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THE STUDENT/APPRENTICE

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Constitution of Bolton St. Students' Union ('74)

PART ONE - General

The name of the Association shall be The Students' Union, C Bolton St., [Dublin?], to as the "Union".

Membership of the Union shall be open to all students enrolled in the college of such fee as the Union shall decide.

The aims and objectives of the Union shall be:

- (i) To represent members in their educational interests and to further their education.

This is the purpose of Bolton St. Students' Union.

shall be posted on boards within two weeks and shall be available for copying by a member.

shall be according to the rules in Schedule 1.

Constitution '82

- I. NAME: The association shall be called: "The Students' Union, Bolton Street, Dublin 1."
- II. MEMBERSHIP: Membership of the Union comprises all students enrolled in the college, including elected representatives.
- III. DEFINITION: The Union is an association of students who shall advance their interests and their rights and welfare.
- IV. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: The Union shall advance the interests of students in the college in all matters relating to education and their economic, political, social and cultural interests.
- V. ORGANISATIONAL PRINCIPLES: The Union shall uphold the following principles:
 1. The Union allows no interference in its activities by any body or department of the State.
 2. The Union shall rely on its membership as its sole source of strength and pay meticulous attention to ensuring the constant involvement of the entire membership in its decisions and activities.
 3. The Union shall represent all students in the college. There shall be no discrimination on the grounds of type of course, sex, race, religion, or any other grounds. The Union shall strive to promote their common interests.

VOTE YES

THE STUDENT APPRENTICE



KISSING IN PUBLIC

As we enter another new year, I feel I really must pen to paper about the scandalous decline in the moral standards of the people of Ireland.

Where is all the Christianity that was so abundant when the Holy Father set foot on Irish soil not so many years ago? Where are the saints and scholars we are supposed to be so proud of? I walked from my home to the city centre not so long ago, and as I reached town, not only was I appalled at the amount of perverts that were kissing each other in public, but I could not bring myself to look at the half-naked sinners that adorned the front pages of the rags that nowadays pass as Sunday papers.

God be with the days when you knew that it was safe to send your son to school without thinking he would spend his time talking to his friends in the yard about homosexuals, contraception, and communists.

People of Ireland repent today, and let's make 1982 a year that will be remembered for the right reasons—let us learn to love and serve God as we did in the good old days.

ANGELA LAYNE (Mrs.),
Swords Road, Swords.

Chances worsen for students

The number of secondary school pupils has increased over the past 15 years, but the number of places for them in third-level institutions has dropped relatively, the education officer of the Union of students in Ireland, Mr Joe Duffy, has said.

Mr Duffy told a seminar at the Regional Technical College in Galway on Saturday that the transfer ratio from second-level to third-level education had dropped in those years from 14.04% to 12.7%.

There had been an increase in the number of Leaving Certificate students of 161.3% but the number of third-level places had increased only by 74.11%.

The effect was that a young person had less chance of getting into higher education than his or her counterpart 15 years ago. One of the main reasons was the Government's failure to provide an adequate number of places in the RTCs as projected in 1967. Mr Duffy said he believed that it was becoming more difficult to get into RTC than into a university.

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Lost & Found

Following the Mech. Eng. Technicians' Christmas Party held at "Sabrina's Nite Club", Mary Street (17th Dec.) the following lost property has been collected!

- 1 Glove
- 2 Scarves
- 2 Jumpers
- 1 Leather Wristband

Ring Sabrina's Nite Club 744546 if any of these belong to you.

Editorial

Vote Yes

Voting will take place within the month in a referendum on the proposed new constitution (drawn up last year). The Executive is calling on all students and apprentices to vote "YES". So why a new constitution?

A constitution should lay down explicit guiding principles for a union and not simply be a sterile "book of rules", as the present constitution tends to be. This is why the preamble, sections I to VI, is so detailed and comprehensive. The Union is defined as "an autonomous democratic body, maintained by the students to defend their rights and further their interests" whose aims and objectives are to "fight for and advance the interests of students in the College on all matters concerning their education, and their economic, political, social and cultural welfare". Membership has been defined unambiguously to include all apprentices whereas the present constitution is not clear on this.

