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Editorial

TRADING CAMPAIGN ENDS

The DIT Trading Campaign has come to an end after seven months of some of the most intensive and professional campaigning by any of the DIT Unions for many years. It is regrettable that the need should arise for a campaign such as this - for too long the activities of the DIT Students Unions have been restricted to working on defensive campaigns, trying to retain the status quo against attacks of one kind or another. It is also regrettable that in the immediate aftermath of the campaign, a possibility seemed to arise of a misinterpretation at certain levels of the decision that the Committee made. The Committee will surely make it clear that the decisions they have made are binding on their staff, and that there will be no drawn-out ending to the campaign.

USI NATIONAL CONGRESS

The problem of having to fight defensive rather than offensive campaigns, of course, exists also on a national level. It can be frustrating at times that the hard work and effort at national level is geared almost exclusively towards defending the education system against cuts in government expenditure, when so much work could be done on taking the initiative in educational areas - fighting for positive change, instead of fighting against negative change.

But this problem will always exist. Clearly the Union at national level must continue to fight to defend its members against erosions in the standard of education they are receiving. But this does not just mean fighting the cuts - it also means work in the academic areas - course content and control, qualifications, lecturing standards - being given as much a priority as the Cuts Campaign.

USI have an opportunity at their National Congress on April 23 to clarify their position and dispel any misconceptions people may have about this side of their work. It is the challenge facing the Student Movement at all levels to co-ordinate its work in such a way as neither the defence nor the academic aspects are neglected. Both are equally important.



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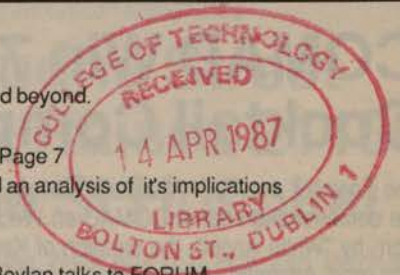
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COMAD Principal Tom Madden is presented with the 7-UP Inter Colleges Cocktail Competition Perpetual trophy by 7-UP Sales Director Tom Duffy

COMAD Win 7-UP Cocktail Competition

The finals of the 7UP All-Ireland Colleges Competition took place in the demonstration bar in COMAD on Wednesday, March 11th. It was won by "White Angel", the creation of Kenneth Kenny from COMAD, who used Amaretto, Kahlua, cream, and 7UP, shaken not stirred.

A special prize for best non-alcoholic cocktail went to Robert Sherman of COMAD for "Piners delight", Britvic pineapple juice, orange juice and lime juice, 7UP, and cream, shaken.

Sixteen contestants from COMAD, the Dublin College of Catering, the College of Business Studies in Belfast, the Regional Technical Colleges in Athlone, Cork and Galway, the CERT training centre in Rosslare Harbour, and the Catering College in Newry took part. They were judged by representatives from the licensed trade, Seven-Up, and the National Road Safety Association, on the criteria of appearance and taste. Mr Mike Parle, national marketing manager for Seven-Up, said at the competition "a cocktail is the most individual of drinks and it allows the barperson to prepare a refreshing alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink with flair and imagination."

The second place in the competition went to Elsie Warren from the CERT training centre for "Tropical Mystery" - Bacardi, blue caracao, Ballygowan, and 7UP, in a mixing glass - and the third to Ronan Byrne from Athlone RTC for "Raspberry Bay" - Smirnoff Vodka, Britvic orange juice, Grand Marnier, raspberry cordial, egg white, cream, and 7UP, shaken.

Mr Gay Brocklesby, publicity and information officer with the National Road Safety Association, commented

"The NRSA is not against the consumption of alcohol but we are delighted to support the use of imaginative alternatives. We heartily support Seven-Up's initiative in taking the lead in this area of sponsoring this competition, particularly the non-alcoholic cocktail section."



COMAD's Kenneth Kenny - 1st Prize Winner

Christian Union Invite Students To Meetings

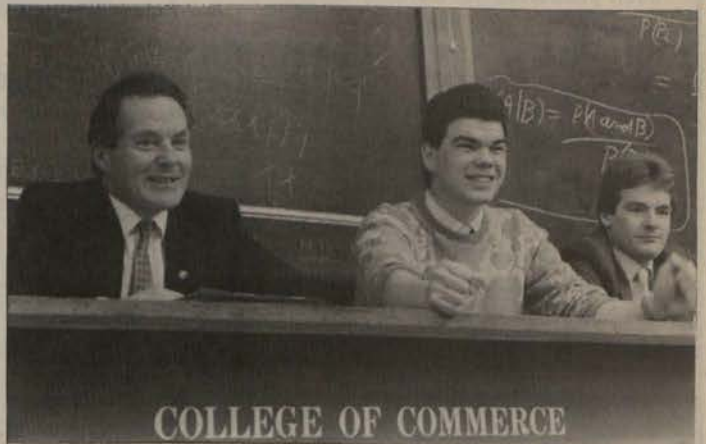
The Christian Union in COMAD is both an inter- and a non-denominational society for people who want to meet together and enjoy each other's company and share in the gospel. Everyone is welcome to come to the meetings on Mondays at 4.30 in GO8 and

Thursdays at 1.15 to 1.45 in GO5, and the people to contact are Mick Power (1st year Marketing Cert, GO8), or Olive Strong (4th year Visual Communications). Everybody is welcome to attend the meetings, Christian or non-Christian, Atheist or Agnostic. The Union is not a religious organisation, but a meeting place for those who want to share their faith with others.

