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Normality returns to Rathmines House

Rumoured upheaval between students and management in DIT Rathmines House recently proved to be largely untrue. Purported news of a rift stemmed from student unrest at the present state of the south city premises.

Students currently studying in DIT Rathmines House recently made various complaints and allegations regarding certain facilities and the lack thereof in the site. Of these, the present state of the new library was to the forefront of the arguments.

Claims were made that the library contained books which were relevant only to students of music at DIT Charlemont Row, and that students of both Environmental Science and Social Science were having to go to DIT Bolton Street and DIT Mountjoy Square in order to find the requisite reading material. Also, due to no-going building taking place in DIT Rathmines House, many classes had been disrupted, and study made difficult because of the noise created by the continuing work.

Marge Finnigan, Administrator of the Faculty of Applied Arts, confirmed to the DIT Examiner recently that the Library in Rathmines House currently contains no music material whatsoever, and that the relevant books for Environmental Science and the Social Sciences could be found in the Rathmines House Library. She also confirmed that the building work on the library would be entirely complete by Monday 27 October.

Orla O'Shea, Deputy President of Angler's Street Students' Union—and then responsible for Rathmines House students—had met with Faculty of Applied Arts Director, Dr. Ellen Handcock, to discuss some of these and other issues relevant to the Environmental and Social Science students, including that of examiners, facilities, which for some time, had been non-existent. Having spoken to Dr. Handcock and seen that the canteen is open I am fully confident that the other issues which I brought up with her will be received as soon as possible.

PORTLAND ROW
IN SPACE ROW
Art & Design Students Stage Protest

The issue of improved facilities for the painting, printing and sculpture students of Art & Design in Portland Row—an argument which has been going on for quite some time—reached new heights at the start of October when the students in question approached DIT Mountjoy Square Students' Union outlining their problems and demanding an emergency meeting with Applied Arts Faculty Director, Dr. Ellen Handcock, threatening to take action were they not received.

Following a hurriedly-arranged yet brief, meeting with both INFSU Overall President, Sinéad Piggott, and DIT Mountjoy Square President, Ronan Egan, Dr. Handcock agreed to meet with the students to an unprecedented move. Dr. Handcock personally addressed a crowd of over 150 students, assuring them that she was determined to look after the problems of lighting and spare rooms.

The matter later came to a head again when the Art & Design students took to the streets in peaceful protest outside Mountjoy Square, in order to highlight the lack of space in the Portland Row annex. The procession, of about 200 students, marched up and down in front of the Georgina site, watched by a handful of others standing on the steps. After a short while they covered the building and continued their protest inside.

Art & Design Students marching outside DIT Mountjoy Sq earlier this month

Apart from the aforementioned problems concerning space, the main difficulty the students have with the set-up in Portland Row is the non-existence of Technicians, without whose supervision the students are not insured to learn and work. The area set aside for sculpture is outdoors, badly lit, and too small, according to the students. They also claim that rooms used for storing old and obsolete machinery should be given over to students for work purposes.

DIT Students' Union is determined not to let the matter rest.

"Anyone fancy a night at the operas?" Students from the Conservatory of Music and Drama at a photo call to publicise the first performance in Ireland of Schubert's Der Häusliche Krieg (The Domestic War) which took place in the National Concert Hall in September. It was conducted by Franz-Paul Decker.
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Should you encounter anything you feel is in need of clarification in this, or any other issue of the DIT Examiner, please contact the editor and any such matters shall then be clarified in the subsequent edition.

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Lettuce to the Editor

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Mountjoy Stairs

Dear Mr Editor Penson,

Hello, how’s life? Well, poor me cut I’m only a first year and I thought it’d be a good idea to remind all you non-first years what it feels like to be thrown at the deep end. I myself am at Mountjoy Stq, but I think I speak for all us ‘freshers’ when I say... Oh Mi God!!

Why do we feel like such spanners? Well maybe its because everybody else seems dead-set on their destinations apart from us, or maybe its because everything looks suspiciously similar no matter what floor you’re on.

Here in MJS there are two staircases which, I’m convinced, are there solely for confusion of the ignorant. You go up to one the second floor to e.g. Course B, then later you go up the other one to the second floor presuming you’ll find Course B. Oh No! You’ve landed in some place that looks about as pleasant as Gwyneth on Brad’s arm or Johnny on Kate’s arm - how confusing can two staircases be? Very...

No matter how hard we try, we still get hopelessly lost; lose new-found ‘friends’ just as we get to the canteen, feel like even Wurzel Gummidge would laugh at our dress sense and constantly worry how to avoid all the above. Anyway, I thought it only fair to speak out for all us headless chickens, cya ugh! We’re all in this together!

Thax ever so much y’ll for your empathy.

An ignorant, baffled, insignificant first year.

Editor replies:

1. Of this moment, you are the least ignorant, baffled or insignificant first or any other year within the confines of the glorious DIT. Why? Because you’re the only one who bothered their arse to use this newspaper for its real purpose.

2. Having very little experience myself of the above-mentioned DIT site, I generally keep to one staircase, and once down the hall, if you turn right, just inside the main door.

3. As for the clothes – have you seen some of the fourth years’ outfits lately? (Complain in writing, if you dare, or if you write, fourth years.)

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Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste
And remember what peace there may be
In silence. As far as possible without surrender
Be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly;
And listen to others, even the dull and ignorant;
They too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they
Are vexations to the spirit. If you compare
Yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter,
Always there will be greater or lesser persons than yourself.
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.
Keep interested in your own career; however humble,
It is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is.
Many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism.
Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love,
For in the face of all aridity and disenchantment
It is as perennial as the grass.
Take kindly the counsel of the years,
Gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.
But do not distress yourself with imaginings.
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline,
Be gentle with yourself.
You are a child.

A chara,
conas gurb é an saghas raimís chéan-
na ata 4 chiochré a go fóill? Nach bhfuil aon éirígimhacht ag baint leat ar chur ar bith? Bhf é, de ghnáth, níos scapaigh ag gárdán, ach gur cheaptas go mbeadh sé féachta a chur ar an ghárdánaíocht nó breis a bhfuil sé seo, rud ná thar aon rud.

