerly played with another Irish band Skindive, how does he feel about being in a band?
JIMI HENDRIX

Unquestionably the most revered guitarist in the history of rock music. Born Johnny Allen Hendrix in Seattle on the 27th of November 1942, Jimi was completely self-taught. Naturally left-handed, he managed to overcome the obstacle of having to learn to play on a right-handed guitar. Having spent hours absorbing the playing of the likes of B.B. King and Robert Johnson, it's no surprise that his musical roots lie in his beloved blues.

Hendrix's early career saw him going under the stage name Jimmy James, as full-crum of the group "Jimmy James and the Blue Flames". It was in this incarnation that he was spotted by Chas Chandler (who was bassist with The Animals at the time) and urged to seek a career in London. With Chandler as his co-manager in partnership with Mike Jeffries, Hendrix immediately began a series of auditions in September 1966 that yielded bassist Noel Redding and drummer John "Mitch" Mitchell. The trio formed The Jimi Hendrix Experience.

Fronting the band, Jimi's profile soared as he grew in stature both as a guitarist and a singer-songwriter. Following the initial success of debut single "Hey Joe", the follow-up came in the form of the infectious "Purple Haze".

Having established a solid base from which to work, Hendrix's guitar playing became ever more pyrotechnic and flamboyant. Intense riffing and assuredly brilliant solos were coupled with technical innovation that saw the band produce an incredible aural assault. Ever the showman, Jimi would produce a number of bluesman tricks on stage - playing the guitar behind his back, between his legs and even with his teeth.

Between the years 1967 and 1970, Hendrix produced a number of virtuoso performances on songs such as "Crosstown Traffic", "Foxy Lady", "Voodoo Chile", and the magnificent "Little Wing". Perhaps the clearest indication of his incredible musical influence is evidenced by the impact of his rousing version of Bob Dylan's classic, "All Along the Watchtower". Jimi was afforded the ultimate accolade of Dylan himself choosing to perform Hendrix's version of the song on his 1974 tour.

Tragically, Hendrix was already four years in his grave by this stage. On 18th September 1970, his girlfriend Monika Danneman became alarmed when she could not rouse him from his sleep. An ambulance was immediately called, but he was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. The inquest revealed that Jimi had died of suffocation from inhalation of his own vomit.

JOHN LENNON

The legacy of the Beatles hardly needs retelling. Formed in 1960, the band long ago secured their place in musical fable. Unmanned million record sales, a plethora of unforgettable songs and an all-encompassing appeal has seen the Fab Four become synonymous with 60's rock n roll. They still sell an absurd number of albums today, testament to the enduring quality of their music and the incredible power of "Beatlemania".

John Lennon's many interviews in his days with the Beatles produced some fascinating soundbites, including this infamous (and ill-advised) nugget from a 1966 interview with British journalist Maureen Cleave: "Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue that; I'm right and I will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus now".

The band itself split in 1970 to the dismay of millions, but Lennon had little trouble establishing himself as a completely separate musical entity. Lennon and Sir Paul McCartney are widely recognised as the creative axis around which the Beatles phenomenon revolved, and both managed to forge successful solo careers from the debris of the break-up. This difficult period spurred Lennon to produce his best work, 1970's "John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band" and 1971's "Imagine" enjoying massive success.

Unfortunately, Lennon's post-Beatles musical material remains overshadowed by affairs in his private life. He spent the first half of the 70's fighting the U.S. Immigration Department for his green card, drinking heavily, and yawning non-stop for peace. The second half of the decade he spent in seclusion after the birth of his son Sean, to his second wife Yoko Ono.

Philip Lynott was born on August 20, 1949. Following largely unsuccessful early forays into the world of rock music, Lynott was taught to play the bass guitar by Brendan "Brush" Shiels, a former bandmate from the group "Skid Row". Lynott then spent some time in a band named "Orphanage" with old friend Brian Downey, and the pair were approached in late 1969 by guitarist Eric Bell about the possibility of forming a new band. The addition of Eric Wrixon on keyboards completed the line-up, and the original Thin Lizzy were born.

