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## Welcome To The DIT

Welcome to third level education and welcome also to the DIT Students' Union, for you are automatically a member. Quite frankly, you missed a hell of a year last year. The DIT is undergoing great changes and some of these are affecting students in ways none too pleasing to them. On the other hand, long standing problems were beginning to grow beards and needed rapid attention. It wasn't forthcoming from the DIT Authorities, so the students, through their students' union made their voices heard, loud and long. And we got results.

We will get results again this year, but support is needed. It was supplied in great numbers last year and it gave everyone in DITSU a sense of what is possible when commitment is combined with strength of numbers. But you missed all of that. With this in mind, we present for you a rundown of the previous year. It proved beyond any doubt, the importance of students' unions and the power of students.

The year began with the much heralded opening of DIT Aungier Street, with building still going on, particularly in the students' union, which lacked a shop for the first part of the year and doors for the first couple of weeks. This has been sorted, following continuous pressure from DITSU and a common room is being decorated as this is written.

Meanwhile, back then, the students wandered around the new building, bumping into equally lost lecturers as they went. Teething troubles are one thing; wilfully neglected teething troubles are another source of annoyance entirely and the situation in Aungier Street was to spill over literally onto the streets the following month in the first of two major protests by DIT students this year.

Those who arrived early on that memorable day in November and saw the committed few who were sitting in the front hall of the building could have been forgiven for thinking that it would come to nought, that the protest was nothing more than a gesture, destined to peter out when boredom set in. This was more than likely what that college authorities were thinking. Big mistake. Huge.

This was a protest that spilled onto the streets, disrupted traffic and went on for two days, one of them being a Friday, traditionally the bunk off and go home early day. The students were simply and justifiably furious at the lack of facilities in the newest educational facility in the city. After some lively discussion with the college authorities and the intervention of the Gardai, the

protest, which had been as consistently good-natured as it had been determined, was suspended, and demands were met. Round Two to the students.

Across the road in DIT Kevin Street, there was an ever growing concern about the ramifications of the DIT's proposed new faculty structure. A petition of 600 signatures was gathered, requesting that the Food and Food Science Technology option of the Applied Science degree be part of the proposed Faculty of Science rather than, as was thought, the Faculty of Tourism based in Cathal Brugha Street. The faculty structure still seems a long way off, with even the faculty directors yet to be appointed. The DIT wanted these positions set up by January. The current situation suggests that the structure is behind schedule by a full

in the new year, three months into the academic year.

And so to January, time of semester exams, and therefore a crucial library period for students. So what happens? The library in DIT Kevin Street was threatened with early closure two days before the exams were to commence. The cause was apparently a combination of low staffing levels and training of new staff, an amazing and ridiculous situation since the DIT had been aware of the staffing problems for more than a year. The end result was that Kevin Street Director Frank Brennan and Ciarán Crosbie, then site convenor in the Students' Union, were to be found one fine Saturday morning operating a restricted service. The problem was supposed to be sorted out the following week but the next Saturday, the

two months, both of which made the national press and had a positive outcome for the students and DITSU. It was turning into a very troubled year for the DIT.

Throughout February and March, the DIT was treated to the strange sight of students protectively clutching bags of flour to themselves. In some cases, the fondness with which the flour was treated aroused suspicions but overall the exercise was designed to highlight the lack of child care facilities across the DIT rather than some kind of morally dubious matchmaking programme.

The students and students' union showed last year that there is a new determination to get things done one way or the other and with a momentum developed over this most active of years, they are unlikely to need much encouragement in the future.

For the students of the DIT, the year ended perfectly with the institute's first campus-wide sports day. Organised by DITSU in conjunction with the Central Sports Committee, it had been hoped that about one thousand students would descend upon the ALSAA sports complex near Dublin Airport to celebrate sport and also to show the powers that be just how important sport is for the institute. Sporting facilities for the institute are, frankly, abysmal and it was hoped that a successful day would put some pressure on the DIT to do something about the present situation. In the event, over 2,000 students came out to take part and offer support, more than anyone could have hoped for and the sun shone brightly for the entire day, as befitted the high spirits and sheer pleasantness of the event.

It would have been a natural assumption that as exams approached, intrusions would have been kept to a minimum. Alas, but not surprisingly, it was not to be for some students in DIT Cathal Brugha Street. Less than a week before they were due to start exams, third year Environmental Health Studies students were informed that the professional practice section of their course was in jeopardy as a result of impending industrial action by Environmental Health Officers. Again, it seemed to have been a problem that the DIT was aware of for some time but nothing had been done. In the end, the strike was averted, with the students' union being praised for their part in bringing about a resolution in the dispute.

No doubt, this coming year will bring new and different problems but by showing the commitment and organisation that we did last year by acting together we can successfully challenge any problems facing us so let your voices be heard and join in!



The DITSU Executive

year.

December, predictably, was next, with the attendant low key thrill of the Christmas count down. A quiet time for the DIT? Nah. Another sit-in was threatened, in the Durkin Building, temporary home (but for how long?) for Cathal Brugha Street's Environmental Resource Management course. More than two months into the academic year, the students were still without a library, a decent reading room and had for a common room the kind of semi-furnished, rather sad little room that you would have called your gang HQ when you were six. The rooms for the library had been allocated but remained unfurnished. The unconstructed shelving lay dormant in a room many yards down the same corridor. The Christmas break served to dissipate anger somewhat and the library was finally opened

library was closed. No explanation was ever offered.

For a while, that incident looked like being the extent of the problems for that month. The students of DIT Cathal Brugha Street had other, noisier ideas. On January 26th, they occupied the front hall, stairs and side corridors of their building, in an effort to highlight some of their more pressing grievances: poor security, a leaky common room roof (old problem, that one), lack of laser printers, unavailability of hot food after three o'clock - this in a place formerly known as the College of Catering. As good-natured as its predecessor in Aungier Street, the demonstration proved just as effective and, after a full day of singing, sitting and shouting, most demands were met and promises were made in relation to others. It was the second big demonstration in



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## Seize the Days

Third Level Education. Welcome to it. Embrace it because the next few years are among the most important of your life. They should certainly be among the most enjoyable for you get to learn, question and argue vociferously in ways that you never could in the formal world of second level education. At the same time you should be testing the new waters, developing as a person, changing, growing and experiencing life with a new sense of freedom. By rights, it should be a vital and invigorating time. You could of course adopt the route taken by so many in recent years, that is to get the head down with such speed that you never even notice what's going on around you. With this approach, you suddenly find yourself finished and out in the world with, hopefully, a qualification reflecting the work put in, but no real sense of what it was like to be a student. This is not the worst approach to take, especially in an increasingly competitive and vicious market. Not the worst approach, but far from the best. At its most rewarding, college life is about combining the academic with the rest, whatever that happens to be. Without a doubt, part of this is getting involved, making a noise, being a student. If the right people reach a condition of seething apoplexy as a result of such activity, then you can congratulate yourself on a job well done.

