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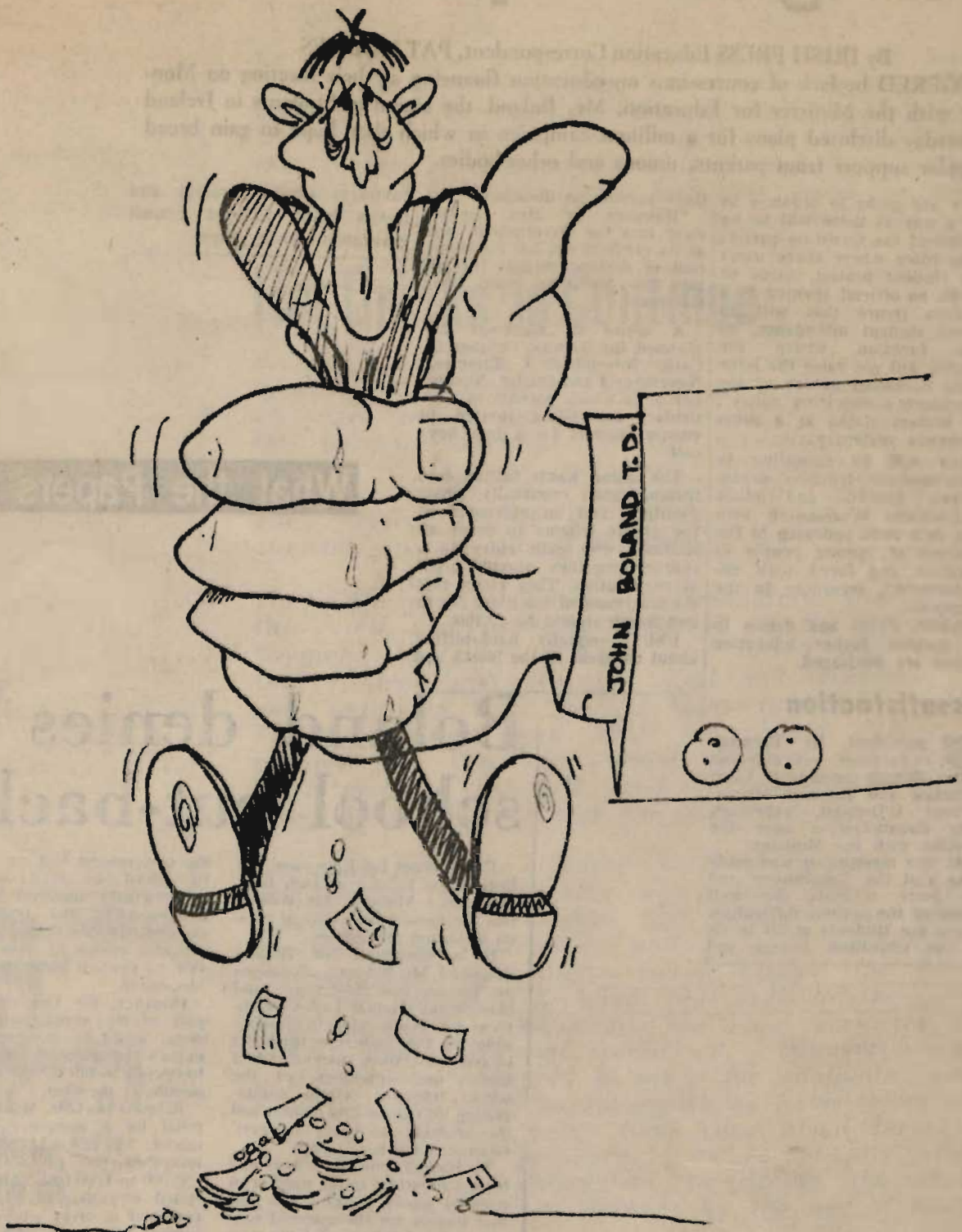
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USI plan to 'hound' Coalition Ministers in grants protest

By IRISH PRESS Education Correspondent, PAT HOLMES

ANGERED by lack of concessions on education financing at their meeting on Monday with the Minister for Education, Mr. Boland, the Union of Students in Ireland yesterday disclosed plans for a militant campaign in which they hope to gain broad popular support from parents, unions and other bodies.