While the structural changes envisaged (reorganised Executive, a more democratic Assembly, etc.) are important (and welcome) the "spirit" of the document is contained in the opening sections. If passed it will prove of invaluable assistance to students in order to strengthen and maintain their organisation and guard it against misguided or unprincipled leadership. It will be possible for individual students to appeal directly to the constitution to, say, stop the Union's autonomy being signed away, or to resist an unjust exam. system.

So vote for a stronger Union! Vote "YES"!

Student Services Quagmire

At the start of this year the V.E.C. set up Student Services - a Central Council, four sub-committees and three staff paid for by the Department of Education (after this Union had insisted). The prospect of proper welfare services etc. for the hard-pressed students of the Dublin Institute of Technology was soon scuttled by the "new posts" freeze of the new Coalition Government. Now the committees have nobody to carry out their recommendations. Back to square one? Worse! The five V.E.C. Students' Unions are now up to their necks in a beurocratic quagmire almost as bad as the V.E.C. itself! Therefore we are recommending that the sub-committees be suspended until staff are appointed. It's about time we had something real and not just paper committees.

Who's Union?

The Students' Union has very little appeal to the average student. Why? It would be because the students have no interest or because the Students' Union does not reflect the views of the majority of the students. I think it is the latter and here are some of the reasons as I see them.

(i) The Students' Union representatives should have no political inclinations (unfortunately at the moment the Union is associated with left wing views and this scares off active members and alienates public opinion.)

(ii) The Union should drop the march as used in its present form. People and students are sick of marches and this is not an effective means of gaining public support.

(iii) The Union should realize that it is not a trade union and therefore cannot ascertain its aims by demanding marching or striking. With striking and marching we gain practically nothing and lose valuable time as we still have to sit our exams at the same time each year. The word "demand" gets up everybody's back, we should ask for fair play and then state our case and hopefully win public sympathy and then their support. Also, all third level students are of voting age. Over 50% of the population is under twenty-five years of age; governments and political parties are well aware of this fact. If the Union wants to gain something for the students it should organize a lobbying of local T.D.s. A rough draft of a letter should be handed out in the morning when the students come in, asking them and their families to write to their local T.D.s. The T.D.'s address should be displayed on the notice boards around the College.

(iv) The Students Union should confine itself to matters concerning second and third level students only. Too much complaining about too many things makes people feel we are just a nuisance.

The students at the moment feel that the Students Union does not represent their views or protest in a way that the students agree with. The points I have made above are grievances that are frequently raised about the Union. I appreciate that the Union does a lot of work for the students behind the scenes in the day to day running of the College, but I think that the criticisms I have made if acted upon will help the Union to do their job more effectively by more truly representing the views of the students.

Gerry Keane

Reply:

While appreciating the efforts of this letter to analyse the problems facing the Students' Union in this College, it would be incorrect to assume that these stem from the Union's "lack of appeal" for the "average student" (does such an animal exist?). This unsubstantiated assumption reveals a lack of understanding of what a Students' Union is i.e. an organization of all students united to defend and advance their academic, social and political interests.

While this idea has not, until recently, been clearly articulated at either local or national level, it has always existed in some form or another. When students are under attack (from an unjust exam system, for example) they will turn to the Students' Union as their only means of defense. If we lived in a perfect world there wouldn't be a Students' Union!

Unfortunately in the past the dynamicism generated by such struggles has died off when the particular problem has been solved and the students, through their Union, have ended up back at square one. This is the problem to which we have to address ourselves and no amount of superficial "appeal" for the Union will solve it. This is where both myself and the Executive are perhaps open to criticism - for failing to win support for this idea among the students and making them aware of the connection between our immediate problems (overcrowding, cut-backs in supplies etc.) and the wider problems of education in this country (mainly due to lack of finance). I am confident however, that we can overcome this problem and here I agree with the letter that it is not an issue of "lack of interest" or apathy among students.