The band struggled for a number of years to establish themselves, with numerous personnel changes disrupting the continuity within the group. However, Lynott and Downey remained constant throughout this tough period and were to reap the rewards with the success of the band's breakthrough album, 1976's "Jailbreak". Lynott's star grew immensely over the next few years. Adored by fans, admired by contemporaries and praised by critics, he became a media darling. However, by 1977, his drug abuse began to catch up with him and his colleagues noticed a change in the artist. His mood swings intensified as a result of heroin addiction which necessitated the use of sleeping pills in an effort to get some rest.

The next three years of Thin Lizzy were typified by any number of ugly brawls involving band members on various tours. The band eventually announced a farewell tour in 1983, and tickets sold at an incredible pace. Having produced classic tracks such as The Boys Are Back in Town, Emerald and Dancing in the Moonlight, Thin Lizzy remain firm favourites in rock circles.
Kurt Cobain was born on the 20th of February 1967 in Hoquaim, a small town 140 kilometres south-west of Seattle. Cobain was for most his childhood a bronchitic child. Matters were made worse when Cobain's parent's divorce was when he was seven and by his own account Cobain said he never felt loved or secure again.

He became increasingly difficult, anti-social and withdrawn after his father's divorce. Cobain also said that his parent's traumatic split fuelled a lot of the anguish in Nirvana's music.

Cobain formed and reformed a series of bands before Nirvana came to be in 1986. Nirvana was an uneasy alliance between Cobain, bassist Krist Novoselic and eventually drummer and multi-instrumentalist Dave Grohl.

Following the limited success of debut album "Bleach", Nirvana's major success came with the album "Nevermind". A huge international success containing the raucous anthems "Lithium" and "Smells Like Teen Spirit", "Nevermind" sold over 10 million copies in the US alone.

The success of "Nevermind" served as a platform for the band and they enjoyed further acclaim following the release of follow-up album "In Utero" and the outstanding "Unplugged In New York".

In February 1992 Cobain slipped off to Hawaii to marry the already pregnant Courtney Love. Later in the year he underwent hospital treatment for heroin abuse. Despite the phenomenal success of Nirvana, cracks were starting to appear in his psychological make-up. The sensitive loner from Seattle was finding his rock lifestyle too much to bear.

Twenty concerts into Nirvana’s 1993-94 tour, Cobain developed throat problems and flew to Rome to recover with his wife. On 4th March 1994 he was rushed to hospital in a coma having unsuccessfully attempted to kill himself with a concoction of painkillers and champagne.

Cobain's reprieve was to prove only temporary. On the 5th of April, he barricaded himself into a granny flat behind his Seattle mansion, turned a shotgun on himself and pulled the trigger.

Cobain's suicide note was addressed to his nineteen-month-old daughter Frances, ending with the words "I love you, I love you". Two days after his body was found, a candlelit vigil in Seattle was attended by over 5000 people.

Cobain's suicide also prompted a spate of suicides among distressed American teenagers. The man’s legacy lives on today, as does Nirvana's indelible influence on teen culture.
It was all going wrong for George W. Bush. He was having lots of fun frying death row inmates as governor of Texas, selling off national parkland to oil companies and getting coked out of his box. Then Daddy Bush told young Dubya that he was fixin’ to make him the president of the good ol’ US of A. Dubya skulked and sulked all day in his bedroom with his beloved pet dog Skeeter until he finally came round to his daddy’s wishes.

Election day came and Dubya was relieved to see Al Gore soar ahead in the opening hours. He figured that Al would run the country way better because “he invented the Internet.” Young George delighted in the knowledge that he was going back to playing nintendo in Texas. Poppa Bush was not pleased in the slightest about those chicken-neck democrats hijacking his son’s victory. One brief phonecall to son Jeb in Florida ensured Dubya the state and the presidency.