"We are going to organise in such a way as there will be no meeting of the Coalition parties taking place where there won't be a student protest inside or outside, no official opening by a Coalition figure that will go without student attendance, no State function where the students will not raise the issue of the backward nature of the Government's education policy". USI leaders stated at a press conference yesterday.

They will be appealing to trades councils, teachers' organisations, parents and other organisations to combine with them in a joint approach to the problems of "young people in education and faced with unemployment", according to the statement.

Pickets, sit-ins and demos in the various higher education centres are envisaged.

Dissatisfaction

USI president, Mr. Brendan Doris; education officer, Joe Duffy; deputy president, Liam Whitelaw and research officer, Michael O'Donnell, expressed their dissatisfaction over the meeting with the Minister.

"At this meeting, it was made clear that the Government and the State officials are well aware of the serious difficulties facing the students at all levels of the education system and

their parents and teachers.

"However, it also became clear that the Government, just as its predecessor, has no intention of making serious inroads into the problems", said their statement.

A series of meetings are planned for Galway, October 28, Cork, November 3, Limerick, November 4 and Dublin, November 5, to which parents in particular, are being invited to ensure support for a fees boycott.

The union wants tuition fees frozen, and eventually their abolition, and an extension of the grants scheme to cover all students who gain entry to a course once they provide proof of registration. They claim that the maximum of the grant North and South should be £2,100.

USI is equally hard-hitting about cutbacks in the North and

envisages similar strategy and tactics being adopted against government policy there.

What the Papers Say.....

Boland denies school cut-backs

The Minister for Education, Mr. Boland has refuted a claim from the former Minister, Mr. Wilson, that the Government has cut back on education expenditure.

In a statement Mr. Boland described Mr. Wilson's allegations as "baseless and dangerous", and blamed the Fianna Fail Government for being "directly responsible for the frightening prospect of our universities running out of money in September, or the school transport system disintegrating into chaos this month, and the inability to meet teachers' salaries in full next month".

Mr. Boland denied that there had been a reduction in the number of national school teachers and also that finance for the essential running of schools was being cut back. He said that since taking office he had succeeded in having a supplementary estimate of approximately £25 million, for educational services agreed to by the Cabinet.

He said Mr. Wilson's charge that

the Government had cut back on the school bus service was "not only factually incorrect but is a distortion of the truth". He claimed that Mr. Wilson had only provided money to allow the service to operate until the end of this month.

However, the Government, as part of the supplementary estimate, would be granting "rescue monies" to allow the bus service to operate in full for the remaining months of the year.

Referring to Mr. Wilson's proposal for a computer in every school, Mr. Boland said he had increased the provisions from £50,000 to £200,000. "Mr. Wilson's stated objective of providing a computer in every school by September, with an allocation of £50,000 must in reality have been in the realms of fantasy. One is tempted towards the conclusion that the former Minister was considering the purchase of pocket calculators in view of his budgeted figure".

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**Bring the Folks
along!
U.S.I.**

**Public Meeting
Kevin St. C.o.T.
Thurs. Nov. 5th,
8.00 p.m.**

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The Rich Should Pay!

Editorial

There can be no students in the country more aware than ourselves, in this grossly over-crowded training mill, of the pitiful state of education in this country. What's more, it's actually getting worse! Few in the College (not even the Principal) would disagree. The problem arises in explaining the situation and in deciding on a course of action. Here the leadership of the Students' Union has a clear responsibility to lead, to present the truth and decide on a course of action, even if this is unpalatable to a lot of students.

We cannot deal with the problem of lack of finance for education in isolation. It is part of the overall economic crisis and the erosion of peoples' living standards. Are we to believe that this crisis is the result of ordinary people being "too greedy", "having a ball" for the last few years or people
contd. p9.

Hot Drinks To Continue

Recently the Students' Shop started selling hot drinks. Our intention was to provide students with an extra outlet for tea, coffee etc. and to relieve the burden somewhat on the already over-crowded canteen. It was not our intention to go into competition with the canteen or to "show it up". The service proved to be very popular with the students and we intend to continue it.

The College authorities, unfortunately didn't take this view and initially objected on the grounds of "hygiene by-laws". When this failed they claimed that canteen and cleaning staff had objected. Our own inquiries have proved this claim to be false. This does not mean that we should ignore the problems of the over-worked canteen and cleaning staff and we ask all students and apprentices to make every effort to keep the place tidy.