The second major point raised in the letter is on representation. It ignores the fact, however that the leadership of the Union must not only represent but also lead. You cannot concentrate

Letters (Cont.)

on one to the exclusion of the other. Should the leadership of the Union adopt a passive role and only do what the membership tells it? Should it avoid taking up what it considers to be principled stands for fear of alienating some sections of students? Clearly the answer is no. At the other extreme it would be wrong for the leadership to presume to be the source of all wisdom concerning the interests of students. Democracy is not only about the arithmetic of majorities but also about the correctness and effectiveness of decisions in sorting out the issue in question.

It is impossible to expect people to have no political inclinations. No such person exists. Further it would be undemocratic and against the principles of the Union to deny people the right to express their political viewpoint - even if that person happens to be the President of the Union. At the end of the day, however, the President, or any other member of the Executive must abide by the decision of the student body, and at no time in my two and a half years on the Executive of this Union has such a mandate ever been violated.

The notion, if it is true, of students being "scared off" by views which the writer considers "left-wing" raises the serious question of whether such opposition is based on emotive prejudice. - "If it's red it's wrong!" Surely decisions should be taken on the basis

of the arguments on the issue concerned on principle of what is right or wrong, and not on the political allegiance (if any) of the proposer. Otherwise we will continue to be easy prey to the slanders of the media and the state, which depict even the most reasonable of the students demands as selfish and elitist.

The rest of the letter deals with the tactics that the Students Union should adopt and makes some valid points. But there are no magic formulas, therefore, it would be wrong to dogmatically drop one particular tactic (the march) in favour of another (lobbying T.D.s). Each has its own validity and our tactics determined by our willingness and ability, to carry them out, based on the strategy of seriously opposing the Government's cut-backs in education. Your idea of lobbying T.D.s is sound, as far as it goes, and is not new to Students' Unions. It should be pointed out, however, that the Unions' files are full of replies from various public figures "I've contacted the Minister about the matter you raised and am awaiting a reply ... and then nothing! Perhaps we could inject some more urgency into their efforts by lobbying in conjunction with our proposed ballot box campaign" (details elsewhere). Another of our tactics, which has been a limited success, is the holding of public meetings for parents in order to gain the sympathy and support, which the letter rightly states is important. All

of these tactics were discussed and agreed upon (at least in principle) by various Union meetings last term so it is untrue to say that they have no support among students.

Unfortunately, lobbying and asking for "fair play" will not get us our demands. If that was the case we would have got them years ago. Neither does talk of justice and fair-play help the poor and underprivileged of our society (700,000 people according to the Vincent de Paul Society). That is because we are living in a society based on exploitation. We cannot shut our eyes to these facts of life (although we may disagree with the causes).

Finally, I would welcome any further contribution to this very important debate, contributions, not just for the sake of debate, but as serious attempts to find ways of building a democratic and therefore effective Students' Union a defense organization for all students.

Tommy Graham
President
S.U.

TEXT BOOKS

Next year in the Students Shop we intend to stock a wide range of text books, new and secondhand.

The Shop Manager would greatly appreciate help on this matter from the teachers, as to the books needed and the quantity.

John Garvin
(Shop Manager)

N.C.E.A. Fees

The following is the text of a letter received from the NCEA after the recent meeting with USI:

Re: Payment of NCEA Examination Entry Fees for the Academic Year 1981/1982

Because of the representations made to the NCEA indicating that a number of students were not aware of the effective date of increases in the above fees (communicated to the designated institutions by circular letter dated 23rd April 1981), decided as follows:-

(a) That the deadline for receipt of NCEA examination entry forms and fees in the institutions be postponed to 22nd January, 1982, after which no entries will be accepted.

(b) In view of the special arrangements set out in (a) the late fee surcharge of 50% of normal fee will not arise.

(c) That in those cases as final degree/ab initio diploma entry where fees have not been collected on a yearly basis, the award fee be taken up in two equal moieties, the first to accompany the examination entry form, the second to reach NCEA by 1st March, 1981.