As seo amach, bhfíonn taineamh puc sa trón a shábhraithe duit gach uair a dh'fhéicfinn tu, agus poll a chur id bhrog d'fheicfinn an teanga. Ruad éile de, ní h'é a bheith ná cruinneacháin ná scríobh gan díreachta sa bhfuil sé seo, rud ná thar aon rud.

Ag frítheannach is ag faíle,
Cormac Mac Airt,
Tailte Deasmhumhain.

A Note From the Student Services Office

Whenever you pay any DIT office by cash or cheque for Registration Fees, Tuition Fees or Examination Fees, you will be given an official receipt. You should retain this receipt carefully, as it may be required later as evidence of payment.

Dublin Inner City Primary Schools Initiative

The DIT has recently become involved with a relatively new educationally based, the Dublin Inner City Primary Schools Initiative, which grew from two other, previously existing groups - the Dublin Inner City Partnership and the Primary School Initiative.

The DIT involvement comes in the form of the provision of at least one computer to each school, the training of teachers and student technical support, and also the establishment of a Resource Centre. With other sponsors and patrons such as The Irish Times, Ark Children’s Centre, Royal College of Surgeons and the Pigeon House Science Centre it should turn out to be quite a successful venture. If interested contact The Editor, DIT, Examiner, Students’ Union, DIT Kevin St. or 402 4636 for more information.
Consumer rights -- where do I stand?

The Buyers' Guide

introduced by Christopher Wallken

Chris: "You just bought some stuff in a store, but it don't do what its s'posed to -- it's, like, broke, right? So whatta you gonna do?"

By buying something, you have entered into a contract with the RETAILER, ie the person in the shop to whom you gave your cash. It is NOT THE MANUFACTURER'S problem -- the RETAILER must vouch for all he sells, or refuse to stock it. Doing so he is automatically guaranteeing the product's quality. The RETAILER may later take it up with the MANUFACTURER if necessary, but that does not concern you.

Chris: "Whatta you gonna do about that lousy product? Its stinkin' up your whole place, its like maybe five, six times worse than its s'posed to be? You do that, an' we aint got any more problems you an' me."

If your complaint is genuine, then such signs have no bearing whatsoever. They have no effect on your statutory (legal) rights at all. If you do not get a satisfactory response from the shop, you should voice this in written form to the manager or owner in question. Should this again prove unsuccessful you may take further steps. You could get in touch with your solicitor, or you could take the matter up through the Small Claims Procedure. It only costs £5, but deals with claims for up to £600, and you don't need a solicitor. For more information on this go to the Small Claims Register in your local district court.

Chris: "Eventually, okay, the goofy kid in the store who tried to kick you back onto the highway, he gona cough up -- he ain't too happy about that, but you tellem I sent you. You do that, an' we aint got any more problems you an' me."

Next week: riding the public omnibus with Al Pacino, ooh-ahh!

Welcome Back

from Finbarr A. Neylon, Chaplaincy, DIT-Kevin Street.

A special word of welcome to aU our first year and new students. We are genuinely glad you have chosen to come to the DIT to continue your studies. We try, inssofar as is possible, to make your entry into the Institute and your first weeks here especially warm and supportive to help you ease into the place.

Like other places of education and learning DIT is constantly changing, improving and developing to meet the needs of the modern world and to offer an even better service to its students and staff.

For the rest of us, it is good to be back, and what a Summer! By all accounts everybody made lots of money but spent it just as fast. Those foreigners know how to pay but they equally know how to get it back again. It seems everybody had a wonderful break.

There were great experiences, people made many friends, travelled miles and visited places our grandparents only dreamed of years ago.

By now, the evenings are noticeably shorter and the trail of evening and part-time students reminds us that there are those in the world who try to combine work and study into a very busy schedule. We wish them well and hope they participate in the evening activities that are organised in the Colleges for the greater student body, they might find time to enjoy some of the social life which is an integral part of DIT student life.

Spare a thought too for those who were not successful with the re-sits. Many of them are making plans to further their own careers with this imposed extra year which many of them can do without. Some are repeating the year in college, whilst others apply for the exams in the New Year as externs students.

If you know these people, drop them a line if they have gone abroad, or ring them, for many of them feel very left out of College activities. Some of them did work very hard but either they presented the material poorly or they took chances with parts of the course and on the day luck was not on their side.

You might like to spend time with the First Years and introduce them to some of the clubs and societies in which you are involved. They may need to know something about the course they have chosen. Also your second-hand textbooks could be passed on if you are finished with them. Make sure they know about all aspects of student life, some of them may be even too shy to ask, in case they appear to be foolish.

It is an indictment against all of us if any of our new students admit that they are lonely especially in the first term. We too came from humble beginnings so let us not forget our roots.

Welcome Back

Remember the promises you made after Easter about not leaving everything to the last few weeks, the pages of lecture notes, the unfinished assignments and lab reports that took hours to organise when you were preparing for the summer exams; well now is the time to realise that promise.

Try to keep up to speed with some method or order that suits you. Don't get too bogged down on detail but don't put things on the long finger either.

DIT is a big place. There are six major sites across the city and you are welcome in each of them. Each College specialises in different fields of study and research and so attracts students who are interested in careers other than you own. Student services are just as generous and welcoming across the board and are well worth a visit.

If you have a bit of spare time, drift across the river and over a cup of coffee you never know who you might meet!

Go gúimhdeach Dia sibh, Finbarr A. Neylon.

Childcare Campaign Pack launched by USI

The national student body Union of Students' in Ireland recently unveiled their Childcare Campaign Pack, designed to help student parents and parents-to-be study while attending college at the same time. It is intended to be non-exclusive, and to this end it is also directed at non-parents and staff, the argument being -- and rightly so -- that the issue is wider than a parental one.

The much-needed attack on complacent third-level institutions in their provision of childcare facilities, it is hoped, will draw attention to and improve matters relating to childcare in constituent educational establishments nationwide.

Though the national press felt they had juicier news to cover on the day, the event was hailed as a success by USI Women's Rights Officer, Nuala Toman. The launch was attended by such notables as Margaret Drennan, Administrator of TREVOR, Nora Gibbons of Barnardo's, Fiona Gadd TD and Spokesman on Children, Dan Neville, and Denis McDowell TD, Labour Spokesman on Children and Health.