Our position was clearly outlined to the canteen manageress in a meeting which took place with the Students' Union President last week. Many misconceptions were cleared up and areas of common interest explored. We have never blamed the canteen staff for the many problems that exist in the canteen and indeed we acknowledge the hard work the staff put in under difficult conditions. However we have a duty to our members to press for adequate canteen facilities and such improvements as have taken place over the last two years have come about largely as a result of this pressure. We resent any attempt by the College authorities to divide the student body from the College workers by the use of rumours and half-truths.

U.S.I. Welfare

On the weekend of the 17th/18th of October, U.S.I. held a Welfare Conference in conjunction with an Ents. Conference. Bolton Street Students' Union was represented by Tommy Graham (President) and Peter Hamilton (Welfare Officer).

ROLE OF A WELFARE SERVICE

The first discussion was on the role of a Welfare Officer in a Students' Union. The need for a person who is approachable and easily contacted was stressed. A student with a problem should have no difficulty in finding someone to talk to.

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

A representative of the Department of Social Services attempted to explain the Social Welfare Services available to us. It is a little known fact that it is possible for students to obtain summer unemployment assistance. No stamps are necessary but there is a means test and it usually can only be obtained by a student living away from home.

CASE HANDLING

Eoin Scott, U.S.I. Welfare Vice President, gave his guidelines for handling a student with a problem. The student should be at his ease and the Welfare officer should listen rather than pass judgment. It is very important to get accurate and full information from the student if you are to be of any assistance. If you are not qualified to deal with the students' problem he should be passed along to a professional person.

FAMILY PLANNING

A member of the Irish Family Planning Association explained the farcical Family Planning Act. The main aim of the I.F.P.A. is to change this Act now and generally increase the level of awareness of the need for a comprehensive family planning service. They also provide a contraception service, psychosexual counselling and pregnancy counselling (information available from the S.U.)

LEGAL AID

A Speaker from the Free Legal Advice Centres (F.L.A.C.) explained the need for a full Government Legal Aid Service, the present one being inadequate. Proper legal aid is one of the most basic human rights.

U.C.D.s professional counsellor outlined her counselling techniques and emphasised that you should know your own limits when dealing with a problem.

ACADEMIC PROBLEMS

This discussion centred around exam. appeals and how to go about them. A thorough knowledge of exam regulations etc., is important when making appeals. However, this is difficult in the V.E.C. as exam regulations are not fully available. Where exams are validated by external examiners, e.g.,

Degrees conferred on Bolton St. courses by Trinity, appeals can be made straight to the external examiners.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS ETC.

It is important to ensure that students already obtaining a grant should get the full increase this year. The recently announced Government loan scheme should be resisted by students as not being practical.

ACCOMMODATION AND

TENANT RIGHTS

A member of the Flatdwellers Association explained the legal position with respect to flatdwellers. In Dublin there is no rent control and the landlords' right to private property dominates in law. Thus he can ask you to leave with a notice to quit of one rent paying term, whether one week or one month. However, if you refuse to leave he cannot eject you forcefully but must apply for a possession order through the courts. Many landlords are involved in tax evasion, if he refuses to give his home address this is likely. You can check him up on the Dublin Landlord Register at 5, Aston Quay.

GAY RIGHTS

In a recent case in the Court of Human Rights the ancient legislation making the practice of homosexuality illegal in Northern Ireland contravenes human rights. These same Acts, enacted in 1861 and 1888 apply in the South. Homosexuality is a natural phenomenon, some 10% of the population being gay. It is a traumatic experience for a student to discover he is gay and a Welfare officer should be sympathetic to this.

FACELIFT FOR CONGRESS

At U.S.I. National Council meeting on Saturday 24th Oct. it was decided to modify certain Annual Congress procedures. Congress is the highest governing body of U.S.I. (like the General Meeting here). It is attended by elected delegates from each College. Up to and including last year, Congress was held in January. This meant that the final date for submission of motions was early November, which was far too early considering that the Universities' term does not start until October, giving little or no time for students to discuss and submit motions.