Fund Raising Apprentices

Linenhall Apprentices, with the help of the College Young Christian Workers Group and friends, raised £1,296 for Dublin Simon Community at Christmas. Congrats to all concerned!

Dear Editor,

I am using the medium of your paper to bring to the notice of all NCEA students that they are in my opinion paying excessive exam fees.

A practical example would illustrate the point perfectly.

Let's compare the Mechanical Engineering Certificate course between Galway R.T.C. and College of Technology, Bolton Street. Galway R.T.C. exam fees £22 Bolton St. Exam fees £30

As can be seen there is a difference of £8, why is this so?

It is my opinion that the matter should be looked into. However, it is only valid in doing so by your response to this letter. If you think some sort of investigation should take place please contact the Students Union.

Sean Gleeson
D46M/3



"Dad says I'll have to work hard if I want to get a soft job."

Student's Union Council

Attention Class, Club and Society Reps!

A Students' Union Council (S.U.C.) will take place this Wednesday (Jan 27th) afternoon (2.30 pm) in the Kinema (C28 Main Building). Because of the extensive Agenda the meeting is expected to last for the afternoon. The College authorities have been informed about the meeting for some months so any class, club or society reps. will not be marked absent from class. So inform your lecturers. This also applies to all (both block and day release) apprentice classes.

Officers Report & Finance. The meeting will kick off with a brief report from the officers on the recent work of the Union in the area of Welfare (family planning, summer work etc.) external relations (U.S.I. the other V.E.C. colleges, Student Services Office etc.) and finances (presentation of audited accounts). Club and Society reps. are reminded that a review of their budgets is on the Agenda. We will also be looking for ideas and suggestions for next months Week of Events.

Motions for U.S.I. Congress U.S.I.'s 24th Annual Congress takes place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of April in the Ulster Polytechnic near Belfast. Congress is the supreme policy making body of U.S.I. which is decided by voting on motions submitted by the member colleges and the full-time U.S.I. officers. While motions will be accepted from individuals or groups in the College, the Executive

RUGBY NEWS

SECTION 1

College of Technology,
Bolton Street.

N.I.H.E. Limerick

R.T.C. Letterkenny

N.I.H.E. Dublin

College of Catering,
Cathal Brugha St.

SECTION 2

College of Commerce,
Rathmines.

College of Marketing &
Design, Parnell Square.

R.T.C. Athlone

R.T.C. Galway

Winners and runners up of each section go into semiFinals

Bolton St. Matches:

AWAY to R.T.C. LETTERKENNY

HOME to N.I.H.E. DUBLIN

AWAY to COLLEGE OF CATERING, CATHAL BRUGHA ST.

HOME to N.I.H.E. LIMERICK

NOTE Meeting - C22 - 1.15 pm - Thursday 28th January.

FORWARDS NEEDED

SWIMMING CLUB

On the 12th December the Bolton St. Swimming Club entered a gala held in Queen's University, Belfast. It was an Intervarsities Freshers Meet. Being the first year that Bolton Street has had a swimming team all our members were eligible to swim.

The team did very well in Belfast. Our male swimmers were superheaded by Kieran Hannon and Ciaran Connel. Both swimmers picked up gold medals. Kieran Hannon won the 100m individual medley and Ciaran Connel won the 100m backstroke.

The ladies swimming team put up a creditable performance. Carole Pollard was only narrowly beaten in the 100m breaststroke Final while Una Ni Mhearain came third in 100 backstroke. Unfortunately we did not have enough women for the water polo team.

The men's water polo team which lacked match practise

were knocked out of the tournament in a very close final by the College of Surgeons. The opposition won 3-2. Our goals were scored by Paul Healy and Ken Martin.

The swimming team which is still at its formation stage is entering a gala in Dublin on 5th/6th February. New members are always welcome; particularly women as a full squad is needed. Training is on Monday nights 8pm - 9pm and on Saturday mornings 9am - 11am in Kevin St. pool. You don't have to train, just come along and swim for fun.

