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# BOLTON



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***Fight Against The***

***Fee Increases***

# FEE INCREASES

LAST YEAR the Government promised that third level college fees would rise only at the rate of inflation for the next period of time.

LAST DECEMBER the Book of Estimates appeared. It promised a 10% fee rise for all the third-level colleges.

LAST MONTH the budget appeared. It confirmed the 10% increase: 5% over that of inflation. There the matter rested. Or so we thought.

LASTED ABOUT 24 hours. A small mention of further fee rises in a newspaper led to contact with the Department of Education which indicated an additional fee rise of 20% for all VEC courses. This is to be on top of the other 10%, which gives a rise of up to 32%.

There is little need to repeat how this affects students in third level colleges. Despite Gemma Hussey constantly telling us that 75% of all students in VEC colleges are on grants, we know that the figure oscillates between 45% and 60% which leaves a MINIMUM of 525 full-time students (and all part-timers) here paying fees and the expenses of going to college. Of that 45% - 60% very, very few are on the maximum grant of £1,160 living expenses: generally a minimum of £2,500 per year to live at anything other than the bread line. However, we also know that many people do live virtually on the bread-line, with more and more students borrowing from their S.U.'s and banks for rent and food, trying to survive until the grant appears. If it appears.

Grants also rise this year: not 32% (in line with VEC fees); not 20%; not even 10%; but a paltry 5%. Just barely keeping in line with inflation, they still result in many students, whose only income may be a grant, living in almost sub-human conditions. Despite commitments to raise the grant level (which, admittedly they did: a token rise on the ludicrous figure of £1,000 for the past four years), they now have just index-linked it ...but can still keep up the face of their election promises (if not the spirit).

## What can we do ?

IT IS UP TO the VEC now to implement this increase. The committee have talked of their opposition: one member said he'd like to see a demonstration with staff, students and the VEC members themselves all taking part. However, when it comes to the crunch it remains to be seen what way they'll jump. (Political skins to be saved? At our expense?).

IT IS UP TO us, then, to make sure that no fee increase is implemented. On such an issue we need all of us to support this. We need to exert pressure on the Department of Education and on the CDVEC to make sure that we do not have to absorb yet another crippling fee rise.

Our tactics involve all of us. It is time to stand up and say that we are tired, fed up, with the shortsighted tampering of the educational system. Why should short-term financial gains destroy our education, that of our brothers and sisters, destroy our country's future prospects. Every day we see further cuts: now a fee rise, now a college closed, now a grant cut. Pecking, biting away at all our futures. If we don't stand up now we may never do again.

It's time to fight, to fight for all our futures. We all have a role in stopping fee increases. Make your voice heard now.



JUST A BRIEF TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

FEES FOR ENGINEERING

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£160	£200	£450	£520	£620	£820 ?

£820. DO WE CARE. ACT NOW TO PREVENT ITS IMPLEMENTATION

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The opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily the opinions of the S.U. or the students in this college.

This magazine has been edited by the democratic process of the S.U. Executive.

### *Private Schools*

Probably the only piece of good news to come out of last weeks budget was the announcement by Mr. Donal Creed, Minister of State, that the Bourgeoisie, Private Fee paying second level schools, such as Clongowes Wood and Blackrock are to loose their Grants from the Government, in excess of £½ million per year, which enable young trendies to avail of an exceptionally good education, something that the rest of us are deprived of, courtesy of the P.A.Y.E. sector worker.

However, when we see the £½m saved, and foolishly expect it to be spent in some other education area and not on ventures such as the T.B. Eradication scheme or I.C.I., let us not forget the £14 million a year still being given to these elitist "Colleges" so as to pay staff wages.

At least there is one joke to be obtained from all this. The Labour Party.

Aidan Kerins  
Chairperson.