You are a member of DITSU, the single largest students' union on the island of Ireland. You will hear this repeated numerous times throughout the year, so much so that you may finally find the announcement a little irritating. We don't care, because it means something. Read carefully: The Single Largest Students' Union on the Island of Ireland. That means that when there are issues to be tackled, when the students of one site or another - or them all - are being screwed around for no better reason than it's easier than lifting a finger, then something can be done. This is not the sixties, the time of searing idealism and the determination to change practically anything that didn't look right. Accepted. But neither is it the 80s, a pretty nasty me first decade when selfishness and acquisitiveness were the watchwords and student protests were few and very far between. We are in the 90s and while it is not the decade of coming together in harmony that was trumpeted at its beginning, it has seen committed protest, and in the case of DITSU, particularly in the last 12 months. The Students of the DIT have decided to make themselves heard, have realised that peaceful protest can have an effect and that it represents more than pointless and self-indulgent bandwagoning.

The executive of DITSU is a committed group of people, determined to do a good job for the students of the institute. It is for this reason that each has stood and been elected. Some of the issues will be obvious, as was the case last year, and the action taken by DITSU was equally obvious. It was also effective. But there are no clairvoyants on the DITSU executive. If you have a problem, go to them directly, or use your class representative. That is what the system is for. Make the most of it.

Third level education presents opportunities and options that should not be neglected. You have worked hard enough to get here. Now you have a tightrope act to perform, not the easiest thing to do, but the exhilaration and sense of achievement on reaching the other side makes it all worth the effort. Enjoy.

## The DIT Examiner

This newspaper, The DIT Examiner, is in its third year now. It is distributed free throughout the DIT once a month and is based in Kevin Street. Over the past two years, it has endeavored to cater fairly to each DIT site, looking into the local issues affecting each one and reporting on them. It has also been our policy to cover the national issues that directly or indirectly affect the lives of students. We will continue to do this throughout the coming year.

We must retain the readership of both the students and staff of the DIT and the only way we can certain of this is through feedback and information. In this way, we can keep the newspaper as relevant and up to date as possible. We welcome suggestions, criticism, ideas and letters, through which issues may be discussed and opinions aired. It may be impossible to take on board everything, but we will always listen to what you have to say.

## Making Yourself Heard

Speaking to the various convenors and deputy convenors on different occasions, it is readily apparent that there is one issue above all others that the individual unions are determined to tackle and that is the class rep. system. There is a strong sense that the development of an effective class rep system will sooner rather than later prove most beneficial to students and to the operation and image of their union. Unfortunately, the perception remains that students' unions everywhere are often seen as aloof and elite. The class rep system can help change that perception: if a full class rep council is set up in each college, students' problems and grievances will be brought quickly to the attention of the union; thus communication is improved and issues are dealt with. Everyone is happy.

There are still class rep. positions to be filled and some positions on some unions' executive. The rest is up to you.

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# Catering for the Future

In Cathal Brugha Street the melodic sounds of cranes and jack hammers greet our returning students as construction work is now well under way on the new building development in Marlborough Street. As can be seen

from the picture below it is planned to be an attractive, bright and modern building which will quickly become the vibrant centre of DIT Cathal Brugha Street. Fingers crossed - it's due to open in September '96.



*Education giants Niamh Bhreathnach (Minister for Education) and Dr. Brendan Goldsmith (DIT President) survey their latest catch*

# Living in the land of the Common Room People

There have been reported sightings, there have been rumours it's almost become an urban myth, but that rare species the lesser spotted Common Room has actually arrived.

Finally, finally, the Students' Union Common Room in DIT Aungier Street is open! Since the new purpose built college opened it has been a strange somewhat soulless place a cold clinical atmosphere pervaded the place - it was not somewhere you wanted to linger. But now that will all change. The Common Room located in the basement area beside the Students' Union

offices will quickly become the very vibrant heart of the college.

So come here to relax, to chat, to chill out, shoot some pool or zap video aliens. Why not watch the T.V., listen to music, read the papers, play boardgames or whatever. It's up to you it's your place your space. If you've got any ideas on what should be happening in or with the Common Room or what activities or facilities should be provided, have a chat with Dan or Sinead in the Students' Union. But whatever you do make sure you check it out!

## Clarifications

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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# REEL Life

It's been a good old year for the film business, both in terms of massive mon-eymaking, and also, more importantly from the punters' point of view, in terms of the quality of films on show during the crucial summer months. Sure, Batman Forever, was a terrible disappointment, save the manic antics of Jim Carrey, and Judge Dredd stuttered and finally stalled, leaving the money folk and the real folk fairly unhappy. But overall, the number and variety was more than sufficient and there are still enough of those summer films hanging around that are worth shelling out for.

Braveheart, the much talked about Mel Gibson epic set in Scotland, and filmed partially in Ireland, is currently packing them in. If you can ignore the historical inaccuracies and liberties (and you really should, pedant in the back) then there is much to be enjoyed in this three hour film. Gibson plays William Wallace, great Scottish hero and wearer of blue war paint, who takes on the might of the English armies when his bride is brutally murdered by an officer. What begins as revenge turns into a committed fight for freedom, with Wallace, striding manfully about, eyes blazing with patriotic fervour, exhorting his people to unite and drive out the perfidious invaders. This is the cue for many a superbly staged and invigorating

battle scene, high on the realism and, by extension, the gore factor. There are probably too many of them and they become a little familiar - there wasn't much room for manoeuvrability in 13th century battles - but they are indeed stirring. In the acting stakes, there won't be any Oscars, but Patrick McGooan as King Edward, is suitably evil. Love interest is provided briefly by Sophie Marceau as the French wife of the King's son but the real passion is reserved for Scotland itself and this is the heart of the story. In keeping with this, the scenery is utterly majestic. When an Irish audience breaks into spontaneous applause and does not shift uncomfortably during a three hour film with no intermission, there must be something decent going on up on the screen.