S.U.C. (contd.)

feels that the U.S.I. Officers' motions, which are very detailed and extensive, should form the basis of discussion and then be accepted, rejected or amended as we decide. Copies of the motions are available in the Students' Union office and will be circulated to all class reps.

Oppose the Cuts!

U.S.I. has produced a very concise document outlining our immediate and long-term demands for education, which will be presented to the meeting.

With all the uncertainty about the financing of third-level education and talk of "loan schemes" it is vital that we have a clear grasp of our case.

We hope shortly to have someone in from U.S.I. to address a General Meeting on the subject.

Constitution Referendum

The referendum on the draft constitution drawn up last year will take place within a month (exact date to be decided by S.U.C.). Several hundred copies of the document were given out at the start of the year but more are available in the Students' Union Office. The Executive is recommending a "Yes" vote (see editorial).

SEE YOU THERE!

S.U.C.

Wed Jan 27th

Kinema 2.30

International Year for Mobilisation for Sanctions against South Africa

70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS. 1982 marks the 70th anniversary of the The African National Congress of South Africa. Since 1912 the ANC has been fighting the oppressive apartheid system. It is ridiculous that this situation has been tolerated for so long and we have all been guilty of turning a blind eye. Indeed many Irish people have supported the system in many different ways. However, it is about time for this crime to stop.

To celebrate this anniversary (if celebrate is the right word) 1982 has been declared the International year for sanctions against South Africa. An internationally co-ordinated campaign can, hopefully, effectively isolate South Africa by taking away the systems one great support, its wealth. This does not just mean that we all stop buying OUTSPAN oranges and CAPE apples and bananas, a total boycott is necessary. This means boycotting South African goods, withdrawing investments and ending bank loans to South Africa, stopping emigration to South Africa and breaking all sporting, cultural and academic links with South Africa.

BOYCOTT SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS
Despite pressure from the Government and other organisations, including the Irish Anti Apartheid movement, many Irish companies continue to trade with South Africa. This collaboration is one of the major reasons that the apartheid system can continue and as such should not be tolerated. It is very important that you ensure that no South African products are in your shopping bag.

The best known and most common South African products are fruits which are usually relatively

cheap because of the slave wages that black labourers are paid to pick them.

FRESH FRUIT

Mainly OUTSPAN ORANGES and CAPE APPLES but also includes grapes, pears, melons, pineapples, peaches, avocado pears, plums, apricots and lemons. Brand names are OUTSPAN, CAPE, GOLDEN JUBILEE, PRESIDENT, ODDO and TAMANGO.

TINNED FRUIT AND FRUIT JUICES

Always check label and refuse to buy if the origin is given as "South Africa" or "Foreign Produce". The following brand names should be checked before buying: BRITVIC, DEVON, DEL-MONTE, LAYCO, LIBBY, LUSTRE, PICNIC, ST.-BERNARD, SHARWOOD, SUNGOLD, SUNNY SOUTH, TESCO, VALPAK, JOHN WEST.

WINES AND SHERRIES

Check label for country of origin.

CLOTHING AND SHOES

Shirts, blouses, jeans, mens jackets, trousers and shoes are all being imported and sold at rock bottom prices.

OTHER GOODS

A wide variety of goods including nuts, dried fruit, Beacon sweets, wood mosaic floor tiles, coal, African granite for headstones, karakul fur, knitting wool are being

imported from South Africa.

WITHDRAW INVESTMENTS AND END ALL BANK LOANS

Banks, pension funds and many other financial concerns have lent money or made investments in South Africa basically because of good returns available.

BARCLAYS BANK is the biggest bank in South Africa and has lent millions to the apartheid economy. It should be boycotted.