The lack of response from the printed press was, perhaps, balanced by various radio interviews conducted by Ms Toman, and she expressed her satisfaction at the attention received to date. She is confident that the coming weeks and months will see the campaign gather momentum, and hoped that it would garner strong support from the USI-affiliate colleges and universities throughout the country.

The fly-leaf of the Campaign Pack explains that the work was a production of the USI Women's Campaign, with assistance from various others, though sources close to USI would suggest that Ms Toman carried more than her share of the work.

A good guide to the work, its aims and how it could be valuable to others is available from the Press Office.

The Consumer Campaign Pack espoused by the USI and launched in April is designed to help students identify and combat unfair marketing practices. It is currently in display boxes in USI colleges in Derry, Cork and Limerick, and will shortly be available in Dublin.

For further information contact USI Press Office.
Racism is a disease. It contaminates all it touches, victim and perpetrator. Due to our history we have not had to face up to it until very recently. But now, as refugees enter the State in increasing numbers, we are standing at a cross-roads. One group would have us take the right path into intolerance and exclusion. The other path leads to a multicultural, open society where all races are treated equally.

Our politicians have let us down. From their failure to enact the necessary legislation to adequately deal with the influx of refugees to the naked racism displayed by a small number of right wing politicians during the last general election campaign, it has become obvious that protecting the rights of asylum seekers is a bit of a political hand grenade.

The way that our laws on refugees have evolved, or failed to, tell us a lot about our attitudes to them. Our Aliens legislation, now hopelessly obsolete, was drawn up before the outbreak of the Second World War and it is widely known that it's purpose was to keep Nazi spies out of the country.

It was not until 1985 that Ireland began to address the trickle of refugees who were coming to this country to escape persecution in their own. Decisions on granting asylum to refugees from this year on were based on a single letter written by a Department of Justice official.

The letter proposed that refugees would be allowed to reside in the State until a decision is reached on whether they will be granted asylum or not. This process can take up to three years, and refugees are not allowed to work in the State pending the outcome of their application.

Between the years of 1956 and 1992 the Irish government, mainly at the request of the United Nations, gave refuge to less than 1,500 refugees. The 39 applications for refugee status in 1992 bear no comparison to the 1,500 applications which were received in the first six months of this year alone. Even this is a minuscule per centage of the estimated 20-30 million refugees worldwide.

As the anti-refugee bias began to grow in June, Nora Owen, then Minister for Justice, brought in new legislation which applies to refugees arriving from the UK and Northern Ireland.

What is important about this legislation is that, contrary to the UN Convention on Refugees and the Refugees Act, people arriving from the UK can be turned back at the border in the case of the former or after they have arrived in Ireland in the case of the latter.

This breaches the key principle of refoulement, meaning that a refugee will not be expelled to any state where their life or freedom would be threatened. As Europe moves toward greater unity it seems inconceivable that people arriving in the state from Great Britain will be treated differently than those arriving from the Continent.

Refugees are an easy target. They are different, easy to pick out from a crowd. They have few rights pending the processing of their requests for asylum and they do not enjoy the right to vote. Anecdotal evidence suggests that immigration officials are consistently targeting people who are ethnically different as they arrive in the State. This has been causing hardship for citizens of the State who may not look 'Irish'.

Now that the Dublin Convention has been ratified, it seems likely that the number of refugees coming to this country will decrease. The Convention harmonises asylum procedures throughout the EU and will mean that a refugee's application for asylum will be examined by the state to which they first come, preventing them from applying for asylum in other European jurisdictions. Ireland's location at the periphery of Europe will mean that refugees will have difficulty reaching here.

The degrading and callous treatment of refugees by the State, most recently evidenced by forcing 2,000 refugees to queue for hours in driving rain outside the Department of Justice on Stephen's Green to renew their identity cards, was dismissed by one official who helpfully asserted that the Department had no control over the elements.

Part of the blame for this has to be attributed to the lack of resources which have been brought to bear on the problem. Officials in the Irish Refugee Council are drowning in their increased work-load and the Department of Justice are not faring much better.

The track record of the previous government was pitiful, though they seem to have handed on the baton of indifference to the current incumbents. Government strategy so far seems to involve implementing draconian short-term 'solutions' and much rhetoric.

This has been compounded by the media's often one-sided reports. Refugees are mercilessly scapegoated, particularly in poorer areas. In areas such as Smithfield in the North Inner City, there is a real feeling of (misplaced) resentment against refugees. With the IRC offices on Arran Quay and the presence of many refugees in the area, they have become very visible on the streets.

Racist graffiti and, most recently, posters have gone up in the area. Although people working with refugees claim that actual racist attacks are huge­ly under-reported, some disturbing accounts have been bubbling to the surface.

People in the Anti Nazi League, and exclusion. The other path leads to a multicultural, open society where all
Glen of the Downs -- Paving Paradise to put up a Motorway

Wicklow County Council are planning to build a shiny modern motorway through a wooded part of Glen of the Downs, just beyond Kilmacanogue, not far from Bray. They intend to cleave off over 100 feet of hillside to facilitate this construction, ultimately to make this section of Wicklow easily and quickly accessible for commuters-to-be. It is claimed that developers and the County Council want to build hundreds of houses in the Greystones and Delgany area, and the road, they believe, is a necessity evil.

The downs side of progress such as this of course, is the damage it does to the environment it ploughs up. All kinds of wildlife, both plant and animal, will be disturbed either directly or indirectly, as will our ability to enjoy one of the country's most beautiful landscapes.

Bulldozers are set to arrive in late November or early December to flatten the place, but some of the local residents have other ideas. Along with friends and support from many others, some of them have established a camp from where they can protest peacefully, sitting out the time in huts and nests in the trees surrounding the area.

If you feel this is a worthy pursuit, or if wildlife and green countryside matters a damn anymore, why not contact them, visit them, or show support in any way you see fit. They can never get too much.