Braveheart was expected to generate at least great interest among cinema goers (it has actually done very well for the type of film it is) but what was not expected to do anything much was While You Were Sleeping, a film that has become, aptly enough, this year's sleeper hit. It's fairly mild, inoffensive stuff and the script is not exactly laden down with witty one liners, but what it has is Bill Pullman and especially Sandra Bullock, who is nothing short of radiant and as Pullman's character says at one point, "really really likeable". Pullman is

usually a decent type in his films, but in this he also has a starring role and it is giving away nothing to say that he also gets the girl. Bullock, though, carries the film with a winning smile, a charming vulnerability and a nice sense of self-deprecation which infuses her every move and sentence. The plot, for those who have been very far away for a very long time, concerns a toll booth operator (Bullock) who saves the life of a man she has worshipped from afar (Peter Gallagher) and is then mistaken for his fiancée in the hospital. Immediately embraced by the family, who should have been a great deal more eccentric,

she falls for the brother of her comatose ostensible husband to be. Nice, but very very slight.

Still doing very nicely, thank you, is Die Hard With a Vengeance, the third instalment in the Bruce Willis series of preposterous action flicks. It's better than Die Harder, which lost the run of itself entirely and was rather bloated, but is still nowhere near the original, which had one great edge: it was utterly claustrophobic, taking place in one building, and especially in ducts, lift shafts and glassed rooms. This kept the film tight and dangerous. Hang on: two great edges. The other was Alan Rickman.

The new film is set in New York and has John McLane (Willis) hunting and being hunted by a mysterious bomber called Simon (Jeremy Irons in unconvincing accent mode). The scene is set in the very first minute with a massive explosion in a busy street and doesn't let up, breathlessly running all over, under and in the water next to, New York city. McLane is partnered by an irritated sidekick this time (Samuel L Jackson) so he isn't wisecracking to himself and John McTiernan is back at the helm, proving once again that he is one of the finest action directors around. The film is looser than the best of them and is a whole lot bigger, edging towards James Bond over the top situations but is pretty damned enjoyable for all that.

Nearer the other end of the scale, though not as awful as predicted, is Waterworld, Kevin Costner's much scorned action film which is set in a horrendous future when the ice caps have melted and covered the world with water (hence the title). Costner is a mysterious, amphibious type character, living on a cool catamaran, who reluctantly helps a woman (Jeanne Tripplehorn) and her young charge escape from the Smokers, led by a manic Dennis Hopper. They are seeking the map to Dryland, which is tattooed on the little girl's back.

The film is doing better than expected at the box office and curiosity can only account for some of this. Some of the set pieces are actually quite good but there is so much going on and the editing is so breathless, that it is difficult to see exactly what is happening - Batman Forever suffered similarly. Costner, however, brings nothing to the role, going for a Fish With No Name approach but ending coming across as one with no personality, which is actually as it should be, if you think about it. Only Hopper seems to be having any fun in the film, mostly because he doesn't take it at all seriously. Then again, his money and his

career weren't depending on it. Costner's career probably isn't either but will the money people be as willing to give him that much next time? We'll see.

Of the smaller films currently worth making a serious detour for, The Usual Suspects, Once Were Warriors and Burnt by the Sun are by far the best. The Usual Suspects is a convoluted, intricate, devilishly clever thriller which twists, turns and then twists again before coming to a screaming conclusion that seems really evident after the fact. Don't miss it.

Once Were Warriors is a tough, uncompromising film from New Zealand focusing on one woman and her attempts to claw herself and her children away from her violent, drunken husband and the social mores which keep her down. Hard to watch but there is hope in it.

Burnt by the Sun is a Russian/French co-production that won the best foreign film Oscar this year. It's a subtle, quietly played drama set in Stalinist Soviet Union. Given this, it is no surprise that the film deals with suspicion, secrets and an ever present fear of what can happen, at any time, to anyone.

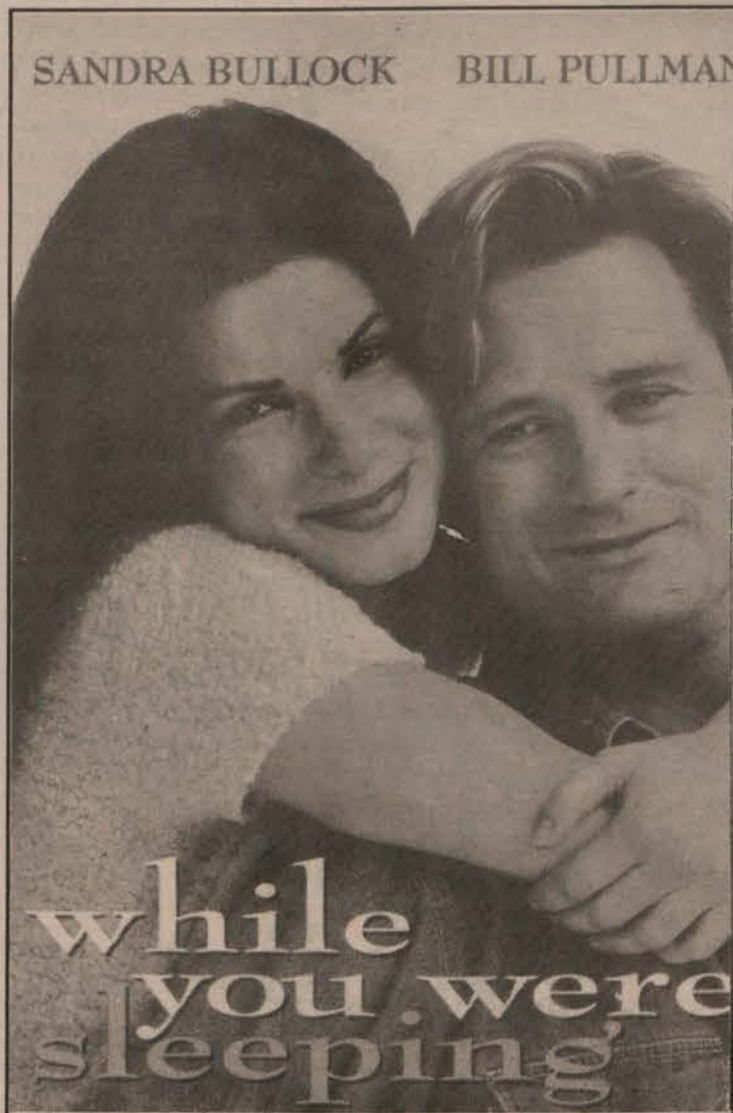
## Recently released on video and well worth seeing:

### Quiz Show

Cert: 15

Robert Redford's best directorial effort to date is a remarkably compelling and entertaining drama centred around the infamous fixing of a television game show in 50s America. Redford isn't at all pleased with the direction America has taken over the years and he has pinpointed this as a crucial moment, when the power of the fledgling TV was revealed, when greed was shown to affect everyone and how the desperate need to succeed could destroy lives.

