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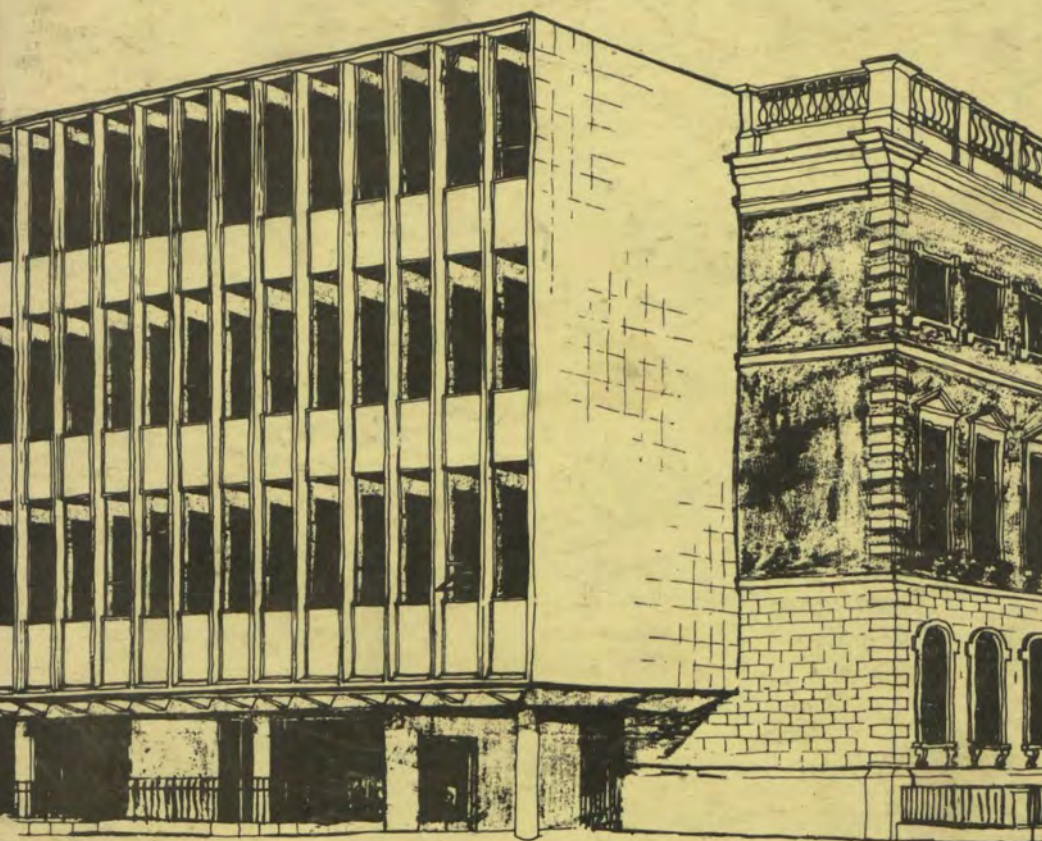
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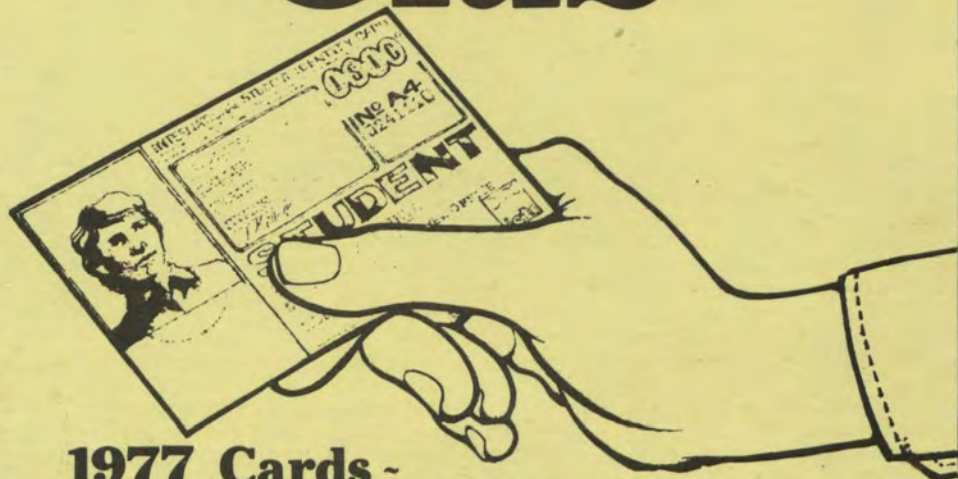
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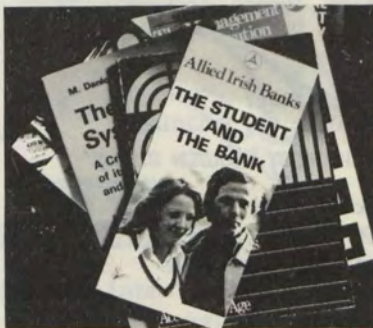
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# INTRODUCTION

Here it is. After years of good intentions and false starts, we have finally succeeded in producing a handbook in Bolton St., and we hope that now we have crossed this first hurdle, future handbooks will be produced with less of the hard work and panic with which this edition was produced.

When we decided to make a serious effort we didn't realize what we were letting ourselves in for. Weeks of research and writing, hundreds of calls to prospective advertisers and the physical slog of designing and printing the damn thing have culminated in what you now hold in your hands. Many mistakes were made and much valuable experience gained, but the satisfaction of a job well done - we hope - makes it all worthwhile.

What we have attempted to do is give new and not so new students the what, where, when, who and why of Bolton St. The handbook is in five basic sections.

The first is a breakdown of the Students Union, its structure, activities, services, its campaigns, problems and aspirations. This section also includes information on the Union of Students in Ireland and the International Union of Students. Part two attempts to give you information regarding the history, structure and personalities of the college.

The third section is one of General Information. We have confined this as far as possible to information directly associated with the college. Information on the city, national and local organisations etc. are available in many places and we feel that duplicating them here would be wasteful of our limited resources.

While everything else in the handbook is generally meant for their information also, we feel that a special section should be devoted to part-time and apprentice students. This should also be read by full-time students as it is an integral part of the handbook.

Finally in the fifth section we give details of the clubs and societies which exist in the college.

As I have said it is our first attempt, with apologies to Tom Breen's previous joint effort with Kevin St. We don't expect to sell a million copies or the film rights, but we do hope that a sufficient number of people buy and learn from it. Comments, both helpful and critical, would be appreciated and we would also ask you to support our advertisers, who have been confident enough to support us.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the College of Technology. Your entrance into this college and the use you make of it will depend on yourself and your involvement in the Union. As you realise you are a very privileged member of society by your entrance into 3rd level education, no mean feat with the economic depression and the high competition for places. Some of you consider the technical sector as the poor relation in 3rd level education in this country, however as you will realise, the technological sector will be building the industrial base of this country for the future. It is a question of research, well thought out policy and pressure that will get the deserved planning and investment in the technological sector.

Although we have poor student facilities in comparison with the university sector, the union, and the services it provides have been improving steadily over the last few years due to active student participation and hard work by the union officers. The Welfare Committee founded one and a half years ago brought in a new and ever expanding area of advice and help. Through our new constitution members in this union have been more constructively and actively channelled in the union. With a difficult and successful decision taken by our members due to the TUI - Department of Education examinations dispute area and with a hard working executive to follow last years work and with your active support, changes can be brought about in the educational field, in your future, in this academic year. You can't be educated without participation! My job this year will be to expand the services already available and to represent you and your interests. To this end I look forward to your help and support.

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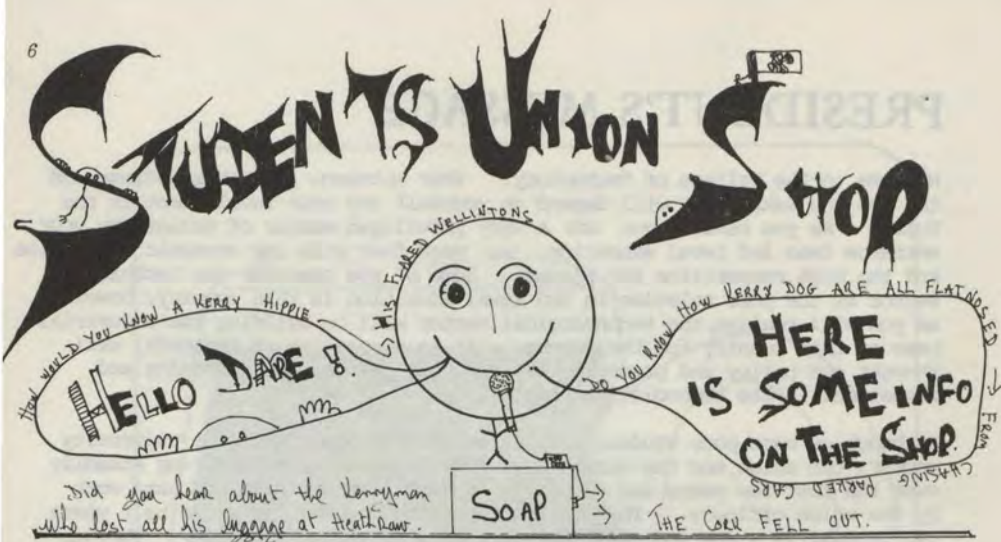
THE COLLEGE PROSPECTUS for saving us much research time,

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YOU, our readers for spending money on this (unless you've stolen it).





Basically, the shop is run by the Students' Union and employs one full time staffmember and various part-timers. The shop stocks a fairly broad range of goods at below average prices.

#### EQUIPMENT:

Pens, Pencils, Rulers, Ink etc. plus Set Squares, Slide Rules Scale Rules, Mathematical Instruments, Compasses, Rapidographs, Drawing Boards, T-Squares, Potfolios, Masking Tape etc. Prices, especially in maths sets, are, in general, below average.

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#### NEWSPAPERS:

We stock the Indo and The Irish Times at reduced prices.

#### SWEETS, CIGARETTES, COKE ETC.:

The shop usually has a large selection of all types of sweets and soft drinks as well as a broad range of cigarettes.

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# THE STUDENT'S UNION

## HISTORY

The Students Union in Bolton St. is just beginning its fifth year in existence and it can be said, with all modesty, that the progress which has been made in the past four years has been as good as, if not better than, most unions in other colleges.

Before the union came into existence in the first term of the 71/72 academic year there were various forms of student representative bodies in existence. In the office we have records of meetings and officers of the Senior Students Council which go back to 1962 but we believe that this body had its origins in the '50's. This Council was a rather elitist bunch confining their membership to those who had passed their leaving cert and therefore to students in the professional and some technician courses.

Their activities were almost primitive when seen in comparison with those of today. They concerned themselves almost exclusively with social events and only passing attention was paid to educational matters. They had no office and little or no finance was generated or spent.

Sometime in the mid sixties the Students Representative Council, the SRC, was founded and it was to lay the basis for the structure and activities of the union as we now know them. The SRC encompassed all third level students as members and they broadened their horizons to include such revolutionary ideas as representing students views to staff and administration, organising committees to look after sports, societies, finance, travel etc. Income was received as a small grant from the VEC, and was generated through parties, dances and haphazard subscriptions. The annual dress-dance was the major event of the year.

The whole idea of Students Unions as broadly based organisations capable of looking after the many needs of students began to take hold in this country in the early '70's and the Union of Students in Ireland - U.S.I. - actively encouraged their formation. With ideas of new financial autonomy, representative structure and provision of services in mind, discussion began in 1971 with the aim of creating a union in Bolton St. A constitution was drawn up early in 1971 and came into force in October of that year.

### THE 1st. YEAR:

The union and travel office was based in A.51 and the executive set about the implementation of the constitution. The Council didn't operate very effectively at first and lack of finance was also a major hinderance. During that first year the capitation fee, which we are still struggling under, was negotiated and the agitation on discrimination against the technological sector was the main educational activity. A breakthrough which was to prove significant for the following years was the granting of a sabbatical year to the union president. This entitled the person elected to take a year away from studies to devote himself exclusively to the running of the Union.

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The former is the year when the union really began to function. Under the presidency of Ultan O'Raghallaigh the Student Council became a reality, the shop was set up in a wooden hut in the yard and with £4,000 income there was money available for a wide range of activities. But a major dispute regarding control of the money was fought with the VEC and it resulted in much disruption of the college during part of that year. The President had time and ability to represent students on many committees and Bolton St. became an active college on a national level.

The momentum built up by the able executive of four carried into the following year when Fiacc O'Brolchain was the full-time President. The shop was based beside the library and the union engaged a secretary to work for it and look after the shop, with A.51 remaining as the Union/Presidents office. The main campaign of that year - apart from the national grants campaign - was again on accommodation and was highlighted by a three day work-in. Students surveyed the building and drew up development plans, pickets were placed, much lobbying of public representatives was undertaken and the college was occupied. It resulted in the production of a major report which drew much favourable reaction and praise for the constructive attitude of the students.....but little else.

#### THE PAST TWO YEARS:

At the beginning of the 74 - 75 year a new constitution was voted in and it is the basis of our present structure. Tom Breen was President and the union moved to its present accommodation of D.1 with office, shop and common room. The campaigns were formerly part of the national "Finance for Education" campaign and Bolton St.'s status as an organised and active union was consolidated with Ultan O'Raghallaigh being elected as Education Officer of USI, the first non-university man to hold a national position. Internally the imminent ending of the Geo-Surveying course caused most annoyance and efforts were also made to increase the level of the capitation grant.

Last year was the first year of the nine man executive with Senan Turnbull as President and a broad increase in organised activities took place, including the setting up of the Advice Bureau, Sports Council etc. The Union was side tracked from a representation campaign, and most of its efforts were put into the first term's TCD link-up campaign, the second term's NCEA activities, and the disaster of the TUI exams dispute in the last term. Lack of finance was also a major hinderance but attempts were made at many activities, the fruits of which will be borne over the next few years.

All of which brings us to the present year and a need to explain in greater detail the current structure, activities and services of the union.

## NATURE & FUNCTION

The Students Union is the recognised organisation of the student body and it can be said to perform a number of functions which, though separate, are interdependent. These are:

- \* To represent, protect and further the interests of its members in all matters relating to them both as students and citizens.
- \* To reflect and present the views of its members
- \* To provide social and recreational facilities, and
- \* To provide commercial and information services to its members.