Ph: Oona @ 287 1892

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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS Fri 28 November 1997. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER 97 ISSUE.
The first DITSU council passed off fairly uneventfully this month, the first session of the year concerning itself mainly with training of Class Representatives and Clubs & Societies information. The most contentious issue to raise its head was one of wider, though less immediately relevant, importance, namely, that of Union of Students in Ireland Dublin Area Women's Rights Officer. Siobhán Weekes, Site President in DIT Aungier St, sole contender for the USI position, was defeated in her attempts to gain approval for the job, though it is suggested that it is because of the crux of this particular case that she was turned down. The election brought to the fore again an argument which, in light of the transient nature of student politicians, may never see conclusion. It centres around the question as to whether students need an Equality Officer or whether it is more important at the moment to look for a (probably female) Women's Rights Officer. Ms Weekes took her argument to DITSU Council in order to win backing, and was again defeated when a vote was called for, on the pretext that, as current Aungier St. President, she has enough work to do as it is. Though Siobhán Weekes has had her attempts scuppered by DITSU Council, it is clear that this issue will continue at USI level, to cause hassle and tribulations for others in the future.

New(s)Stands for DIT Examiner

The DIT Examiner can now be seen lying around luxuriously on shiny big newspaper stands courtesy of D'Olier St daily, The Irish Times. In a lightning raid on all constituent DIT sites throughout the city earlier this month, ChaoS spun around in a plush van with Irish Times courier, Declan, to deliver the cutting edge basket stands to Students' Union offices, Common Rooms and foyers, as students and staff alike stood agast at the arrival of the New Display Order.

When the dust had settled, and the braver of the on-lookers strolled forward to examine the newfangled contraptions it was revealed that they are actually quite impressive. If you are interested in the hot-off-the-press look be sure to check out local sites for the flash new stands.

Incidently, if you're reading this, it is highly probable that you will have seen one of these stands already and, indeed, probably won't bother to read this informative piece.

Environmental Scientists take two out of three

Two Environmental Health students and an Electrical / Electronic Engineering student were the recipients recently of prizes in the young scientists event run by the DIT in conjunction with Trustee Savings Bank.

Mayo student, Hubert McHugh, currently studying Environmental Science at DIT Cathal Brugha St., took first place in the prestigious competition, a position that gained him a trip to the London International Youth Science Forum, an event attended by over 500 students from 60 countries.

The annual event is held to immerse students in a 2-week long forum involving special lectures from established and recognised scientists, visits to research establishments and connecting with other young 'para-scientists' with common interests. The Irish interest and attachment to the Forum is the charge of the Royal Dublin Society.

Mary Buckley, a native of Westmeath, and also studying Environmental Science at Cathal Brugha St collected £300 for her endeavours, courtesy of TSB.

DIT Kevin St. Electrical Engineering student, John Owens of Tullamore, Co. Offaly, took third place, and the tidy sum of £100 in a brand spanking new TSB Bank account to boot.

Could it be that the future for Environmental Science -- a relatively new discipline -- is about to blossom? If this is the ease, Cathal Brugha St and the DIT are in the right place at the right time.
All Kinds of Nothing

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Earlier this year the honourable saviour of Mind na hEireann, the keeper of the Park and Uachtárán, Mary Robinson, announced that she was escaping from the shackles of a 7-year imprisonment in Château Phoenix. Having entered office as a relative unknown, she left with the hope that her hide-away in Araj an Uachtárán has preserved her anonymity. Just in case she gained undue attention from the local paparazzi, she stowed away on a charter flight to Geneva and was last seen casing around with members of a cult known only as the United Nations and its erotic leader Kofi Annan.

With contrary Mary out of the way, the position of government puppet, eh, President, lies vacant. This will be filled in the not-too-distant future by one of a group of gullible hopefuls with nothing better to do than seek the Lark in the Park. Candidates must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Have no experience of Irish politics.
2. Be unknown except to close family members (although even this is debatable).
3. Run a campaign which can be easily ridiculed by the media.
4. Have no suitable qualifications for the job.
5. Have absolutely no chance of winning. Although bribery is an option, it tends to be frowned upon by those of high moral disposition (such as librarians). (My mother’s a librarian, Bob — Ed.)

There are five declared candidates for the Presidency. Under close scrutiny, they are an interesting mixture of odds and ends.

A. Mary Banotti

Of all found wandering the corridors in Europe, this Fine Gael woman would find it difficult to win even the most radical of bluehirt supporters. An MEP of many years, she would live up to her title if elected — Mad Eccentric President. Unknown in Dublin, where she is well known, the average farmer would find her as appealing as a case of BSE in his herd.

B. Adi Roche

This feisty Cork woman will win by a landslide...if she runs for election in Belarus. The Godmother of the Chernobyl Children’s Project, voted Small Radioactive Soviet Republic Person of the Year, she has plenty of experience working with problem children (which is beneficial for coping with Dáil deputies). Her electoral base is restricted to her family in Leeside. However, she may gain extra votes across the country by agreeing to withdraw future Cork hurling titles from the All-Ireland Championship.

C. Mary McAleese

A member of Queen’s University academic staff, Mary is seeking to further cross-border relations by getting elected. Selected by Fianna Fáil as their dream candidate, her chances are just that — a dream. She is the person most likely to be voted at Top Northern Candidate in the election.

D. Dana (Rosemary Scallon)

Young girl best known for bringing the curse of the Eurovision Song Contest down upon the unsuspecting Irish population. She relies on the blessing of God for her campaign, thus the phrase uttered by her supporters — “God help her!”. She claims that she will garner support from all people with real Catholic values and who respect the Church’s view. That should get her about 20 votes.

E. Derek Nally

Due to a late clerical error, a man was inadvertently admitted to the race. Hailed as the saviour of Fir na hEireann, this former Garda will have his old colleagues arrest anyone who doesn’t vote for him. He has a chance of being elected because, being the only candidate not having to waste time with make-up, he will have more time to give important aspects of the job such as playing golf with visiting dignitaries.

For those of you who exclaim “Is that it?”, the answer is, unfortunately, yes. Mind you, does anyone care? The option of voting for Dustin the Turkey or Barney the Dinosaur still exists. They say that if you don’t vote you don’t have a voice. In that case — long live the silent masses!!
Freshers’ Week
Aungier Street
by Thomas Felle
A tradition that travels back to the dawn of time is the Fresher experience and Aungier Street’s week certainly went down in the history books this year.

It was officially launched on Monday, October 6 at lunch time, with some free Carlsberg Ice and Coca Cola, which didn’t last long; it is a well known fact that students in DIT colleges have developed the ability to keep their oesophagi open as they swallow beer.