Yup, Poppa and Jeb made sure their pesky black folks couldn’t vote democrat by getting the cops to block them from voting at all. Now George W. didn’t exactly understand the electoral college voting system but he knew he had won, what he didn’t know was that it was the start of many bad times. Starting at day one, there was huge controversy over the contested state of Florida. Accusations of poll-fixing were all over the place, and when Katherine Harris stopped the hand counts, many were outraged. It didn’t matter though because the American public went back to watching American Gladiators and forgot about it soon after. Georgie was president and it was official now.

Still he had the weekly embarrassment of his alcoholic, nympho daughters as a personal embarrassment. Week-in, week-out they got caught straddling college chumps in some bar pissed out of their minds - while being “guarded” by secret service agents. George still wonders when he’ll have to bust out the shotgun on a boyfriend. One thing’s for sure, Betsy’s always ready. Of course, the largest kick in the bollox must have come from that gawdemm Muslim Bin Ladin. Bush was only in office a little while, still getting used to the pedals - training wheels on - when the largest attack on America soil since Pearl Harbor came and shit on his doorstep.

One weekend in January 2002, President Bush was subject to an event which left him dizzy, battered, bruised and confused - he choked on a pretzel. He later commented: “My mother always said when you’re eating pretzels, chew before you swallow”. With this valuable advice, Dubya went on about his day as normal in front of the media’s prying eyes. But behind closed doors Bush’s sexual urges had been destroyed by the latest humiliation. The incident followed in the ten year anniversary of when Bush senior poked on the lap of Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa in a similar food-related embarrassment.

A close aide stated off the record that; “President Bush has been taking viagra and so far his attempts to copulate with wife Laura, a watermelon and his dog skeeter have been unsuccessful. He’s becoming more aggressive and is known to scream ‘a man without a Johnson is not a man at all’ late at night.

We’re all very worried for President Bush.” Faced with the growing pressures of being president and of not being able to satisfy any critics with the failing thrust of George junior, Dubya knew what he had to do to reinvigorate his manhood. WAR!!!

Gawdemmit, war would put an erection on a dead republican.”

The UN bowed down and was dismissed, so here we are. It’s all the fault of the French apparently, because they were going to veto the US/UK peaceful resolution which they didn’t even bother submit. “It’s all the fault of those French, cheese-eating surrender monkeys” says Dubya. This event has lead to certain American food vendors renaming “French fries” to “freedom fries” so as not to upset the sensibilities of your average republican NRA member who will surely fill McDonalds full of bullets if served “french fries”. I still just call them chips.

Iraq is about to be over-run by coalition forces and assuming they don’t keep blowing each other up in friendly-fire incidents, they should be done ripping the country a new corn-shoot soon enough. Iraq and Saddam are done for now (unless we’re left with a chiffmanner leading on to another sequel - Gulf War 3), but let this serve as a cautionary warning to all.

The next time you fart, make sure you waft it towards the middle east because if Mr. Bush happens to get a whiff, he’ll accuse you of having weapons of mass destruction and blow up your house with planes from Shannon. Bertie will agree that you are a terrorist leader and had it coming.

Not wanting to look too brave, he got in Air Force One and fucked off for a few days until the dust settled. Dubya was pissed off. Not even the gawdenned communists had the grapes to blow up the frickin’ World Trade Centre. Cue continuous carpet bombing of Afghanistan and subsequent hunt for Bin Laden. The searches came up empty, and Bin Laden is still out there. All the events so far were having a terrible effect on George’s libido but one final event was to make Dubya’s penis crawl back into his stomach giving him a second-bellybutton effect.

And finally, latest reports indicate that Dubya has been able to maintain a “semi-hard on” and so far has copulated with the watermelon. Laura and Skeeter wait but it is expected that President Bush will regain full working use of his penis once Baghdad falls. On clear summer nights, you may be able to hear the sounds of president/doggy/wife love in the eastern winds. And all will be at peace again.
In an amazing coup for this very special edition of the Dogs Bollox, I have managed to secure an interview with the 'Butcher of Baghdad', Iraqi dictator and all round menace to society Mr. Saddam Hussein.

Good Morning Saddam.

S: Good morning infidel.

M: First things first Saddam, how can our readers be sure you are the real tyrannical leader and not one of the many doppelgangers roaming this dust bowl you call home?