Food And Beverage Society finish First YeaKevin Street

The Dublin College of Catering Food and Beverage Society has completed its first year's activities and according to committee members, it has been a successful first term and will definitely continue next year.

During the year the society treated its members, for the redoubtable membership fee of £5, to dinner in the college restaurant (full menu), outings to breweries, and visits by John Tobin from Kelly/Dempsey wines, Mrs Murry from the Cheese Board in the Westbury Centre, and Peter Malone, the manager of Jurys in Cork.



Fianna Fail Health Minister Dr Rory O'Hanlon at the College of Commerce last week with AJ Noonan and John Smith

Budget Will Not Cause Undue Hardship Says O'Hanlon at Rathmines

Education is getting a "fairly substantial increase" from the Government in its budget, and the introduction of health charges will not cause undue hardship, the Minister for Health Dr Rory O'Hanlon claimed

last week.

Dr O'Hanlon was speaking at a Debating Society meeting in the College of Commerce, Rathmines.

He also said that the money from the national lottery would be put to good use but he hoped it would not encourage a gambling instinct.

The meeting was chaired by AJ Noonan.

Kevin Street SU Change Constitution

Kevin Street Students Union have changed the role of the second sabbatical officer in their constitution.

"The post used to entail services, welfare and ents, but ents has always dominated to the detriment of the other work in recent years" says Matt Connolly. "This situation has been rectified with the second sabbatical now dealing with services and welfare only and a part time ents post being introduced. The second officer will now have to play a full role in the work of the Union and will not be able to cop out by saying they are 'only ents officers'."



Kevin Street SU President Matt Connolly



Tim Lynch - running for USI President

Lynch Runs For President

Kevin Street student and ex Union President Tim Lynch is to run against Patricia Hegarty for the Presidency of USI at the National Congress on April 23.

A report on the policies of both candidates as well as those of the contestants for Deputy President and Education Officer appear in this issue of FORUM.

Kenelly Engineering Talk Well Received

At the annual inaugural meeting of the Society of Student Engineers in Bolton Street on Thursday, March 26th, David Kenelly, a final year mechanical engineer gave a talk entitled "Computerised stability testing in Hyster high lift turret trucks" which was very well received.

Replies to the paper were given by Professor Seamus Timoney, professor of mechanical engineering at UCD, Mr Michael Brogan, general engineering manager with Hyster and Mr Donal Cullen, manager of the engineering division of the IDA.

Mr Brogan emphasised the commitment David Kenelly had shown while working with Hyster on his project.

The society executive thank AIB and Guinness who generously sponsored the evening.



The COMAD Marketing Society Committee - Catherine Sheridan, Niall O Loingsigh, Sean Kelly, Eamon Barrett, Rachel Murphy, Sharon Bohan, Elaine FitzPatrick, Ann Mackle, Peter Hillock, Paula Farquharson, Chris Cannon. Not in picture - Martin Barrett.

COMAD Marketing Society End Successful Year's Programme

At its final meeting of the year on 2nd April the COMAD Marketing Society hosted Maurice Pratt of Quinns as guest speaker.

Mr Pratt captivated the audience with a discussion of Quinns' marketing policies and a history of his own career both in marketing and in the media.

One of the main aims of the society is to give its members a practical and up-to-date insight into what is happening in the marketing field today. Among the speakers invited this year were Harold Strong from Ulster Bank, Dick O'Sullivan from Kerry Group PLC, Richard Brierly from Fiacia, Mick Moore from Golden Discs, and John Dawson from Ryan Air.

The president, Eamon Barrett, would like to thank all the speakers, who were most obliging, and the members for their support during the years events.



Cathal Brugha Street Rag Week Chairman Pearse Barrett enters the Welcome Inn 'Mr Cool' competition along with his H Dip 1 backing vocalists

Cathal Brugha Street Rag Week Raises £1100 for Temple St Hospital

Dublin College of Catering Rag Week was held from 23rd March to 27th March. All the proceeds - about £1,100 - were donated to St Francis Clinic in Temple St Hospital for abused children, to buy a video camera.

The week's events included the Scavenger Hunt, in which people collected everything from the Registrar's signature to a duck from Stephen's Green, and a Cake Auction where someone bid £25 for a loaf of bread.

Rag Week Committee Chairman Pearse Barrett thanked Heineken, AIB, Bank of Ireland, Smithwicks, Hanky Pancake, Timmermans, 18th Precinct, Pink Bicycle, The Welcome Inn, and Carlsberg for their sponsorship, the Food and Beverage Society of CBS for their "Tackle a Taco" competition, and the Students Union, "without their participation the week would not have been such a success", and of course the students who raised the money.

Six From Bolton St On Irish Technical Colleges Tour

The Irish Technical Colleges Football Association international team included six Bolton Street players in the panel for the tour of England from March 8th to 14th. The players were Pascall Cullen, Ray O'Grady, Alan Kane, Liam Doyle, Derek McArdle, and Shane McAuley.

Two prestigious fixtures were organised, against the British Student National Team (combined universities, polytechnics, and colleges), which ended in a 1-1 draw, and against the Nottingham polytechnics, which the ITCFA won 2-0.



Paraclimb Club Visits Burren

The intrepid members of the Bolton Street Paraclimbing Club boldly went down to the Burren in West Clare on the 7th for training in rock climbing on sea cliffs, advanced climbing up to grade 4, navigation practice, and an introduction to caving. The trip continues until the 14th, and is organised by Masud Batagva from Bolton Street.



Aidan Kerins



Ian Phillips

Kerins, Phillips elected President, Deputy President in Bolton St.