EMIGRATION TO SOUTH AFRICA

This is one of the most important areas for action as the apartheid system needs a trained white workforce to survive. Many Irish people, including graduates from this and other Colleges around the country, have emigrated to South Africa, lured by high wages and higher standards of living. However these high wages and standards of living are at the expense of the majority of the South African people. With black unemployment at an enormously high rate in South Africa you are directly increasing it further by emigrating. It is important that you ensure that none of your class consider working in Southern Africa.

SPORTING, CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC LINKS

The sporting boycott has been quite successful, last year's proposed rugby tour is a good example. However, all forms of exchange with South Africa, cultural, professional or academic should be stopped.

Summer Work

Thinking of working abroad for the summer? If so the Students' Union may be able to help you.

U.S.A.

If you want to work in the United States for the summer months you must have a visa. If you are a full-time student you can apply for a J-1 Visa (application form from Students' Union office).

To qualify for a J-1 Visa you must be:-

- 1) At least 18 years old on the 1st of June, 1982.
- 2) Hold a valid International Student Identity Card (available from Students' Union office).

Closing date for application forms is FEBRUARY 12th!

Germany

As on previous years Germany is the only European country that has a scheme to help foreign students to find summer employment in their country. If you want to avail of this opportunity you must :-

- 1) Fill out the application form (available from Students Union office). The application form must be answered in German, so if you can't speak German, find a friend who does!
- 2) Complete two forms in block capitals and attach a photo to each.
- 3) Be a full-time student with a valid international student identity card which must be produced when taking up employment for tax purposes.
- 4) Send the forms back to :-

'National Manpower Service',
Department of Labour,
Mespil Road,
Dublin 4.

BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY

Marxist Leninist Society

Bolton St. Marxist/Leninist Society holds meetings every Tuesday, lunchtime in room C23 (main building) on a wide variety of topics in order to present an integrated view of the world based on scientific socialism espoused by Marx, Engels and Lenin, and to show the necessity for genuine socialist revolution. All students, apprentices teachers and College staff are invited to attend the meetings which are organised by supporters and sympathisers of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist/Lenist)

SSE/SETS Trip to Geneva

During the week Friday 11th -18th December '81 a group of 23 students and 2 Lecturers enjoyed a very successful industrial trip to Geneva.

Most people spent the Saturday sightseeing around the city, and joining in on the annual Genovois festival, while on Saturday afternoon we were able to visit Chamonix in the French Alps. The Cable car ride up to the Peak was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the tour.

During the week factory visits were made to Swiss companies such as Kern, makers of surveying equipment, Charmilles who specialise in spark erosion machining and Brown Boveri Corporation (B.B.C.) manufacturers of turbines, generators, and turbines. Thanks to the courtesy of the Students Union in the Polytechnic of Lausanne we were able to visit the Department of Engineering on the Thursday afternoon, while on Tuesday we visited the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, Palais de Nations.

A very tired but happy group arrived back in Dublin Airport in the early hours of Saturday morning. Special thanks must go to Mr. Noel Gillespie and Mr. Pat Carroll, Liam Donohoe, Ciaran Barry (100%) and to anybody else who helped organise the trip. Heres to next year.

So - We have Problems

Film Society

Ask what should be done about the mess Ireland (and the world) is in - and the reply you get is GOD KNOWS!

RIGHT - He does know what needs to be done..

He says (in the Bible) that man is powerless to defeat the power of selfishness which rules our lives.

We are -

cut off from GOD by a barrier of selfishness.

cut off from the only power which can overcome sin.

GOD TELLS US WHAT NEEDS

TO BE DONE

ADMIT that we must be changed because our lives are not pleasing to ourselves let alone to GOD whose standard is perfection.

BELIEVE that JESUS died on the cross paying in full the penalty for sin - and that because HE died we can be forgiven.

ASK God to forgive us for our sin.

COMMIT our lives to HIM who, by HIS living presence will make us into new people.

TURN away from our struggling D-I-Y efforts to be better, and trust in JESUS CHRIST who loves us more than we could ever imagine.

MAKE CONTACT WITH GOD'S

POWER!