Dear Bolt,

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION (US PLEBIANS OF LONGFORD HOUSE) THAT THERE IS AN UNPLEASANT MYTH CIRCULATING, NAY SWEEPING THE UPPER ECHELONS OF THE ACADEMIC INTELLIGENTIA WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF BOLTON ST. (ALL KNEEL). What is this all pervading myth circulating, nay sweeping etc etc we hear you all ask? After all we in LONGFORD HOUSE merit scant regard in your estimation we know ... but, the rumour is this - THAT WE DO NOT LIKE OUR EXISTENCE HERE!! NOTHING could be further from the truth (well ... yes it could - Mr. Gilligan is a great lecturer.. there that's a lot lot further) but I digress. The attitude stalking the self satisfied, smug, smarmy, smallminded (and other s words we're too polite to use) minds of you people is that we are not enamoured with our canteen with cold meals, our 'library' which is never open HA! This is blatantly untrue. As an inmate of LONGFORD HOUSE I wish to state the WORST days of the week are spent when we have to attend your place for LAB & CRAFTS OH YUKKY DAW. YOUR CANTEEN is impersonal/the staff have all the charm of ..... Mr. Gilligan.. on a BAD DAY. THE FOOD IS OK we'll admit, but give me any day the warmth and camaraderie the good humoured bonhomme - the FOOD fights the friendly (intense) rival between Arch Tech & Const Tech - MOMS APPLE PIE the 4th of July, etc etc, but I digress again.

AND what about our library conservative estimates of LONGFORD HOUSE population ACTUALLY AWARE of the existence of our 'LIBRARY' are put at 0.1% of our current population and thus its eccentric opening hours are of little relevance to the vast majority of the inmates.

We in LONGFORD HOUSE are only hoping that there will be no room in the new extension when/if it's built cos you lot are a bunch of LOW LIFES who are attempting with an insidious smear campaign to undermine/corrupt the good name of ..... whassit called OH YEAH 'LONGFORD HOUSE' so NYAH NYAH NA NYAH NYAH oh yeah a little joke Q. what's got 6,000 arms 6,000 legs and an IQ of 12. A. The students of Bolton Street Building - KILLS ME THAT ONE!!!

UP YOURS SINCERELY,

P.S. We didn't even mention our superb porters or jack.

'JACK THE LAD.'

FLANAGAN

Dear Sir or Madam,

Regarding the recent controversy over Jean Luc Godard's fine 'Je Vous Salue Marie'. I feel strongly that the films society's decision to 'cash-in' on the publicity Godard's film is receiving is quite appalling. This work has generated considerable criticism not just in France, but throughout Europe and especially in the little country of ours. We have had the Archbishop of Dublin, in all his wisdom, condemning the film and demanding rosaries to atone for the showing of the movie here, we have had many lunatic pressure groups involved, notable outside Trinity recently and we have had certain members of U.C.G.'s staff banning Godard's film from the college (NONE OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE EVEN SEEN THE FILM).

Therefore, I feel, that by raising the entrance fee from a pound to two pounds it was an extremely insensitive action by the society in view of the climate of emotive feeling surrounding the film.

It is this type of ham-fisted greediness that gives an indication of Irish people.

John Toher  
D80/1.

(letters)



# DAMSELS IN DISTRESS

Civilisation has advanced to catastrophic heights since the days of the ancient Greek Olympics when Sport was strictly for men only.

The dawning of the 20th Century saw the dawning of a new light on the world. The discovery was made that women have two legs and are capable of physical exertion outside the bed.

They were permitted to participate in the Olympics and names such as Fanny Blankers, Keon and Babes Didrikson became household names.

Today with the 21st century looming on the horizon the sportswoman is a fact of life and women are competing and excelling in marathons and triathlons.

So why hasn't the light dawned in Bolton Street?

Is someone somewhere trying to flow against the tide of progress?

Or is it all part of a devious plot to drive the 'enemy' back to the kitchen sink?

The official reason for the lack of female changing rooms in the sports hall is that this would involve:

## "TOO MANY STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS"

And I, in all my naive innocence, thought that, with an ever increasing proportion of women attending the college, the provision of the essential facilities would be top priority.

But apparently a face lift for the college facade, new noticeboards and soft seats in the Kinema are more important.

Yes I, (being a mere woman) naively thought that reason would prevail and that somebody somewhere would be embarrassed that Bolton Street cannot cater adequately for all its students and would be striving to correct this glaring discrepancy.

Surely no structural alteration is too great to solve this situation.

With the number of women students growing each year it is bordering on ignorance to allow this situation continue. It has to be solved some time.

So why not now?

To my little man  
I'm writing this  
To my little man  
I'd blow a kiss

If he were here  
With me now

To my little man  
I'd say OH WOW!!!

Cause when I'd see him  
Come to me

So very small  
He'd appear to be

I'd look at him  
And maybe laugh  
That you'd think me  
OH SO Daft.