Ralph Fiennes gives a precise but not mannered performance as Charles van Doren, son of a Pulitzer Prize winning poet who becomes the new champion of "Twenty One", defeating long standing winner Herb Stempel (John Turturro). Once again the no-body he thought he had left behind, Stempel blows the whistle on the whole shady set up and his case is taken up by an ambitious and arrogant young Congressional investigator (Rob Morrow). What is particularly strong about this film is that none of the main players comes out of it smelling if roses - there always seems to be an angle. Getting ahead is always just ahead. Get this one. Now.





# CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS

Now is your chance to prepare some of the ground work for setting up your own business, and win some money! The DIT ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION is being run for the 3rd time in 1996. It's open to all undergraduates of the D.I.T. It's being organised by a Bolton Trust committee chaired by Ms. Phil Hanlon of DIT Cathal Brugha Street.

Teams are required to develop a business plan and submit it to a panel of judges. Interested students are required to submit an application form by 30th November. The completed plan must be submitted in February 1996. Rounds 1 - 3 will take place in early March and students will be required to make a short presentation of their plans to a live audience. The final will take place in early April. There are generous prizes to be won, so start thinking!

Last year's overall winners were DIT Mountjoy Square. The teams business plan entailed organising trips from the U.K. to Dublin for groups of people.

'Crack' and 'Cultural' week-ends were on offer. This competition not only provides you with a great opportunity to work on your potential business ideas, but also helps you to develop your research and presentation skills. There was a very positive response from last year's entrants, with some of them saying it was the best experience they had during the year. As one of last years entrants recalls:

"You decide what your product or service is going to be. You fill out the entry form and having received word that your entry has been accepted now you have to go ahead with your business plan..... "BUSINESS

PLAN??" I might hear you say, "WHAT'S THAT?". I was part of the team from DIT, Cathal Brugha Street who came second last year with our entry 'CHECKS'.

The business plan describes your potential business. It is comprised of a number of segments which deal with different aspects of the business.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - This gives a brief overview of what the business is. You state why your business is going to be successful. Showing results of surveys conducted for example.

2. THE BUSINESS - Here you describe the business, its location, your objectives and even your U.S.P. (unique selling points) ie why your business is going to be better/different than the competitors.

3. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE - You state how many people you are going to employ and what positions they are going to hold.

4. MARKETING - Here you describe your target market. You state the size of the market, who the competitors are and your marketing strategy. It is advisable to talk to key people in the industry you are considering entering.

5. OPERATIONS - These are the everyday aspects of the business. This includes your premises, equipment etc. How do you propose to produce your product/service?

6. FINANCE - How much capital will you need? Where will you get this money? How will you spend it? Perhaps your local friendly bank manager could help here?

7. APPENDICES - You can include any additional information here. This could include your questionnaire if you used one.

As you can see the business plan requires some thought but it can be done. You will find it interesting and even difficult at times. Interesting as it helps you to develop your skills in searching out new information, and for all you entrepreneurs out there it gives you greater know-how if you ever decide to set up your own business. It also brings all your subjects together, you will be able to see how they are all interlinked and dependent on one another, not separate as they appear in class. The difficulties you may find could be a lack of information and being at a loss as to where and how to get it. As you are starting off, you don't know what you want or how to go about finding it. This is where your helpful tutor comes in. If you sit down with them and explain the problem they will give you some helpful ideas on how to start and even where to

look for your information. In my opinion the BOLTON TRUST competition helps students to really get a grasp of what business is all about. It demonstrates that you have to go out and look for what you want, that things won't be sitting around handy, just waiting for you. If you get past the initial screening you will also get an opportunity to make a presentation before a live audience, which helps you to think on your feet! I highly recommend it to all students. Best of luck to all entrants for the 1996 competition."

Ellen Price, Diploma in Catering Management DIT, Cathal Brugha Street, 1995 student.

Full details of the competition will be circulated to all DIT colleges in early November.



Overall winners of the Bolton Trust Enterprise Development Competition '95

DIT Mountjoy Square (L-R): Colm O'Rourke (associate director), Aoife Dunican, Stuart Evers, Karl Dillon, Collette Shannon, Tom Cooney (Lecturer)

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## Kevin Street



### Monday 2nd

12pm Scavenger Hunt  
around Dublin

5pm Sumo Wrestling

8pm First Year Blind  
Date & Party  
Games

11pm Disco

### Tuesday 3rd

2pm Cinema Afternoon

8pm Pub Quiz in Devitts

### Wednesday 4th

All Day Freshers' Day

8pm Live Band

### Thursday 5th

12pm Zak Powers

11pm Freshers' Ball in the  
Olympic

## Bolton Street

### Monday 2nd:

Lunchtime Gig - Edward White  
Hypnotist

Night: Mystery Trip.

### Tuesday 3rd:

Outside Bodies Day

Lunchtime Gig - to be confirmed

### Wednesday 4th:

Clubs and Societies Day

Lunchtime Gig - to be confirmed



### Thursday 5th:

FRESHERS DAY

Freshers Ball- NATIONAL STU-  
DENT CENTRE

There will be a lunchtime gig each day and  
every night also there will be organised enter-  
tainment.

Films will be shown each evening in college -  
check later for details.

