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Welcome To The DIT

The future of DIT Cathal Brugha Street looks bright with the construction of the Marlborough St. extension.

As we all settle down for the year ahead, we can look forward to Fresher's Week. A round-up of the college timetables.

What do UST have planned for this year given the success of International Students Day last year.

The rooms for the library had been allocated with the current what can we expect for Freshers Week, 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 other.

The DITSU Executive for 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 Giàrin Crobh, 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 week but the next Saturday, the 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, more urgent 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 - the list would have been far longer. In some cases, the fondness with which the floor was treated aroused suspicion 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.

Throughout February and March, the DIT was treated to the strange sight of students protecting our turf for ourselves. In some cases, the fondness with which the floor was treated aroused suspicion 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.

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This has been sorted, fodder around the new building, bumping into equally lost lecturers as they went.

The teething troubles are one thing; wilfully neglected teething troubles are another. The situation since the DIT had been aware of the staffing problems for more than a year.

On that memorable day in November and saw the committee, through their students' union being praised for their part in bringing about a resolution in the dispute.

By the time 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.

The future of 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 again this year, 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.
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 is all 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 rosi, 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 stories, the time of scoring, idealism and the determination to change practically anything that didn't look right. Accepted. But neither is it the 80s, a pretty nasty year 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 bandwagonning.

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 reason that by DITSU was equally obvious. It was also efficient, but there are noclairvoyants on the DITSU executive. If you have a problem, go to them and that is the class rep. It is for the students of Ireland. You will hear this repeated numerous times, but it is, after all, more than worth the effort. Enjoy.

The DIT Examiner

This newspaper, The DIT Examiner, 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, we have endeavoured 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 relationship of both the students and staff of the DIT and the only way we can certainly 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 union's executive. The rest is up to you.

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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.

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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It's been a good old year for the film business, both in terms of massive monstrosity, 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 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, 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 weaver of blue was paint, who takes on the might of the English armies when his bride is brutally murdered by an officer. has become, aptly enough, this year's Oscar. It's been a good old year for the film Oscar this year. It's fairly mild, inoffensive history and a nice deal more eccentric, than Die Hard With A Vengeance, the third installment in the Bruce Willis series of preposterous action flicks. It's better than Die Hard With A Vengeance, 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: too many edges. The other was Alan Rickman.

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CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS

Now is your chance to prepare your project before entering. Winning some money! The DIT Enterprise Development Competition is being held for the 3rd time in 1996. It's open to all undergraduates of the D.I.T. It's being organized 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 organizing trips from the U.K. to Dublin for groups of people. "Crack and Cultural" weekends 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 year's 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 'CHICKS':

The business plan describes your potential business. It is composed 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) is why your business is going to be better/different than the competition.

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 Enterprise Development 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!

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 Duncan, Stuart Evers, Karl Dillom, Collette Shannon, Tom Cooney (Lecturer)

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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 STUDENT CENTRE
There will be a lunchtime gig each day and every night also there will be organised entertainment.
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
**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
- 6pm 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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**The Four Seasons**

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Dublin's Premier Student Pub

- Live Music
- Snacks Served All Day
- Parties Catered For

The Four Seasons, recently refurbished and now under new management, has become one of Dublin’s Best Pubs. Always a buzz of excitement!

A top 100 pub (source: the official Good Pub Guide)
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.

DIT Kevin Street

Clubs
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Board Sailing
- Canoeing
- Fencing
- Handball
- Judo
- Juggling
- Karate
- Ladies’ Soccer
- Men’s Soccer
- Mueld Hockey
- Mountaineering
- Orienteering
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Swimming
- Sub Aqua
- Taek Woon Do
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball

Societies
- AIESEC
- An Cumann Gaels
- Baberry
- Biomedical Science
- Bridge
- Christian Union
- Computer Enterprise
- Gay and Lesbian
- Human Nutrition
- K.A.T.S (Drama Society)
- Languages
- Musicians
- Niermolder
- Optics
- Science Fiction
- Science and Technology
- Traditional
- Women’s Group

DIT Bolton Street

Clubs
- Basketball
- Canoeing
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- GAA
- Golf
- Handball
- Hockey
- Hurling
- Juno
- Men’s and Women’s Rugby