S: Good question. I have a tattoo of Great White Satan. The real Saddam, which is me, is hung like a two humped camel, more potent than a warhead of VX Nerve Gas, and I have a scar from a bullet from the finger of a young trouserless Eskimo boy sitting on a glacier.

M: So you intend to inspire the Iraqi people to victory?

S: Not at all, if they don't fight I'll make them read this crap.

M: Do you think your moustache is the source of your longevity?

S: Well look at the great mustachioed evils of our time; Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin, Augusto Pinochet, Tom Selekt. All clearly insane and yet they still held power for years, especially that Selekt bastard!

M: Who is the real Saddam Hussein, what are your turn-ons and turn-offs?

S: Well apart from the usual tyranny, the mass murder of innocents and pissing off the Americans, my turn-ons are long walks along the Tigeris, desert sunsets and modern dance. My turn-offs are Jews, Iranians, Westerners, aid workers (except as human shields), foreign armies, Kurds, but most of all Iraqis, I hate those bastards.

M: Is there any truth behind the rumour that you collect Weapons of Mass Destruction to make up for your, ahem, genital deficiency?

S: Take a look for yourself see, for all my bravado I have a penis the size of a young, trouserless Eskimo boy sitting on a glacier!
Jamie: It's very simple, the event was for charity and charity is a good cause. Nobody else was doing it anyway, so I decided for God's sake why not? Basically it just popped into my head, I'm only young once and I'd rather do it now than when I'm old and wrinkly!

DARC: Jamie, what initially gave you the required impulse to do a naked bungee jump?

Jamie: Well shock initially. There was a lot of mixed emotions. A lot of people were going — for God's sake, What the hell are you doing? But the general response was — That lad has balls literally let's go have a look! While I was waiting I had a couple of tee shirts wrapped around me which a couple of girls came up and ripped them off! I was stranded there in my trot emotional!

DARC: Was one delighted at this event?

Jamie: I got a couple of hand-shakes later on at the event.

DARC: Jamie, have you recovered your testicles from your stomach or are they still AWOL?

Jamie: It actually happened last weekend so what's that only three weeks on. It was good to see them again; I was delighted they made a swift recovery.

DARC: So Jamie, have you recovered your testicles from your stomach or are they still AWOL?

Jamie: Like I say, a little bit worse for wear but they're alright.

DARC: Was there a warm response from the crowd, what was the general feeling?

Jamie: I'm used to the shame but in relation to the parents what they don't know, won't hurt them!

DARC: Jamie, what's your view on the People's Turnouts and due to the shame McCormack retired as a naked bungee jumper, he is now reportedly living in a cardboard box behind a bush on the Stillorgan Dual Carriage way. His friends have deserted him and was last reported wearing leather pants.

We here at the Dogs Bollox wish him the best and hope he will provide more magazine material in the future. -ED

Jamie: I think with Rag Daze the fund raising was extremely successful as oppose to the Rag Week. There was larger turnouts and due to spreading out, people had more time to settle in and get involved. The general feeling was that there was good craic and they had time to chill out. They really got into the whole college thing. My view is we're only young once, and being stuck in a cubicle for ten years, you're better off to get out there and enjoy yourself.
How To annoy Osama bin Laden

Point out the lice in his beard to make him feel self-conscious.

Pause for a moment, listen carefully, and say, "Doesn't that sound a lot like a B-52?"

Ask him if he's looking forward to replacing Hitler as Satan's favorite chew toy in the lowest inferno of Hell.

Tell him all about your great vacation to Saudi Arabia, where you went absolutely everywhere and did everything, just stomped all over the place.

Use his satellite phone to call the time and weather line in Buenos Aires and leave it off the hook.

Tell him how much less you paid for your Kalashnikov rifle.

Now that you know the address of his secret cave hideout, fill out magazine subscription cards for him for the Wine Spectator and Penthouse. But do not, under any circumstances, send him Popular Mechanics.

Order him ten Domino's pizzas with extra ham topping.

Correct him when he ends a sentence with a preposition.