Some have not, however, managed to master the art of closing it again after they have finished making a pig of themselves, as all in the SU found out, forcing us to dodge flying vomit in the three-legged pub crawl. Well not all of us students have that problem, however.

The eventual winners managed to swallow an awful lot of beer in five different pubs in 17 minutes flat.

Anyone who wasn’t arrested by the Gardai en route eventually made it to Club USI for an enjoyable evening of fun and frolics, including a table quiz, sumo wrestling and Kwizoke. The evening culminated in the Furnace for a Traffic Light Ball, which every-}

however). DJ Mick Glynn in the canteen at lunch-time provided the entertainment with the help of some very brave students who took part in the iron stomach and blind date competitions. Barney Murphy & Co provided the evening’s entertainment with a Hudson Blue promotion at 5pm. The die-hards in the college went straight from Barney’s after four hours of cheapo beer to the Garda Club for Zak Powers, hypnotist extrodinaire.

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The Court night club was the usual badly-remembered drunken-stupoured great night that it always is.

Thursday was a free morning and was warmly welcomed by all who were out the night before. The treasure hunt at lunch time brought out the usual suspects, who also went ice skating in Dolphin’s Barn. Next year we really should issue a government health warning against ice skating.

Everybody who was anybody packed in to Gleeson’s like sardines in a can on Thursday night for the Guinness Party.

Below: “skating away on the thin ice of a new day...” (and if you know that one you’re good)
to the ground to ensure it could never again be used as an event for various balls. They failed in their attempt. However, it has been confirmed that the Furnace is now on the blacklist for events in the future. No doubt, many have made up stories of dogs eating the rent money and orphaned sisters needing operations to keep away the heavies from evicting them. But it was worth it.

Fergal O'Brien shows a choking Fionnally how to break and put the entire table in one go.

Animals promotion, and, no doubt, our beloved leader, Siobhán Weeke, who was twenty one again on Thursday, enjoyed herself as well as everyone else who was there. The Furnace was jammers, “the place was buzzin’, man” was how one young student described the experience. There were tumours that some right wing faction about tracking. A very successful piece of marketing was instigated by the SU for this staged event, that of Pool TV. For those unable to view the snooker proceedings from the comfort of the Common Room, where the tables are, a live satellite link-up relayed the games outside to the bleacher-steps, where boards of pool and snooker enthusiasts sat glued to the screen.

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Looking the atrium. From there a thing or two

Freshers’ Week Bolton Street

Snooker star Fergal O’Brien graced DIT Bolton St with his presence during Freshers’ Week to pot lyrical and put on a great show against the hardiest of student challengers. Fergal was invited to play a couple of tournament games by the Students’ Union to officially open the AIB Year Pool League. Playing in the style of the Chess Grandmasters, Fergal took on four opponents simultaneously, and, eh, showed the tables are, a live satellite link-up relayed the games outside to the bleacher-steps, where boards of pool and snooker enthusiasts sat glued to the screen. As part of a very full week in the largest and most student friendly of the northside DIT sites, the Clubs & Societies were out in force, draped over every balcony and railing over-

Some promotion their new single ‘Take me Higher’ for the highly acclaimed series in Bolton St’s atrium.

Toni Turner

Karters to Photographers, the GAA to the Army, even the most oblique gangs made a show on the day. Main prize to the Sailing Club for unfurling their main sail to a height of three floors.
DIT Freshers' Sports Day
ALSAA

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Upon entering the ALSAA complex, visitors were astonished to see a monolithic medieval castle, threatening almost to block out the sun.

Great was their joy when it was explained to them that ‘Its okay! Its only made of rubber, and filled with air!’ Millions of them then proceeded to jump all over the wretched thing for the greater part of the day, at intervals causing it to list dangerously to port, until Ross hailed them from the ramparts, calling to the revelers to quit it. Further on from the rubber bastlements was the rugby sevens which, despite being interrupted at consistent three minute gaps by landing aircraft (in the airport, not on the pitch), went very smoothly all day, and had finished before the dreaded rain finally fell.

The Cross Country Race gets under way.

airport this month to celebrate the vast array of sporting talents spread throughout the DIT student body. And what a body had our MC for the day, Ross O'Daly, who hollered from the balcony till his throat fell off. All walks of the learning life were there, including students from every single DIT site. First prize goes to Cathal Brugha St - managed admirably in President Bob Coghlan’s absence by Deputy, Nicola Doyle - for their record turnout: greater even than the mighty Bolton St, (for which Ross O’Daly resides as El Presidente this year), or the noble Sraid Chaoimhín (governed at by)

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The blitz continued well they were happy to put this beyond any of the other down to experience, and

And when the music stops you have to stand perfectly still...

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Aerobics get the arms waving and the line dancing.

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The majestic structure that is the ALSAA sports complex outside town.

People from the eighteenth century don't normally get a good look in on modern, twentieth century playing rules and regulations, and this was no exception. He soon got lost anyway.

Inside, the sports being played were decidedly more indoor in nature, and had onlookers enthralled for hours on end.

Basketball, volleyball and badminton were the majority sports here, though the minorities were represented too. Fencing and Karate exhibitionists wooed audiences up and down the hall with their displays of acrobatics and physical prowess. They wore flashy gear as well, which always helps.

Jousting was taking place down at the AIB stand end of the hall, as was spoof-boxing — you know, opponents wear big gloves and knock the shit out of each other in a padded ring (sounds like the real thing, actually) — and between times members of the AIB team and DITSU executive pranced like nonces around the fake rubber boxing ring without feeling as ridiculous as they looked.

The only casualties — apart from the myriad psychological ones — of the day was an unfortunate student from Cathal Brugha St, who was stretchered off the soccer pitch with a suspected broken collar bone. Get well soon, mystery soccer player.

With all DIT Sports Officers delighted with the turnout —
Put the Boot Down

GLEESON CUP FIXTURES for 1997 / 1998

Irish Colleges Rugby Union
Group B
Round 1 12 Oct 1997
Ard Columbo RTC v DIT
Round 2 26 Nov 1997
DIT v WIT
Round 3 3 Dec 1997
DIT v UCC
Round 4 4 Feb 1998
UL v DIT
Round 5 5 Feb 1998
DIT v DCU

Sideline View

The Guinness-Ireland Hurling Championship. The Bank of Ireland Football Championship. Wimbledon. The FIFA U-20 Soccer World Cup. Golf. Formula 1. Rugby. Winning isn't everything, it's the taking part. You get up out of your armchair and find there's a certain purity about the outdoors. It lends encouragement and depicted views of living life to its fullest - then joining the mountaineering club could be the best step you'll ever take.