Cause then you'd think  
I'm laughing at you  
But its my little Man  
I'm laughing to!

But maybe soon  
He'll grow big and tall  
And we'll come together  
And have a Ball !!!!

Dangerous to draw a sketch!!

# BOLT ON SPORT

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## SPORTS DAY (RAG WEEK)

On Tuesday, 4th of March (Ragweek) Bolton Street SU, with the help of the sports clubs and societies, will hold an Open Sports Day in Whitehall VEC Sports Grounds.

On the day the events which will be run by the clubs of the college will be open to participation by class teams, who will compete against each other. The grounds will be open for any inter-class events.

Also, as we are sharing our Ragweek with Parnell Sq. (COMAD), there will be challenge matches (friendly) between:

Bolton Bears	and	Parnell Sq Pirates
Bolton St Soccer	and	Parnell Sq Soccer
Bolton St GAA	and	DIT GAA
Bolton St Hockey	and	Parnell Hockey

Whitehall Grounds are a 15 min. walk from here, and support is expected. For details of events watch the noticeboards on the D-floor, or ask in the SU.

## FIRST AID KIT:

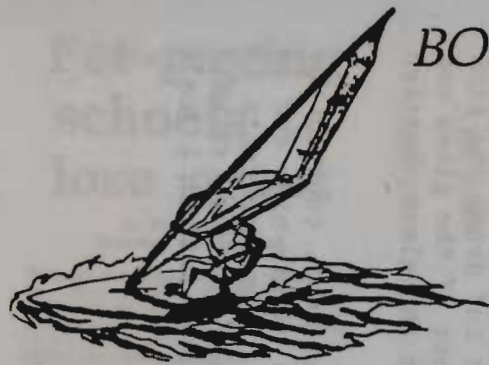
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FIRST AID: I eventually got round to acquiring a (decent) first aid kit for our infamous sports clubs. This kit is available in the SU. To use it, please book in advance and note the team manager (captain) will have to sign for the kit and it is up to him (or his club) to look after and return the kit as soon as possible as other clubs may need it.

Ronan Delaney, Sports Officer.







# BOLTON STREET WINDSURFING SOCIETY

BOLTON STREET COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY  
BOLTON STREET, DUBLIN 1.

## HEINEKEN IRISH UNIVERSITY BOARDSAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

This will be the third consecutive year in which the Irish University Boardsailing Championship will be held. The event is being organised by the Dublin Institutes of Technology Boardsailing Society, who are expecting the event to be the biggest every sailboard championship held in Ireland. Competitors alone are expected to exceed 175. This number reflects the ever increasing popularity of the sport, and is also a marked increase on the numbers which attended the two previous intervarsities. These events were run by University College Cork and University College Dublin, in Oysterhaven and Malahide respectively, both events being a great success.

The Heineken Intersarsity will be held in WEXFORD on the weekend of MARCH 7th - 9th inclusive. Most of the third level colleges in Ireland have been invited and it is hoped that some teams from colleges in England, Scotland and Wales will also attend. Accommodation has been organised in the Talbot Hotel, consisting of two nights Bed & Breakfast and a semi-formal Dinner Dance on the Saturday evening. The Hotel manager Mr. Lynch has assured us that everyone staying will have the use of all the hotels' facilities.

The sailing events themselves will be run from the Wexford Harbour Club under the watchful eye of Fintan O'Leary (Commodore). The commodore and his committee will be providing Officer of the Day, Rescue Boats, Racing Committee and Committee Boat. The Boat Club will also be providing lunch on the Saturday and Sunday.

The Heineken Intersaristies will consist of 3 by 'A' Fleet and 3 by 'B' Fleet races with the top six from each college fleets counting towards the overall prize. Four further races will take place consisting of 2 by Novice races, a Ladies race and a Funboard/Long distance race depending on prevailing weather conditions.

The organising committee consists of five members, with Peter Kingston (Capt.) Liam Hayes, Peter Lynch from Bolton Street, C.O.T. and Justin Austin and Norris Hope-Ross (Treasurer) from Kevin Street, C.O.T. This committee has been working diligently to ensure the event will be a great success.