Aidan Kerins was re-elected unopposed to the post of President in Bolton Street Students Union when nominations closed last Monday in the college. His new Deputy President will be Ian Phillips, who has just completed a four year engineering course in the college. He will take over from the present DP Conor Lawlor.

Kerins and Lawlor's year in office is generally recognised in the college as the most effective performance by a Bolton Street Students Union in several years, with the most obvious triumph being the recent Trading Campaign victory.

The incoming team have set the strengthening of the class rep system and more intensive involvement in educational campaigns such as representation, and the continuation of this year's progress in closer workings with the other DIT Unions.

Rathmines in ISDA Festival

Aspiring theatricians from colleges throughout the country gathered in Dublin recently for the 5th annual Irish Student Drama Festival which took place in Trinity College, Monday to Saturday, March 23th to 28th.

Flying the DIT flag was the College of Commerce Drama Society, whose Edward Albee satire "The American Dream" was staged in the Players' Theatre at lunchtime on Thursday.

The five person cast comprised Edel Brosnan, Eugene O'Brien, Fiona Walsh, Joanne Hamill and Killian Mallin. The back up team included Brian Grehan (sound), Lorraine Morrissey and Grainne O'Rourke (lighting), Jackie Bennett and Michelle Bradley (make up) and David Herbert (saxophone), not forgetting director Dierdre Clerkin who steered the play from rehearsal to completion.

The Society's last dramatic outing was with "The Pope's Gig" which won first prize at the Music, Art and Drama Festival in Carlow in 1985.

Course Title Change Sought

Geo Surveying students in Bolton Street College are attempting to get approval for the removal of the word 'technician' from their qualification.

At present the students obtain a Technician Certificate after two years study, and after a further year can get a Technician Diploma. At present in Ireland there is no higher qualification which they can obtain.

Asst head of the Surveying Department, John Dixon, believes that when qualified third years leave the country to get jobs, as most have to do, the word 'Technician' on their Diploma harms their opportunities significantly.

Departmental Board Secretary Tony McGrath and SU President Aidan Kerins have both said that students and academic staff should pursue the issue as a matter of urgency.

Claire Gantly new Cathal Brugha Street President

The College of Catering Students Union executive elections were held on the 18th March. Most of the positions were unopposed and the Presidency was won by Claire Gantly, a first year Hotel and Catering Supervision student.

The elections were in fact dominated by first year students, with the final results as follows:

President - Claire Gantly
Vice-President - Maeve Horgan

Treasurer - Youichi Hoashi
Education and Welfare Officer - Berni O'Dwyer

Social Officer - Ursula Kerrigan
Sports Officer - Frank Lemass

The College of catering will therefore enter the new academic year as the only DIT Union with a part time President for the second year in succession.

This year's President, Karen O'Sullivan, also part time, says that while there are some disadvantages in being a part time officer, she found it possible to work effectively within the constraints of the priorities she set at the start of the year.

Gerard Barry and Paddy Murray talk to College of Commerce Journalists

The Journalism Society in the College of Commerce in Rathmines has had two successful lectures by leading Irish journalists in the past month.

On Tuesday the 24th March, the society invited Gerard Barry political correspondent of the Sunday Tribune to lecture to the society. He talked about his work as a journalist and political journalism in particular. He covered the

problems experienced by journalists in working political events and relations with individual politicians.

On Thursday 2nd April Paddy Murray Asst. Editor of the Evening Herald gave a most interesting and informative lecture. Mr Murray inspired great hope in all "would be journalists" present at the meeting. He said that dedication and perseverance was the name of the game. According to Mr Murray new technology should not deter any individual. Students should strive to understand it and use it to their advantage.

O'Conner and Darcy Elected as COMAD, Kevin St Presidents

Daithi O'Conner has been elected as President of the Students Union in the College of marketing and Design, where he was Deputy President this year. And Paul Darcy, a final year student in Kevin Street, is to replace Matt Connolly as President there.

Other officers elected in COMAD were Alan Murphy as Education Officer, Frank Corbet as Entertainments Officer, Catriona Sheridan as Welfare Officer and Colin Wilson as Clubs and Societies Officer.

Polling took place on Thursday 9th April for the Rathmines College of Commerce Students Union elections. At time of going to press the leading candidate for the presidency appeared to be incumbent Deputy President Dermot Coyle.

He was being opposed by another executive member, PRO Aidan Hughes, John Lawlor, who we are told is a well known "head" around the canteen and newcomer, first year Enda O'Callaghan.

Joe O'Rourke was the forerunner in the race for the Deputy President and he was being opposed by Kieran Concannon, Peter Cunningham, Seamus Fox and Brian Hanrahan.



Daithi O'Conner



Still in business - Bolton Street Students Union President Aidan Kerins with Shop Manager Jimmy Kane and Deputy President Conor Lawlor.

TRADING CAMPAIGN ENDS - SHOPS TO STAY OPEN

1. THE PROBLEM ARISES

Seven months ago at a meeting in Bolton Street College student representatives discovered that the college authorities had plans to curtail Students Union trading in the move to the new Bolton Street extension in the coming academic year. It was suggested at that meeting that when the college moved the Students Union would only be "allowed" to sell certain items in their student shop, and that "banned" items were to include tea, coffee, confectionery and food. The Union was to be allowed retain the right to sell course related material, which it had always done at a subsidised rate.