So what does mountaineering have to offer me?

Well, mountaineering covers a wide and diverse group of inter-related activities including outdoor rock-climbing, indoor wall-climbing, bouldering, building, ice-climbing, bridge-traversing and sledging to name but a few. Basically, if it can be physically thought of it can be done! Some of the many reasons to join include:

- Fun
- Above all else climbing is fun. The kind of 'giddy' fun you get as a kid from messing about in trees or the kick from leaping over a cliff top despite being told to come back. Why should such instinctive pleasures be denied to us simply because we're a little older?
- The Great Outdoors
- If you've never been there you'll never really appreciate what you're missing. There's certainly purity about the outdoors. The wild and open places where you can enjoy the power and beauty of nature - a sanctuary away from the stresses and strains of life. They can be places to rekindle your soul and reinvigorate your spirit.
- Friendship
- Mountaineering is for a large part a collaborative sport. It involves trusting and relying on others and them relying on you. By sharing in adventure with others long lasting relationships and memories will form which is something you won't forget.
- Learn new skills
- Mountaineering is an exciting means to explore and enjoy the natural world. Through a mountaineering club you will be given the opportunity to explore and experience parts of Ireland you might never have thought existed.
- New Experience
- Previous college funded trips have been to the Burren (Co Clare), Glendalough, Lugnaquilla (Co. Wicklow), The Mountains and Mackwons Head (Donegal) to name but a few.

And why stop with Ireland. Previous Club Members have also gone further afield to such places as the Grand Canyon, Yosemite (California), White Mountains, the Alps, Fountainskian and Iceland.

So you're young, alive with energy and have visions of living life to its fullest - then joining the mountaineering club could be the best step you'll ever take.

Round 1 Wednesday 29 October 97
Aungier St v Cathal Brugha St
Bolton St v Mountjoy Sq
Free: Kevin St

Round 2 Wednesday 5 November 97
Kevin St v Aungier St
Cathal Brugha St v Bolton St
Free: Mountjoy Sq

Round 3 Wednesday 12 November 97
Aungier St v Bolton St
Mountjoy Sq v Kevin St
Free: Cathal Brugha St

Round 4 Wednesday 19 November 97
Mountjoy Sq v Aungier St
Kevin St v Cathal Brugha St
Free: Bolton St

Round 5 Wednesday 10 December 97
Cathal B-ughs St v Mountjoy Sq
Bolton St v Kevin St
Free: Aungier St

Round 6 Knockout Stage (Semi Finals) Wednesday 21 January 1998

Round 7 Final: Wednesday 4 Feb

Terenure College RFC

Note

All the above fixtures are to be played on Wednesday of the week stated above, in Terenure College RFC. The Home Team is the College which is printed first for each fixture.

Martin Searsen

Get on up that hill ya boy ya

Through a mountaineering club you will be given the opportunity to explore and experience parts of Ireland you might never have thought existed. It is something not to be taken lightly and no-one is ever asked to do anything they don't want to. Joining the mountaineering club is the best way to allow these skills to develop in a safe, natural and friendly environment from other experienced members. And, of course, with slight exaggeration and creative thinking your experiences can be used in an interview to highlight your special skills to a prospective employer...

Mountaineering itself is only part of a wide and diverse climbing scene. There's always something going on and something to really get into. From national bouldering competitions to chilling out on a precarious ledge. But unlike many other things in life, and with a little persistence, you will get a lot more out of it than what you put into it. Joining any DIT Mountaineering Club will bring to life the blues and hopefully instill a sense of joy for the outdoors to its members that will remain with them and allow them to pursue whatever their chosen dreams are...

So what're you waiting for?!

Join Today!

Eoin O'Sullivan,
Kevin St Mountaineering Club

Tues. / Thurs. Gym 6:30
Padraig Kelly is in his third year of a four year degree in Marketing & Administration in Mountjoy Square. Between lectures he manages to keep his squad as keeper for the county team.

When did you first get involved with the GAA?

"This is my fourth year. I was called into the senior panel when I was eighteen. I was playing before that, under-twelves, under-fourteens, Minor, under-twenty ones, and then gradually I progressed from the Offaly Minor team to the under-twenty one team. Did a bit in school, but not much. I was recognised from an early age because I had a big kick, that's kind of my trade mark now."

Were you always a keeper?

"No. I only trained keeping when I was about seventeen. I was put into goals, and it just progressed from there."

Was your family traditionally involved in Offaly GAA?

"Yeah, they would have been. They always encouraged me to do anything I liked, soccer, GAA, rugby — it didn't matter. My brother played in goals as well. He's in UCD at the moment, he's a soccer 'keeper there. He started doing goals, and he started doing well, and I just, sort of, followed him."

You're happy to have found your niche as a goalkeeper?

"Oh, definitely. Yeah. Because I was going nowhere — I was only going to be a club player outfield."

You were called up for the senior team when you were eighteen?

"Yeah. I played for the Minors when I was seventeen, played for the '21s when I was 18, 19 and 20 — I played for three years. And in my second year for the twenty-ones I was called into the senior panel."

So you were playing for the under-twenty ones and the Senior panel at the same time?

"Yeah, that's right, yeah, for two years."

Busy man, yeah?

"Ah, yeah, keep going."

Who are your local heroes?

"Well, I suppose Martin Connor is an obvious hero, Martin Furlong. For myself I'd say Martin Furlong; he's achieved everything that could be achieved."

Has the work-load slackened off now that you only have one team to worry about?

"I'm only playing for the Seniors now, and it's a big pressure off me alright. Last year was a big effort for the Senior alone, but I remember the year before, I was training Tuesday and Thursday, then you'd have training on Friday for the '21s, then you'd be playing on Saturday with the '21s and Sunday with the Seniors. You mightn't get a game with the Seniors but you'd still have to go. So that's five days in the week are gone."

Apart, then, from being physically hammered how did you fit everything else in?