Ask whether the Taliban gets cable, because you haven't seen "Sex and the City" for weeks.

Yank the end of his turban really hard to make him spin around like a top.

Switch all the CD's in the jewel boxes in his CD collection, so that when he reaches for Michael Bolton, he'll actually get the Mohammed Rafi. Mine his bathroom.

Leave business cards for the Israeli Mossad in his Rolodex.

Tell him that this is the worst pyjama party you've ever attended.

Ask for some pork rinds and a good brew to wash them down.

Ask him if he provides his employees with a 401K plan.

Claim that they serve much better falafel at the public executions in Sudan.

Ask him if he's pursuing the Lesser Jihad, the Greater Jihad, or the "Completely Whacked Out of his Freaking Gourd" Jihad.

Check to see if Saddam is on his speed-dial list.

Mention that his wives look quite fetching in their burkas, and ask whether they've ever thought of modeling.

Give him a Hot Chicks of Palestine calendar.

Ask him if Paradise is different for each person, and whether in your own paradise you'll get to "kick his ass every day for eternity".

Refer to him as "Osama-osama-fee-fi-fo-fama bin Laden".

Ask whether suicide bombers have to pay union dues.

Tell him it's lovely what he's done with his cave, but that it'd look much nicer covered with huge, smoking craters.

At dinner, imply that the Northern Alliance has much prettier place settings.

Claim you once saw him at a Hooter's in Muncie wearing a yarmulke.

Tell him that this is the worst pyjama party
The Truth About Peas and Carrots

Amidst the impending war and possible rationing, food experts and critics Fiona Cuskeley and Eva-Marie Gibney investigate the scandal that is the three Aungier Street canteens. They've got it all worked out.

Once upon a time in Aungier Street the soup had flavour, the meals filled you up and the hot water was free. Quality. But alas, poor students, with the influx of fizzy water, they are agam at no Mountjoy Square ruffians, with making a huge profit on Chefs partake in friendly cheaper price than get a cheap meal in an down the coffee place in the old definitely not student-friendly.

So back upstairs to the old canteen. On the plus side, the chefs have had a course in customer relations and often partake in friendly banter with us poverty-striken students as we move along the breadcrumb line having our plates filled with pricey food. Maybe they feel our pain as we fork out our hard earned cash, ie student loans.

But where to go?

With financial worries aside and over 50 states to choose from, anything is possible. You can go all Sex and the City in NYC or become a Baywatch babe on Myrtle Beach. How about frightening the living daylights out of a few snotty-nosed sprogs flicking the switch of your very own roller coaster in New Jersey? You can have a Kodak moment with Cinderella and the Ugly Sisters in Disneyland. You can even dress up as Cinderella if you’re that way inclined!

Work it Baby!

On the advice of past J1ers, we’ve been seeking jobs and accommodation on the internet. This has become the bane of our existence as the world and its mother seem to be heading to Long Island (our chosen destination) this summer. The J1 jobs website has been the most comprehensive and user-friendly site we’ve visited.

Still contemplating chillin’ in Crete or tanning in Tenerife? Summer 2003 is fast approaching. Why not take a break from the norm and try living out the American Dream?

Decision, Decisions

USIT offers several options for the US wannabe. We’ve chosen the Classic Option for first time applicants. Unfortunately for us this means a whole lot of kissing parental booty (might as well get in on the US line now, we’ll be there for three months after all!), as you must have a minimum of $1,000 on entering the States. Those lucky enough to secure a US job offer before March 1st are only required to have $400. The Solo Option is a risk because a job offer is essential. At this stage 22 aren’t really an option because the visa allocation for second timers is already full.

Roadtrip

Nowadays most students go J1ing for the experience as opposed to the earnings. However, most manage to pay back the bank/Bank of Daddy and delve into a few states with the remainder of their dollars. We’ve all seen Thelma and Louise, dreamed of open highways and cheap motels. Yesiree Bob, we all want a bit of a roadtrip! A US IT Now poll conducted in 2001 revealed that returning Irish students had an average of $742 tucked safely inside their Mickey Mouse wallets.