2. THE UNION OBJECTS

The Students Union objected strongly to this proposal. It was the profits from the sale of items such as confectionery and coffee that provided the money to pay the shop manager and staff wages, as well as allowing the Union to subsidise the sale of course related materials and equipment. Any curtailment of that nature, they predicted, would in effect close down the shop - it simply could not exist in any cost effective way under such restrictions. Staff jobs would be lost, the Unions said. Other Union activities would also suffer - the shop also helps subsidise the funding of college clubs and societies, which would clearly suffer if the shop was to close.

3. THE PROBLEM SPREADS

At a DIT Inter Student Committee Meeting later that week it was reported that similar problems were being encountered in the College of

Marketing and Design and in Kevin Street. Kevin Street were also moving to a new extension and the authorities had indicated that in the new building the Union would not be allowed to sell anything that would put in competition with the college canteen, which

AT IT'S LAST MEETING THE CITY OF DUBLIN VEC BROUGHT TO AN END THE DIT SHOP DISPUTE BY DECIDING THAT THE STATUS QUO IN STUDENT TRADING SHOULD CONTINUE. FORUM LOOKS AT THE ARGUMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE SEVEN MONTH CAMPAIGN

was to be expanded in the move. It was also indicated that the Students Union area was to be located in several different rooms on different floors in the new extension, thus denying the Union a central location from which to conduct their trading and services. In the College of Marketing and Design the

problem was even more serious - attempts were being made by the College Authorities to house the entire Students Union area outside the main college building. This proposal was later reversed by the CDVEC after Aidan Kerins, who is a member of the Committee, tabled a motion calling for the relocation of the COMAD SU area within the main COMAD building. But the shop's continued existence was never certain.

4. THE STATUS QUO

The position of the DIT Students Unions with regard to trading at that stage was one of a rapidly expanding and more professional organisation trading wise than had ever been the case in the past. Since the appointment in August 1984 of Eamon Connor as Administrative Officer for the five DIT Students Unions, all of the financial aspects of the Unions activities had tightened up considerably. Clubs and societies were running more smoothly, previously valid allegations of sloppy management of Union funding were becoming a thing of the past, and the shops perhaps best typified the new more professional approach of the DIT Unions to trading.

A combined turnover of over a quarter of a million pounds a year was yielding a profit level sufficient to subsidise staff salaries, low cost course related materials and, indirectly, Students Union clubs and societies. The Kevin Street shop under the new management of Theresa Sheridan was increasing takings by up to 30% more than the last academic year. A new shop with a first ever full time staff member, Seamus Murphy, had just been

opened in the College of Catering. The Bolton Street and COMAD shops under the management of Jimmy Kane and Paddy Mulholland were continuing to improve. It was in this context that the Unions were viewing the attempt to curtail their trading activities as the equivalent of an attack on the financial and organisational base of the Unions, and one that would have to be resisted.

5. CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The effects of the closure would be devastating, predicted the Students Unions. Budgets for the year had already been worked out that gave an indication of the necessity of the shops if the Unions were not to have to seriously cut back on a whole range of activities.

"Total expenditure for the five Unions for the year was £255,600" explains Admin Officer Eamon Connor. "Of that, £90,000 is fixed. It has to be spent on the items it has been allocated to. These items include salaries, wages, company costs, administration, property and maintenance".

"Of the remaining £165,000" he continues, "£84,500 has been allocated to clubs and societies. If the shops close the lost revenue will amount to about £30,000, which will have to be cut from this section of the budget".

It was clear, according to Eamon Connor, that clubs and societies - who were already asking for more than £130,000 between them - would have to settle for a figure nearer to £62,000 if the closurers were to take place.

6. STAFF JOBS

But the Unions' most powerful argument was the fact that four full time and several part time shop staff would face the dole if the shops were to close. "In the present economic climate" said Aidan Kerins, "It is incredible to think that Bolton Street college should set out to buy five new hot drink and chocolate bar vending machines, at a cost of nearly £15,000, to be put in the college canteen just

to enforce the closure of our shop and the compulsory redundancy of our shop staff".

"We may not be in the same league as Edinburgh University Students Union with their 90 full time and 130 part time staff but we are nevertheless providing employment for 11 full time workers, four of whom face the dole if the shops close".

7. UNDEMOCRATIC DECISION

The Unions also argued that the decision to close the shops was being taken at an entirely undemocratic level. The internal college authorities, they said, were trying to take decisions that should be taken on a DIT wide level by the CDVEC itself.

"The Student Services Council, a subcommittee of the VEC, was set up to deal with matters such as this" pointed out Matt Connolly, Students Union President in Kevin Street. "It is hypocritical of college authorities to be forever telling the students and the Students Unions that they have to go through the 'proper channels' if they are going to ignore those channels when they are trying to do something.

8. THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS

The students Unions reacted quickly to the threat posed by the colleges' proposals. A series of pre Christmas protests and continuous lobbying of DIT VEC members culminated in a mass lobby on December 2 outside CDVEC Head Office in Town Hall Ballsbridge. At that rally a petition calling for the continued existence of the SU shops was presented to the VEC for the attention of Committee Chairman Liam FitzGerald TD. The petition was signed by almost two and a half thousand students. The rally attracted almost a thousand. The students were making clear that they wanted the shops to stay open. Even at that stage the campaign had been gaining what Students Union personnel described as "unprecedented support and involvement from the students".