# BOLTON ST. SAILING CLUB

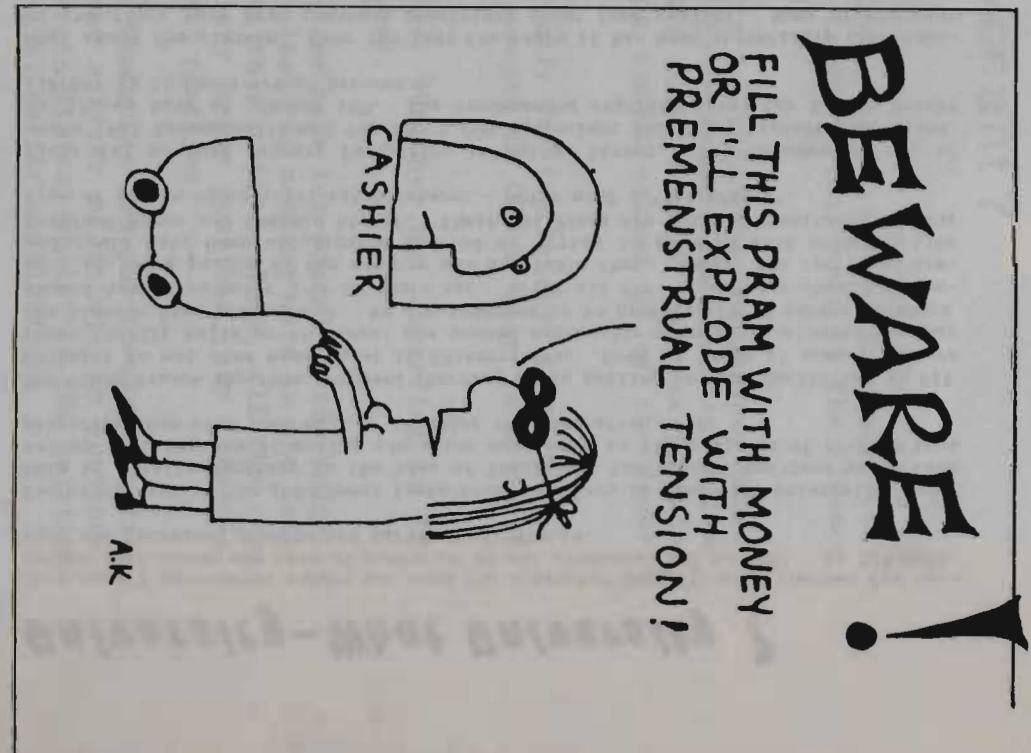
RAVING - LOONEY WINTER SAILORS

A group of eager beginners stood over the sad remains of one of the sailing clubs three boats. Despite the grim task ahead, within three short months they restored them to finely tuned; mint condition, racing machines. Every Sunday, despite rain and snow, they venture the elements and learn the skills necessary to field a Bolton Street, Sailing Team.

The combined efforts of these hardy individuals together with some more experienced sailors have led to the 1986 Intersaristies team. They will race in Kinsale from February 21st to 23rd, and all supporters are welcome.

Anyone who wants to join the club are more than welcome, whether experienced sailors or beginners. Just contact us through the students union.

Philip Mc Cabe  
Secretary - Sailing Club.



A.K



## University-What University ?

This year's government budget has seen the attempted imposition of further fee increases well above the rate of inflation on all students (10% to 30%). In DIT Colleges the increases planned are particularly severe.

The stated aim of the government is to bring DIT fees in line with University fees. This is totally contrary to the idea of Vocational Education Committees which were set up with the aim of making education more open to the citizens of Ireland thus providing them with some hope of avoiding the emigration boat.

The other reason why this proposed increase is so galling is that facilities in DIT Colleges do not come near those in Universities. Even in terms of space, lecture rooms (hardly halls or theatres) are packed especially when those classes who pay the highest fees are present. We are supposed to be grateful for an extension which should have been built 5 or 10 years ago. After all the information about the numbers of young people in the country was available then. Surely the increased demand could have been anticipated instead of trying to make do with premises like Longford House and Dominic Street. These buildings are totally unsuitable for any type of modern educational establishment - never mind a "University".

First let us take library facilities in Bolton Street. The recommended no. of seats (HEA Recommendations) for the 2,000 equivalent full-time student population is 533 we have at present 100. The recommended staffing level for Bolton Street library is 15 there are at present 6.