The Christian Society meets every Monday at 1.00 p.m. A.51

Like the Government the Film Soc. has its own balance of payments deficit. The bills for film rental, transport and affiliation fees have arrived but we are about £350 short. This deficit is due to people not paying their full subscription after their initial deposit. So would our "provisional" members please complete their subscription in the S.U. office immediately. If you wish to see the film on February 2nd (see below) you must have paid your subscription in full and have your membership card.

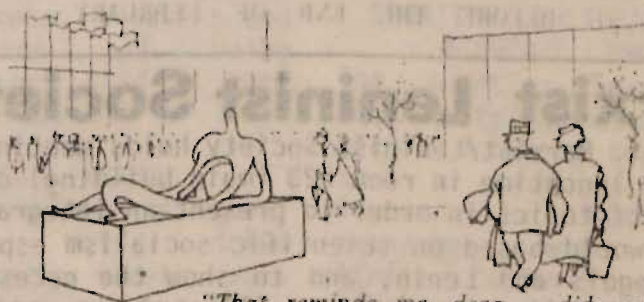
Before "FAME" last week we asked members opinions on clearing the deficit. The only real way of getting the money is to increase membership by reducing the cost to £6 for the rest of the Season, payable at the S.U. office. This gives people full membership and is to be paid in one lump sum. P.S. Those who paid a deposit on £9 must still pay the full rate.

STALKER (U.S.S.R. 1979) 161 mins.

One of the heaviest films in this year's Season, STALKER is a science fiction epic set in a post industrial country in the middle of which is the Zone, the forbidden area with the secret room in which one's greatest desire comes true. The man who takes people into the Zone is Stalker. He takes a Writer and a Scientist into the Zone where the trap and tricks of the place strain the relations between the three men. Stalker, the Writer and the Scientist could be seen as representing faith, art and science respectively but the characters are fully rounded and human with unpredictable responses. A fascinating and taxing film with an unexpected end.

by Monty Python Tues. 2nd Feb. The distributor won't let us write down the name of this film so ask anyone in the Film Soc. or the S.U. office if you can't guess. The action is set in Palestine AD33. Please remember to bring your card. Membership and cards will be available up to 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd February. PPS "Dressed to Kill" will definitely be shown later in the year

MOVIE MUGLS



"That reminds me, dear - did you remember the sandwiches?"

Shyness...

I've pondered the same question with several Lecturers, some friends and one or two silly fools during the last couple of days. Basically I've been enquiring as to the nature of "shyness", its causes and how one may minimise the difficulties it gives rise to. Momentarily recall someone you know who is generally regarded as being shy. Do you know why? Is it because that person is basically quiet, introvert as opposed to extrovert, has an embarrassing social ill, feels inferior, physically, intellectually, emotionally or somehow finds some situations too alien in which to relax.

"Shyness" is the name we shall give to the band which covers a certain group of reactions, but the action or conditions which are their causes seem legion and range vastly to create this 'spectrum' group.

Shyness, is perhaps a mechanism but its occurrence is possible and probable in any one of us and those who deny it are damn liars!

I have no wish to be didactic so I shall proceed to clarify the interpretation that underwrote the discussion.

If someone you are very fond of, takes your hand, looks into your eyes or makes any such non verbal but intrinsically honest communication your psyche arouses personal psychological understandings. A struggle to cope with simplicity, the basis of the gesture can occur (and is prevalent according to sociologists in modern west world society). A fear of analysis, the awakening of selfconsciousness which is left safely and "easily"dormant may also occur. The games that you were playing (and all people do)will lose their importance, and something deeper has occurred without your prepared cognition. A gesture

communicates straight to the heart, there is no shade, the west worlds gestures are as primitive and effective as those of all the earth and just as old. The reaction to such is too hard to corrupt (except for those who practise) and whatever occurs, is definitely a reflection of that which is hidden deep in the mind. "Shyness" is a mirror and its manifestation lets us look in (without physically seeing) and gain a better understanding of the shy person's nature.