All of these points are made possible through the structure which is laid down in the constitution.

## STRUCTURE

ALL students enrolled in the college are members of the Union and equally entitled to partake in any aspect of its activities. The basic constituency for election purposes is the class, each of which elects a representative to act and speak on their behalf on the STUDENTS UNION COUNCIL. This Council, which meets monthly, consists of the reps from all classes, and a rep from each club and society. The S.U.C. is the pivot of the union structure and here the reps are made aware of the workings of the union through an Officers Report which is presented to the meeting by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION who are in turn mandated by the Council to carry out certain policies in accordance with the wishes of the meeting. The executive consists of nine officers elected by general franchise from among the student body at the end of the second term. The team for this - the 76-77 year is:

PRESIDENT:	NAOISE OHANNAIN
DEPUTY PRESIDENT:	PAUL GRANT
EDUCATION OFFICER:	TOM MANNIX
SECRETARY:	ANNE MULCRONE
TREASURER:	vacant
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER:	DICK McIVOR
WELFARE OFFICER:	DOMINIC FAY
SPORTS OFFICER:	KEVIN KELLY
OUTGOING PRESIDENT:	SENAN TURNBULL

The executive meets weekly to discuss current happenings in the union and each member is given responsibilities for activities which fall under their area. In turn, the President is mandated to undertake certain activities on behalf of the union. The most important of these items are then discussed at a UNION GENERAL MEETING where the executive report to the general body of students on activities which they feel have particular significance for the members. The general meeting is the ultimate governing body of the union.

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All of these structures which allow for the democratic government of the Students Union are dependant on interested members taking an active part and electing capable representatives and officers who are willing to undertake the running of the union on their behalf. It sounds simple, but so often it fails to work this way.

It is common to hear uninterested students discuss the union as they would the government, some group of individuals who are doing things for you and to you, things with which you don't agree or care about. As with the government, YOU are the Students Union. You are in a position to elect reps. and officers or even stand yourself. You can put forward ideas at meetings, help with organising activities and generally be aware of the issues affecting you as a student and citizen. The people elected to do the job can only be effective if they know what you think and want and if they fail in their duty it is because you let them. If, to take the extreme case, you claim that you don't care if the union exists or not, would you like it if there was no shop, common room or games facilities, if there was no finance for your club or society, if fees were three times what they now are and canteen meals cost the same as they do downtown? Would you like it if the college imposed very severe discipline, refused to listen to your views on anything or if the library was only one third its present size and closed at six? If your answer to any one of the above is NO, then you have admitted that there is a need for a union, given this need, you owe it to yourself to take an interest in what is happening, and being an active and responsible member.

## REPRESENTATION

Your class rep. not only represents you on the Student Union Council but also on the Departmental Board (i.e. staff/student body) of your course. He also makes representation to staff on matters which arise between meetings and is sometimes asked by the executive of the union to represent the union in general at a particular meeting, the subject of which he may have first hand knowledge. Your class rep. is not to be confused with your faculty society class rep. who only sits on the society committee. It is preferable that one person does not hold both positions.

At a higher level the executive represents the views of the members in a number of committees and groups both internal and external to the college. The President is your chief representative sitting on College Council, Canteen and Library Committees. During the past year we succeeded in gaining a second rep. on both the canteen and library bodies and it has to be decided whom the second rep shall be. The President is sometimes accompanied by the Treasurer when he sits on the Joint Students Union Council, which is the sub-committee of the VEC which administers the capitation fee. Informally, various officers approach staff, both academic and administrative, and some other bodies and agencies in connection with problems or proposals which are respectively hindering or attempting to further the interests of the union.

At a student level the President is again the person who represents the union on the Vocational Inter-Colleges Council (VICC) which is a joint body of all the students unions within the City of Dublin VEC. Nationally he attends meetings of the Technological Sector Committee of USI, USI National Council and, together with other elected reps, he goes to USI Congress, and many conferences which are organised by USI during the year (see section on USI)

With regard to the public at large our views are communicated through our participation in USI, through press-releases, and by discussions with many organisations and individuals who are interested in communicating with us. These include trade unions, especially those involved in education, community groups, assorted political pressure groups and social organisations.

You can see that if we are to make statements and act on your behalf in all of these ways it is essential that we do so knowing your views and opinions. Also, whilst it seems that we sit on many bodies, we are totally under-represented academically and we hope to make this a major campaign over the coming year.

Throughout the year elected and interested members endeavour to organise a whole range of activities which they are mandated on or which they feel are desirable. These activities should not be mistaken for those of clubs and societies to whom the union officers only lend advice and finance.

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## ACTIVITIES

### CAMPAIGNS:

From time to time during each academic year various levels of the union government decide to pursue a particular line of activity in furtherance of its interests. These decisions are usually taken by general meetings and are primarily confined to the field of education, although union autonomy has provided the issue for campaigns in the past and welfare could be an area of activity in the near future.

There are many forms which these campaigns can take and at first these are usually conciliatory and lobbying but in most cases they go further and involve some disruption of college activities either through boycott, strike or non-cooperation. Given that these are usually decisions of general meetings, the reasons are well known by the students and the aim then is to create mass action in support of our demands, as this is the only way we can hope to achieve favourable results. Undoubtedly this year will throw up some campaigns, some will be in continuance of long standing demands but others will be new and will come about because of a short-sightedness or naive policy on the part of administrators both internal to the college or at a national level. We'll keep you posted !!

### ENTERTAINMENTS:

A number of years ago Bolton St. was a hive of activity in the general area of entertainments, but unfortunately activities in this area have steadily decreased over the past two years. The main reason for this is that, though the union has no officer responsible for entertainments, the willing band of do gooders who previously did the work have now left the college, and nobody seems interested or capable of taking their place. So we make an impassioned plea to all of you impressarios (that is an entertainments promoter) who see yourselves as being the person who will eventually succeed in bringing the Beatles together for one concert, to try your hand in putting on a few lunchtime concerts/films/shows in Bolton St.

The other problem, accommodation will hopefully be overcome by the time the term starts and finance is something about which discussions will take place. So, while the executive will try and organise something, we do need some help.

### LECTURES:

The story here is somewhat similar to that above only that the accommodation aspect is the most stifling. Traditionally guest lecturers come to the college in the afternoon and use the large Kinema. This remains the only suitable lecture room in Bolton St. but it is invariably booked out for internal lectures. If we can acquire it, even irregularly, we will endeavour to stimulate your mind by inviting eminent speakers to address you. If not, try your local on Friday or Saturday night!

### PUBLICATIONS:

The history of union publications in Bolton St. is a chequered one, with the phenomenon of one or two in a series of newspapers/magazines appearing followed by blinding non-issues. With the election of a Communications Officer last year the Boltech Times made a number of appearances but sadly

none in the late second or third term. This year this handbook is the start of what we hope will be a more continuous series of official union productions. We need help, and volunteers for the Communications/Editorial Committee will be welcome.

Also a weekly newsheet will be produced giving brief news and reports on college activities, so club and society secretaries, staff and individuals should leave in the news items addressed to Newsheet c/o Communications Officer. Last year also saw the emergence of many underground newsheets, with a course (coarse?) basis. The authors were generally unknown and their work resulted in much enjoyment and controversy. There is every reason to suspect that these will continue during this year.

The publication of USI News, the monthly journal of the national union will appear on a more regular and expanded basis this year. For 5p you will have news, views and interviews on matters educational, political and cultural with spaces being devoted to other items of interest to students.

#### SPORTS COUNCIL:

Under the chairmanship of the Sports Officer this co-ordinating group meet fortnightly to discuss problems of sporting enthusiasts (see Clubs and Societies for more detailed info.)

#### COMMON ROOM FACILITIES:

The common room, located in D.1 Bolton St., apart from containing the union offices and shop also houses two pool tables and a football machine. These are here for the use of all students between 09.00 and 21.00 and they should be used with care and consideration. Pool costs 10p per game and football 5p. The usual house rule is that the winner(s) stay on for a free game with the incoming player(s) paying. Only money down entitles one to a game and the union refuses to be an arbitrator in any arguments. The common room is closed twice every day to allow for cleaning, and you should move out as soon as the game in progress is finished. Card playing is prohibited in the common-room.

#### RAG WEEK:

So far, Bolton St. has managed to remain free from an organised Rag Week although an impromptu effort was widely supported last year, when students from the college attacked! UCD and Kevin St after Bolton St. was sieged by students from these colleges. The highlight? of this affair was the capture and holding to ransom of the UCD Rag Organiser and the subsequent photo exhibition of same. It remains to be seen if there will be sufficient enthusiasm this year to actually organise our own events, but hopefully in a less destructive vein as those of other colleges.



## SERVICES

### INFORMATION:

The union office, officers, noticeboards and publications are probably the most detailed source of general information available to our members. What is'nt covered by the last two can nearly always be had from the office and officers. D.1 in Bolton St. is the main centre for information and the union office is nearly always occupied. Our Secretary, Rena, is the most common inhabitant and she will only be too glad to help you with any enquiries you may have. No matter how vague, don't be slow to come and ask. We can provide you with names, addresses, times and opinions on a whole range of things and have contacts in many organisations especially around Dublin. So don't say you did'nt know until after you have made enquiries with the union.

### SHOP:

The Students Union Shop, in its new location, is a non-profit making service for the Students and staff in Bolton St. It also is located in D.1 of the main building and is open daily 'till 21.00. It sells a whole range of sweets, soft drinks, newspapers, cigarettes, student supplies and bits and pieces at the lowest possible prices. Under the management of Aidan O'Brien it has become very solidly established over the past year and with his time and ability it should be capable of expanding its range of stock in the future. Drop along and see for yourself.

### TYPING:

Our Secretary is available to staff and students to type their every word, from the shortest letter through reports to theses. The rates are very competitive and work can be completed quickly. In certain instances we are in a position to have copies of your work made available but this service varies. For all details contact Rena at the Students Union office.

### BOOKING OF COLLEGE FACILITIES:

Because of our contacts and our recognised responsible attitude we are sometimes in a position to book the use of various college facilities. This applies primarily to using the Kinema, C.28 and the students canteen but it also applies to any room in the house. Use of equipment is more difficult to solicit but we do have luck from time to time. Again the union officers can help you.

This year A.51 which has formerly been used as a presidents office, will become available as a meeting room and can be booked in the Students Union office, for club and society committees, or any group who are interested in meeting in bright comfortable surroundings.

### TRAVEL:

All of the information and services which the union provides in this area of travel is provided under the auspices of USIT, the Travel Company of the Union of Students in Ireland. In the office we are in a position to give you basic information on the services of this company mainly through the medium of brochures, but for actual bookings you will have to take yourself down to the USIT Offices which are now based at:

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(This is located off Dame Street, behind the old Jurys Hotel and new Central Bank.)

The range of services includes reductions on air, sea and rail services to most parts of the globe, an exchange bureau, and a holiday planning and equipment hire service.

To avail of these services students must purchase an International Student Identity Card. This may be purchased in the Students Union office or at USIT for £1.25. You will have to produce proof that you are a student and this is done by means of your fees receipt or yellow college card (see General Information Section) and we also require two recent photos. Cards are sometimes available immediately but there may be a delay of one or two days at the most. Cards valid until December 1977 will be available from November '76 onwards. In order to avail of concessions on long distance CIE trains or buses an extra £1.00 (£1.50 after January) stamp must be purchased.

The position regarding apprentice and part-time students is not as good as it was some years ago and this can be connected with the difficult times state air and sea services have been experiencing over the past few years. This has resulted in the Department of Transport and Power refusing to allow apprentices and part-timers to avail of all but a small number of concessions. Simply the only services which can be gained as a result of being a student is on European Rail. But for those of you under 21 and for some under 23 and 25 many youth fares are available and USIT can fix you up with these on production of proof of date of birth.

Production of an ISIC card and sometimes the college card can entitle you to various reductions on purchases in Ireland and all over the world. Even if a shop doesn't display a student reduction sign, ask and many will grant it, particularly if you have not decided to buy and you make it seem that the reduction is the factor which will finally decide for you.

### INSURANCE:

In 1974 USI decided to expand its services beyond the area of travel and encompass the area of insurance. In early '75, Progressive Insurances was established to give students and graduates an insurance service which was reliable and cheap and which would be under USI control. During its first year 75/76 it has been gradually and successfully establishing itself in the colleges throughout the country and developing a range of guaranteed and reliable insurance services to members of USI.

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Personal Property Insurance, Travel Insurance, Life Assurance and Motor Cycle Insurance, and during the coming year they hope to develop a wider range of services including the difficult area of car insurance.

Last year, while brochures were always available in the union office, the Progressive agent for Dublin was in attendance in room D.1 every Monday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. This year's times are likely to be the same but watch for notices. You can contact the company through the union office at the above times or at their head office located at:

8/9 Anglesea Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 774211.

(This is located off Dame Street, behind the old Jurys Hotel and new Central Bank and next door to the USIT offices).

## WELFARE :

This area of Student Union organisation has developed rapidly in the past two years since the adoption of the new constitution in November '74 which created the position of Welfare Officer. To help him with his work there is a Welfare Committee, of which he is chairman. The committee also includes the outgoing welfare officer and interested students. Any student who feels they would like to help in any aspect of the committees work are asked to contact the Welfare Officer at the union office (D.1)

During the past two years the committee has carried out two extensive surveys. The first was on student accommodation and its results made some very interesting points regarding the generally poor conditions which away-from-home students must endure. At the end of last year a survey of sanitary conditions in the college was undertaken and its findings will be used as a pressure on the authorities to improve conditions drastically. Ideas on a health service for students, even if on a joint basis with the other VEC colleges, will be put to students and authorities this year.

The main activity of the Welfare Committee is the organisation of an information and health centre almost unique in Students Union circles. This is the.....

## STUDENTS' ADVICE BUREAU (S.A.B.):

The aim of this bureau is to help students with any non academic problems they may have. It has collected a large amount in information and built up contacts with advisors and organisations to help you with such problems as Finance, Tenants Rights, the Law, Family Planning, Employment, Health and the broad area of Social Welfare Benefits.