What about the canteen? Over the last few years it has been chronically overcrowded and there have been constant complaints about food quality. Many of the canteen's problems stem from the fact that it must be self-financing while University restaurants are subsidised. The new canteen will be bigger, granted, but how much will the food cost and are we supposed to pay university fees for 2 years before we get half a university canteen facility?

Anybody who has visited any of the universities especially at night will appreciate how well equipped they are for social events with large common rooms, theatres, bars etc., Visit Bolton Street at night and what do you see? - packed lecture rooms and libraries, and everywhere else silence. What do we get for our fees? - the bare essentials if we're lucky certainly not a university standard social life.

So what about medical services (yeah so what!) well universities have doctors nurses, psychologists even on campus in case anyone has an accident with a pen or a book. But in Bolton Street woe betide anyone who gets in a tangle with a lathe or a milling machine. If they're lucky there might be a first-aid box around otherwise it's crawl bloodily to Jervis Street.

Now ask yourself this one: Who is my tutor. My what? I hear you say, don't think you're an exception it's just we don't go in for them much in Bolton Street, mainly because so many of the academic staff don't have offices where they could interview students; so what's the point. It's no good having a tutor if you can't find his/her office. Needless to say universities have comprehensive tutor systems so why, I ask again, should we pay university fees.

There is no reason why we should pay these proposed fee increases and submit to the heavyhanded tactics of Gemma and her cronies. We (and that means you too) have a chance to make the government back down on this. Support your local S.U. executive in its fight to stop the implementation of these increases.

## humour...??

The following is the sad tale of an architect whose alcohol cache was seized recently by the Students' Union.

"I had eighteen bottles of whiskey in my locker on the A-floor. Two big hunky members of the Students' Union Executive called to the studio the other day. I was ordered to empty each bottle down the sink, or else! I said I would an proceeded with the unpleasant task.

I withdrew the cork of the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the third bottle and poured the whiskey down the sink which I drank.

I pulled the cork from the fourth bottle down the sink and poured down the glass which I drank. I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank the sink out of the pour and rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the glass and poured the cork down the bottle. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

When I had everything emptied I steadied the College with one hand, counted the glasses, corks, bottles and sibs with the other, which was twenty-nine and as the College came by I counted them again and finally had all the architects in one bottle which I drank. I'm not under the influence of incohol as some thinkle peep I am. I'm not half as drunk as you might think. I fool so feellish I don't know who is me, and the drunker the stay here the longer I get."

The matter is being investigated by the college authorities.

R. Kelly D42/1 (Engineer).









EXCERPT FROM LEEDS STUDENT

LAST SATURDAY HYPNOTIST BARRY SINCLAIR  
GAVE AN AMAZING PERFORMANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

MIKE SMITH AND PETE BURDIN REPORT

A group of students caused consternation in Leeds post offices last Saturday morning when they attempted to obtain licences for their leprechauns. Believe it or not, they were being completely serious.

It was not pressure of work which led them to seemingly take leave of their senses. Nor was it alcohol. It was all because the night before they went to a show in the University's Smith Hall by Irish Hypnotist Barry Sinclair.

He made one person believe that he was walking around in his underpants. When he said 'Look, you've got no trousers on!', the student who was on stage with him, rushed for cover behind a seat. He did this on five separate occasions.

He made a girl believe she was the mother of a bearded man sitting next to her, who when hypnotised, believed that he was a baby. Mr. Sinclair asked her if it was not a bit strange that a baby should have a beard she said in a seriousness 'He is very well developed. When he was born he weighed 9 stones'.

He made another student believe she was a stripper. Every time the stripping music was played over the loudspeaker she got up from her seat and went through the motions of taking off her clothes.

Another of the hypnotised students, who had been made to dance whenever ballet music came over the loudspeakers said: "When I heard the music I just had to dance. It seemed the natural thing to do. It was like having an itch on the nose and having to scratch it."

Mr. Sinclair had a show in Kevin Street C.O.T. on 11th February as part of his Dublin Tour. According to people who went, the show was really good, and well worth the money. Those who didn't go were surprised to see people wandering through the corridors with leprechauns, believe it or not. See Mr. Sinclair's show on 28th February in the Kinema. The show starts at 12.30 and will run 'till 2. Admission is £2. Well worth the money.

# RAG WEEK

Rag Week this year will be from the 3rd to the 7th of March.