"Well the studies suffered. Social life was very limited. With COMAD (Mountjoy Square), Wednesday night in the Big Tree was always the big night, and I'd have training on Tuesday and Thursday as well. So I'd go out on Wednesday night. I wouldn't be drinking, but I'd go out and come half eleven just go home. And that would be it for the week maybe. If you had a game on the Sunday, if you had a few beers after that you'd have them, but other than that, just one night."

And would that have been rigorously enforced by the county?

"Oh, yeah, big time."

What was the toughest game on top-level pressure, what was the Offaly build-up to the All-Ireland Championships the past year like in terms of pressure?

"It just kind of grew and grew. It just kind of grew. I think at the start of the year there was very little pressure, but then the regime was stepped up, fitness was stepped up and we started to get results. There was still no pressure, but we said to ourselves 'Something could be happening here!' There was pressure amongst the team to perform but we were getting results and doing well, and come the semi-final against Louth and from then on there was a lot of responsibility. For us it was totally new, it had been fifteen years since we'd reached the semi-final, we didn't know the right way to handle pressure. Everything from a little kid comes up to you and saying 'Hello' to going to a bar or a restaurant and someone notices you and wants to have a word with you. And you can't be cocky or people will say you're big-headed. Everybody wants a piece of you, and you have to look after them too."

What was the toughest game on your nerves?

"I don't normally get nervous for matches, to be honest. Its hard to say, I suppose the Mayo game, because, just personally, early on I didn't get my game going, and a few kick-outs went bad and it just meant extra-concentration to get it going again."

Are you back in training soon?

"We're back training a week now. We had four or five weeks of a holiday, and a lot of us just went berserk. So we're back training now, it wouldn't be as hard as last year, but you're fitness level last year and this year are two different things. It just needs fine-tuning now. We'll kind of neat until Christmas and then from Christmas on there'll be a weights programme introduced, everybody getting stronger, getting fitter. I'll be very intense."

So what's the deal for the future?

"I want to get my degree as soon as I can, and while football is going well, and that can benefit you in some ways. Because when you're in the limelight and you're going for a job, it helps a lot, I just have to keep it going."

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A surprising finish with Even Better Than the Real Thing (perhaps feeling he had to play something for the natives) left both crowd and DJ wanting more. Unfortunately the Redbox people had had enough. Despite this, I think everyone left feeling more than happy having witnessed such an outstanding performance (except for one of my friends who is owed £2.40 from the bar).

Mean Fiddler Thur 9 Oct
Catatonia

The contrast of vocalist Cerys Matthews' voice and the indie-tune guitar sound is, perhaps, the most striking aspect of Catatonia's presentation. Their set was lazy-paced more than up-beat, but lacked some punch beyond that which Matthews' voice could deliver. The crowd held back for most of the gig, the invisible people taking up at least the first two rows. Underneath Catatonia displayed a self-confidence that disregarded such short-comings. During a set that — thankfully — had more to do with music than with mincing and mooshing, Catatonia rolled out their chosen tunes with an extreme degree of professionalism. Dream On and You've Got A Lot to Answer For (their damnedest to find that lost chord.

Matthews' stage persona, whether real or affected, is definitely Catatonia's strongest asset in a live context. Obviously coming from the Beth Gibbons of Portishead School of Song, where lesson one is Drink as much as is possible and smoke as many fags as you can for this will lend majesty to your voice, Cerys Matthews slugged away at what appeared, from a distance, to be a bottle of Thunderbird, though I didn't fall asleep, but Catatonia failed to impress greatly. Maybe it was the night, maybe they deserve more praise as a studio band, but they just didn't cut it. Try as I might, however, I just couldn't swallow the fact that Catatonia appeared to be nothing more than very professional musicians producing elaborate cabaret.

Contributions to Sonic Bionic regarding anything musical welcome. On disk or not at all please.

GIGS

Redbox Saturday 27 September
FatBoy Slim
Psychonauts
Johnny Moy

Psychonauts — on four decks and a sampler/sequencer, really got things going with a very funky set, the highlight of which had to be fellow DJ Shadow's 'Gigs' on stage. Next up was Sammy Cook — i.e., FatBoy Slim — playing an amazing selection of styles for over two exhaustive hours, including a boogy shakin' latin set. He also worked in Song for Linda and Everyone needs a 303 from his album Better Living Through Chemistry (Skint).

Mean Fiddler Thur 16 Oct

DEUS / The Frames dc

This was the first time I had seen The Frames play live, and short of hearing Revenant a number of times on the radio, knew not what to expect of them. They were in particularly good form this night, no doubt having a lot to do with the fact that they are big DEUS fans; lead vocalist Glen Hansard could not contain his joy that they were finally to play in this country, as he shouted 'This band rule!' by way of introduction to his own set. He got over that and both he and the rest of frames dc got on with it. Very well, I might add, for their line-up includes (not dissimilar to DEUS) a violinist who ain't afraid of lettin' loose. The Irish lads put on a very genuine performance and one which highlighted the power and emotion of Hansard's voice, though it is possible...
that, like the majority of the crowd, they were preoccupied by what was to come.

So convincing was the opening Soak & Soda that I'm now quite prepared to agree with DEUS that the above-mentioned products do in fact, "mix okay with beer, sometimes...". Third up was the supreme pop artefact, Opening Night, followed without much ado by a Shocking Lack Thereof, which sounds like a music box that instead of a pirouetting ballerina has a ballerina on a set of decks inside. It served as yet another example of the Quirky-FaithNoMore-like quality of this international (a Scootsman, a German, and three Belgians) band.

Little Arithmetic deviated little from the recorded version, though it was played with a rawer edge. After an astonishing seventh number which I failed to recognise came Guilty Pleasures and then, another gem, another VU anthem, Serpentwine. They played it to at least its full seven minutes plus, and restored my faith in the influence of music. But who cares about my faith? Gimme the Heat. The big hitter of In a Bar. Under the Sea, came next and for at least three minutes I forget where I was. They came as close to creating the enchanting Velvet Underground-jangly guitar loop with Gimme the Heat as I think I'll ever hear. Ross roared the place from the foundations on a slow, crashing swing. At this stage the audience was as completely lost in the music as could be. They encored with Theme from Turnpike, and, telling everyone they were on the guest list for the Saturday show, DEUS left the stage.