Very general information is available on these from the union office at any time but for more detailed help students are advised to attend the clinics held at various times during the week in room A.51 in Bolton St. If your problem is particularly complex, the S.A.B. members can refer you to specialists in the field.

Without going into too much detail a number of quick points can be made here. All students should fill in an application form for a Medical Card as soon as they return to college. (Available at Students Union Office). Male students over 18 are entitled to unemployment assistance during holidays. A tenant cannot be thrown out of his accommodation against his wishes without a court order, no matter what the reason is. These snippets give you an idea of what information is available to you and during the year we hope to make leaflets on all aspects of student welfare available to you.

With regard to Finance, information on scholarships, grants and loans are available, but the best way to help yourself in this area is by supporting the union in its Finance of Education campaigns. We hope to expand the service to include information on Summer and part-time employment and during the year the union will from time to time advertise for helpers, with a small financial reward to help you through college. (Watch noticeboards and publications).

# Union of Students in Ireland—U.S.I.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to contribute to your Students' Handbook and particularly to welcome first-year students as members of U.S.I.

Your membership of the national union will not make you an overnight hero or buy you a ticket to heaven. But it will provide you with a framework, by which you, in unity with your fellow students, can seek to have initiatives implemented, changes brought about in the education system and better conditions won for students and ultimately for society as a whole. The work of this union and whatever gains it can make depends ultimately on the collective strength and bargaining power of the Union.

The coming year, will I believe demand an unprecedented level of unity in USI, Never before in the history of this State have tens of thousands of school-leavers and graduates been unable to find a job. The effective level and extent of student grants has never been as low. Students continue to be taught in over-crowded, cramped conditions, very often with hopelessly inadequate library, canteen or recreation facilities. Access to higher education continues to be limited to those who can afford to pay for it. The effects of the Government Proposals of December 1974 are continuing to put the future of Technological education and its students in this country into severe jeopardy. Women are discriminated against in education, legally, economically and socially. In Northern Ireland one-third of the total membership of U.S.I. are obliged to live and study in a society torn apart by vicious sectarianism

One could continue the list. You have your problems. Those are our problems too. Your local union has its problems. Those are our problems too.

In depressing times such as these many turn to despair. No solution no improvement can result from such a direction. Neither, indeed, can single individuals isolated and unorganised effect any significant improvement. The greatest strength the student movement possesses is its unity. Your contribution to that strength is by your active participation in your local union, by your active support of campaigns organised on a national scale by U.S.I.

Eamon Gilmore,

President.

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## U.S.I.—THE NATIONAL UNION

### WHAT IS U.S.I.?

- \* The Union of Students in Ireland is the National Union of Students in this country.
- \* It represents over 55,000 students, organised in constituent student unions (CO's) in fifty-four different 3rd level colleges, in both Northern Ireland and the Republic.
- \* In Northern Ireland, students are joint members of both USI and NUSUK.

### WHAT DOES U.S.I. DO?

- \* USI negotiates on a national level on behalf of students - with Government Departments, educational bodies and other national organisations.
- \* It seeks to represent students' views on a variety of issues as decided by National Council and Congress.
- \* It organises campaigns on issues decided on by Congress and National Council.
- \* It provides research material on educational and other issues of concern to students.
- \* It assists its constituent student unions in organising their work, in negotiating, in providing services etc.
- \* It provides a travel service to students, through its travel company U.S.I.T.
- \* It provides an insurance service to students, through its insurance Company, Progressive Insurances.
- \* It co-ordinates the work of local Student unions and organises seminars, conferences, work-shops etc., on various matters of interest to the local unions.
- \* It represents Irish Students internationally, through its membership of the International Union of Students (IUS). It has been a member of the 26-member Secretariat of the IUS since 1971, and recently its representative on the Secretariat, Brendan Glynn was elected Chairman of the European Commission of the IUS.
- \* It publishes booklets, posters leaflets, briefing documents etc., on matters of concern to Irish Students, and also publishes a regular newspaper 'USI News'.
- \* For further information on USI's activities, see the Officer's reports, Minutes of National Council and Congress, available at your student union office or from USI H.Q. Other publications on campaigns and policies, leaflets, booklets, posters, are also available from USI H.Q. USI's national newspaper, "USI News", appearing monthly, will keep you up to date on union activities.

### HOW IS U.S.I. FINANCED?

- \* Very Badly!
- \* Through affiliation fees paid by each C.O. based on its numbers of students.

- \* Through a commission from the sale of ISTC Cards (The Travel Card).
- \* During the next year a major drive will be made to establish the national union and the local unions on a more stable financial base.
- \* The audited accounts of the Union are available for inspection by any member at USI H.Q. Your local union should also have a copy.

#### WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF U.S.I.?

- \* Basically each student registered in a college affiliated to USI is a member of the National Union.
- \* The membership is defined under Article IV of the Constitution which you may consult in your local S.U. office or receive a copy from USI H.Q.
- \* Your college is an affiliated C.O. of USI.
- \* Your participation in USI is through your local union.

#### WHO ARE THE OFFICERS OF U.S.I.?

- \* Until July 1st 1977 the full-time officers of USI will be :

President :	Eamon Gilmore.
Deputy President :	Peter McEvoy.
Education Officer :	John Curran.

- \* The Vice-Presidents are :
 

Peter Davies	(International)
Gabriel Scally	(National Affairs)
Liam Molloy	(Sport)
Joe Little	(Culture)
Senan Turnbull	(External Relations)
Colm Kirwan	(Welfare).

#### HOW IS U.S.I. CONTROLLED?

- \* The policy of USI is decided by (a) The Annual Congress, to which each affiliated local student Union is entitled to send delegates based on its numbers of students and (b) National Council, which meets about once every six weeks and to which each college is entitled to one delegate.
- \* The officers of USI are elected to execute the policy decided by Congress and National Council.
- \* (a) The three full-time officers, President, Deputy President and Education Officer are elected at Congress.  
(b) The six Vice-Presidents, - Culture, Welfare, External Relations, International, National Affairs and Sport are elected by National Council.
- \* Each sector e.g. Teacher Education, Technological etc. have a conference each year which discusses problems particular to that sector and there exist committees in each of these sectors

- \* In Northern Ireland, a protocol agreement with NUSUK exists whereby all students in N.I. are joint members of both National Unions. A Convenor is elected annually to co-ordinate the work of the Region. For the next year he will be John McGill.

### WHERE IS U.S.I.?

- \* USI H.Q. is at :  
8, Belvedere Place,  
DUBLIN 1.  
Telephone : 743217/8 or 746227/8

## The International Union of Students— I.U.S.

During the second World War an International Student Council was formed in London which brought together students from various countries who were fighting against fascism, with the aim of co-ordinating their activities. They declared November 17th as International Students Day as on that day in 1939 the Nazi's had closed down all third level colleges in Czechoslovakia and executed many students and staff because of their resistance.

Immediately after the war the Council decided to set up a World Students Union and in August 1946 in Prague, the International Union of Students was established with a membership of 39 countries. Since then the number of countries has increased to 90 and these represent students in all continents. The headquarters is situated in Prague and is run by an elected staff representing 28 nations. At the moment Ireland has a representative on the secretariat who has recently been elected to the position of chairman of the European Committee of the IUS. He is Brendan Glynn, a former Deputy President of USI.

This year is the thirtieth anniversary of the IUS, and USI, like every other member organisation, hopes to celebrate with exhibitions, lectures etc. regarding the work of the IUS and later on this year a major initiative will be undertaken, bringing the efforts for peace and progress in Northern Ireland, to the notice of students all over the world.

# COLLEGE INFORMATION

It's amazing the number of students who come into this college, spend four or five years here and leave again totally ignorant of anything but the narrow constraints of their own course and where the canteen and library are located.

How many know what goes on in Longford House and where it is. Hands-up all who can tell where the audio-visual office is located, or where would you find the head of the motor department to ask him for a spanner to tighten you nuts !! (On your bike that is).

Whilst we cannot give you enough information to put you as confidently in the know as the Secretary/Registrar or Peter Cuffe, we can give you some relevant facts to help you understand the what, who, where and why of Bolton St.

## INFORMATION:

Firstly we can say that if you don't have this handbook handy or if your calssmates don't know, the best possible people to give you information are the porters. These all knowledgeable gentlemen inhabit the offices located near every main entrance to any of the college buildings. Their store of information is enormous and they can direct you to where more detailed information is available.

## STUDENTS' UNION:

Room D.1 contains the Students Union offices and information on all aspects of union activities and general college regulations can be obtained from the members who occupy the office. If the office is closed the person serving in the shop can sometimes help you.

## HOURS:

The main building is open 08.00 to 22.00 Monday to Friday, and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays (extended to 17.00 af Easter).

Linenhall opens 08.00 to 22.00 Mondays to Fridays only.

Longford House - 08.00 to 18.00 (22.00 if night class are being held) Monday to Friday only.

This year no classes will be held on the following dates:-

October 20th - Votive Mass; October 29th and Nov. 1st - Mid-term break; December 8th - Holiday; March 17th - St. Pats Day; May 19th - Holyday; June 6th - Public Holiday and June 9th - Holyday.

College closes, of course, for a few days around Christmas and Easter, but only for a few days. A full calendar is shown on page 64.



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### NOTICE BOARDS:

One of the most (ab)used systems of communicating information in the college is through the notice boards. These are dotted all round the college and on them you can learn about the time for every class available to City and Guilds students through Union information to the address where health foods are available.

Notices are there for your information so please read them. The most important boards from the point of view of Students Union information, are located in the canteen/common room area of Bolton St, the main hall in Linenhall and inside the main entrance to Longford House. All notices are relevant and the boards should be scrutinised regularly.

With regard to students putting up their own notices, please give as much detailed information as possible. The union reserves the right to certain spaces and no other notices should be put in these. But most important of all, notices should be removed as soon as they are out of date

### ACCOUNTS, FEES AND I.D. CARDS:

Room B. 6 in the main building is where you part with all your cash. You must visit here at least twice every year to pay your academic fee within a few days of commencement of the academic year. On paying this fee you are entitled to a college card. You must produce two photographs and the yellow college card is your main method of proving that you are a student in the college. It officially entitles you to nothing but sometimes can be used for minor concessions. It also contains your college number which you are always asked to fill in on college forms. You can use this card when applying to the Students Union for your International Student Identity Card.

Exam fees must also be paid in B. 6 between the Christmas Holidays and January 31st. Late fees might be accepted up to March 31st but a late entry fee of £5 must be paid.

Other general information is also available from Senior Clerk, Michael Flaherty and his helpful staff.

### EXAMINATIONS:

The exams office is located in B 10 although entry is gained only after having gotten past staff in B 9 who act as security guards to the room of many secrets. More likely than not your departments own office will be able to provide you with the information you need regarding exams. It should be noted that there is an exams appeals system in the college and at the moment it is totally underused. If, on receipt of results, you are unhappy about any particular subject or subjects you should immediately contact your head of dept. in writing and by calling or phoning. A meeting with the particular staff member(s) responsible for that subject(s) should also be requested.

If no response is forthcoming within a few days you should signify your intention of appealing your case to the exams secretary, Mr. D. Hegarty and your department head. The Students Union should always be contacted whenever you are having problems of this nature as they have more experience in dealing with staff and the system.

Copies of old exam papers are available from the Accounts Office (B.6) around December of every year.

DEPARTMENT OFFICES:

Each department has its own office located somewhere near its classrooms and it is here that most of the simple day to day course related questions and problems can be dealt with. There is a marked hesitancy particularly among apprentices and part-timers to approach the staff there. Some of the better endowed departments have secretaries who are very helpful, and appointments should be made if you wish to see a specific staff member. The offices are located at :-

Architecture	A.10	Engineering	B.7
Surveying	A.2	Architectural Tech.	15
Construction Tech	12	Aero Engineering	E.7
Auto Engineering	D.16	Engineering Trades	C.2
Science & Maths	B.5	Building Trades A	129
Building Trades B	229	Metal Fabrication	10
Printing and Book		Teacher Education	D.14 A
Production	C.12		

STAFF ROOMS:

While most members of staff can be contacted through their departmental office, it is also possible to contact them in their staff rooms which are spread all over the college buildings.

You could also try the Staff Canteen, D Floor, Main Building.

CHAPLAINS:

The following chaplains have been appointed to the college for this year:

Bolton St. Building: Room B.8. Rev. Dermot McKenna S.J., Rev. Ronan Geary S.J.  
Rev. John Fitzpatrick C.S.S.P. Rev. S.Ward S.J.

Linenhall: Room 132. Rev. Kevin Egan O.F.M., Rev. Paschal Farrelly O.F.M.  
Rev. Francis Patterson O.F.M., Rev. Gerard Raferty O.F.M.

METHODIST CHAPLAIN: The Rev. Dennis Cooke,  
9, Sandymount Green, D.4. Tel. 692270

CHURCH of IRELAND: The Rev. Cecil Hyland,  
84, Taney Cres.  
also Trinity College, Dublin, Tel. 772941 ext.402

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Mr. Michael Doogan is the man given the responsibility of organising the usage of the gym and representing the college on many sporting bodies. He can be contacted at the gym (306) which is located on the top floor of the Linenhall building. Use the side stairs as the entrance from the main staircase is usually locked. Information on this area of college activities is also available from the Students Union (D.1 Main Building).

Sports fields are located in Whitehall. The pitches and changing rooms are opposite the Crofton Airport Hotel, just past the Griffith Ave. intersection. Bus Nos. 3 and 16 will bring you there. Another less used sports ground is that on Templeogue Road, Terenure. The most suitable buses are the 15B, 49, 49A and 65. Both of these pitches can be booked for all kinds of matches, and here you should contact the Union or Mr. Doogan.

PHONES:

Only two public phones, located on the D floor near the Kings Inns entrance to the main building, are available to students in Bolton St. If you wish to make a call which is related directly to your education you could ask your departmental office to do it for you. If the matter concerns tracking down a book not available in the library ask the librarians to phone other libraries for you.

In the past the Union has campaigned for extra phones, particularly for Longford House. This campaign will be maintained over the coming year.

When ringing into the college (749913) be patient if you find the number engaged as there are only six lines to serve 50 - 60 extensions. The person who usually answers the phone is Margaret, and she will give you the extension you require. The Students Union is at extensions 46 and 25. Other numbers for the College are:

Linenhall; 749873. Longford House; 751183 and 752106.