On Monday at lunchtime we will see the return of 'The Pleasure Cell' for your delectation, a band that should be supported if only for their anti-drug views and campaign. The film on Monday night is "Some like it Hot", courtesy of Billy Wilder, with Tony Curits and Jack Lemmon playing integral parts. Marilyn Monroe has a couple of important parts too.

Tuesday is sports day, with activities such as Tug O War, greasy pole climbing etc., Whitehall sports ground is the place to be. Ronan 'Spock' Delaney is the man with the details.

Parnell Square and I are having a party in the Ivy Rooms on Tuesday night with 4 bands playing, 2 from Bolton Street, one from Parnell Square and the '3 minute Heroes'. There'll be a disco downstairs as well, so a good time might be had by all. By the way, you're invited, (I suppose).

We'll have a visitor at lunchtime Wednesday; from the Abbey actually. Eamonn Kelly is the name; says he just wants a chat. Maybe he'll even judge our Tarzan Call competition, (if anyone enters).

Thursday looks very boring, doesn't it?

Hopefully we'll see Louis Stewart on Friday lunchtime, followed by a good film. Ask Jeff for details.

## GOOD NEWS:

The Rag Ball will not be a formal affair.

The £12 tickets will now only be £4.

the 4 course meal will now only be a one course.

The bar extension will still run 'til 2.

Rob Strong's still playing.

If you find yourself with a little free time during rag week, why not take part in an event or two. You never know who you might meet.

Conor Lawlor

Ents. Officer

## M E T S      T R I P

Through six inches of snow and ice the brave and virgin M.E.T.S. set out on their mission to conquer Galway. After numerous delays i.e. between females slipping in the snow while trying to haul their make-up bags and a blonde haired freak tackling a lamp post, we departed at 9.30 a.m.

Thermoking, Crown Control and Northern Telecom were subject to our intense investigation of their lack of canteen facilities.



We then arrived at a newly painted glamorous Galway Bay Hotel. We fought our way through the jungle porch (Barry) to be greeted by the receptionist/barmaid/bedmaker. After two certain M.E.T.S. demanded the honeymoon suite and all other bedchums were chosen, we took the ski-lift to the bedrooms, thus began an exhausting experience for our honeymoon couple (N & T). After a "small" beevy all retired to their own beds (well almost everyone did).

All were present for breakfast after which a quick skinny dip was the order of the day. Our ever diplomatic 1st year M.E.T. (Martin) quickly made peaceful moves towards the professional auctioneer (Patricia). Needless to say they were occupied with "piece" talks all weekend.

After many feeble attempts to use the small bit God blessed him with "John Smith" crawled to the feet of the "Black Widow" (in her red wellies). \* Girl-friend sharing was also in evidence on this night - say no more! say no more! As a result made beds were discovered to the horror of the cleaning woman the following morning.

Sunday brought our little nurse Catherine into great demand (as she was the night before Re \*) as she doled out the Panadol.

Many were heartbroken as the auctioneers left on Sunday. An investigation was mounted to identify the white, creamy substance found in John's, Sean's, Shea's and Danny's beds, also found in their shoes (Kinky?).

The bosses decided that certain 3rd years needed a lesson in housekeeping which ended up as a fire drill for the 3rd yrs S.A.S. style.

The cleaning woman displayed her Nazi tactics in removing all from their communal beds the following morning.

"John Smiths" crawling was in evidence again as he tried to seduce the "Black Widow" down the back of the bus, a resounding slap was heard and John Smith emerged with a well sunburnt left cheek. However no such slap was heard from the honeymoon couple only slight "titters". Just outside Kinnegad certain baggage allegedly went missing. The bosses launched their own commando mission to find this baggage but to their embarrassment the hoax worked. The trip ended with the ever chivalrous "John Smith" now acting as porter to the "Black Widow". The Brave and unvirgin M.E.T.S had returned.

This is the time of year  
That everyone wants to say  
"Will you be my Valentine  
On this Valentines Day,  
Will you let me be the one  
Who loves you most of all,  
That I accept my little card  
But if this little card  
Leads to anything more,  
Please let me be the one  
Who carried you through the door".  
Maybe you're thinking of something  
That maybe very sweet,  
Somewhere special that someday soon  
But just don't get your hopes too high  
And buy a house or car,  
I didn't mean in front of the Vicar  
I meant up against the BAR;  
So when I carry you through that door  
And drop you in your bunk  
I wasn't talking about the threshold  
I was talking about when you're DRUNK!