## Cathal Brugha St

### MONDAY 3rd

Mystery Trip with Bolton Street

Promotion in the Airways starting 2pm



### TUESDAY 4th

Male Strippers in McGraths

### WEDNESDAY 5th

Freshers Ball in The Furnace

### THURSDAY 6th

Sumo Wrestling and Karaoke





## Aungier Street

### Monday 9th

- 12.30pm Official opening
- 1.30pm 3 Legged pub crawl
- 4.30pm Pub quiz in USI
- 8.30pm Drinking games
- 9.30pm Karaoke
- 11.30pm Disco

### Tuesday 10th

- 12.30pm Stands day
- 4.30pm Promotion in the Junction
- 8.30pm Poker classic

### Wednesday 11th

- 1.30pm Quasar and Bowling
- 4.00pm Crazy Bingo
- 7.00pm Promotion
- 9.00pm Hypnotist
- 11.00pm Disco

## Thursday 12th

- 9.30am Official Breakfast
- 2.30pm Boat race
- 5.00pm Band
- 9.00pm Promotion USI
- 11.30pm Ball

## Mountjoy Square

### Monday 10th

- 1pm Canteen Gig
- 8pm Huge Guinness Promotion in the Big Tree
- 11pm Club in Break for the Border

### Tuesday 11th

- Freshers Day (Clubs & Socs)
- 1pm Canteen Gig
- 8.30pm Hypnotist (Zak Powers) in "The Furnace" followed by club in "The Furnace", Adm £3

## Wednesday 12th

- 1pm Canteen Gig
- 4pm Mini "Dart Crawl" (Pubs to be confirmed) ending up in newly renovated "McGraths" Niteclub

### Thursday 13th

- 1pm Canteen Gig
- 7.30pm Guinness Promotion (venue to be confirmed)
- 11pm Freshers Ball in "The New Powers Hotel" Adm. £4 - Tickets Only

### Friday 14th

Recover!!!

*Each day there will be a certain no. of activities and promotions which have yet to be confirmed.*

*Throughout the week T-shirts and other promotional goodies will be given out courtesy of Guinness Irl. Ltd.*

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# Clubs and Societies

Apart from the Student's Union to fully enjoy college life here you really should be involved in the many sports clubs and recreational societies that are available. A full list is printed below. Your first opportunity to join will be on Clubs and Societies Day held during your Freshers week but you can join at any point during the year. If there is nothing that interests you then why not set up your own club or society, your local students union will show you how.

## SPORTS COUNCILS AND SOCIAL & CULTURAL COUNCILS

In each college there is a Sports Council and a separate Social and Cultural Council. The role of these Councils is to allocate and supervise the Funds allocated

to each Council to its member clubs and societies. It does this primarily by seeking budget submissions from all interested clubs and societies and allocates funding to each one using such criteria as numbers, activities planned, previous behaviour, equipment/event costs. The Councils are composed of the Students Union, elected representatives of Clubs and Societies, members and nominees of college authorities - one of which shall chair the Council. This system is replicated at DIT level with the DIT Social and Cultural Committee and DIT Sports Committee which is composed of the Chairs of the local Councils, the Students Union and DIT Student Services Officer. The idea here is that we will encourage, fund and monitor activity of both clubs and societies at DIT level, between DIT Colleges and outside Colleges.



Student just after finding out that the ESF grant is in the bank!

### DIT Kevin Street

Clubs	Societies
Athletics	AIESEC
Basketball	An Cumann Gaelach
Badminton	Baberry
Board Sailing	Biochemistry
Caving Club	Biomedical Science
Canoeing	Bridge
Fencing	Christian Union
Handball	Computer
Judo	Enterprise
Juggling	Gay and Lesbian
Karate	Human Nutrition
Ladies' Soccer	K.A.T.S (Drama Society)
Men's Soccer	Languages
Mixed Hockey	Musicians
Mountaineering	Niemoller
Orienteering	Optics
Rugby	Science Fiction
Sailing	Science and Technology
Swimming	Traditional
Sub Aqua	Women's Group
Tae Kwon Do	
Table Tennis	
Volleyball	

### DIT Bolton Street

Clubs:	Societies:
Basketball	Amnesty International
Canoeing	Chess
Cycling	Cumann Gaelach
Equestrian	Dance
GAA	Drama
Golf	Film
Handball	Mets
Hockey	Photographic
Hurling	Response
Kung Fu	Roleplaying
Men's and Women's Rugby	Science Fiction
Mountaineering	
Orienteering	
Soccer	
Surfing	
Swimming	
Taekwan Do	
Volleyball	

### DIT Mountjoy Square

Clubs	Societies
Aerobics	Administration
Athletics	Amnesty International
Basketball	An Cumann Gaelach
Equestrian	Art
Golf	Clan Bizarro (Roleplaying)
Hockey	Debate
Karate	Design
Ladies' Rugby	Drama
Mountaineering	European
Men's Rugby	Expanding Head (video)
Soccer	Fashion
Swimming	Film (watchers)
Yoga	Graphic
	Marketing and Advertising
	Marketing Communicator
	Photography



Ready now? Charge!

### DIT Cathal Brugha Street

Clubs	Societies
Adventure Sports	An Cumann gaelach
Aerobics	Drama and Film
Athletics	Environmental
Badminton	Food and Beverage
Basketball	French
Comoige	Games and Roleplay
Golf	Home Brew
Hurling	Irish Football Supporters
Hockey	Rugby Supporters
Karate	Women's Group
Ladies Soccer	
Ladies Football	
Men's Soccer	
Men's Football	
Rugby	
Swimming and Water	
Safety	
Tennis	



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### DIT Aungier Street

Club	Societies
Soccer	Adventurers
Football (Male and Female)	Zig and Zag
Hockey	Film
Camogie	Communications
basketball	History
Volleyball	French
Swimming	Computer
Golf	Drama
fencing	Photography
Karate	An Cumann Gaelach
Judo	
Rugby	



# The Long Hot Summer

SO WHAT HAPPENS OVER THE SUMMER?

DOES THE STUDENTS UNION CLOSE DOWN?

Unfortunately no, while the rest of the country what seemed like a permanent holiday DITSU were very busy over the sweltering summer months. On the 31st June the sabbaticals (full-time officers) change over. This year's Exec took over from last year's officers with Presidents taking up office on the 1st July and Deputies on the 1st August. During the summer while there are no students in the college our time is used very productively. All officers undertake as a group intensive and indepth induction training programme. This involves expert trainers and facilitators providing training on a wide variety of subjects - communication and listening skills, team building and group dynamics, time management and information based sections on the DIT Student Services, fire safety, medical services to name but a few. A lot of time is also

used conducting inspections of student accommodation which in co-operation with the DIT Student Services officer lead to the production of the very comprehensive accommodation list.