How about frightening the living daylights out of a few snotty-nosed sprogs flicking the switch of your very own roller coaster in New Jersey?

Possibly Maybe

The September 11th tragedies meant a drop of one third in the number of students availing of J1 visas last summer. The threat of war is a worrying prospect and until the situation is resolved our summers in the sunshine are in jeopardy. We paid the remainder of our programme fees start from as little as €199. However, the hidden extras certainly hike up overall costs. Imagine our surprise... on handing over the princely sum of €1025 to USIT, we were informed of a further €100 visa fee payable to the American Embassy! They kept that one quiet!

Money, Money, Money

Goodbye Wednesdays of booze fuelled antics in Fireworks. Hello sobering nights in following Paddy the hermaphrodite baby and his co-stars in Footballers Wives. Promises of beach babes and a perma tan better make these sacrifices worthwhile! No more browsing for bargains; Grafton Street is no longer our playground. A trip with the trolley to Tesco is becoming more appealing to these cash strapped chicks. We’d even carry theloo roll home before we’d waste 15 cent on a plastic bag, quite the little eco warriors!

And you’ve been wonderin where Osama Bin Laden has been hanging out... in Aungier Street

Although the price has risen, the portions have not. We sometimes feel like our code. We are now in Mountjoy Square land. Hello. We are slightly impressed with the baked potato aspect, but it doesn’t really fill you up. The paninis are not any cheaper than in a take away deli, but there is no room for the imagination with the fillings already in them. So if you don’t like them, tough shit. One can get themselves a roll, a wrap, or wrap, but again at no cheaper price than a deli. Slightly unimpressive and definitely not student-friendly.

Surprise!

Fliers litter student unions boasting that US programme fees start from as little as €199. However, the hidden extras certainly hike up overall costs. Imagine our surprise... on handing over the princely sum of €1025 to USIT, we were informed of a further €100 visa fee payable to the American Embassy! They kept that one quiet!

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For all your college buddies jetting off this summer, organising their J1s is securing that interailing pass and the likes. Reality for most of us students is that we fall short of a grand for that golden ticket out of here. However with the war looming on Iraq staying at home might be coming inevitable this summer but don’t fret students because Banana Crepe is here to show all you homebirds how much fun is to be had on this Emerald Isle.

It by considering option no. 1 on my list:

(1) Backpacking round Ireland

Forget about interailing throughout Europe, round up a few mates, put a bag on your back and prepare to explore some of the fabulous tourist destinations in Ireland. An i age, the Irish Youth hostel Association have endless budget accommodation for students in all the major towns and cities. Prices range from €7-15 per night depending on the location. You can also discover Ireland through a network of Independent hostels. This accommodation is actually more suitable for students because they stay open all day, don’t require membership cards, and are curfew-free, excellent for those all-nighters in the pubs.

So if I have convinced you so far here are a few of the most see places while on your trek around Ireland.

Galway, the place to be every summer, the western capital, is particular noted for its nightlife, pubs and has a reputation to be the young persons city. But if your more interested in scenic beauty, beaches, lakes and mountains, take a tour out of the city and visit Connemara, (the unique Gaeltacht area) where the traditional social scene in a pint of Guiness in a lively irish pub.

Next stops are Cork and Kerry. If you are into walking and breathtaking scenery then the Dingle Way in Kerry is a definite for you. Tralee, kerry’s capital is a popular nightlife area with nice scenic routes (not that you care much about that)

(2) Adventure of a lifetime

If you are stuck at home this summer and looking for a fun adventurous activity-based break away with your mates well Delphi is the place to hit. This magnificent unspoiled region situated in southwest Mayo is an option for all you students who thrive on variety and are sick of those monotonous days lounging in front of the TV. Delphi is all-inclusive multi activity-break involves a host of activities. Activities include: Canoeing, Power boating, Raft building, Sailing, Surfing, Water-skiing, Abseiling, Archery. Assorted courses include: Cycling, Hill-walking, Mountain walking, Pony-trekking, Rock Climbing, Orienteering. Delphi comes alive at night with its beach parties, live music