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## BOLTON TREASURERY

The approaching elections have given me a gentle reminder that my term as Treasurer is approaching an end. Before I am shown the back door I would like to raise a few topical issues concerning my office and responsibilities and leave some recommendations for the incoming 'Ronald Biggs'!

During my term several clubs/societies have approached me as to the so called 'rigidity' of our budget structure. A typical question was 'why can't we get our budgeted allowance and lodge it on our account'. The reasons are simple. Firstly the policy of the union is to ensure equity in the use of funds. Secondly we like to encourage planning and forethought, as to how and when the money is used. To this end cheque application forms should be submitted before the Tuesday that the money is required. All too often there is a last minute rush. These so called rigidities are designed not to make access to funds difficult but rather as a means of fair control. They also encourage responsibility on behalf of the particular club as some work has to be done before money is allocated - receipts/quotes have to be obtained from various vendors.

The former question raises the issue of club/society individual accounts. In my opinion accounts of this nature only lead to temptation and it is far too easy for them to be abused. The only use I can see for these accounts is as a means of lodging door takings from fund raising events or other such activities. I recommend that all such accounts be closed and that such money be lodged in a central club/society account for the specific use of those that lodged it. This measure would ensure the funds raised by the society be used for the society and not the privileged few who lodged it! If the society wants to hold an end of year knees up to spend funds it has raised through the year then they are quite entitled to do so. However all members would have the option of attending.

Numerous complaints have resounded during the year as to the amount of money available to clubs/societies. At present the figure is under £20,000. This executive proposes to raise this amount to about £25,000 by increasing the full-time capitation to £30 and that of part-timers to £7.

As Treasurer I have been relatively flexible as to what money was used for what, as long as the total spent remained within the budget. I strongly recommend that clubs/societies structure their activities as early as possible in the first term. When money is allocated it is done on a per capita basis, taking into account capital investment, for equipment and distance and duration of trips. It is irrational and unreasonable to expect all the money allocated for a three day trip to be available for a day trip, just because it is in a particular budget. However it must also be noted that budgeted items are flexible within reason. A three day trip to destination X could very easily be changed to destination Y for example.

Finally, I am strongly recommending that a ceiling price of £3 be set as the admission fee for any club/society event. £3 is a fair charge to ask 'students', however, extenuating circumstances or type of event (e.g. dinner dance) might dictate a higher charge so the recommendation is of course flexible. I further recommend that should any club/society ignore this ceiling then the Students Union waive its policy of making good any deficit that might be incurred, leaving those responsible to 'pick up the tab'.



jobs at all?

CAREERS...

As a final year student this year I only have about four months more in this college before finishing my final exams.

I think any final year student feel grateful to his/her Alma Mater for the years of education, the patience from lecturers, the experience, the social life, and hopefully for the qualification at the end of it all.

Now that I will soon be finished here it's time that I looked for a job. But what are my chances of getting a job? Do I need to specialise if I want to get a job in Ireland? Should I go abroad? If so, where?

Everyone knows the questions that need to be asked, but who can supply the answers? Every secondary school with more than 600 pupils has a careers teacher. Why is it that Bolton Street, with it's 1,300 full-time students has only a minimal facility aimed towards job placement.

In June 1985 a sub-committee of the C.D.V.E.C. brought out a report on student services. It recommended the appointment of a Careers and Placement Officer. Regarding the appointment it says:

- (a) This is an essential appointment which should not interfere but rather should compliment the existing arrangements within the various colleges.
- (b) He/She should be an employee of the V.E.C. and working closely with the Student Services Council.

From one point of view it is futile spending so much time working for a qualification if, at the end of it all we don't get the optimum return from our efforts. There should have been a Careers Officer in this College years ago, and now more than ever there is a real need for one, with the employment situation as bad as it is.

Any marketing student will tell you that you can produce a very good product, but it won't sell if its not wrapped up properly. It's up to the college authorities to start wrapping.

Conor Lawlor

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Workers Party Youth has undertaken to raise funds for the Africa National Congress in a solidarity campaign organised initially in the Dublin Colleges and extending to colleges around the Republic and Northern Ireland. As part of the campaign Workers Party Youth are collecting names for a petition calling on the National University of Ireland to confer an honorary degree on Nelson Mandela and a petition calling on the Government to recognise the ANC and open diplomatic relations with the congress.