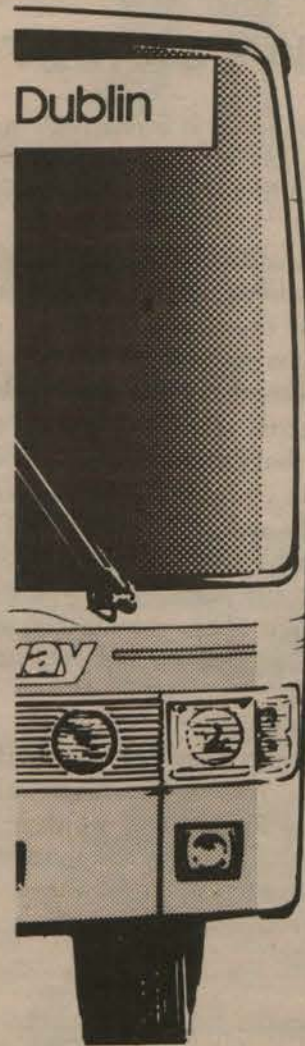
Whilst all this is going on we familiarise ourselves with the college structures, administration and academic affairs and introduce ourselves to relevant college personnel. Some time is also spent helping to compile and update 'EDIT', our annual handbook. Every opportunity was also taken by ourselves to meet as a group and to get to know each other so that we can work productively together for the coming year. So while you were off in New York, New Delhi or wherever you were there was someone in the Students Union office to make sure that all the back-up services were available to you even during the holidays.

So remember the Students Union is open for you all year round.

## Calendar of forthcoming events

Fri 29th Sept	USI Welfare Training
Mon 2nd Oct	Freshers Week - Kevin St., Bolton St., Cathal Brugha St.
Fri 6th Oct	USI Education Training
Mon 9th Oct	Freshers Week - COMAD & Aungier St.
Sat 14th Oct	Graduation in Kevin St.
Sun 15th Oct	Kevin St. Grad Ball in Jurys
Sat 21st Oct	USI National Council
Fri 27th Oct	DITSU Part-Time Officer Training
Sat 28th Oct	DITSU Class Rep Training
Fri 3rd Nov	USI Womens' Training
Sat 11th Nov	USI National Council
Mon 13th Nov	USI National Week of Action
Wed 15th Nov	National Day of Action
Fri 17th Nov	International Students' Day
Sat 18th Nov	Aungier St. Grad Ball in Royal Dublin Hotel
Fri 24th Nov	Divorce Referenduma

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LIMERICK	£10.50
DONEGAL	£11.00
ENNIS	£11.00
LETTERKENNY	£11.00
CORK	£12.00

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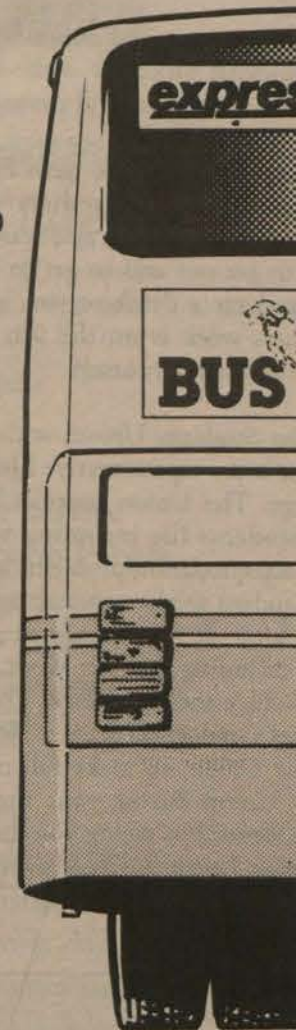
### BUY YOUR TICKET IN THE COLLEGE

Tickets available in the D.I.T. Student Union Shops at Kevin Street, Bolton Street, Cathal Brugha Street, Mountjoy Square, Aungier Street.

For group bookings and travel information call Busaras (01) 836 6111.

Remember, you need an I.S.I.C. Card with Travelsave Stamp to avail of Student Fares.

Ask about reductions on other services with I.S.I.C. Card.



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# Round the Colleges

## DIT CATHAL BRUGHA STREET

D.I.T. Cathal Brugha Street, is situated just off O'Connell St. behind the Gresham Hotel. The college is 54 years old. Cathal Brugha St. was often known as the college of Catering but it consists of four schools

- The school of Science.
- The school of Hotel and Catering Tourism management.
- The school of social science.
- The school of Hotel and Catering operations.



At present a new extension is underway. The entrance will be from Marlborough St. There will be a new student union common room and six floors of science labs, lecture halls, and offices.

## DIT AUNGIER STREET

The long awaited common room is now open in the students union. It is the student area in the collegewhere everyone will desend at all times for a chat or to meet up.

Then of course we have Freshers Week, purposely designed for .....Freshers. Full entertainment is planned for the week and it is the first years opportunity to get out and to get to know your class and of course have a drink or two as well. So don't forget, Freshers week is on the 9th of October so get out there and enjoy yourself.

The Students Union, with its offices in the basement, is the representative body of the students in the college. The Union supplies help with any aspect of the students life including welfare issues education and accomodation problems and any other difficulties the student might come up against. Of course we also look after all the important social aspects during the year including Freshers Week, Welfare days, Seachtain na Gaeilge and Rag Week. Then of course we have the formal Graduation Ball in November. You are all part of the Union, so make full use of this right and use your Union during your time spent in college. We look forward to seeing you during the year. Ta Aontas na Mac Leinn anseo le cabhru leatsa i do shaol sa Cholaiste, mar sin tar agus labhair linn ma ta aon fhadhb agat.



## DIT BOLTON STREET

DIT Bolton Street is the largest of the DIT Colleges with a wide range of full-time and part-time courses. It has a total teaching establishment of 350 and caters for approx 7,000 students.

The Students Union or SU is located on the ground floor. This year Alison Flanagan is the President and she will be assisted by Colin Costello, Deputy President/ Welfare Officer. The Students Union common room is the main place to relax and take your mind off the daily routine of lectures. There you will find the SU Shop which has everything from tea, coffee, sandwiches to all your stationery needs. To help you relax there are four pool tables, computer games, a CD juke box and chess boards. The Students Union is the only place in college where smoking is permitted.

The Student Union office is there to help you with any queries or problems you may encounter from welfare to USIT cards. So don't hesitate to call in even if it's just for a chat!



The college has part-time banking facility on campus in association with Bank of Ireland and when the Bank is closed there is a Passpoint machine for your convenience.

Campbell Catering run a canteen service on the second floor. It opens at 8.30a.m. and hot meals are served from 12.30 to 2p.m. Snacks are also provided throughout the day. To keep you fortified for the long nights study evening meals are also provided.

This year hopefully there will be a full-time nurse on campus in conjunction with the Doctor's service. Please contact the SU for the hours of his surgery in college as they have been increased on last years.

Hopefully your time will be both successful and enjoyable and you will get he most out of your time spent in Bolton Street

Welcome to DIT Bolton Street!