9. THE TRADING REPORT

The VEC had in fact set up an Trading Subcommittee, which was to look at the entire area of Students Union trading and report back to the VEC with recommendations. The subcommittee met regularly and on Wednesday December 10 issued a provisional report which recommended that individual Principals should have the final say as to the form of trading allowed in each college. The report also proposed that in the event of a college starting to provide a service previously provided by the Students Union, there would be a "reasonable phasing out period" of the Union service. Though this provision, which had confirmed the intention to close the SU shops, was later dropped before the recommendations went to the VEC for ratification, the report still left the final say in the hands of individual college Principals - and in at least two colleges it had been indicated that this meant the closure of the shops.

10. THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

The campaign continued into 1987 with Bolton Street Students Union taking a very high profile in the run up to the Dail Elections. Several VEC members were running for Dail seats, and it was felt that the election canvass provided an ideal opportunity to remind them of the trading issue. A billboard site opposite the college was hired and a poster commissioned which told prospective Dail candidates that over 14,000 student voters would be affected by the shop closure. A meeting of students in Bolton Street voted to conduct a de-canvassing campaign against any VEC Dail candidates who supported the closures. After a meeting of the Student Services Council which was to have discussed the report was called off on February 5 because nobody from the VEC had brought with them a copy of the report, a one day all out strike of students in Bolton Street was held on February 11. This high profile was combined with intensive lobbying of committee members, and of other political figures, and at this stage it became clear that the political people involved were not as keen on the closure idea as were the senior college staff people who had been pushing the issue from the start. At a meeting before Christmas, support had been promised to Aidan Kerins by Mary O'Rourke, then FF Education Spokesperson and now Minister for Education. Progressive Democrat Deputy Leader Michael Keating spoke to a Bolton Street General Meeting in support of the Union's stand, and some Committee members began to support the Union, notably Tomas McGiolla, Michael O'Halloran, Paddy Donegan, Pat Carey and Sean Lyons.

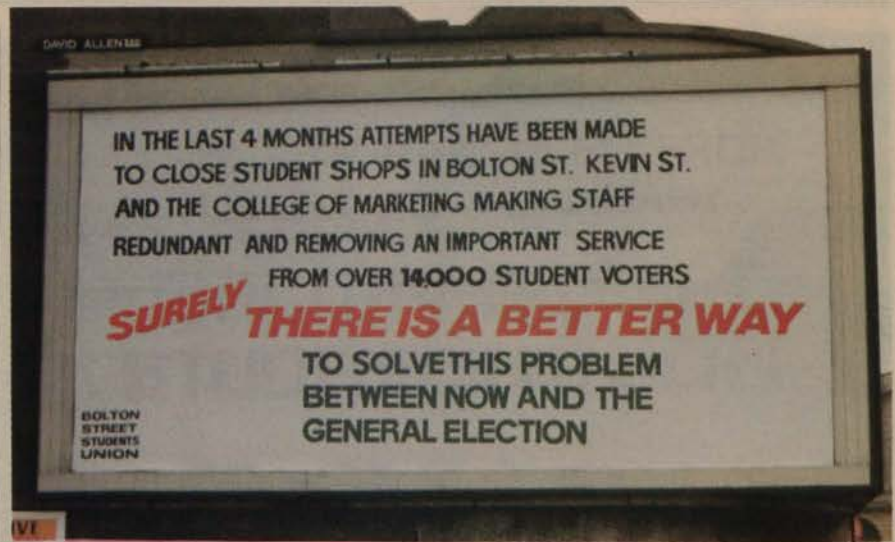
11. THE VEC DECIDES

The report finally came to the VEC on March 26. At the meeting it was clear that a majority of committee members had decided that it was best to let the shops continue to trade. Crucially, the Fianna Fail nominees on the committee appeared to be very supportive of the Union's stand. After a lengthy discussion, the section of the report giving the Principals final say in what the Unions can sell in their shops was dropped. There was much disquiet among several committee members about the



Still in Business - COMAD Students Union President Elect Daithi O'Conner with Shop Manager Paddy Mulholland

adherence to hygiene and health regulations, particularly in Kevin Street college, but it never seemed likely that this concern would cause the report to be passed in its original form. To clarify the position Fianna Fail Councillor Pat Carey proposed that subject to hygiene, health and safety regulations being complied with, the status quo of present student trading should be allowed to continue. The report was then formally adopted minus the article which was being opposed by the Students Unions. The principals could now not close the Students Union shops unless they satisfied the Committee that the Unions were in breach of hygiene, health or safety regulations, and the Unions could continue trading until the Committee decided otherwise. It was the exact opposite of the procedure suggested in the report's original form, which had allowed the Unions to appeal a closure decision after, not before, the shop had been closed. The trading dispute, for the time being anyway, had come to an end.



There was a better way The billboard used by Bolton Street Students Union as part of the campaign

BUSINESS AS USUAL ?

Has the "Shops Campaign" really changed anything? Forum reports on the background to the dispute and what lies ahead.

Last month's CDVEC decision on Students Union trading was undoubtedly a victory for the DIT Students Unions "Shops Campaign". The committee backed the Students Unions demand for changes to the trading report and for trading to be allowed to continue at present. However, the whole issue of Students Union trading is by no means finished with, and serious questions will have to be both asked, and answered, by DIT Students Unions in the next few months.

In essence the "Shops Campaigns" was about two things. Firstly, it was about democratic decision making in the CDVEC. In theory all decisions are taken by the politicians on the CDVEC. To this end they had set up a sub-committee to review Students Union trading. This committee had met throughout the academic session 1985/86. Throughout the "Shops Campaign", however, it became increasingly clear that attempts were being made to make decisions without reference to this committee or the CDVEC themselves. On more than one occasion Students Union officials were informed "that they would be told what they could and could not sell". This was despite the fact that the self-same officials were members of the trading sub-committee!