The Workers Party and it's youth have over the years being consist nt in the Anti-imperialist struggle supporting genuine liberation movements such as FDR/FMLN of El Salvador and Al Fatah and also progressive Governments in Nicaragua, Cuba and Vietnam. The ANC is such a movement. It's aim is to create a united democratic South Africa, a society where all men and women have equal rights regardless of their race or colour. These liberation movements must not be confused with various Fascist and ultra-left organisations such as the Contras in Nicaragua, UNITA in Angola or the Red Brigades in Italy. Nor should organisations like the ANC be linked with groups that promote the mirror image of Racism;- Sectarianism, such as Sinn Fein, Provisional IRA, INLA, UVF, etc in this country. The African National Congress involve people of all races and creeds in their struggle and do not promote terrorism.

Finance is urgently needed by the ANC. The struggle for liberation has taken it's toll espeically among the young people of South Africa. Many of them are in exile in Tanzania where schools have been established. Many numbers of refugees require milk powder and medical supplies. Money raised by Workers Party Youth will be given to the ANC and will be used for projects such as these. The struggle of the ANC must be maintained and can only be achieved with international solidarity. I ask you to send your donations to: ANC Solidarity Campaign, Workers Party Youth, 30 Gardiner Place, Dublin 1. All donations will be acknowledged by receipt.

At a meeting on Thursday 13th January in Bolton Street, Ken Mc Cue, the Workers Party Youth organiser called upon the students in the college to declare their college an anti-Apartheid zone and so actively support the Workers Party Youth Campaign by helping to raise funds through staging of events for the ANC. Also given the proximity of the college to ther Dublin Fruit Markets, to carry out an information demonstration in the markets stressing that "Apartheid is too high a price to pay for South African produce". Students in the college should come forward and help with the petition calling on the Government to recognise the ANC. They can start by taking names in their own classrooms.

Ken Mc Cue, National Youth Organiser, Workers Party Youth.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!!

No-body would deny the right of women to equality in the work-  
place, access to education and training, adequate childcare  
facilities, fertility control as well as other rights in our  
society. Yet, perhaps unintentionally the presence of women  
is excluded at the most fundamental level, that of communic-  
ation.

When men begin to take on jobs that have traditionally been  
done by women and which have feminine titles those titles  
are automatically changed. There is no calling a man  
"Matron"; he is a "Senior Nursing Officer". Likewise male  
"Ward sisters" have become "Charge nurses". But when women  
want to change "Chairman" to "Chairperson" arguments tend  
to get heated.

Opposition to developing non-sexist language has been cent-  
ered around the argument that it would be cumbersome. However  
language is in a constant state of change to reflect the soc-  
ial environment it represents. It is thus appropriate to  
change our language to reflect our images.

For example to avoid the use of "he", "his" and "him" can  
be easy with a bit of thought:

1. "One of the most important duties of a class-rep is to  
isolate the problems of his class" could be changed to:
1. "One of the most important duties of class-reps is to  
isolate problems of their classes.
2. "The role of the Union President is to organise to defend  
the rights and interests of his students. He must organ-  
ise an active militant campaign to this end" could be  
changed to:
2. "The role of the Union President is to organise to defend  
the rights and interests of the students and so ro organ-  
ise an active militant campaign to this end".

It is difficult to protest against sexist language in the  
intimidating atmosphere of a classroom. However, all of us  
working together can begin to tackle the problem:

contd./

INSTEAD OF:

Business Man  
Newsman  
Foreman  
Salesman/Girl  
Chairman  
Manpower  
Manning

TRY:

Business Manager/Executive  
Journalist/Reporter  
Supervisor  
Sales Assistant  
Chairperson  
Workforce/Workers  
Staffing/Job Levels

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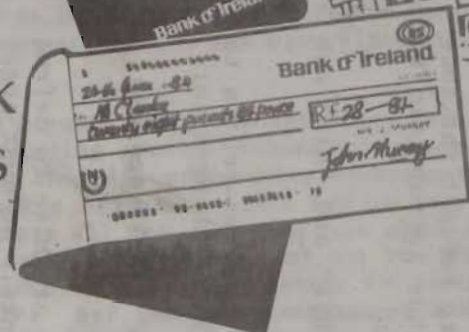
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