LOCKERS:

This has been a source of much annoyance over the past few years but the authorities have promised us that the task of reorganising the system will be completed early in the first term. The problem lies in the fact that the keys for lockers leased out over the past few years have not been returned and now most lockers are locked and useless.

If and when the system is reorganised application can be made to room B. 6 where you pay your fee of £3.00. This includes a deposit of £2.00 returnable only if the key is surrendered by June 15th 1977.

Only sufficient demand from students can ensure that this long outstanding problem will be solved. So why not ask for a locker and save yourself the hassle of carrying those heavy books in and out of college every morning and evening.

TRANSPORT:

No public transport passes by the college but the nearest part to which many buses will bring is Parnell Sq. Some buses pass Longford House e.g. 12, 16, 16A, 19, 22, 83.

Even if you are travelling from a terminus to the centre of town and possess a commuter ticket, public transport is expensive. Unless you are able to get a regular lift into and home from college we suggest you try and acquire a bike - either motor or pusher - to get yourself to lectures on time.

PARKING:

When you get your machine here there are parking lots provided at the Capel St. end of the college. We suggest you use these and not the area around the Kings Inns door as bikes are regularly stolen there. Even in the lots it is advisable to lock bikes well. The hours of opening of the bicycle shed and motor-bike compound are: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; 12.15 to 2.30; 4.30 to 7.00 and 9.30 to 10.00 p.m., but in cases of extreme emergency the porters (John and Paddy) in the annexe, the single storey pre-fab, will probably open it for you. For added security why not insure your motor-bike with Progressive Insurances the USI insurance company. Details in this hand-book and Students Union Office.

Linenhall students should also use the above areas and for Longford House students the footpath remains the only area open to you at the moment, if you feel insecure about leaving it there try putting it in the garage and see what happens.

DISCIPLINE.

With full-time students this is rarely a problem, except where there are paranoid, paternalistic staff. In theory students could find themselves reprimanded or turfed out for three successive absences from any class, for failing to obey "lawful" instructions of lecturers or other members of staff, for smoking or for "any other reason which in the opinion of the College, justifies expulsion". Given that common sense and reasonableness usually prevails conflicts are few and far between, but should you find yourself a victim, contact the Students Union immediately.

The story is somewhat different with part-timers but more particularly apprentices. Here paternalism is more than evident and jobs are often lost as a result of small insignificant happenings. Apprentices should contact the Students Union and their own union if they find themselves with a problem.

CANTEENS:

The Canteen Committee is responsible for the two existing canteens (plus one for staff) in the college. An approach for the installation of a service in Longford House has been accepted by the College and VEC but is being held up by the Department of Education. So for the moment the two canteens available to students are located on the D floor in the main building and on the top floor of the Linenhall.

The hours of opening are 10.30 to 11.15 and 12.15 to 14.00 for both. The Bolton St. canteen also operates from 15.30 to 16.15 and again from 17.15 to 19.00.

Main course prices are 38p at dinner time and at tea time they vary according to "whatever you're having yourself". Tea and coffee, especially, are poor value, so hardworking students should drink plenty of milk. In general the food is regarded as being better in the Linenhall, but it is as good as one can get in any canteen and the prices are much lower than in commercial premises. If you have complaints let the staff and the Students Union know. The staff themselves cannot be blamed as they are understaffed and overcramped. The Government are to blame !!

### LIBRARY:

The college, in conjunction with the City of Dublin Public Library system, operates a library on the B floor of the main building and a small reference room (Room 5) in Longford House. The latter, only recently opened, operates for three hours each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and the hours for the main library are:

In term;	Monday to Friday	9.30 to 21.30
	Saturday	9.30 to 13.00
Summer		
Term	Monday to Friday	9.30 to 21.30
	Saturday	9.30 to 17.00
Holidays	Monday to Friday	9.30 to 17.00

Given the generally underfinanced situation which exists in the technological area of education, the library is, as a result, too small from the point of view of stocks and study space for the size of college in which it exists. Nevertheless the library committee with the help of Miss Fennell and her dedicated staff have made meagre resources go a long way and it is hoped to have 25,000 volumes by next year. About 700 current periodicals are also available and efforts are being made to build up a stock of non-print materials.

Close links are maintained with other institutions, UCD, TCD, IIRS, AnCo etc and libraries and books not in stock in Bolton St. can be obtained on an inter-library loan system. Arrangements can also be made for students to use the facilities at other libraries in special circumstances. A photocopying machine is also made available in the library.

Students may borrow books from the library and in order to avail of this all students should fill in an application card at the commencement of the academic year. These are available at the desk in the library.

The library is an essential element in the furthering of your education and it is important that you make full use of it. Many students never come to grips with the system and for this purpose most first year students are given introductory lectures on the usage of the library, but anybody can and should ask for this basic information at any time.

Finally it should be remembered that you are not the only one who uses the library and consideration for your fellow users should be of utmost concern to you when availing of the many aspects of the system. The following are some of the things you should keep in mind.

- \* Never ever take a book from the library without permission, not even for a night with the intention of returning it next day. It plays havoc with the record and indexing system and there is no need to comment on the consequences of taking a permanent loan.
- \* Only keep a book out for as long as you genuinely need it. If this is over one week then you must return it or have the loan extended officially - for another week. This also applies when "signing-out" a book for use in the library itself.
- \* When in the library silence should be strictly observed at all times. Too many students sit in groups and laugh and talk while the person next to them may have an exam the next day. If you have anything to say just step outside for a minute. Think of how annoying it is to try and study when you have an exam coming up only to be put off by needless noise.
- \* Smoking should not be practised while in the library.
- \* Holding places when you know you will be away for more than a few minutes or when you know you won't actually use the seat until after the next lecture is especially annoying, particularly in the last term. Neither should you tell somebody a place is reserved for a friend who might come along later or whom you know will not be along within a few minutes.

These points are just a few you should observe in your time both here in the college and elsewhere as long as you remain a library user.

#### KINEMA:

The only room with permanent facilities for the use of audio-visual equipment and which is suitable for large gatherings - up to 160 seated - is the Large Kinema C.28 main building. Because of lack of suitable lecturing facilities you will find that both it and its lesser equipped sister - Small Kinema C.24 are booked 09.00 until 17.30 most days, and also in the evenings but to a much lesser degree.

If you wish to book either of these rooms for any meeting etc. contact the Students Union office as soon as you have a definite date in mind and we will endeavour to arrange it for you. The demand is great so come to us as soon as you can and let us know how long you will want it for and what audio-visual equipment (if any) you will require. It must be said, though, that equipment is not always available after 17.00.

#### TOILETS:

These are provided on an extensive scale in all but the Annexe where you have the choice of holding-on or running like hell to the Licquorice Factory or main building. But be not fooled, for although there are many toilets most are usually lacking many essentials. As a recent Welfare Committee survey showed, door locks/bolts, toilet paper, toilet seats, soap and towels are rarely found and mirrors for the vain are less apparent.

In fact we recommend that until facilities improve everybody should do as the Annexe students do, hold-on until you get home.

PS. Dr. Barry has a private loo. It may have fur lined seats, wall to wall mirrors and Greenhills towels. One thing for certain is that it has a lock, as nobody else is able to gain access.

### PARTIES:

During the year almost every society organises at least one party in the college premises. These are usually held in the canteen in the main building but sometimes in the architectural technician studios in Longford House. Organising one involves such problems as employing porters, cleaners, ensuring security and orderliness and the hiring and purchase of discos and beverages. Most societies have experienced organisers but the Students Union should always be consulted well in advance, to ensure adequate preparation.

Apart from an excuse to enjoy themselves the chief hope of party organisers is to make ever necessary funds for their society. There is no reason why everybody cannot attend the party of their own society and it is to be hoped that students will also attend the functions of other societies and break down the inter-departmental barriers which are the plague of the college.

### COMPUTERS:

The college can boast three computers at the moment, the combined capacity of which are pitiful in relation to other colleges e.g. TCD and UCD. They are located in rooms B.35, D.26 and A.4 Bolton St. The former two are used by engineers and the latter by surveyors. A link up has recently been provided with the GUTS timesharing system on the Trinity College computer and the terminal for this facility is in room A.25.

Enquiries about the Surveyors machine (a Digital Equipment Corporation PDP-8e) should be made to Mr. Dixon of that department and information on the engineers machines (a PDP-8i and a PDP-8s), as well as on the Trinity terminal, can be had from Henry Taylor in room B.35.

No computer equipment should be touched until specific permission has been obtained from the relevant authority for the period in question, since playing with an innocent looking typewriter in B.35 or A.4 can screw up many hours of somebody else's work.

### LOS??:

The Linenhall and Longford Hse. buildings are reasonably logical in their layout and room numbering, but the Bolton St. building has undergone so many alterations that the maps on display in the corridors bear no relation to reality. We have included, in the following pages, updated versions of these plans, and hope that they will reduce the vast numbers of first, and final, years who seem to spend the year wandering around looking, and being, lost. Just remember that the four floors are each split level, the northeast corner being a half floor higher and identified as B, for the B floor. The room numbers here have a B suffix. The other floors are the same. A is at the top and D is at the bottom. The Kings Inn door is on the D, floor.



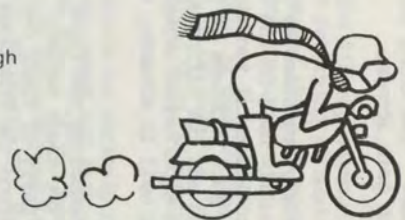
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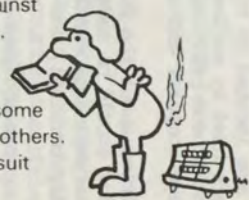
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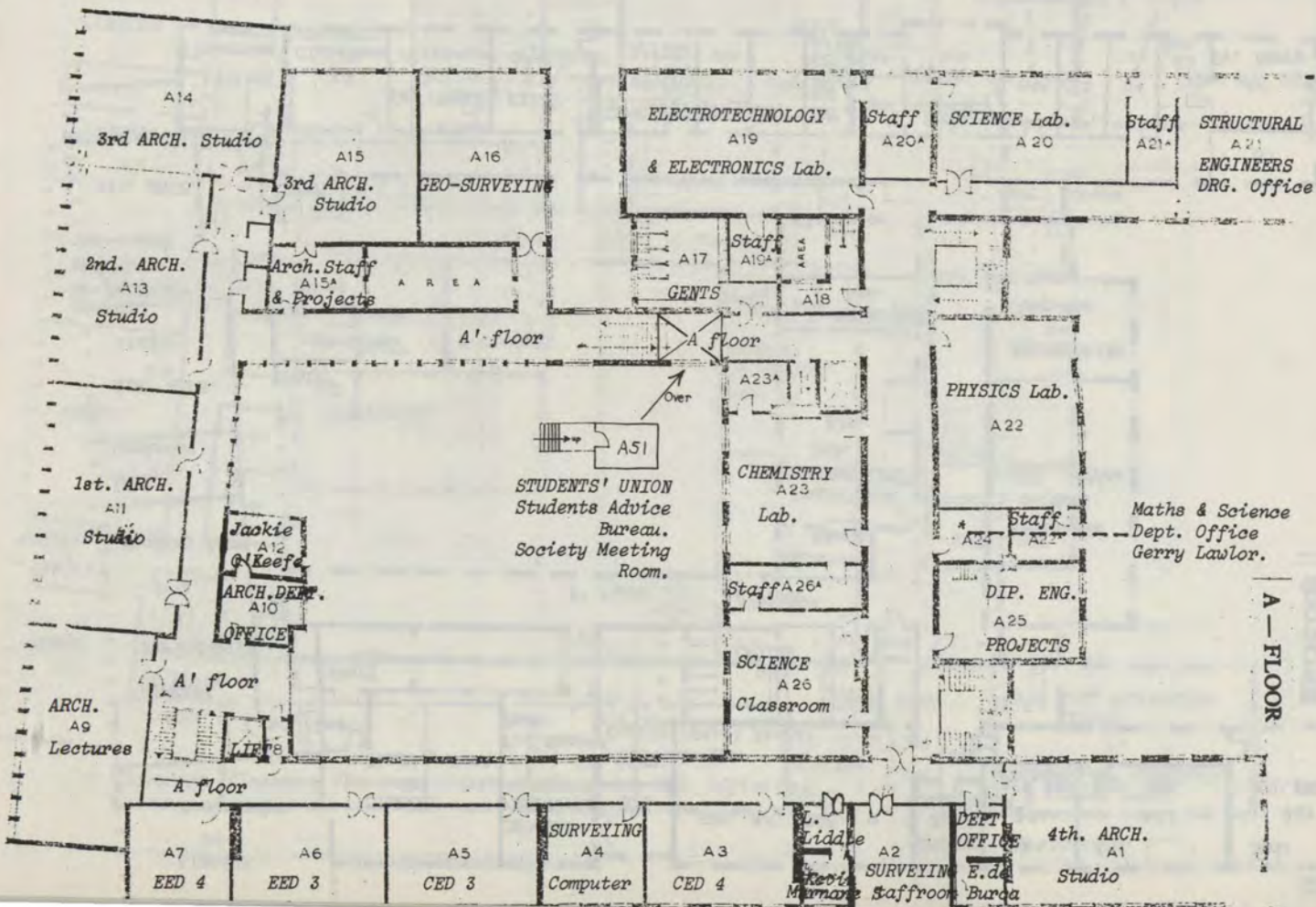