## MOUNTJOY SQUARE



COMAD, the host to some two thousand odd students, both from the Business sector and the Art and Design sector. In typical fashion we have a common room, all be it relatively small but sure as the man says she does the job. We'd be the smallest of the five colleges but more often than not we have a better time than most in that everyone knows everyone and Guinness are generally generous to the students of COMAD. The social point of interaction is the canteen, where over a tuna and lettuce sandwich, many a relationship has been established.

Club and societies are many and varied and hugely successful as was demonstrated at last April's DIT Sports day. Last year a new and extremely scandalous College Magazine was introduced "The Comedian" which has turned out to be extremely popular and feared at times. Overall the college is smaller than ideal however the resultant intimacy amongst students is commended by even the most critical.

The Students Union itself provides a number of essential services from the issuing of the ISIC card, to the Students Union shop, and the organisation of the common room to the provision of a photocopying service, all in the basement of the college.

## KEVIN STREET

Welcome to DIT Kevin Street. We have 2,500 full-time students and approximately the same number again with part-time students and Apprentices.

Each registered student is automatically a member of the Students' Union. This year the Convenor is Helen Ryan, and the elected Deputy Convenor / Welfare Officer has resigned as he got a job in the Civil Service. Elections for this position will be held early in the first term. The SU offices are on the first floor of the new building and the General Office is open from 9.30am - 4.30pm where Ann can do USIT cards, photographs and 2nd hand books. The services which are provided by the Union are the SU Shop in the lobby open form 9am - 9pm, typing and thesis service in the Word Shop, video games and photocopying in the Games Room and pool tables in the Snackery.

The college is open from 8am - 10pm, Monday to Friday and 8am - 5pm on Saturdays. The student recreational area is the Snackery which is open from 9am - 9pm, Monday to Friday and serves tea and coffee. The restaurant is open for dinner at 12.45 - 2.15pm and 4.45 - 6.15pm and the food is nice at a reasonable price.

Clubs and Societies form a big part of college life and there is a list of these on another page in the Examiner. Come along to Clubs and Societies Day or go along to any advertised meeting. Kevin St has a swimming pool and the hours that you can swim are available from Cyril.

Enjoy your year in DIT Kevin Street and make the most of it!



# DIT Counselling Service

The DIT Counselling Service provides a safe and supportive place where you can come and talk about issues such as relationship concerns, coping with academic demands, financial worries, bereavement. But you certainly don't need to have enormous problems before you come and talk to a counsellor. Basically the service aims to help you identify and solve any difficulties, big or

small, which might interfere with achieving your academic and/or personal potential.

In addition to individual help, the counsellors offer a wide variety of workshops / seminars in such areas as study skills, managing stress in college, time management. For consultations consult the Students' Union or the Counsellors notice board.



DIT Counsellors for Aungier St, Bolton Street, Cathal Brugha Street, Mountjoy Square. (Missing is the counsellor for Kevin Street)

# NSC - National Student Centre

The National Students Centre in the Temple Bar area of Dublin, has just been completely refurbished and now houses Dublin's hottest state of the art nightclub - The Furnace and the only Student Bar and Cafe - Club USI

The Furnace nightclub will run Thursday to Saturday each week, with the best in Irish and international bands and DJ's performing. The Furnace has four safe havens, two dance areas, a cinema lounge, full bar and restaurant facilities, with the best lighting and Turbo sound system in the city. Located in Dublin's Temple, Bar the Furnace is the centre of our social culture. And with the cheapest beer in Dublin plus discounted Nite Link tickets on sale in the venue, everyone's a winner.

The Furnace will also be the home of Dublin's first full inter college club. Every Thursday DIT, UCD, DCU, NCAD and TCD will all come together to form the mother of all clubs with the best in Irish and international entertainment.

Club USI student bar and cafe will

now house GLOBALe, a daytime CyberPub and International Cafe. Computer terminals have been installed and hooked up to Ireland on Line, giving customers access to the internet, making the National Student Centre Ireland's first CyberPub. Also available will be papers, magazines and other publications from around the globe on a free reads basis.

Beer promotions will run every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, as well as cult movies on Tuesdays and Dublin's best DJ's Wednesday to Saturday.

The amazing range of food will include filled ciabatta rolls, baguettes, toasties, soups, real teas and coffees, and

other hot snacks at the best prices in Dublin. Specially priced pitchers of beer and cocktails will help wash down great food, pool, video games, CD Juke Box and board games are also available.

Freshers will get their introduction to the centre with practically every DIT Freshers Week Event taking place in the centre in the first two weeks of October.



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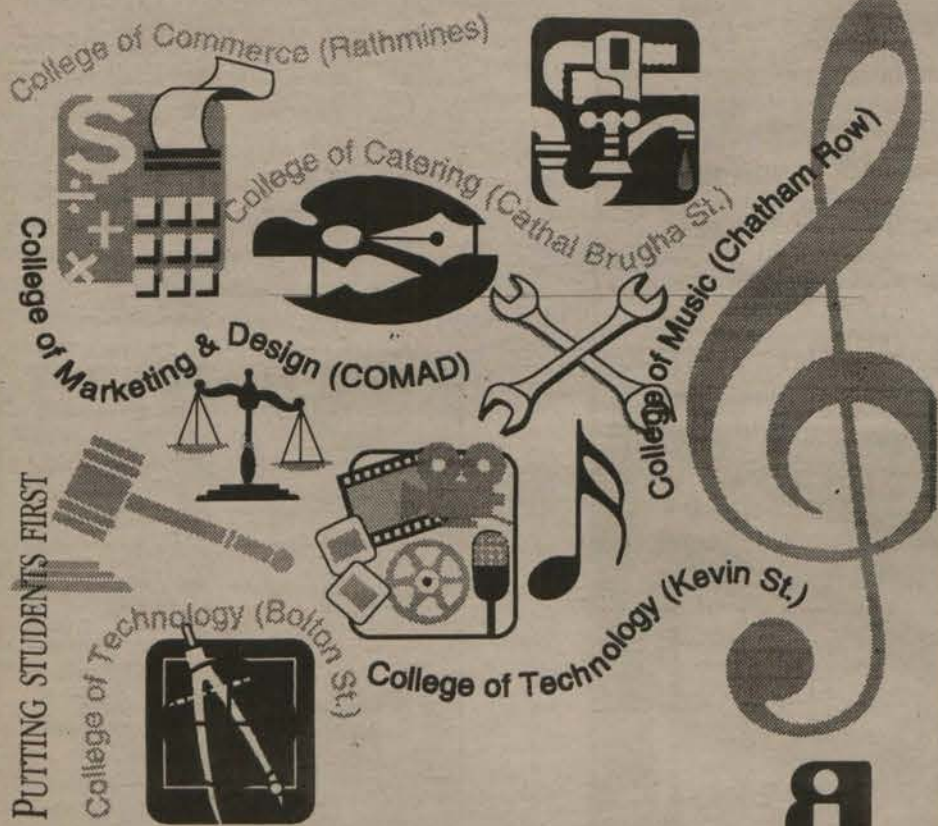
Freshly made super sandwiches and rolls daily. Sweets, nuts, drinks, juice, milk, locks, plasters, tea and sugar, and after all that even 'a friendly smile'