National Council decided that March would be a more suitable date. Due to some petty disagreements with the proposed dates (5th, 6th and 7th) the final date has not yet been decided upon.

In previous years motions were submitted under the following headings:-

Education: Welfare: National Affairs: International Affairs: Administration: Finance and Services. Up to 60 motions have on previous years, been submitted on each topic giving about 6 minutes discussion on each motion, although Congress

U.S.I. Welfare Conference Contd

Marguerite Aherne then spoke on setting up a crèche facility in a College, based on what was experienced at U.C.D. However it will be a long time before we see such an innovation at Bolton Street.

To conclude, the Welfare Conference helped to confirm for those who attended what kind of a Welfare service is necessary in a third level College. Any student having any problems in any of the areas outlined above should not hesitate in consulting the Students' Union office at any time.

never got through all the motions due to lack of time! National Council decided that in future the officers of U.S.I. should prepare documents which give a resume of U.S.I. policy since its foundation give an explanation of the history of U.S.I. policy in each area, give a short resume of the main issues being discussed in each area of policy inside the student movement and outside, and lastly, that the officers should write a model motion (policy position) so that the student body will have in advance the position of its leaders. In that way it is hoped to have at Congress 12 major debates on the following:-

Union organisation, Education, National Affairs, Youth and Students, International Affairs, Womens' Emancipation and U.S.I. Administration and Finance.

Each College will be allowed to submit a resolution on what they think U.S.I. policy should be in each area.

**THE 'MOVIE MOGULS'
ARE
SEXIST !**

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of Bolton St. Students' Union was held on Tuesday 20th October. It was opened with an Executive Report delivered by Tommy Graham (President) and Eithne Brew (Deputy Pres.).

1) Williams & Woods site.

Each department has submitted their plans to College Council and areas which have not been discussed such as Student facilities, Library facilities etc., will be discussed at forthcoming College Councils.

2) Student Services Office

The Student Services office was set up by the V.E.C. during the summer following a submission by the Joint Students' Union Council to the Department of Education. It was agreed that there should be at least three posts, Head of Student Services, a Counsellor and a Welfare Officer. As yet the position of Head of Student Services has only been temporarily sanctioned by the Department.

3) Entertainment

This year the 'Ents Team' hope to provide a full programme of events, catering for all tastes. Due to some trouble encountered at this year's first dance, it has been decided that where possible all future Ents. dances will be held in an outside venue.

4) Paper Supply

The Principal has promised to review the paper situation in next year's budget. While apprentices are unaffected by this cut-back,

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Bolton St. Sails the Seven Seas

During the academic year '80/'81 the Sailing Club was very active although small due to the minority of people able to sail, although interest in joining was widespread. The accompanying photo shows two of our most successful members both having been selected for the Irish universities team last year and again this year. There are only 6 places on this team, so Bolton St. may be quite proud that two of their students were chosen as competition for places is very high amongst all Colleges and Universities - namely T.C.D.,



U.C.D., R.C.S.I., U.C.G., etc. This achievement shows the high standard at present in the Club. Last year those of you who are regular readers will know that we won an event and did very well in several other events. We, however, were really only involved in the competitive side of sailing which is something we hope to change in the foreseeable future. To involve more people in the sport is something we would like to achieve. This can only be done with your help. How? To involve you we need your support to try and get boats so if interested please contact Orla Fitzgerald Pl/2 Room B16.

WHAT FOLK'S BELIEVE

During the College Open Day, the Christian Society carried out a questionnaire to try and discover folks' attitudes toward christianity. Eleven widely ranging questions were posed and the answers that the volunteers came up with give us a fair idea as to what folk generally believe. Here are the results. The majority of those who attend a religious service do so weekly and as you would expect most go to worship God.

A variety of views were expressed as to what the church says, with ethics being the most popular followed by personal relationships, knowing God and politics - in that order. This result is in keeping with Christ's message which is of relevance in every aspect of life, although the order of results recorded isn't necessarily right.

Everyone questioned believed in God apart from one person who chose the don't know option. Having

said that folks concept of God varied dramatically, one person believed God to be an Unknown Being while thinking it possible to have a personal relationship with Him - a lapse of concentration perhaps? By contrast the God revealed to us in the Bible and supremely in Christ is One whose characteristics are limitless and perfection throughout, yet, amazingly He deals with each of us as individuals.