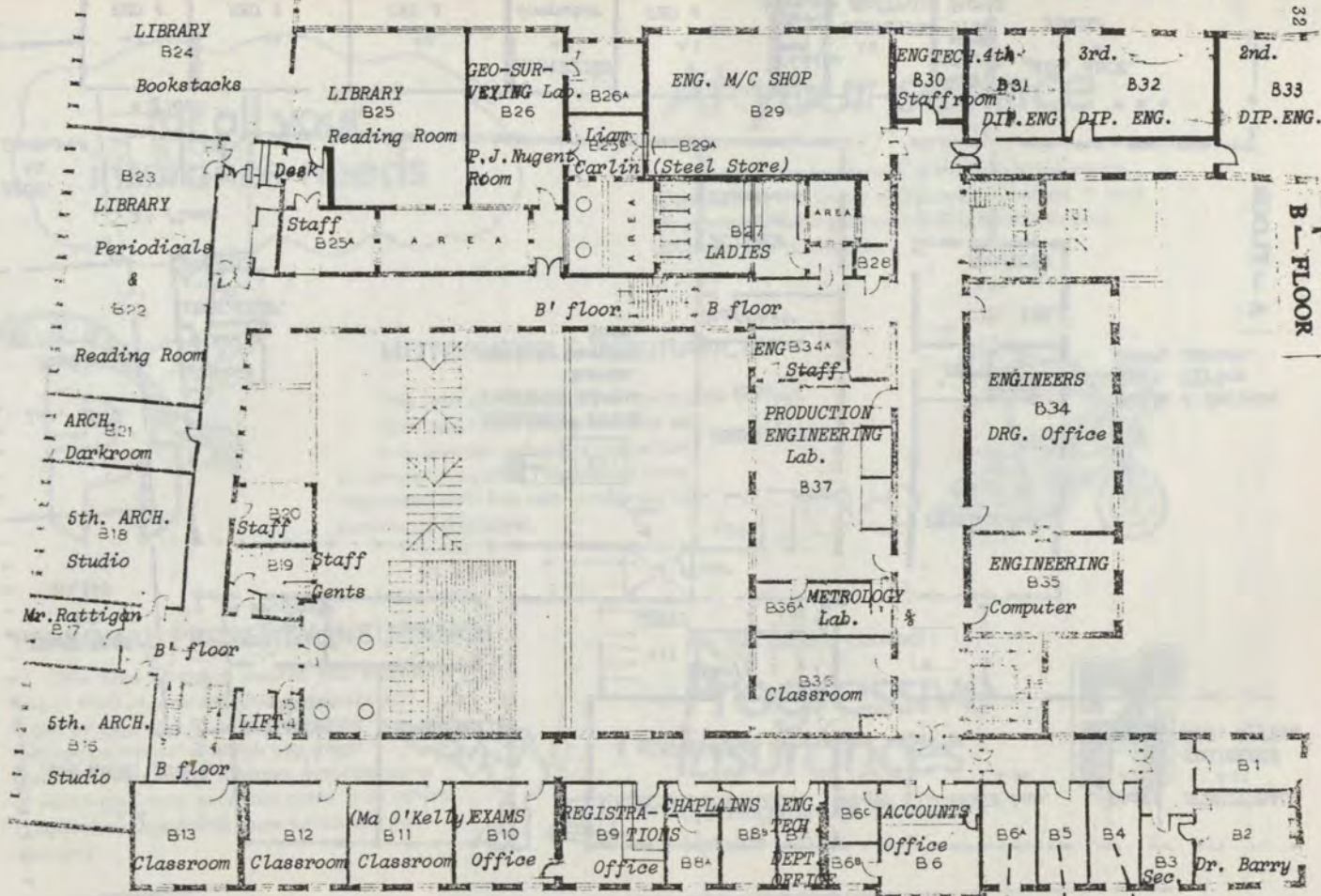
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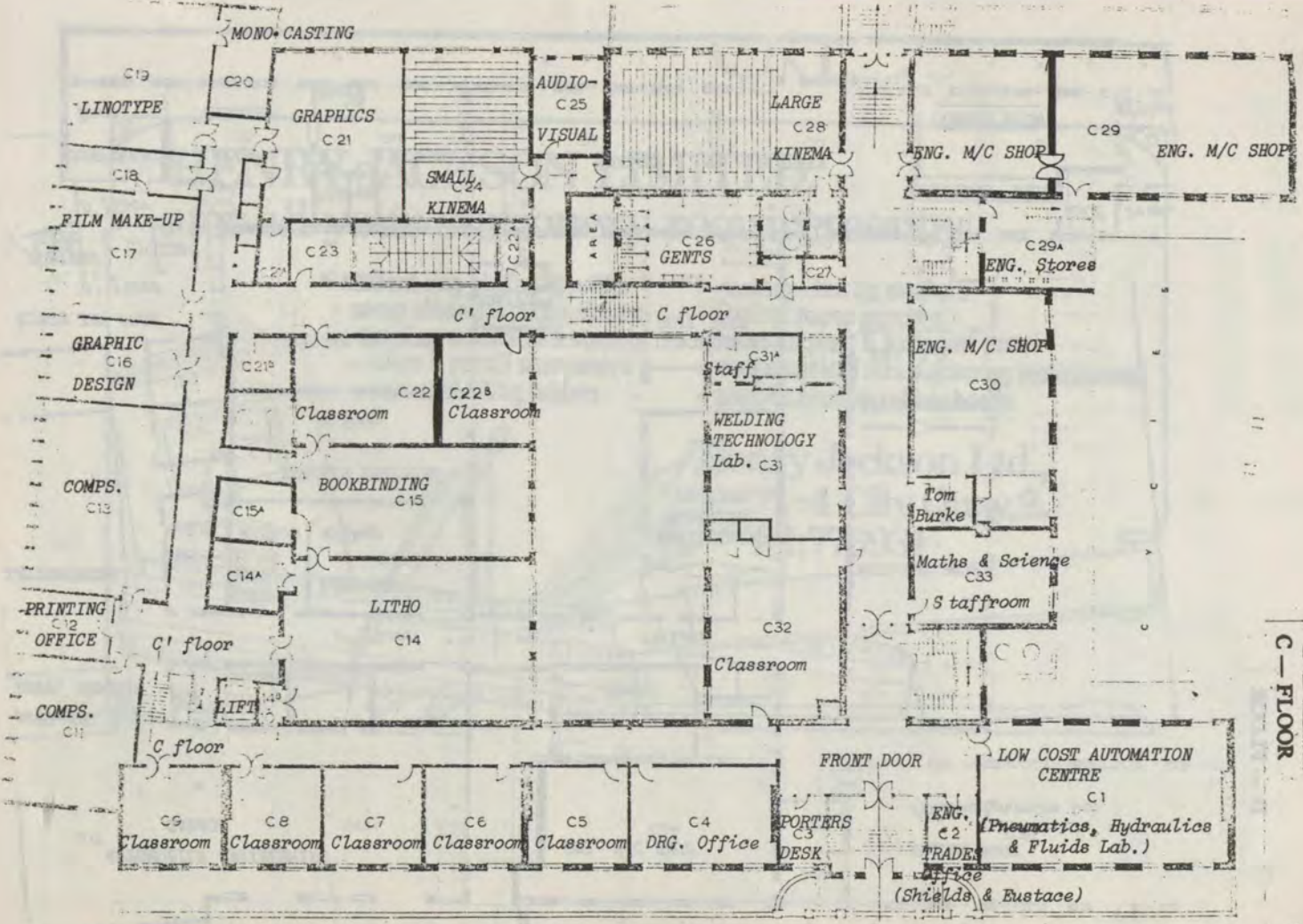
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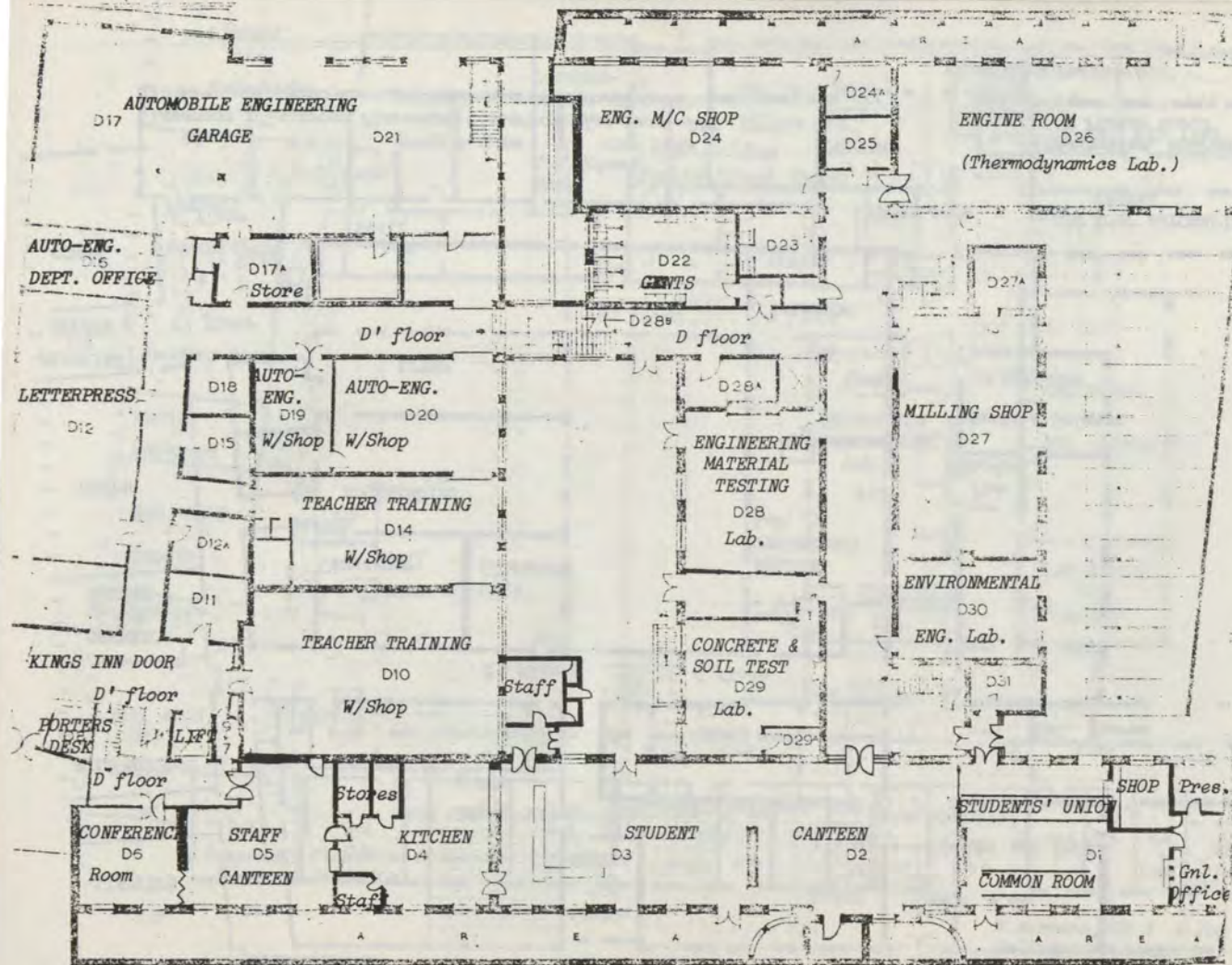




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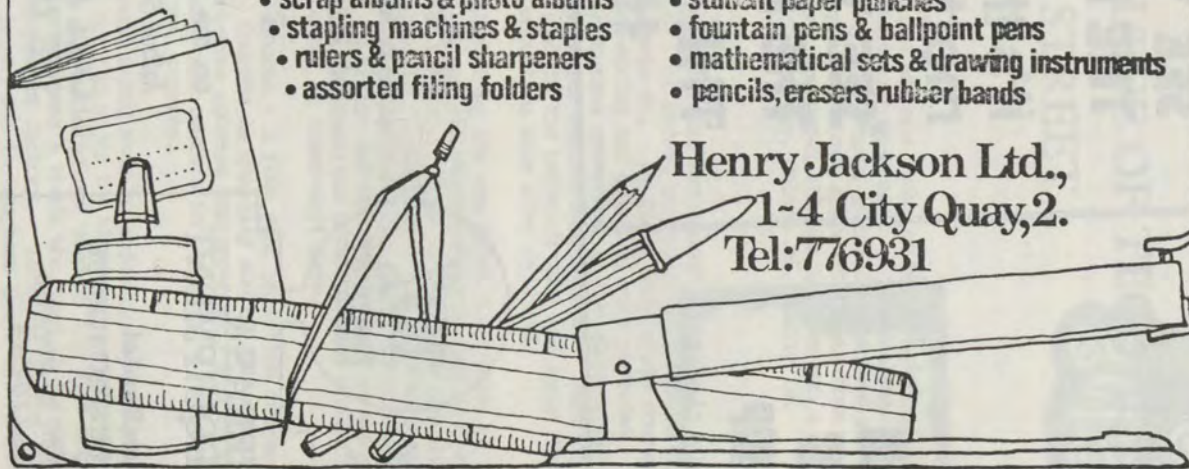
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# THE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, BOLTON STREET

This college, in which you are now lucky to be a student is a far more complex and diverse institution than most of you realize. Its size, range of courses, history, structure, personalities, and problems incorporate details which would require far more space to relate than we can afford here. But we will over the next few pages attempt to give you a picture of something of what the College of Technology, Bolton St. really is.

## HISTORY:

The Bolton St. Technical Institute was opened in 1911, in a building which was previously an hotel. It became necessary as a result of overcrowding in the older school in Kevin St. At first only trade courses, in the fields of building, engineering and printing, were provided. During the twenties whole-time day courses commenced in the above areas with the inauguration of the Apprentice Scholarship scheme. Part-time, day release courses were also provided in the printing area and about this time evening classes in technician education were also included.

A commission was established by the new Irish Government in 1926 to investigate technical education and its recommendations led to the passing of the Vocational Education Act in 1930. This is still the law under which the present system has to operate. The City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee soon established whole-time 'day junior technical courses' as a link between primary education and commencement of an apprenticeship. The thirties also saw the inauguration of a two year whole-time course in building science with entry at inter-cert level.

The first professional course - a five year part-time course in architecture, was offered in 1940. Courses in quantity and building surveying evolved as both whole-time and part-time courses contemporarily and in the fifties earlier established part-time courses in engineering led to the introduction of full-time professional courses.

With an increasing demand being made by industry and the professions, space soon became a problem and two major building programmes were undertaken in 1958 and 1963. Later, the building now used by the aero engineering department was purchased from Williams & Woods who used it for making liquorice, hence its name, the liquorice factory. Later still the annexe was built and students are also farmed out in Longford House off Aungier Street.

In the early sixties the institute was designated as a College of Technology, and the structure of the college as we now know it has changed little since then.