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# Union of Students in Ireland Campaign News

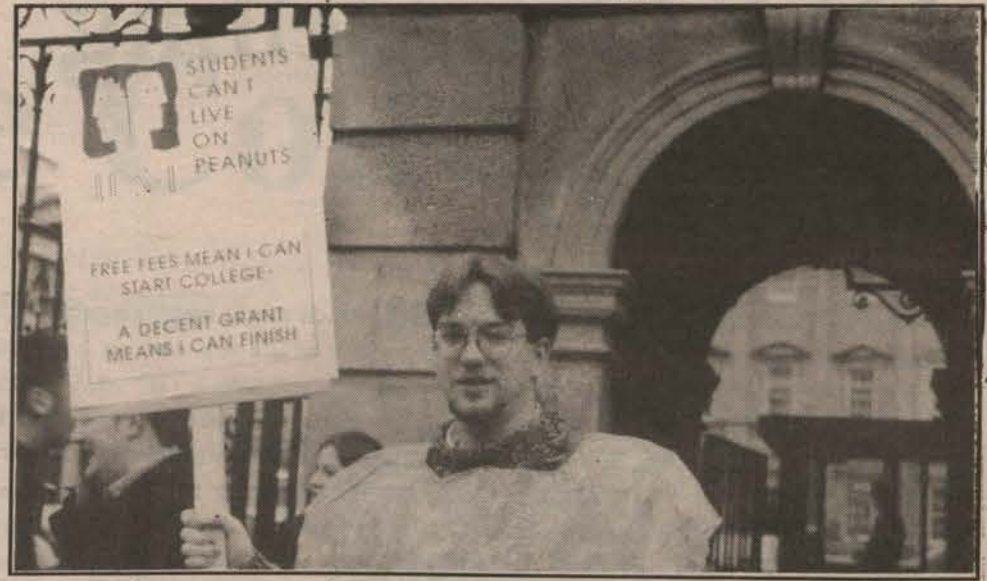
## NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

This campaign is the priority campaign for the year 1995/96. Last years national campaign produced one of the



biggest student demonstrations ever to take place in Ireland. Those who took part in International Students Day demonstration in Dublin were witness to the power of student solidarity.

November 17th was the day the Irish student movement reasserted its identity as a vibrant political force in Irish society. We saw unity in action. 15,000 students from every part of the country marching shoulder to shoulder to fight a common cause - invest-



ment in education, an end to student poverty, an end to overcrowding and an end to enforced emigration.

The greatest success of November 17th was the politicisation of students. Students were made aware of the political decisions that affected them and of their power to change those decisions.

The abolition of college tuition fees was a victory for USI's direct action campaign coupled with a vigorous lobbying strategy.

The Campaign priorities for 1995/96 are an end to student poverty, improved access to education and improved student representation. The aims of the campaign are to win back students rights and force changes in 3rd level education and to reaffirm our identity as a unified student movement.

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The National Student Centre is like nowhere you could find before and like everything you always wanted.

Daytime, evening and late night, it's always happenin' in different ways.

And it's run by people like you, for

### Membership Regulations

#### How to get it together:

1. Be 18 or over and in third level
2. Possess an up to date ISIC (USIT) Card
3. Buy a ClubUSI Membership stamp at your Students' Union, at USIT shop or at the NSC (PLC students please go direct to the NSC)
4. Be willing to spend your



people like you - individuals. But we've all at least one common cause - we want somewhere really good to go that's not expensive, where you're respected, where there's lots to do, or even nothing to do and where you'll meet, talk to and laugh with kindred souls. At the National Students' Centre, that's not asking too much. That's just asking for what we've got.

### DAYTIMES

## GLOBALe

### CYBERPUB & INTERNATIONAL CAFE

Food, specially priced pitchers of beer and cocktails, newspapers and magazines from around the globe, internet access, board games, pool tables, juke box.



### EVENINGS

## CLUB USI STUDENT BAR

Students from all colleges around the city, cheap beer, respect, top Dj's, regular drink promotions, ongoing events.



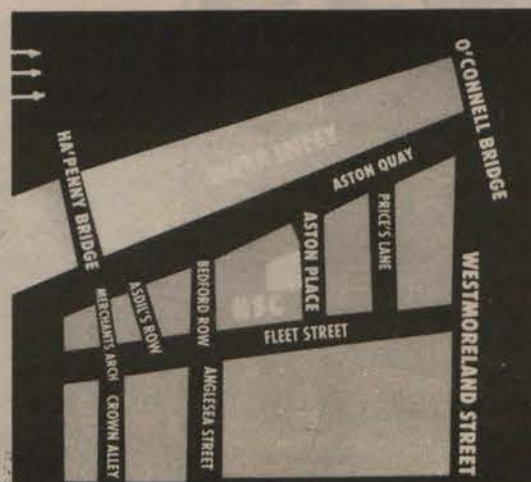
### LATE EVENINGS

## THE FURNACE

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Booking info for gigs, class parties, your party Paul Davis @ 6710433

### NATIONAL STUDENTS CENTRE 1/2 Aston Place, Temple Bar, Dublin 2



## NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION

USI is proposing a week of action starting on November 13th and ending with International Students Day on November 17th. Events will culminate in 4 regional demonstrations on the same day - Wednesday November 15th, a day that will ensure maximum student participation.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

Monday 13th Launch of USI Student Poverty Survey  
Tuesday 14th Local Media Events  
Wednesday 15th NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION  
Thursday 16th Follow-up media strategy  
Friday 17th International Students Day Celebrations

It is very important that all students get involved in the National Campaign. DITSU sabbaticals, Part-time Officers and Class Reps will be disseminating all the campaign material throughout the colleges and there will be class addresses to inform the students. Ask your local SU for more details and your help would be much appreciated.