Barbecues pub treasure hunts in Leenane trips to Galway and Westport for a good aul pub-crawl and traditional music. Accommodation is available at the Delphi centre where you can book a dormitory room for you and your mates. Prices include for weekend in b&bed room Friday – Sunday €113. If it’s a weekend it is cutting it too short then 3/4 days are €144 and 5/6 nights are €220

If Delphi is too far to travel you also have the option of having your activity weekend in Lilliput adventure centre, Mullingar co. Westmeath or Carlingford-Lough-the-tain, Carlingford Lough, Omagh, Co. Louth.

(3) Summer Festivals 2003

There is no better way to sample some of Ireland’s unique way of life than to go and experience first hand the numerous festivals that run during the summer months. Here is a list of some of the events for students to have a week of long drunkenness! There is a festival to suit everybody’s interest this summer, whether you’re a literary, music, arts, theatre or drink fan. Here is a line up of the more interesting ones that you should really check out this summer,

June 2003

Roundstone Arts Festival in the heart of Connemara is on from the 28th June-6th July where you have everything from music from the likes of Damien Rice, dance, film, theatre and a lot of drinking!!

Special Olympics are being held in Ireland from 16th-29th June

July 2003

The Witness festival is a definite this year from 12th-13th July where all your favourite music artists are performing throughout the weekend. This is the biggest music festival held in Ireland.

Galway Arts Festival is from 15th-27th July.

This is a two-week celebration of performing and visual arts. There is something to suit everyone’s interest this year with literature guests like Seamus Heaney, comedians like Tommy Tiernan, dance and a huge music lineup with guests like Altan, Buddy Guy, John Lee Hooker, Céline Dion,规定的．

Citizens Kane, David Kitt, Munster Reiya, Devine Comedy, Undertones and much more. A definite one for long drinking and all the craic!!

August 2003

Slane Concert is on 23th August and set to be bigger than ever with Red Hot Chilli Peppers as the main act along with Foo Fighters and Queen of the Stone Age.

Irish National Surfing Championships is from 23th-24th August in Rosnowllagh Co. Donegal, for all you surfers dude.

Lastly for all you students looking for a break in the music industry well get yourself down to All Ireland Annual Busking Competition in Dundrum Co. Down on the 16th August. If you like juggling rounds, fire-eaters and clowns are also welcome.

Here are a few of the major concerts coming up in summer 2003

Bon Jovi@ Landsdowne Rd. Friday 20th June

Deep Purple- The Point Theatre 24th June

Westlife@Landsdowne Rd., Friday 27th June

REM@Marley Park 2 nights, Wednesday 16th-17th July

Robbie Williams- Croke Park, Saturday 9th August

Metallica-Linkin Park, Defones and Mudvayne@ Rds, Thursday 21st August

BANANAS IN IRELAND

If you're looking for adventure, culture, somewhere different to spend your summer or even a holiday of beach parties Thailand has it all.

P R O M elephant riding through the jungle to haggling in the markets of Bangkok, to visiting any of the thousands of temples or living it up at the Full Moon Party at Had Rin travelling around Thailand is an exhilarating and diverse experience.

Bangkok.

The city is insomnia! It is a complete assault on the senses, its noisy and crazy and exciting and full of the most wonderful smells lemongrass, coconut, lotus flowers and the not so wonderful souvenirs.

Shopping.

If you love to shop you'll love Bangkok. Haggling is a way of life in Thailand. A tip be brave, be bold and be prepared to walk away.

The streets around the backpackers mecca of Kho San Road are full of markets and street stalls. The Weekend Chatuchak market is full of character, head into Siam Square for exclusive Western shopping and small shopping centres.

Green., lush valleys traditional Thai wooden house stilted, paddy fields and banana trees, beautiful temples set against forested mountains hidden in the clouds. Heaven except for the mosquitoes...

Treks to the nearby National Parks incorporating a visit to a hill tribe village, bamboo rafting and elephant riding can be organised before you go part of your holiday package or with any of the travel agents or your accommodation. September is the end of the rainy season and good deals are to be had. Like most things in this land haggling is the go!