A conflict arises between

the answers given to the next two questions. The majority thought that the basis for a relationship with God was by moral effort while at the same time believing that Christ died to reconcile man with God. This flies in the face of the apostle Paul's argument that if we could gain acceptance before God by our own actions Christ died for nothing!

The questionnaire rounded off with the question 'Would you like to discover more about Christianity?'

U.S.I. ENTS'S CONFERENCE

Friday 16th October saw the beginning of a very successful U.S.I. Ents. Training Conference, in Trinity College. Despite a small attendance, which made the affair all the more personal, the conference paved the way for future co-operation between all Irish third level institutions in the field of entertainment.

The first topic on the agenda, the purpose of a social secretary and their relationship in a Students' Union, got somewhat side-tracked, finishing with a discussion on the political affiliations of a students entertainment committee. Later all retired to the 'Buttery' for much needed and well deserved refreshments, before attending the evenings social event, a live concert by the 'Atrix', provided by courtesy of T.C.D. Students' Union.

Saturday morning began with ideas on how to set up an Ents. committee and plan an entertainment programme for the year. Rather than forming any hard and fast rules people related their own experiences and problems and from this different individuals from different types of Colleges deduced the systems that suited their situation best.

After lunch we spoke on the financial aspects of entertainment, the obvious conclusion being that social activity is provided as a student service and not as a commercial venture by the Ents. committee.

Also discussed was the music scene in Ireland and the role colleges can play, emphasising problems with relations between Students Unions and the music industry.

Dinner was served between 6.00 pm and 6.30 pm and the conference recommenced with a speech by Senan Turnbull on the role of Ents. in Student Union development. This was somewhat reminiscent of the previous afternoon, but more relevant in that it showed how a Union can use entertainments and mobilization in a Students' Union.

After a good night's sleep the conference started again on Sunday morning with problems and solutions to organisation of an ents. event, and once again this took on a "relating experiences" type of format with U.C.G. having had most of the "experiences".

Lunch was provided at 2.00 pm after which Anne Marie Mullen (Ulster Polytechnic, Vice President Cultural Affairs) introduced the final discussion on the outcome of the Training Conference.

All in all a beneficial experience for the Bolton Street Ents. contingent.

WHAT FOLK'S BELIEVE (contd)

Twice as many folk said yes than no to this and so the Christian Society has at least one good reason for existing! If you are interested in studying and discussing the issues mentioned here the Christian Society meets every Monday at 1 pm in A.51.

Hugh D. Morrison

S.E.T.S. ACTIVITIES

The Society of Engineering Technician Students has been quite active early on in the year. So far there has been an industrial trip organised to the Irish Life Centre which seemed to go down quite well.

And in the near future it is planned to subsidise a number of S.E.T.S. members on an industrial trip to Switzerland being organised by the S.S.E. Now it is intended to sponsor students from both Civil and Environmental courses to attend conferences and meetings of interest to the respective groups.

There will be one overnight trip organised later in the year - destination to be decided.

Also before Christmas it is intended to hold the S.E.T.S. Disco, possibly at an outside venue is hoped to have both a band and a disco. The intended band is "The Nine out of Ten Cats". Anyone want to help! Contact Jane Anne Keane
Civil
Bob Wise and Peter McGrath
Environmental

M.E.T.S.

This year the Mechanical Engineering Technicians Society intends to organise films, lectures, field trips and social events. We hope for a repeat of last year's successful trip to the continent. Remember Mechanical Technicians this is your society and we need your help and cooperation if it's to be a success.

Labour?

Bolton St. Labour Club intends to hold open political discussions in the coming year. Because of the current recession many students find it hard to make ends meet with a restrictive grant system, the high cost of books, accommodation and travel plus the increased cost of fees. The educational system has for a long time been out of reach of the working class and recent cuts in living standards have made it an even more elitist system.

We stand for:-

* A comprehensive grant system for all students and a living wage of at least £90 p.w.

* State control over student accommodation and the provision of more flats and residences for students

* Workers control of education.

* Apprentices to receive the full trade union rate for the job at 18.

These demands can only be won by uniting the student and Labour Movement and through the active participation of students in the Labour Party and Trade Union Movement.