Clearly, the CDVEC's decision last month is an attempt by them to re-assert their authority in the decision making process.

On a secondary level the "Shops Campaign" was about more than the selling of tea and coffee. In many respects it had everything to do with the role of Students Unions in the DIT colleges.

Over the last 10 years trading in the Students Union has increased significantly. - While this development was both unplanned and unco-ordinated nevertheless DIT Students Unions can be justifiably proved of their trading efforts.

Over the same period despite a substantial

increase in student numbers, college facilities especially catering facilities have remained static. In Kevin Street and Bolton Street, two of the colleges most directly affected by the campaign, the catering facilities are of a limited nature. Canteens are only open five or six hours per day and concentrate on a hot meals service. By contrast Students Unions in both colleges are open 12 hours a day and provide tea/coffee, sandwiches etc. In this area the Students Union could be said to be providing a better service than the college.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE TRADING CAMPAIGN VICTORY - WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO THE DIT STUDENTS UNIONS ?

All this will change next year. In both colleges new extensions will include greatly improved canteen facilities. Both colleges will be attempting to provide a tea/coffee snack service 12 hours a day. They will be able to cater for much greater volumes of students.

Financially both canteens should benefit greatly from their developments and it is all the more surprising therefore that college authorities should look so unfavourably on continued Students Union trading.

In many respects there has been an attempt to re-define the role of Students Unions and to rewrite the college rule book.

In their submission to the trading sub-committee the college principals made it clear that they wish to see Students Unions being funded totally by capitation money with little or

no funding from other sources including trading. Clearly, the Unions are trading in a hostile environment, although it must be said that it is not clear how representative that view is among all principals involved.

Another important point is the Kevin Street Factor. In some respects one can sympathise with the College point of view. The Department of Education through the CDVEC are spending some £15 million on the two extensions in Kevin Street and Bolton Street and college authorities are anxious that they be kept in a decent state of repair. The set-up in Kevin Street Students Union leaves a lot to be desired and was undoubtedly a major weak point in the DIT Students Union argument for continued involvement in trading. Unless things change drastically then Students Unions may not be so lucky next time. It must be pointed out, however, that a contributory factor in the state of the student area in Kevin Street is that the students have nowhere else to go during lunch time. This may be rectified with the expanded canteen in the new extension.

But the Unions accept that all is not as it should be and have said they will work to change the situation. In any event it would be commercial suicide to contemplate running a similar type operation next year: not only would the CDVEC ban it but students would simply vote with their feet and refuse to use it; faced with better facilities on offer in the canteen, who could blame them?

So where do the Students Unions go from here?

Clearly their status and services can never be taken for granted again. The Students Unions should be mindful of this when the Bishop Street site comes on stream in a few years' time. On a commercial level two things must happen. Firstly, services wise the Students Unions must greatly improve their services to suit their new-found environment. Secondly, they must develop other services beyond trading to protect their resources base. It may be back to business but the business may need to change.



College of Marketing and Design Students Union President Anne Boylan

A Year in COMAD

Anne Boylan talks to FORUM about her year as Students Union President in the College of Marketing and Design

After almost a year as President of the Students Union in the College of Marketing and Design, Anne Boylan feels that she understands more than most people the problems that exist in that College. She also feels that she understands the different views that exist in the student movement about how to deal with problems, not only at a local but also at a national level. So how does she view her year in office so far?

THE START OF THE YEAR

"Well you start off the year with so many good ideas - you know what needs to be changed and in this College there is an awful lot that needs to be changed. You start off thinking 'I'll get on good terms with the authorities and I'll be reasonable about things and I'm sure they'll be reasonable too' - and then you discover that, in this College anyway, it is virtually impossible to be on good terms with the Principal if you are doing anything that puts him in any way defensive or ill at ease. And usually his interpretation of something that puts him on the defensive is something that you would interpret as looking for a basic right for the students of the College. So that makes things very difficult but you keep going and you feel at times that the whole charade is pointless and you're getting nowhere, but you have to tell yourself that you're doing the best that you can and that is all anybody can be expected to do".

PROBLEMS IN ORGANISING

"Then as the year goes on you see the problems in organising students to do things - so many students have so much pressure on them study wise and they just don't have the time to get involved. And it's no good me knowing that they would benefit in the long run if they took some time off to get involved in what the union is doing - if they don't believe it themselves their involvement will not be as committed as is needed to change things properly. You realise that the Principal knows he has been around a lot longer than you, and he will still be there when you are gone. So will

the College Council, the VEC ... they all know that they can operate on a timescale of much longer than the year that you have in office to try to change things.

LONGER TIMESCALE

"So you realise that you cannot make any major changes in a time period as short as one year. But what we have been trying to do is

".. You realise that you cannot make any major changes in a time period as short as one year - you have to concentrate on 1st year and 2nd year students and class representatives .."

concentrate on the first year class reps and students in the hope that if they get involved and stay involved, and we do the same again next year, then we will have first years and second years involved - I think it is unrealistic to base the union's plans around just what can we do this year, because a year is such a short time and anyway the students from later years will be more or less set in their views on what the union is and what it should be doing".

LIAISON GROUP

One of the areas that Anne has found that short term gains can be made for COMAD students is through the Student Staff Liaison Group. "Some people say that this has never worked" says Anne, "But though it wasn't really in existence last year, this year we have got quite a lot of minor problems solved through it. It is chaired by Pat O'Neill, head of the School of Distribution and one of the few members on the College Authorities side who

does seem to want to get things done. Obviously things still have to go through the Principal, but they seem to move a lot faster when there is a joint effort by ourselves and the staff, although at times even Pat O'Neill is clearly not happy with the pace at which things operate, even if he wouldn't admit it publicly".