The old town of Chiang Mai is surrounded by a moat and is pleasant to wander round its temples set in peaceful leafy gardens.

Ko Samui is situated off the Gulf Coast in the south of Thailand.

Next stop - paradise! Tropical beach lined with palm trees; coconut shells and driftwood scattered here and there.

The Ang Thong Nat Park consists of 41 uninhabited islands made famous as the inspiration for Alex Garland's novel The Beach.

Ko Pha Ngam - Full Moon Party just a short boat trip from Ko Samui.

This island was where the hippie/backpacker trail lead after Ko Samui gave itself over to commercial tourism. The bad state of the road system allows Ko Pha Ngam to retain some of its rough beauty and ready lifestyle though its a more of a party island and if all night raves are your scene plan your trip to coincide with the famed Full Moon Party.

Phuket-vegetable festival

Phuket is the D4 of Thailand, the standard of living is significantly higher in this part of the country and it certainly looks more affluent. The main town of Phuket on the peninsula is host every year in October to the religious Vegetarian festival. It lasts for 14 days and originated with the Chinese community. Buddhists are blessed in ceremonies and monks and religious students walk across hot coals, pierce their ears, check with wooden implements; it is all part of a spiritual cleansing ritual.

Thailand has three seasons; generally the rainy season from July to October, November to March hot and dry, and warm and dry from March to July. USIT prices start at Euro 607 for flight (with an ISIC card), add tax and insurance brings it to under 700 E. Accommodation per room is for basic with ensuite from 200 baht (about 4euro) to 400 (with aircon) and upfronts. Eating out is cheap as is travel so expect to survive on a budget.

Currency is Thai baht (September 2002 about 21 baht to 1 Euro.)

Not to miss: trek in Northern Thailand, Wat Po in Bangkok, Phuket Vegetarian Festival, Ang Thong National Park, a Thai massage, the food!...
A bartender is sitting behind the bar on a typical day, when the door bursts open and in come four exuberant blondes. They come up to the bar, order five bottles of champagne and ten glasses, take their order over and sit down at a large table. The corks are popped, the glasses are filled and they begin toasting and chanting, "51 days, 51 days, 51 days!"

Soon, three more blondes arrive, take up their drinks and the chanting grows. "51 days, 51 days, 51 days!"

Two more blondes show up and soon their voices are joined in raising the roof. "51 days, 51 days, 51 days!"

Finally, the tenth blonde comes in with a picture under her arm. She walks over to the table, sets the picture in the middle and the table erupts. Up jumps the others, they begin dancing around the table, exchanging high-fives, all the while chanting "51 days, 51 days, 51 days!"

"The side of the box said 2 to 4 years, but we put it together in 51 days!"

The price of a Barbie

A man was driving home one evening and realised that it was his daughter's birthday and he hadn't bought her a present. He drove to the shopping center and ran to the toy shop and he asked the manager:

"How much is that new Barbie in the window?"

The Manager replied: "Which one?"

We have 'Barbie goes to the gym' for £19.95, 'Barbie goes to the Ball' for £19.95, 'Barbie goes shopping' for £19.95 'Barbie goes to the beach' for £19.95, 'Barbie goes to the Nightclub' for £19.95, and 'Divorced Barbie' for £399.99

"Why is the Divorced Barbie £399.99, when all the others are £19.95?" the dad asked.

"Divorced Barbie' comes with Ken's car, Ken's House, Ken's boat, Ken's dog, Ken's cat and Ken's furniture," replied the shop manager.

We all get fed up with our appearance, so to make it easier for two people, Louisa Houghton took Ciara Tuite and Kieran Dineen out for a day of pampering and utter transformation.

We had an old jigsaw puzzle from my grandmother, and it happened to be a picture of us getting together, bought the puzzle and put it together.

The blonde who brought in the puzzle explains, "Everyone thinks that blondes are dumb and they make fun of us. So, we decided to set the record straight. Ten of us got together, bought that puzzle and put it together.

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