## PRESENT SITUATION:

The college now caters for almost 1,000 full-time third-level students, 1500 part-time/evening students and over 3,500 apprentices, making it the second largest college in the country, on simple enrolment figures. But taken on a wholetime equivalent basis its enrolment is fifth largest after UCD, TCD, UCC and UCG, i.e. the largest non-university college in the country and larger than almost 50 other third level establishments.

With the space and facilities available in the Bolton St., Linenhall and Longford House sites it is amazing that it can cater for such a large number of students and that it succeeds in maintaining high standards in its 150 different courses. Recognition for courses is world-wide. In Ireland students are often regarded as the best in their fields and there is a great degree of co-operation with employers, businesses, professionals and educationalists outside of the college. Internationally, apprentices regularly win top awards in the world championships and technician and technological graduates occupy top positions in their respective areas.

## STRUCTURE AND GOVERNMENT

Academically the college is divided into four schools, each of which is divided into departments which look after the running of courses.

(For further details on schools and departments see end of this section). Academic control is centred around the heads of schools and departments, as they are the only members who sit on most rungs of the academic ladder ranging from departmental board through to the Joint Colleges Academic Council.

The following is a theoretical breakdown on the academic government of the college, but in practice many of the groupings listed are worthless as they hold no real power.

### COURSE COMMITTEES:

Where the staff involved in the running of a course come together to discuss problems and developments. These supposedly include part-time staff but generally only include full-time members and are presided over by the departmental head.

### COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

These are external professional, business and educational interests who advise the college staff on various matters from time to time.

### DEPARTMENTAL BOARDS:

This is the stage where students supposedly have a say. These boards should consist of equal staff and student representation, but particularly in part-time and apprentice courses there is little or no representation. Where there is - at full-time level - students rarely achieve anything as the staff are unable to concede certain points e.g. more space, extra equipment or are unwilling to concede that certain staff members should be replaced by more dedicated and competent people, or that courses or subjects should be altered.

Before these boards achieve anything they will have to become statutorily based with decisions taken being binding on the staff and especially the Department Head who usually presides at these meetings.

All the above are internal course committees and the common denominator is usually the Department Head. He then takes all his course problems and positions to a variety of extra department groupings who formulate school, college and VEC policy on the education you are receiving. These bodies are as follows:

#### EXAMINATIONS BOARD:

This college, as throughout the Dublin V.E.C., has an academic board which has overall responsibility for college academic policy and programming. It consists of the Principal (or his nominee), heads of schools and heads of departments. Its discussions are general except where particular situations have arisen in one department or other. This board is under College Council but rarely if ever are the academic matters referred to or discussed at College Council. Instead its deliberations seem to be reported to the.....

#### JOINT COLLEGES ACADEMIC COUNCIL:

This body, with representatives of the five third level City of Dublin VEC colleges, discuss academic problems of the system as a whole and report to the VEC who then implement or reject their proposals if the Department of Education will allow them as it is the V.E.C. who have final control over all of our education.

The other ancillary area is that of exams and a brief breakdown of the structure of this section follows:

#### ACADEMIC BOARD:

Consists of all staff who are responsible for the setting/correcting of any subject in a department. Papers are first submitted by the particular lecturer to the exams office who sends them for vetting to the department head - if it is an internal exam, and to the appropriate body, e.g. NCEA, City and Guilds, Department of Education etc. if the course is one which is validated by an external body. The final paper is then administered by the exams office. This includes layout, exam code etc. and the first you see of it is on the fateful morning when you are asked to answer the many and varied questions thereon.

Each lecturer then corrects their paper and all staff come together at an exam meeting when decisions are taken on each case. Most cases are a formality having definitely passed (or failed) and it is the borderline cases who are discussed at length. The department head (yet again) brings these results through their usually concluding stages and results are then sent out by the examinations office.

#### EXAMS EXECUTIVE - FULL TIME COURSES ONLY:

Consisting of the Principal, heads of schools and heads of departments, college secretary and college exams secretary. They discuss general exams strategy, e.g. dates, standards etc.

Dr. John D. Barry is the man who is Bolton St. to all of these people. He listens to their ideas on education, especially when the interests of Bolton St. are in question. He sits on committees, is elected to positions, attends dinners and buys jar in the cause of Bolton St. His job is a difficult one given the present poor state of the government and the economy, but he is a worthy ambassador.

The main internal body on which he sits with eleven others is.....

#### COLLEGE COUNCIL:

This is the governing body of the college and has twelve members. The Principal, 4 members of the VEC, a representative of the Dublin Trades Council, a Teachers Union of Ireland member, the President of the Students Union and four nominees of the government (See page 3, college prospectus). The College Secretary, Head of the School of Trades - Mr. J.B. Hickey, and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the City of Dublin VEC, Mr. Jerry Sheehan attend in an advisory capacity.

In practice this should be the great melting pot where everything concerning the college is discussed in detail and wise and democratic decisions arrived at. But no. It is a stiffling two hour session which has as much exciting discussion as the Dail in recess. It is dominated by the chairman, Mr. Paddy Donegan and with the exception of the students, staff and trades council reps, only Messrs Harkin and O'Grady make any impact. The VEC members and two other Government nominees may as well stay at home - and they generally do.

Unless this group can be delegated real power or have enough determination to grab some for itself then it might as well cease from holding its once monthly meeting.

#### CITY OF DUBLIN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

The deliberations of College Council are reported to the VEC who act on them as far as their own limited ability, politicking and bureaucratic minds will allow them. In some instances matters may be referred to one or all of their sub-committees for building, finance and planning.

The VEC is a fourteen man body drawn from within the ranks of the Dublin Corporation members with the exception of its six co-opted members, with only one non-political person included and he is a clergyman. The latter fact is, perhaps, indicative of the attitude of this and most other controlling bodies in education. When it comes to giving much needed representation to non-political hacks it is not a VEC staff member or indeed a student representative who is chosen, but instead a clergyman who has no specialist knowledge of, or other involvement in, higher or technological education.

VEC administrative headquarters are in the Town Hall, Ballsbridge and here they look after the education of thousands of individuals ranging from pre-school through primary, secondary, vocational, third level and adult education.

In turn, everybody is responsible to the big daddy of them all.....

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

This controls our every breath and stifles our every wish. This is all done with the help of the government, and the particular Minister for Mis(Education) Richard Burke Esq, B.A., H.Dip., B.L. etc. Yes, this man, whom you all know, has many academic qualifications (and then you wonder why he won't give this non-university college a fair deal).

### YOU:

If you have managed to read this far in this section, you are either pissed-off, very knowledgeable or feeling frustrated at your relatively unimportant position in this maze of bureaucracy and government.

Well if its the latter we have news for you. You and all your classmates and every student in this college have more power at your disposal than everybody and every committee listed above, and this power can be realized through the Students Union.

Remember education exists for the students. The facilities, staff and government are all there to serve you. By joining with your fellow student in the way the Students Union allows you to, you can put forward your demands and be heard. This was demonstrated recently in the exams dispute and with belief in our own united strength we can continue to put forward reasonable demands and have them accepted and implimented in our college and national education system.

During the year the Students Union executive hope to put forward proposals for greater student representation in all of the above stages of our education government and we hope to rely on you to help us impliment them.

### THE FUTURE:

You may well ask where we go from here in Bolton St. Well, we wish we knew and we know as much as Dick Burke, Dr. Barry or you do in this case. The whole future of our college looks bleak, it is being attacked financially, academically and physically by all of those outsiders who don't understand what Bolton St. is. It will indeed be a major surprise if a student handbook in ten years time will give a similar breakdown of the colleges modern history and structure as we have here.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYING AND BUILDING:

Head of School - Kevin Fox

The school contains just less than half of the full-time students in the college all of whom are following full-time technological and technician courses, with only a small number engaged in part-time and evening studies at the same levels.

It has two departments:

Department of Architecture and Town Planning:

Head of Department - Jack (ie) O'Keeffe Room A.10  
 Assistant Head - Liam Carlin Room B.26  
 Senior Lecturer - Tony Johnson - Longford House - Room 15.  
 Office Secretary - Lillian Quinn Room A.10

plus a full-time staff of 17 and a part-time staff of 30 who hangout in Rooms A.10, A.15a & b and room 15 in Longford House. Students in this department occupy rooms A.1, A.9 - 15, B.17, and B.18 in Bolton Street and are fortunate in that they do not have to share their rooms with any other students. In Longford House Rooms 11,16 and 17 house the architectural technology students.

Department of Surveying and Building Technology:

Head of Department - Eanna de Burca Room A.2  
 Assistant Heads - Giddy (Kevin) Murmane Room A.3  
 - Larry Liddle Room A.3  
 Senior Lecturers - Joe Davis Room A.3  
 - Joseph O'Byrne Room 12 - Longford House  
 Office Secretary - Mary McLoughlin Room A.2

Full-time staff - 16; Part-time staff - 33  
 who inhabit rooms A.2, B.20 and Room 12 in Longford House

Third and fourth year Environmental Economists (EED) and Construction Economists (CED) occupy A.3, A.5, A.6 and A.7.

First and second year CED and EED : Z.1/2, Z.3/4, Annexe

Geo-Surveying : Z.5 Annexe and A.16 Bolton St.

Construction Technicians : Rooms 1,4&5 Longford House.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING:

Head of School - Vacant.

This school encompasses five departments and provides courses from craft to full professional level. It includes the Department of Science and Mathematics which rates as a service department supplying maths and science lectures to all college courses. The level of integration between courses is at an advanced level with students moving from craft through technician to professional.

Department of Engineering Technology:

Head of Department	- Michael O'Donnell (Micko)	Rooms B.5 and B.7
Senior Lecturers	- James Daly	Room C.22A
	Matt Russell	Rooms B.37 and B.7
Office Secretary	- Carmel Dunne	Room B.7

plus a full-time staff of 21 and part-time staff of 55 whose staff rooms are B.30 & B.34a (off B.37). Students here are nomadic, having to move from room to room for different lectures and practicals but B31-33 are regular morning hangouts for the latter years of the Dip. Eng. course and the technicians often occupy rooms like C22a or b. B11-13 are also popular with both groups. All engineers use the labs. and workshops, which are scattered everywhere and a surprising number live in the library, so, if you're an excited young 1st. Arch., please take care not to wake them up when you use the library.

Department of Maths and Science;

Head of Department	- Jim Nunan	Room B.5
Assistant Head	- Gerry Lawlor	Room A.24
Senior Lecturer	- Derry (Jeremia T.) Cotter	Room B.35

plus a compliment of 16 full time and 5 part time staff whose staff rooms are C.33 and B.30 and who include liberal studies lecturers such as Ma (Marguerita) O'Kelly and Billy McCarthy.

This department only runs part-courses e.g. maths in the G.C.E. and mainly services all other departments.

Department of Engineering Trades:

Head of Department	- Robert (Useless) Eustace	Room C.2
Assistant Head	- Joseph Shiels	Room C.2

plus 9 full-time and 11 part-time staff; who inhabit staff-room C.33.

This department caters primarily for apprentices in the fitting and turning trades which for you ignoramuses (or is it ignorami) is precision tool making and allied engineering trades. The machine rooms, C.29, C.30, D.27 and B.29 are used as well as lecture rooms in the Linenhall and Licquorice Factory. Like all apprentices these students are on block or day release and many graduate to do advanced courses and up to technician and professional level.

Department of Aeronautical Engineering:

Head of Department - Thomas McInerney Room E.7-Licquorice  
Factory.  
Assistant Head - Michael Forde Room E.7-Licquorice  
Factory.  
plus a staff consisting of 1 full-time member complimented by 19 part-timers.

This department is based in the Licquorice Factory, at the back of the main car-park. It provides a wide range of courses varying from a full-time three year course to part-time courses preparing people for private pilot licence exams. In their building there is a very interesting range of workshops based in the Licquorice Factory only venturing outside for a small number of lectures and practicals.

Department of Automobile Engineering:

Head of Department - John Guirke Room D.18  
Assistant Head - Richard Dowling Room D.16  
complimented by 14 full-time and 26 part-time staff members whose staff room is D.16.

This department is similar to the latter in its range of courses but the type of machines involved generally stay on the ground. The three year full-time Motor Industry Management students are based in Rooms 6,7 and 8 in Longford House and the main part of the department is based in the D' floor in Bolton Street where there are numerous garages and workshops. About 850 students primarily block release and part-timers are involved in this department where many other students would like to be able to spend some hours working on their bikes and banqers.

Office Secretary - Dora Rooney Room D.16

The Linenhall building houses the School of Trades, which consists exclusively of apprentices. It is an old building which has been refurbished to provide an education for its 2,000+ students. Rooms 105 and 106 house the general office and exams office respectively and it is here as well as at the departmental offices that general information can be had. (See also section on apprentices and Part-time students.

workshops and equipment for the use of students who are almost exclusively based in the ....

SCHOOL OF TRADES:

Head of School - J. B. Hickey Room 103 - Linenhall

This school provides part-time day and evening classes for apprentices, craftsmen and technicians who are actually engaged in the construction, furniture, vehicle building and metal fabrication courses. Students generally attend one day per week for the day courses and on two evenings per week for the more advanced levels. Block-release apprentices form a large percentage of students in this school.

SCHOOL OF PRINTING AND BOOK PRODUCTION:

Head of School - Vacant

Assistant Heads of Department - Prionsias O'hEiffernain and Joseph Reddin - Room C.12 who work with a full-time staff of 11 and a part-time staff of 19

Office Secretary - Joan Cummins Room C.12

This school occupies rooms on both the D' and C' floors of the Bolton St. building and offers technician and apprentice level courses in a wide range of subjects and skills related to printing and book binding. Most of its students are block-release i.e. spending periods of 11 - 13 weeks per year in the college. The remainder are evening students who are engaged in the business in some way already. There are many fascinating skills demonstrated in the workshops but unfortunately much of the equipment needs replacing.

TEACHER EDUCATION:

The college in conjunction with the Department of Education runs a course designed to train teachers in the Metalwork area. The head of this department is Mr. Hunt - D.14a but the students in this two year course are slow to join in activity outside of their course. It can only be hoped that the course in general can become more integrated in the college structure, and that conditions for it can be improved.

Department of Building Trades A:

Head of Department - Michael Murray Room 129 - Linenhall

plus a full-time staff of 7 with one part-time member, who use Room 104 as a staff room.