Mechs vs Struts,

The Structural & Mechanical Engineers challenged each other to a "game of soccer" The match took place at the V.E.C. grounds, Whitehall.

It was a memorable occasion in which the Mechanical's showed superior ability which continued throughout the whole game. This was partly due to the fact that the "mechanical supporters"

greatly outnumber those of the "Struts". The former having 3 and the latter 0.

The "Struts" did their - fair play to them.

Swimming Club

Swimming for you; your own club, your own pool at your own pace. Now Bolton St., can take its place among the other Colleges of the city and be in the swim. All who wish to join the Bolton St. Swimming Club give your names, if you have not already done so, to Una Ni Mhearain, B.18.

Hopefully we will get a few teams together to represent the College in the inter College events during the year. No membership fee necessary. It should be great fun and a good alternative to jogging.

Venue: Kevin St. Swimming Pool.

Times:

Monday: 8.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 11.00 am

J.T.C. FEES INCREASE

I would like to bring to the attention of fellow apprentices and students the recent large increase in the Junior Trade Cert. exam fees. They have increased from £5 to £7.50p. per subject, a 50% rise. For me, an apprentice fitter that means an increase of £15. from £30 to £45. We were given the application for the J.T.C. '82 with the fee at £5 per subject, the same as last year, and the closing date was 4th November. However, last Monday (26th) when we were going to pay the £30 we were told only that

ORIENTEERING CLUB

The Bolton St. Orienteering Club, true to its form has had a very successful first meeting, with membership this year more than trebled last year's number.

This is really not very surprising when one considers its' popularity both home and abroad as a result of all the many and varied activities indulged in with gusto, by the members last year.

All the Club members would like to take this opportunity in wishing, Barry Dalby, Willie Kee, and of course the very energetic, and enthusiastic ex-President and newly wed Frank Keogh every success in their life outside College. Never has so much been owed by so many to so few.

All new members check in at the Orienteering Club noticeboard (outside the Library) for further details about coming events.

the fee had risen by 50% and it was later on when we obtained more application forms that we found out the original application form had been adjusted with new costs and new dates. We have now been given an extra two weeks in which to try and make up the increase which for most apprentices will be nearly impossible, personally I will have to borrow because there is no way I can afford the increase on my small pay.

Hopefully in future we will not have to face such an increase again and that we will be properly notified in time to enable us to pay.

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"living beyond their means"? Hardly. Wealth is still being created in society (by peoples' labour), profits are still being made and the rich get richer. But still working people are being asked to "tighten their belts"! As students and apprentices then, we should oppose this situation, not only because it is unjust but because of our legitimate self-interest. But then the old question is posed - where will the money come from? Obviously it cannot come from the pockets of the already hardpressed P.A.Y.E. workers. Neither can it come from a loans scheme (a comprehensive arrangement is given against such a scheme in this month's U.S.I. News). Therefore it is entirely just and logical to demand that those who benefit most from the wealth of the country - the rich - should pay.

This was a concept that aroused a lot of controversy among students in the College last year and the year before and was rejected either for an understandable reluctance to face up to the realities of life or a misunderstanding of what "the rich" means. It is a popular misconception that most students' parents are "rich". But someone who is earning an above average income from his or her own labours cannot be described as rich in the same way as, say, Tony O'Reilly, a multi-national corporation or some property speculator. It is doubtful, using this criterion, if any student graduating from Bolton Street even from a professional course, could ever become "rich". The vast majority of students will become wage or salary earners and even if a student has particularly wealthy parents, if we believe in the principle of autonomy of the individual for people over, say, eighteen, then that person should have the right to proper funding of his or her education and not be forced into a feudal dependance on their parents. Our demands, then, can be summarised in the general slogan "Make the Rich Pay for the People's Education" (although we may wish to use others).

This perspective means we should seriously oppose the Government i.e., make it impossible for them not to grant our demands. This, of course, does not mean an immediate "rush to the barricades". Our actions, given the present state of the student movement, will be from small beginnings and be based on our ability, and willingness, to carry them out. This approach is clearly outlined in the U.S.I. officers document on Finance for Education Campaign printed in full in this month's U.S.I. News (included with the Student/Apprentice). We ask all students and apprentices to read it carefully and discuss it with their class-mates.

(Ed.)