SHORT TERM GAINS

So what sort of problems have been tackled through the Student Staff Liaison Group? "Major changes, none" says Anne. "As I have said, it is impossible in the short term to get anything major done in this College. But things like smoking in the canteen - we wanted the canteen to be a non smoking area but we realised the problems that would be caused for smokers so we tackled that through the Student Staff Liaison Group by arranging for extractor fans to be installed in a section of the canteen that would be reserved for smokers. That may seem minor, but I can assure you that without the Student Staff Liaison Group even problems like that in this College would take well over a year to be sorted out. Another area we got sorted out was noticeboards around the buildings - the need for noticeboards would have been ignored as well had we not brought it up through this forum".

BIZARRE PROBLEM

"A more bizarre problem to have to solve was the absence at the start of the year of dispenser units for tampax in the ladies toilets. Apparently they felt it was too expensive to install them! and I wouldn't mind, but the College Registrar / Secretary is a woman herself. I had to explain rather forcefully to the Student Staff liaison Group that yes, they were so usual as to be taken for granted in any modern toilet and yes, you do need one in every toilet ... We finally sorted that problem out after I arranged prices and contract details myself and brought them to Pat O'Neill. But you genuinely wouldn't believe, unless you were actually involved, the mentality of the authorities in this College. People think you must be exaggerating, but you're not".



The new College of Marketing and Design Premises in Mountjoy Square

MANAGEMENT MENTALITY

That mentality, says Anne, is typified by a College Management that cannot, she says, fight effectively within the VEC for a fair share of resources or deal with the resources they have got. "Just look at Cathal Brugha Street" she says. "At the start of this academic year when we moved to Mountjoy Square we lost an annex building we were trying to keep in Marlboro Street. But Cathal Brugha Street were given it. And within a week all of our stuff was moved out, Cathal Brugha Street had moved in, had their name over the door - They had things better organised in a week than we have done in successive buildings over a period of years. Look at Bolton Street. They have things far better organised. They have a management that seems to have a bit of drive. They have negotiated a new building for Bolton Street - as have Kevin Street - while we move around year in year out into yet another rented building, forever waiting for the mythical Jacobs Building that is going to solve all of our problems if it ever comes to be built. This College is in a rut, and will only get worse unless attitudes change seriously among students and staff".

IRISH TIMES

"Just look at the problems at the start of the year - it was ridiculous. It is a long time since the Irish Times has printed a series of articles literally poking fun at a third level educational institute in the way that Christina Murphy did at the start of this year. The College moves every year to a new building. Timetables are always late or changed for months into the academic year. Staff openly joke with students about how badly the College is run. The Library is an absolute disgrace - I would love to highlight so many issues in this College and let the public know how courses are being driven into the ground because of lack of materials, lack of adequate facilities, bad management - but I am genuinely afraid that that sort of exposure would not merely destroy the College, but would also destroy the credibility of the courses to such an extent

that students leaving courses would have their qualifications treated as worthless. And I am not trying to be funny, or exaggerate - if people really knew how bad things are in this College there would be a public outcry led by anyone who cares about the educational system. And its not just me who believes that - look at the way Christina Murphy had to

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temper her articles on the move at the start of the year by saying at the end of each one that 'it's an awful pity that things are happening this badly, because there are very good courses with good reputations in the business world' ... those reputations would vanish if the truth was to be known".

NEW BUILDING

"And even after the move was completed, you get everybody admiring the new building. And what they don't see is the low ceilings, the classrooms that are too small, the lack of adequate ventilation ... this is an office block, converted into a College, and the conversion doesn't work. You have 35 students in rooms that can only fit about 25 - if parents came in and spent a week in the lives of their sons and daughters in this College, I think you would find a bit more urgency and development in

the fight for change."

USI

She has been faced in her College with requests by students for a referendum to leave the national Union of Students in Ireland, and agrees in principle that the students should have the opportunity to decide whether or not they should be involved in USI. But she feels that she would, if a referendum did take place, vote to stay within the national union.

OF BENEFIT

"I can see how students - and the public - can on a superficial level see USI as a group of people that spend all of their time marching and having occupations and so on, and this view can, and does, damage the image of the student movement with a lot of people. But when you are involved on a full time basis with the students union you can see that USI does a lot of good work for students - there are certainly a lot of things that it does that I wouldn't agree with or vote for - but overall it is a necessary organisation and one which is of benefit to students.

CHANGE FROM WITHIN

"I think that people who are interested in solving the problems that students face and who disagree with the way USI is approaching the issues, should not in a referendum vote to get out but should try to change what is happening from within. I know that it can seem that the structure doesn't change, and that it is the same sort of people running for and getting Officer positions every year. But this year's President Patricia Hegarty seems to be much more sensible and level headed than some of the recent Presidents - I think it is good that she is running again and I would definitely be supporting her. Having said that, if there is a referendum I will be quite prepared to let students know the good and bad sides of staying in and staying out, and then accept the judgement of the students once they have heard all of the arguments".



PLAYING UP A STORM

As reported in FORUM Newsdesk, three teams from the DIT - Bolton Street, Kevin Street, and Rathmines - made the finals of the AIB Colleges Cup in Letterkenny recently, along with Galway RTC. The results of the semi-finals were: Galway RTC 2, College of Commerce, Rathmines 0; and Bolton Street 1, Kevin Street 0. In the final Bolton Street beat Galway 3-0. As well as the football there was also the abandon of tourists in another ordinance zone, resulting in plenty of carousing, off-key singing and keeping the neighbours awake. There was also the weather. And Michael Cullen, who brought us back this report and photos.