The courses in this department are complimentary to those in Building Trades B. being associated with the construction industry. Some courses dealt with in this department are Bricklaying and Painting & Decorating. The vast majority of apprentices in both departments are day release students and it remains to be seen how the new AnCo scheme will effect the running of the overall trades school.

Department of Building Trades B:

Head of Department - Thomas (Tom) Bridgeman Room 229 - Linenhall

plus a full-time staff of 12 and Room 104 is where they are available.

The courses for these mainly day-release students are in the general area of construction studies, and includes, construction studies, carpentry and joinery etc. Some students from here have graduated right through to professional level with the help of the ever enthusiastic and industrious Head of Department.

Department of Metal Fabrication:

Head of Department - John Bolton Room 10 - Linenhall

Assistant Head - Brendan Rooney Room 10 - Linenhall

plus 18 full-time and 3 part-time staff members who are available in Room 104.

The students here are all apprentices on day or block release from their places of employment to follow courses such as plumbing and heating, foundry work, welding and sheet metal work.



# APPRENTICE AND PART-TIME STUDENTS

While the constitution of the Students Union states that ALL students in the college are members and equally entitled to participate in all union activities, the practical situation is that the Union caters for part-time and apprentice members only in a marginal way, and most of its activities are geared towards full-time students.

In this light, apprentices and part-timers may well ask what relevance the Students Union has for them. Simplistically the answers are contained in section one of this handbook where a detailed account of the union's structures, activities and services are provided. But given the nature of part-time and apprentice involvement in the college it is not practical for night students to attend general meetings held at eleven in the morning, or for apprentices to support a call for a canteen boycott when luncheon tickets are an integral part of their wages.

Firstly the difference in the types of students we are referring to must be clearly stated.

## APPRENTICES

Before one can enrol as an apprentice with AnCo and attend a class in Bolton St. a young person must be accepted as an apprentice by an employer. Apprentices usually have a group/inter cert qualification and are 16 - 17 years of age when they commence their five year apprenticeship, leading to a qualification in their respective fields. These tradesmen are engaged in the broad areas of the construction industry, and allied trades and services such as plumbing and cabinet-making, in the metal fabrication industry, fitting and turning, the motor and aero industries, and in the whole printing and book-binding fields.

Traditionally apprenticeships were readily available in all these trade areas but with changing technology and different demands from industry during the sixties problems began to arise. Some trades had too many apprentices while others were lacking in numbers. In 1967 An Comhairle Oiliuna - AnCo was established to co-ordinate and plan apprentice intake and education with the above points in mind.

Now all apprentices are registered with AnCo and new ideas on the whole structure of apprenticeship are being discussed. The most radical of these is making the first year an off-the-job year where the young boys and girls would spend a complete year in the college as opposed to the present systems of attendance (outlined below). There is also a proposal to shorten apprenticeship from five to three years.

Bolton St. caters for some three thousand five hundred apprentices who can attend the college in a number of different ways. The most common of these are:-

DAY RELEASE:

This type of apprentice attends the college on one day per week spending the other four in industry/site and the day in college is regarded as a work-day for which they are paid by their employer. They attend for five years before taking their final exams.

BLOCK RELEASE:

Under this system apprentices attend the college full-time for 11 - 13 weeks each year for the duration of their course. They then spend the rest of the year with their employers. There are also different lengths of block-release.

PART-TIME STUDENTS

This group which accounts for 1500 names on the roll is more difficult to categorize. Many are engaged in further/adult education, following courses for self satisfaction and improvement. Others in the technician sphere are doing their course while working instead of spending three years full-time in the college. A small number undertake short intensive courses as an "in service" training programme, while others pursue courses which are a follow-on specialization to a previous apprentice course. But in general students can be said to follow courses related to their job and they attend one day and two nights per week or even four nights per week, spending 6 - 12 hours per week in college depending on their course.

RELEVANCE OF STUDENTS' UNION:

From the above it is obvious that apprentices and part-time students spend such broken time in the college that it is extremely difficult for them to become actively involved in any aspect of union activities. This is not to rule out all participation, and there is no reason why use cannot be made of union services and facilities.

A more detailed breakdown is given in section one, but some information as to how particular aspects of the Union apply to part-timers and apprentices and the limitations on the union with regard to catering for these students to a greater extent in the future, are outlined below.

SERVICES:

The Students Union is centered in room D.1 in the basement of the Bolton St. building. For all information and use of all services and facilities this is where to go. The room contains two offices, a shop and games and relaxation facilities. These are for the use of Linenhall and Longford House people just as they are for Bolton St, Licquorice factory and Annexe students. The room is open for 12 hours per day - 09.00 to 21.00. with short closed periods of twenty minutes twice a day to allow for cleaning.

The shop sells all types of stationary and supplies, sweets, soft drinks, cigarettes, newspapers etc. at the lowest possible prices. No profit is made and, as there are few overheads, prices, especially in the student supplies area, are kept at rock bottom. It makes sense to buy there.

The gaming facilities include two pool tables and a football machine, with the usual house rule that only money down entitles you to a game and that the winner(s) stays on with the incoming player(s) paying for the game - 10p for pool, 5p for football. The room also contains easy-chairs.

The offices are where all kinds of general information can be had, where particular members of the executive can be consulted and where you can have a chat about any problem or ideas you have. Some particular areas which are dealt with are travel insurance and student concessions, welfare, and of course all your educational problems. Don't be hesitant, ask and it shall be answered unto you.

Greater detail on the last four paragraphs can be found in section one.

### STRUCTURE:

With regard to union structure it is obviously more difficult to organise class reps, and distribute union material to the 5,000 students under discussion. In the past many students with whom the question has been discussed have been reluctant to become involved in the organised end of the Students Union, as they invariably are members of a union in their working capacity, and feel there would be a clash.

It must be said that there is absolutely no contradiction here, in fact membership of both unions is to be encouraged, since being active and interested in one or other union is likely to make one more involved in the other. The roles of both unions are complimentary and at the same time they are separate. Your workers union deals with pay, working conditions, fighting redundancies etc., etc., the Students Union deals with all the problems you experience through being in Bolton St. These include, incompetent and irrelevant lecturers, overstrict discipline, bad conditions, general welfare, exams and the areas referred above under services.

In this context of your dual membership it should be pointed out that the degree of co-operation between the Students Union and other unions is increasing rapidly as branch secretaries and members of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions see the benefits to be gained from such co-operation and understanding of each others positions on a vast number of topics such as unemployment, social welfare benefits, underfinancing of technical education etc.

The initiative necessary to contact each individual class in the college is enormous but as our union becomes more organised it will be more possible. It would be appreciated though, if individuals or classes who were particularly interested would contact us. This handbook is the first in what we hope will be a continuing set of publications which will include information for apprentice and part-time students, but while much can be conveyed in writing, personal contact can achieve so much more.

Without promising the sky we would hope during this coming year to take positive steps to involve you in the union. This can be achieved by being allowed permission to address you in a class or general meeting situation, greater usage of notice boards - especially in the Linenhall - distribution of papers and leaflets and meetings with particular unions to discuss greater degrees of co-operation.

As with all great plans the two problems of finance and manpower arise. If we could gain some type of financial input from part-time and apprentices we would like to establish the position of apprentice/part-time Liaison Officer who hopefully would work full time for you. The other problem is one of location. Given that most apprentices are located in the Linenhall it is difficult to maintain sufficient contact with the Union being based in Bolton St. The acquisition of Student Union accommodation in this building - as in Longford House - is of major importance to ensure this necessary contact.

### ACTIVITIES:

Often there is a lack of understanding of the activities being undertaken by the Students Union among apprentices and part-timers. This is as a result of poor communications. Even with the best intentions it has been, and will continue to be, impossible to keep everybody informed, but where we fail you should try and find out yourself. If you see a newspaper report or notices of general meetings in the college don't hesitate to ask what the details of the report, or of the Agenda for the meeting, are.

In the event of a Students Union decision to strike, boycott, march or disrupt any aspect of college activities, apprentices in particular are placed in a predicament. The details of the varying degrees and methods of support which you can lend to full-time students, and vice-versa, are too long and complicated to enter into here, but our basic point is that you should always turn up at the college whenever you are due for a class. For day people you should turn up in the morning and if you fail to gain entry you should report immediately to your own union, after you have gained as much information about the dispute as possible. He will advise you what to do and this will generally involve going to your employer.

With regard to voluntary support such as a boycott or march it is hoped that as much support as possible will be given, while taking your own position into account.



## SPORTS CLUBS

### SPORTS COUNCIL:

Sports clubs in Bolton St. are under the control of the Sports Council which consists of one representative from each club and from among whom a secretary and treasurer are elected. The Students Union Sports Officer acts as chairman of the Council and Mr. Doogan, the P.E. instructor, also attends to give some practical and helpful advice. The Council meets fortnightly and anybody may attend to put proposals or questions to the members concerning any matter under their jurisdiction.

### FACILITIES:

There is a gym on the top floor of the Linenhall building and this is the day to day centre of activity with classes and courses availing themselves of the few precious hours which are available for training. Each evening different clubs make use of the facilities there to keep themselves in shape for the various competitions which they enter. Pitches under the auspices of the City of Dublin VEC are maintained around the city but those in Whitehall are the most popular with the Terenure grounds also being used quite extensively.

To say that Bolton St. is a hive of sporting activity would be an exaggeration but it can be said that, despite the many problems facing sport here, we do very well in competition. Apart from an obvious lack of facilities, the chief problem facing the college teams is one where talented students prefer to play for outside teams. There is a Catch 22 situation here. Good players won't play for the college because they say that it isn't in top leagues, but how can it be, if its best players won't play for it.

All students, including part-timers and apprentices owe it to their college to play for its sports teams and help sport develop in the college. Enquiries can be made at the Student Union office and Mr. Doogan in the gym. We hope to see all of you joining existing clubs and helping form new ones during the coming year.

### BADMINTON:

No formal badminton club exists at the moment but this game is played regularly in the gym. So far the participants are from one course group and are mainly female. If this sport is to continue in existence this year there will have to be an increase in membership immediately, in order that it can hold on to its time slot in the already over-crowded gym.

### BASKETBALL:

This club which has been in existence for nearly two years is hoping to become really established during the coming year. It has a hard core of enthusiastic members - male and female - and has had consistently good results against many college teams. This is one sport where secondary school players have only a slight chance of playing for outside teams so we hope to see all of you former school players coming along to the training sessions. This year they will be held 5.00 to 7.30 each Monday evening in the gym.

FOOTBALL:

The Gaelic football team in Bolton St. is one of the better non-university sides in the country, doing consistently well in higher education leagues and cups. Weekly training sessions are held in the gym with outdoor matches/training at the week-end. Some county players have helped the team in the past, but if you know anything about the game drop along to the gym and we will make a county star of you.

HURLING:

A small but hardworking group of hurlers exists in the college and their endeavours meet with regular success in competition. Training is done in conjunction with the footballers and many dual-players take part. Members from the traditional hurling counties are specially welcome, to help the team in its many leagues and championships during the coming year.

HANDBALL:

The college has been represented in various competitions in this sport in the past two years. The alley in Croke Park is booked for training and if the Gardai will allow it some practice can be had in the Green St. alley. Watch notice boards for further info. during the year. If you have played before you will be especially welcome and newcomers can play in leagues of their own standard.

SOCCER:

This is a highly successful club with many competition wins to their credit. Indoor tournaments take place in the gym and it is the most popular inter-class sport. Part-time and apprentice students are more involved here than in most clubs. This club has a training stint every week, under the watchful eyes of Mr. Doogan. This year the defence of the Donogh O'Malley Cup will be the main task of the club.

SWIMMING:

While no club or facilities exist in the college, many students avail of the pool in Kevin St. Here there are classes for beginners, life-saving and water polo. Students from Bolton St. are allowed to attend these classes on various week-day nights. Notification of times will be made by the Union as soon as an agreement is reached but all students who wish to use the pool must have a student i.d. card.

## RUGBY:

One of the most unpredictable groups in the college. They can vary in form from winning all round, to being beaten by 3rd F's fielding 10 players. The chief problem is that the best players only play in closed competitions, choosing to play for senior clubs in regular competition. Some years ago the club flourished and with a few dedicated administrators and senior standard players it could again become a force. The college should be capable of moving up a league grade or two and regain the Gleeson Cup, open to all non-university colleges, which they once dominated.

Other pursuits which exist, but in a totally informal and unorganised way are squash and drinking. The former only comes to life for a few enthusiastic weeks every year when some architect organises himself sufficiently to hire a court somewhere in the city at a cheap off-peak time. Its participants are mainly from architecture but efforts should be made to spread the net and gather members from all areas of the college on a more organised basis.

The latter sport enjoys the largest following in the college - just look at the number of confident advertisers - and it is expected that all first years will join on enrolment. Teams train in different hostelries, most of which are adjacent to the college and on Friday nights the staff are often seen to join the club. In competition we can hold our own and know how to conduct ourselves and uphold the good name of the college. The unofficial captain is a former Student Union President and he is now said to be a life member of the club, an honour which was bestowed on him after years of dedication to the cause. Training will recommence as soon as these bloody exams are over and will continue nightly until June.

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## COURSE RELATED SOCIETIES

### ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION -- A.S.A.

After a number of dormant years this society was resurrected just over two years ago and since then has gone from strength to strength. For the past two years a "party" has been organised to help introduce first year to the other members. Also organised is "Flash Friday" held early in the second term, a day in which anything goes and usually does. Apart from these unashamed excuses for drunken debauchery, the A.S.A. also promotes activities aimed at complementing and filling gaps in their course. These include, lectures, films, exhibitions and tours. Members also take an active part in community activities as witnessed by the Pembroke St. occupation of last year. It is hoped that the new executive and committee will continue to enjoy the level of support during this year as has been granted to their capable and dedicated predecessors.

### SOCIETY OF STUDENT ENGINEERS - S.S.E.

This society is made up of students in the professional engineering courses. Traditionally a very strong group, it has been going through a revival in the past year and with the election of officers from amongst its great range of talented members it should be solidly reestablished during the 76/77 academic year. Though more interested in educational aspects of its course, it is nevertheless capable of organising a few successful piss-ups during the year. Its educational work was chiefly engaged in the great NCEA/TCD fracas last year and this has resulted in a deeper understanding of its educational responsibilities than exists in most societies. A successful raffle was run to gain funds for the obligatory educational trip and this helped keep costs for the day down to beer money. The degree to which it works with the Students Union is an example which all societies should try to follow.