Ent's Reviews

JIMMY McCARTHY

and

THE RUNNING DOGS

Jimmy McCarthy started playing professionally in 1974. In 1979 he formed Southpaw with Declan Synnott which only lasted one year.

In mid 1981 Jimmy reunited with Johnny Campbell and Dave Whythe (former Southpaw members) and James Delaney (ex Paul Brady Band) to form his current band The Running Dogs. Presently they are playing around the country to promote their new single "Like in the Movies". produced by Shaun Davey.

The gig in the Kinema was poorly attended (about 55 people) which was a pity. The band, whose style was along the lines of Steely Dan, played their own material. The music took no effort to listen to and the lyrics were audible and pretty good; features not attainable to many of our visiting bands.

A good gig, pity most of you missed it.

ITS A TIGHTROPE

It's a Tightrope, just back from Cork, where they took the honours in the Irish heat of the "Battle of the Bands" contest. They played a lunchtime gig last week in the Kinema, unfortunately the gig was badly attended and due to late arrival of the gear, and thus no time for a sound check, the sound wasn't the best. However, it was still quite a good gig and the band overcame all sound problems.

Ent's Preview !!

SPIES

Joey Barry (vocals), Gerry Leonard (guitar), Alex McGrath (bass), Peter Leonard (guitar) and Gerry Ward (drums). This group originally called the 'Dark' was formed in March, 1979 in the summer of 1980 the name was changed to the 'Spies'. Their first single "Thinking About The Sun" c/w "Hippy Hang-over" received favourable reaction and airplay.

The 'Spies' started the ball rolling on the 30th September when they played the first lunchtime gig of this academic year. As many students had not come back to College that early the concert was poorly attended, however, the 30 or so who did come will agree that the group is great but come along on Wednesday 4th and make up your own mind.

The 'Paper'

If you have any comments on the Student/Apprentice the 'Ed.' wants them.

Write a story or poem - we'll print it in the Student/Apprentice.

Want to advertise Club/Society meetings or events?

Use the Student/Apprentice - it's your Students Union paper!

Film Society

There has been talk among some people who were here last year that they are going to wait until the New Year before joining the Film Society, since they think the price will drop to half its present price in January as it did last year. These people are suffering from a serious delusion. The price is fixed at £9 and will remain so. The system of paying a £2/£3 deposit on membership and getting the rest paid within two weeks is working well and will continue for the present.

P.S. How do you like the films so far? good, bad or indifferent - write to this paper and tell us. A few extra dates for films might become available later in the season. If there is any film you want to see, tell the lads on the door or leave a note in the S.U. office.

S.S.E. Trip

On the 11th of Dec. a group of 25 students and lecturers will leave Dublin Airport for Geneva. The trip will last a week and will incorporate several industrial visits.

At this stage it certainly looks as if everyone is going to enjoy themselves.

New Library

No. Bolton Street, College of Technology is not the lucky recipient of this 24,500 sq.ft. Library.

The new Library, which will be one of Europe's most comprehensive Library/Study/Recreation centres, is at the moment getting its 'finishing touches' at the Irish Life Assurance company's £15 million Henry Street ILAC Shopping development.

This new Library will have lots to offer the student, e.g. closed circuit T.V. for both entertainment and education, as well as plug in head-phones where you can listen to stereo music, Talking Books, and learn a language.

The city's Music Library is being moved from Kevin Street to the ILAC centre.

There will also be an 'all Irish section', which will have a complete selection of books and tapes in 'gaeilge'.

There will also be a reference Library with a commerce and business Library with telex, typewriters, phones and photocopying equipment.



THE PHANTOM OF LIBERTY

DIR: LUIS BUNUEL FRANCE 1974

TUES. Nov. 3 @ 6.30pm.

The film opens in the Napoleonic period as Spanish patriots fall to a firing squad, shouting 'Vivan las cadenas' (Long live chains). The captain of the firing squad having kissed a statue in the church, only to be slapped by her marble escort, is just preparing necrophiliac revenge, when the film cuts to present day Paris where a nanny is telling the story and has got stuck on a word. The film continues in this way avoiding the climax of one story in order to follow another marginal character off at a tangent. The episodes constantly invert one's expectations: the pornographic postcards that turn out to be views of Paris; the monks gambling for holy medals; the lost girl who accompanies her parents to the police station to give her own description and so on. What links the stories together is Bunuel's familiar preoccupation with sex and religion, and a determination to show that nothing is more precious to man than his own moral chains. THE PHANTOM OF LIBERTY is an enormously funny film full of wonderfully sly wit and satire. A joy to watch.