A girl walks into a classroom full of boys, she is eighteen and has a background of good academic qualification, neat attire and sensible conduct, (cliche, cliche) etc. Within a week, everybody (all the blokes) know she's shy and thus many forsake her in disinterest (the creeps) or because they think she wants to be quiet, lost and lonely, out of choice (the lackeys) Why is she shy? Is it because she is not interested in boys and simply wishes to pursue the role of an academic. I feel it is very unlikely. At 18 Sally loves children has a keen and natural sexual and social awareness a total disinterest in the male species would only have been derived from many previous experiences which

she has not crammed into her short and sheltered 18 years.

Sally has not enough experience of the ways of men and thus feeling confused, she becomes diminutive, observant and retreats into her mind. In her observance, the inner outweighs the outer, a catalyst to become L'Etranger' and communication is effectively minimised.

It's not that Sally can't relate to the blokes around her, it is just that she has been conditioned socially to expect to have "a terrible time with all those men". They're too different, Sally can't talk to them about all the things she's spent the last 18 years boring her girlfriends to death with. So the poor girl who should be having a magic time with that undefinable feminine mystique (a charm that is her eyes, chin, voice, shape, ideas, laugh or the softness of her ways ends up, acting and reacting shyly and living with extra stress until she begins to see the wood from the trees. She washes her hair on Sunday night,her parents pull theirs out, where have they gone wrong.

Next time

The only plant worth a kiss goodnight, is the one in a box under your bed.

I caught a falling star
- The Real Crux.



For one who let's the sea-mu's fly,
across to fate where death is nigh,
because he thinks the prophecies right
and wait for his reward, which to him is
everlasting life,
then I tell you dear woman of the Seven Moons,
Nurture his feelings and bandage his wounds.

F.X. - Calibur

Ents!

RESIDANCE

RESIDANCE have been dubbed as one of the best up and coming rock bands in Dublin. They often sound uncannily like the latter-day Clash, yet can also whip up the R'n'R fervour of the best of the Stones, sometimes mixing both in a cocktail that has enough originality in it to suggest that we're about to see the emergence of yet another local musical force to be reckoned with.

The band has just finished a demo that surprises by virtue of its strength and depth, both of which are there in plenty in the songs, playing and production.

They will be playing in the KINEMA on WED. 29th JAN. Adm. 30p.

BARRY MOORE

Little need be said about Barry Moore since he is a well known figure on the Dublin Gig Circuit, however, Barry has been writing and recording for 6 years now. As well as the 2 albums under his belt he has toured extensively here and on the continent. The songs are all new and original. The influences range from Modern Folk, through to Blues, Soft Rock and New Wave.

Barry is playing in the KINEMA at lunchtime Wed. 3rd February Adm.30p

What's On

Mon. 25th Jan.
Christian Society
'Is there a life after death?'
A.51 1.00 pm

Mon. 1st. Feb.
Christian Society
'Are you ready for Christ's Return?'
A51 1.00 pm

Tues. 20th Jan.
Anti Apartheid Society Meeting
C24 1.15 pm

Tues. 2nd Feb.
Film Society
Monty Python's
Kinema 6.30 pm

Wed. 3rd Feb.
Lunchtime Gig
Barry Moore
and
Manus Lunny
Kinema 1.00 pm
Adm. 30p.

Wed. 27th Jan.
Lunchtime Gig
'Residance'
Kinema 1.00 pm
Adm. 30p

Thurs. 4th Feb.
Chess Club
C23 1.00 pm

Students' Union Council Meeting
Kinema 2.30 pm

Fri. 5th Feb.
Climbing Club Meeting
C23 1.30 pm
'Twig' Meeting
C22 1.10 pm

Thurs. 28th Jan.
Chess Club Meeting
C23 1.00 pm

Fri. 29th Jan.
Climbing Club
C23 1.30 pm
'Twig' Fellowship and Biblical Research and Teaching Service
C22 1.10 pm



'Waiting For Grant'

Sat. 30th Jan.
U.S.I. National Council Meeting
Trinity College
11.00 a.m.