### SOCIETY OF STUDENT SURVEYORS - S.S.S.

The main problems which bedevil this, the largest - on paper - society in the college are those of split locations of its members, in the annexe and the A corridor, and the fact that its membership is drawn from three different courses whose members have slightly different interests and demands to make on the society. It has many talented officers, but because of little back up support, many of its non academic ventures have been big flops despite much detailed organisation. If the apathy can be overcome and its structure re-examined there is every reason to believe that the surveyors will join the ranks of successful societies contributing to the educational and recreational advancement of its members.

### STUDENT SOCIETY OF MOTOR INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT - S.S.M.I.M.

This Longford House based society, draws its membership from the three year D.44 course. These bike and car freaks are a closely knit bunch who put much effort into promoting their course among members of the industry with a view to increasing employment prospects of course graduates. Trips to assembly plants, lectures and the usual frivolities are integral parts of a society who have much room for expansion, and closer co-operation with the Union can help them find their true potential.

#### SOCIETY OF STUDENT AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS - S.S.A.E.

Mr. McInerney's lads are unusual in that they are "full-time apprentices" i.e. they owe their allegiance to Aer Lingus but Bolton St. provides them with academic facilities. This three year course is located in the Licquorice Factory and is handicapped by the paternalistic attitudes of the head of their department but nevertheless they are very capable of organising and enjoying themselves, having sent a soccer team to Germany the year before last, and all students in the course can only benefit from being enthusiastic members.

#### STUDENT SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTURAL TECHNICIANS - S.S.A.T.

This society whose members are drawn from the Architectural Technology course in Longford House are unusual in many respects. Their location - just as with SSMIM makes it difficult for them to become totally involved in general activities but their method of operation is highly efficient. They are very self-sufficient, capable of running profit making parties which finance many other activities, including an orphans party at Christmas. Generally they are a hard working bunch who play a lot of table tennis and put professional architects to shame with high quality work. Their development will be seriously tested this year with the departure of many of the older more experienced members, but it can be expected that this hurdle can be overcome.

#### SOCIETY OF CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS - S.C.S.E.S.

For years the civil engineering technicians formed the back bone of this society and last year they decided to amalgamate with the environmental technicians who might have formed their own group. These added members led to a very active year with much effort being put into various parties - remember all those flashy and fleshy posters. Members took a very active part in the NCEA campaign and altogether we can expect this amalgam to be very active this year.

#### STUDENT SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS - S.S.M.E.T.

As the name suggests, the members of the D.46M course form the membership of this, the newest society in the college, and if its first few months are anything to judge by, then we can expect miracles from these persons (I'm not going to call them lads and be told later there's a disgruntled female in the course) under the Auditorship of Kevin Byrne during the 76/77 term. Last year a three day trip was put together as was a constitution which is larger than that of the Union, and God only knows what they have in mind for this year. So all M.E.T.'s should go along and see.

#### GRADUATE ASSOCIATIONS:

The only courses in the college which have made any attempt to organise its graduates are the professional engineers and the architectural technicians, and even here the degree of success leaves much to be desired. It is to be hoped that all course related societies will investigate the possibilities of this type of association during the year. Staff and the present sets of final years will have a vital role to play and the executive hope to issue a report during the year with the aim of encouraging this type of activity.

## OPEN SOCIETIES

### FILM SOCIETY:

For the past number of years this has been a society organised and run by the one and only Peter Cuffe. Last year in anticipation of his graduation he encouraged others to join him, but now with his departure it will be interesting to see if others can fill the breach. This society has shown films which usually don't make it on the commercial circuit and specialises in continental films. Membership fee is usually around £2 and represents good value for the 15 - 20 film season.

### CHESS AND SCRABBLE CLUB:

The newest and potentially one of the strongest clubs in the college has amassed a large number of enthusiasts during the past year, for its weekly sessions held in A.16. The Club provides the boards for those interested in learning or putting into practice, skills in these intellectual games. Regular internal competitions are held with the ultimate hope of taking on other clubs and entering leagues. Watch for their interesting posters for further details early in the year.

### COLLEGE CHRISTIAN SOCIETY - C.C.S.:

Formerly known as the Bible Society, they have recently changed to the College Christian Society. Meetings are held twice weekly at which discussions and readings are the main activities. Many of the meetings are given to certain topics and are widely advertised beforehand. All are welcome to join, or just come along and listen to this multid denominational group.

### ORATORIUM (The Debating Society):

This society which promised so much has been something of a disappointment during the past year. Its only effort to catch the eye was its inaugural meeting at which Garret Fitzgerald was guest speaker. After that, with the exception of entering some competitions with a moderate degree of success, little was heard of them. A debating society is an essential element in promoting general discussion in any college and Bolton St. will be all the poorer if Oratorium does n't succeed in making a greater impact next year. So all of you who fancy yourselves to be as good as Burke, Hitler and Paisley should exercise your vocal chords in this societies meetings and debates during the year.

### REPUBLICAN CLUB:

The objectives of the Republican Club are to agitate and educate for a socialist Ireland. For the ownership and control of the wealth of Ireland to be in the hands of the Irish people through democratic state control. It views the main problem facing the country as unemployment, lack of economic planning, sectarianism and peace in which to work for the elimination of these problems.

Its activities mainly involve book-sales, films, lectures, working for democratic demands such as the control through nationalisation of the mineral wealth and banks, demanding a Tenants Tribunal and a more democratic education system both in opportunity and control. The Republican Club would welcome other political "societies" to endeavour to raise political development and argument in this college.

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From time to time students interested in areas which are unorganised make attempts to start clubs and societies and these exist in an informal way until they realize the benefit of having a constitution recognised by the Students Union, which allows them to seek funds to further their cause. The most promising of these un-official groups are briefly outlined below:-

#### HILL WALKERS:

The well known opposition party has had many half-hearted attempts to organise in the college over the past year. We hope they can eventually achieve something this year and promote necessary political debate among students.

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY:

We believe that this group exists somewhere in the college, or if they don't we would like to know who is spending so much time doing what in the dark rooms. There should be enough camera enthusiasts around to make for an active group in this area.

#### FIANNA FAIL:

These exist but seem determined to remain a spontaneous group, uninterested in constitutions and electing officers. Instead they prefer to announce that on the following Sunday they hope the masses will gather at city centre terminus for bus x and from there bus and walk their way through Wicklow. The potential to develop into a genuine mountaineering club seems to exist and maybe formal contact should be formed between these - primarily engineers and the architect dominated Orienteering/Adventure Sports group. The latter with the help of an enthusiastic staff member, Sean Rothery, regularly take themselves into the Wicklow Hills also, but in a more organised fashion. They enter in orienteering competitions and take part in training sessions, canoeing etc. May we suggest a united club for this year with the title "Fresh-Air Freaks" - Bolton St. Branch.

In the college, there also exists facilities for darts, table-tennis, and pool. At the moment no serious attempt is made to organise major open competitions in any of the above although class competitions exist in the first and second. Expansion of the number of tables and boards will have to take place to allow for such competitions but the executive will make serious attempts to organise pool competitions during the coming year. Watch the common-room notice boards for further details.

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1. Find out who your class rep. is and what what he is supposed to do for you. If you don't have one yet, elect one. Make sure that they are registered with the Students' Union in the office in the common room (D.1.)
2. Find out who your class tutor is.
3. Apply for your college I.D. card at the accounts office (B.6.). You won't need any money but they'll want 2 photographs (preferably centre spread, full length frontal nudes, in colour)
4. Whilst in B.6., you might as well apply for a locker.
5. Apply for your international student identity card at the Students' Union office beside the shop (D.1.). We'll need a little money, another 2 glamour shots and proof of full time student status (fees receipt or the college card issued at 3 above).
6. Now that you're down in the Students' Union office, get yourself an application form for a Medical Card.
7. If you're looking for accommodation, cast an eye over the S.A.B. list.
8. Find out what other services the Union has that you need, check the shop for equipment and stationary, learn about student travel concessions and discounts, get to know how the Students Advice Bureau can help you.
9. Ask some of the more senior students in your course what's happening in your faculty society (don't be fobbed off) and see if any contacts you have outside can be of use to them for a site visit or guest lecturer or free beer or something.
10. See what open societies are functioning with your interests. If you don't have a faculty society or you've thought of an interest that isn't don't have a faculty society or you've thought of an interest that isn't listed in the open clubs and societies (e.g. Drama) come down to the Students' Union office and you'll be told all about how to set up a society. We'll even give you pens and paper to make out posters about it.
11. If you haven't already been given an introductory lecture about the library, please ask your class tutor to arrange one for you. Go into the library and have a look around. Nobody will stop you unless you're being noisy or trying to knock off books. Find out how the card index works and ASK the librarians if you're not sure of anything. You'll find that they're very helpful, and someone else will have asked a much sillier question than you (probably a lecturer).
12. Smile and enjoy your stay here. Some of us have managed to knock great fun out of the place, despite its apparent institutionalised atmosphere. You'll soon discover that Bolton St. has an almost unique rapport between students and all grades of staff. The only way to get anything out of your time here is to put something in, so, be friendly, and if you have any ideas or problems come and talk to us in the Students' Union office beside the shop in the common room, D.1.

# COLLEGE CALENDAR

SEPT. Wednesday 1st	Commencement of Session.
Monday 6th	Interviews for Whole-time Day Courses commence (Applicants will be notified of the exact date and time of interview).
Monday 13th	Interviews and enrolments for Part-time and Evening Courses commence.
Monday 27th	Whole-time courses commence except where otherwise arranged. Evening Classes commence.
OCT. Wednesday 20th	Votive Mass. All classes closed.
Friday 29th	Mid-Term Break. All classes closed.
NOV. Monday 1st	Mid-Term Break. All classes closed.
DEC. Wednesday 8th	Holiday. All classes closed.
Wednesday 22nd	Final class meetings before Christmas vacation.
JAN. Monday 10th	All classes resume after Christmas vacation.
MAR. Thursday 17th	Public holiday. College closed.
APR. Tuesday 5th	Final class meetings before Easter vacation. Evening classes terminate except where otherwise arranged.
Monday 18th	Day classes resume after Easter vacation.
MAY. Thursday 19th	Holiday. All classes closed.
Friday 27th	Classes for Whole-time courses terminate.
JUNE Monday 6th	Public holiday. College closed.
Thursday 9th	Holiday. All classes closed.

## DAY RELEASE COURSES FOR APPRENTICES

1976—SEPT. Monday 6th	Classes commence.
1977—JUNE 24th	Classes end.

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Term 1—SEPT. Tuesday 28th	Classes commence.
DEC. Friday 10th	Classes end.
Term 2—JAN. Tuesday 11th	Classes commence.
MAR. Friday 25th	Classes end.
Term 3—APR. Tuesday 19th	Classes commence.
JULY Friday 1st	Classes end.

\*Note: Courses for Apprentice Printers are of 13 weeks duration beginning on September 20th 1976, January 10th and April 18th 1977.

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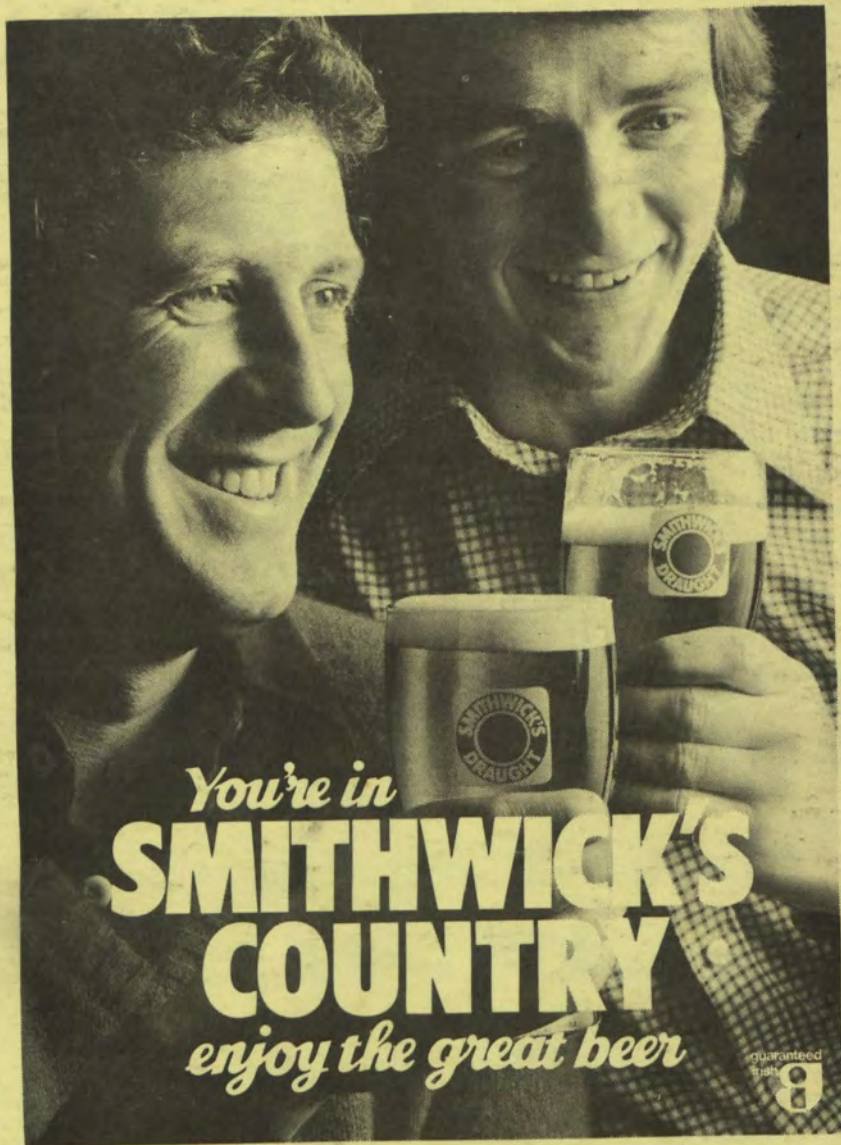
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