Societies
- Amnesty International
- Chess
- Guanann Gaels
- Dance
- Drama
- Film
- Mets
- Photographic
- Response
- Roleplaying
- Science Fiction

DIT Mountjoy Square

Clubs
- Aerobics
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Equestrian
- Golf
- Hockey
- Karate
- Ladies’ Rugby
- Mountaineering
- Men’s Rugby
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Yoga

Societies
- Administration
- Amnesty International
- An Cumann Gaels
- Art
- Clan Bizarro (Roleplaying)
- Debate
- Design
- Drama
- European
- Expanding Head (video)
- Fashion
- Film (watchers)
- Graphic
- Marketing and Advertising
- Marketing Communications
- Photography

DIT Cathal Brugha Street

Clubs
- Adventure Sports
- Aerobics
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Camogie
- Golf
- Hockey
- Karate
- Ladies soccer
- Ladies Football
- Men’s Soccer
- Men’s Football
- Rugby
- Swimming and Water Safety
- Tennis

Societies
- An Cumann Gaels
- Drama and Film
- Environmental
- Food and Beverage
- French
- Games and Roleplay
- Home Brew
- Irish Football Supporters
- Rugby Supporters
- Women’s Group

DIT Aungier Street

Club
- Soccer
- Football (Male and Female)
- Hockey
- Camogie
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Golf
- Fencing
- Karate
- Judo
- Rugby

Societies
- Adventurers
- Zig and Zag
- Film
- Communications
- History
- French
- Computer
- Drama
- Photography
- An Cumann Gaels

Ready now! Charge!
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

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A BETTER COACH SERVICE FROM DUBLIN.

SAMPLE STUDENT MONTHLY RETURN FARES

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Fares correct at time of going to press.

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 ISIC Card with Travelsave Stamp to avail of Student Fares.

Ask about reductions on other services with ISIC Card.

You're better off on BUS ÉIREANN
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.

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 opens at 9am - 9pm, Monday to Friday and serves tea and 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 the most out of your time spent in Bolton Street.

Welcome to DIT Bolton Street!

DIT AUINGIER STREET

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

Then of course we have Freshers Week, purposefully 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 accommodation problems and any other difficulties the students 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 ansa le cabhrú leatca i do shaoil sa Choláiste, mar sin tar anas labhair línn ma ta aon fhadhth air.

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.

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. Wèl 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 Aprils' DIT Sports day. Last year a new and extremely scandalous College Magazine was introduced "The Comadian" which has turned out to be extremely popular and feared at times. Overall the college is smaller than ideal however the co­llege intimate atmosphere 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 office 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 9am - 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 Examiners. 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 the counsellor for Kevin Street)

NSC - National Student Centre

The National Student 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 DJs 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 GLOBE!, 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.

Your Student Union Shop

One on every campus, open 8.30 til late

Take a look at the services we bring you, saving you time and money.

- Commuter Tickets
- Call Cards
- Photocopy Cards
- Films Developed 24hr service
- Trade Manuals - Trade Exam Papers
- T Squares - Lab Books
- Science Books - Lab Coats
- House Coats - Lab Glasses
- Calculators (way below High St. prices)
- Floppy Disks
- Diploma Frames
- Full range of stationery at keen prices.

All the above, plus old reliables like:

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’

Serving Students Better
Union of Students in Ireland

Campaign News

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

This campaign is the priority campaign for the year 1995/96. Last year's 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 reassessed 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 - investment 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 third level education and to reaffirm our identity as a unified student movement.

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.

GREAT MUSIC • HOT SPACE • CHEAP BEER

THIS IS YOUR PLACE.

THESE ARE YOUR PEOPLE.

DAYTIMES

GLOBAL e
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 DJs, regular drum promotions, singing events.

LATE EVENINGS

FURNACE
Top purpose built venue, regular college and NSC events, loud sound systems, good food, best DJ's and bands.

Membership Regulations
How to get it together:
1. Be 18 or over and in third level
2. Possess an up to date
   SKULS Card
3. Be a ClubUSI Membership stamp at your Students Union, at USI shop or at the NSC
   for PLC students please go through USI shop
4. For details in terms & ask

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 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.

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

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

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