COMING SOON
FILM SOC.



Babylon

DIR: FRANCO ROSSO GT. BRITAIN 1980

TUES. Nov. 10

A stunning and provocative film on blacks in London today. Blue works, not very enthusiastically in a white-owned garage by day but by night is the "toaster" for a reggae "sound system" (black boys equivalent of West End disco). For Blue and his friends, reggae, Rasta, contests between rival "sound systems", represent roots, religion, their black identity. For their white neighbours they are only a noise nuisance. Naturally conflict ensues and Blue is picked up on "sus" by the police. Babylon is a study of a ghetto society with constant white antagonism not least from the police who immediately look for black faces when a crime is committed (it used to be Irish accents).

WAVELENGTH

DIR: DECLAN LOWNEY IRELAND 1980

TUES. Nov. 10

A lively look at a few days in the life of a Dublin pirate radio station, featuring some fine editing to music. Wavelength has won the Waterford Glass Award for the best new Irish short at the 1980 Cork Film Festival.

WAVELENGTH

ATTITUDES

Where does it end?
 The end of their lives?
 An ideal succumbed breathing;
 Thoughts that inspire leaving.
 It was a freedom;
 Whose start was the end
 A nothingness, consuming decay
 You saw crying crowds
 The world stare in silence,
 The children with burning bombs,
 Bang the ghetto's battered bins
 An old woman in cold clothes
 With rosary beads.
 Those who gathered to pray
 Those who died while at play
 The young men, who swore, as the volley was fired,
 They'd not rest in revenge,
 For those neath the clay.
 Ours is a changing,
 A new anthem, passing passionate cries
 A recurring refrain,
 We express sorrow, - We admonish the blame,
 We're fervent patriots, all; -
 By day.
 They gave up their lives,
 Both willing, unwilling.
 Remember tomorrow, forever recall,
 Don't close your eyes, where honesty teems,
 Don't hide your lives, don't strangle their dreams,
 - Don't turn away.

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A.G.M. (Contd.)

it has had serious effects on many students. The opinion of the General Meeting was that the matter should not be dropped and that further action is necessary. It has been referred to Students' Union Council.

BUDGET

This year's Students' Union Budget was submitted to and accepted by the General Meeting.

UNION PROGRAMME

A programme for the coming year, which was drawn up by the President and accepted by the Executive, was passed by the General Meeting. This programme

was printed in the last edition of the Student/Apprentice and copies may be obtained from the Students' Union office.

FINANCE FOR EDUCATION

U.S.I. President, Brendan Boris, delivered a speech on U.S.I. policy on Finance for Education for the forthcoming year. He spoke on the history of U.S.I. and outlined the root of the problems in education as U.S.I. now sees them. This speech was very well received by the meeting.

**S.U.C. 1.00pm
 TUE. NOV. 3**

What's On

Mon. 2nd Nov.
 S.V.S.S. Meeting
 1.15 A.6
 M.E.T.S. Meeting
 1.30 C.23
 Tues. 3rd Nov.
 Student Union Council
 Kinema 1 p.m.
 Film: Phantom of Liberty
 Kinema 6.30 pm
 Wed. 4th Nov.
 Lunctime Gig
 "The Spies"
 Kinema Adm. 50p.
 Thurs. 5th Nov.
 Society & Club Meeting
 to discuss budgets.
 Kinema 1 p.m.
 Soccer Club 1.30 pm C.22
 (Ladies and Gents.)
 Fri. 6th Nov.
 Young Fine Gael Branch
 Meeting
 1 - 2 pm C 24
 Gange Club Meeting C.23
 1.30 p.m.

Tues. 10th Nov.
 Film: Babylon and
 Wavelength
 Kinema 6.30

Wed. 11th Nov.
 Lunctime Gig
 "Pop Mechanics"
 Kinema Adm. 50p

Give Blood

10.30 - 12.30

2.30 - 4.45

Thurs. 12 -

Fri 13 Nov.

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