ChaOS

Whelan's Sat 18 Oct

Giant Sand / OPA / Lisa Germano

Giant Sand are undoubtedly one of the most original and musically fluid outfits I have ever heard. Giant Sand have been around since the early eighties, and Lisa Germano (used to play with John Cale) Mellecamp way back when) who has joined them for the current album Stush, brings a lift and a clarity to the music somehow managing to improve on perfection. The gig had the atmosphere of an informal or impromptu session, enhanced by the band's apparent ignorance of their own genius. And another thing — the King is alive...he was wearing a red shiny jacket on Whelan's stage that night.

CD Competitions

the DIT Examiner, in association with PolyGram Ireland, is proud to announce it is giving away five copies of the latest album release from The Lighthouse Family, Postcards from Heaven, and five copies of the soundtrack to A Life Less Ordinary. Simply answer the relevant questions.

For Lighthouse Family competition:
What is the first single to be released from this record?

For A Life Less Ordinary competition:
Who directed the film A Lift Less Ordinary?

Answers in writing, stating clearly which competition you are entering, to The Editor, the DIT Examiner, c/o Students' Union, DIT Kevin St. Closing Date: Fri 14 November 97

See Gigs on page 16 for live review.
come across which are repeated of events which have shaped the history of Ireland over the past 40 years. Throughout the book. The ongoing perhaps slanted, autobiographical view estate, West Belfast, through to his current role as President of Sinn Fein, of the border. From one of the most talented politicians to in Divismore Park in the Ballymurphy begrudgingly admit that Gerry Adams is the Troubles as he experienced them — the Bogside riots, internment, Bloody the search for peace. The reader is led through Adams' early childhood from the cramped family home where he often shared a bed with two or three brothers, through to the latter days of his youth and the search for female conquests. Inevitably, Adams gets drawn into the world of Republicanism whether through family influences (both his father and his grandfather were served time in prison for Republican offences) or because it seemed to be the only route for Catholic influences (both his father and his grandfather had served time in prison for Republican offences) or because it seemed to be the only route for Catholic youths in West Belfast whose unemployment was the norm for the Nationalist population.

Adams leads us through the events of the Troubles as he experienced them — the hunger strikes. The reader also gets a glimpse of Adams' close childhood friends and family members, and the grief of the families of countless victims of shootings as well as the hunger strikes. The reader also gets a sense of great anger and frustration at apparent but not overwhelming. My countess victims of shootings as well as the hunger strikes. He details the search for peace and the need for forgiveness, as well as an unfortunate acceptance of violence as a way of life, are the principle notes around which much of his writing centres. The author admits to the selectivity of the events in the book and points out the omission of certain events lest they risk undermining the search for peace.

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A Life Less Ordinary

**Director:** Danny Boyle
**Starring:** Ewan McGregor, Cameron Diaz, Holly Hunter, Delroy Lindo.

Judging by past years' experience, we're due a arguably occurring very frequently and viciously you pays for. intense realism of the script, penned by Oldman which caused people to be upset by it.

Would probably be its blockbuster. saw it. Some left because of the violence; winter before our next summer, so it may just intensify when it did, Raymond (Winstone) played as wife-beater and minor thief turn out to be a very popular feature among all his part as wife-beater and minor thief whose girlfriend dumps him for an aerobics instructor. Celine is the daughter, coincidentally, attempts to live with her husband's inadequacies or so, during which the superb soundtrack doesn't let up for a second — like a very stylish, big-budget pop video. Virtually guaranteed to be the next True Romance, this is a boy-kidnapping, girl-rape-boy, boy-and-girl eventually-fall-in-love threesome from the Shallow Grave to Trainspotting etc team.

Ewan McGregor (Robert) and Cameron Diaz (Celine) are the unlikely couple thrown forcibly together by fate, in the guise of true love number from the Shallow Grave. Their relationship is characterized by never-ending conflict between the sexes and between the generations. It is the story of a family trying to come to terms with the harshness of life fate has heaped upon them. Of a life they have perpetuated and, at times, made worse directly by their own deeds.

Robert and Celine having great gas at a gas station

Robert is a more-or-less jobless, in a big farm whose girlfriend dumps him for an aerobics instructor. Celine is the daughter, coincidentally, of Robert's boss, Mr. Naville, played by Ian Holm. She happens to be in daddy's office when Robert busts in demanding his job back, doesn't get it, and ends up kidnaping Celine, more because it seems like a good idea at the time than because she might be suitable as a useful bargaining chip for getting his job back. And guess what, hurry, no prints for guessing clue one, but if there was a summer coming up this would probably be in black/white. Judging by past years' experience, we're due a winter before our next summer, so it may just become to be a very popular feature among all the hyped-out Christmas movies. Guaranteed to be a Life Less Ordinary you gas — what you pay for.

I Went Down

**Director:** Paddy Breathnach
**Starring:** Brendan Gleeson, Peter McDonald, Peter Caffrey.

Weathetwise, there was plenty of rain and overcast skies. The plot-thickens and much jolly japes ensue as the 'darkly humourous'. For a term that

This film is referred to in the press blurb as below 'darkly humourous', but a term that is used with much waffling and, as luck would have it, largely happens to be true in this case. It's a comedy of bringing criminals trying to keep their leads above water.

I Went Down is about Git Hynes (McDonald), recently released from prison, with baggage in store for him, and Bunny Kelly (Gleeson), a down-to-a-place-of-hearts God Bless Him type, whose insignificant, low-life,benchmark status is the source of much of the comic narrative feature here.

Following an episode where Git beats seven kinds of shite out of two cronies of the local Big Cheese, Tom French, our two heroes are dispatched forthwith to collect a forsy are the unlikely couple thrown forcibly together by fate, in the guise of two of God's choicest. They happen to be in daddy's office when Robert busts in demanding his job back, doesn't get it, and ends up kidnaping Celine, more because it seems like a good idea at the time than because she might be suitable as a useful bargaining chip for getting his job back. And guess what, hurry, no prints for guessing clue one, but if there was a summer coming up this would probably be in black/white. Judging by past years' experience, we're due a winter before our next summer, so it may just become to be a very popular feature among all the hyped-out Christmas movies. Guaranteed to be a Life Less Ordinary you gas — what you pay for.

Robert and Celine having great gas at a gas station

Bunny Kelly — our man in the Ford Cortina. Watch out Vincent Vega.
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