"Well a bless my soul a what's wrong with me"

The coach arrived at the football ground in Lifford, Co Donegal, and they waited for Galway to come. Constant rain had just let up. Rathmines didn't want to play their semi unless the other semi was played too. "It's both or neither," they said. "We could play one here and the other one in Dublin," someone suggested. "No, it's both or neither," they said. When Galway arrived they said they wanted to play. A pitch inspector was found in the town and after taking his flippers off he declared the pitch fit for playing on. "It's both or neither," they said and sent the man away. The author warmed up by sitting in the coach reading camera manuals.

After ten minutes of play in hailstones as big as horse tablets the pitch had been ploughed

like the bejassus and the players were sloshing and sliding. When a corner was given the ball floated off the spot. One shot was saved because the ball picked up so much mud it stopped dead on the goal line.

The Rathmines defence just managed to expel Galway's attacks until the 40th minute, when a clearance hit a defender and fell in the path of Kevin Durcan, who ushered it into the net.

"They'll only abandon the game if it gets dangerous," a spectator told the author. The wind howled and the mud flew extremely safely and with due care and attention.

The balance of chances at goal continued in the second half. Joe O'Rourke was given an opportunity to equalise but his long shot was caught superbly by Galway keeper Michael Cahill. Then, with the referee checking his

watch, the Rathmines keeper mis-kicked straight to Galway's David Larkin, who had time to pick his spot to make it two-nil.

It was because the author went off to check the scorers' names that he missed the car taking the referee to the second semi-final, which someone had decided could be played in Finn Park in Ballybofey.

Anyway, from what he heard, the pitch was even worse than the one in Lifford, and Kevin Street were superior at the start of the game, but Bolton Street took control and in the 75th minute a ball played in behind the defender was hit into Kevin Street's net by Ray O'Grady. With seven minutes to go one Kevin Street player was taken off with a dislocated knee after his leg stuck in the mud.

Back in the hotel in Letterkenny, and the team had scraped off all the stony grey soil and sat down to chicken a la chips, then out to the bar to scout the local talent, football being constantly on their minds. That night several people including a night porter got free while-u-wait haircuts, the coach was broken into, the lager was 70p a pint and how are things in Glockamorra.

"I'm itching like a man on a fuzzy tree"

It was a slow start that they had the next morning. Rathmines and Kevin Street were obviously dispirited by having nothing to do, since the loser's final had been put off, and they dispersed to the local snooker hall. The author discovered that most of his possessions had been stolen, that he had a cold, and that the final was going to be played in a place called Fadan, next to Malin Head and the second northernmost place in Ireland. At last he would see the Atlantic Ocean! He hitched a ride with the Galway team and disguised his accent.

As the coach descended from the Donegal mountains towards the bay, there was a break in the storm and the sun lit up the breakers on the ocean which they could see from several miles off. At the foot of the mountain was a lake with floats for fish farming, and beyond that was a narrow stretch of even land. But then it started to rain again.

The match was set for three, which allowing for Bolton Street getting lost meant there was about three-quarters of an hour to spare. There was a rabbit colony next to the pitch, an acre of hills pitted with holes and carpeted with rabbit droppings and skeletons. The author went off to take some pictures of rabbits, but they all disappeared, obviously believing he wanted to turn them into skeletons too. He



Action from the final as Bolton Street meet Galway RTC

then went to the beach, but there was a sandstorm kicked up by the 55-mile-an-hour winds and he retreated back to the rabbits, who were putting in a new carpet but disappeared again.

The pitch was probably the driest in the county, and its only drawback was the 55-mile-an-hour wind blowing across it and into a lake which was about ten minutes across by fish. The lads went out to have a practise on the pitch and the ball blew into the lake. They watched it float off and bob out of sight. The author watched it through his telescopic lens. It was going to the other side, so two people were dispatched to pick it up when it got there. They returned 20 minutes later and got a standing ovation.

Eventually Bolton Street arrived and commented on the weather by chattering their teeth and refusing to come out of the coach, but they were persuaded by their manager who threatened to sing their anthem, and everyone moved over to the pitch and the AIB banner was set up on a convenient fence for the two people in the audience who could see it from that side. Someone had the idea to assemble about 20 of the spectators, all of whom had travelled from Letterkenny and were assistants or medics or something, on the lake side of the pitch to stop the ball going in. The referee tossed a coin and it blew away.

This was a firmer ground, with a high sand content, and so the players had totally different worries. On the coach down one of the Galway players whose home ground this was briefed them on the problems they were facing: there was a lot of bounce, and the ball had to be played along the ground or else the wind would get it.

From the start Bolton Street appeared a more organised side, routinely defending and making the most of every attack. They had the advantage of being a taller side, and seemed to have faster players down the wing. Ray O'Grady scored for Bolton early on, and the lead was consolidated when it started to hail, dampening the play. The spectators on the coach side of the pitch sheltered in the coach, and the author rubbed Wintergreen on his button finger and experimented with taking pictures through a steamed window.

Many of the attacks from both sides were halted by offside decisions, but Bolton Street had the advantage in legal passes, and David Sweetman scored from one of these to make it 2-0, which it remained until close to the end when a shot from Ray Robinson was deflected off Oisín McCarthy of Galway into his own goal.

Everyone was relieved when the whistle went to get back on dry land.

"My friends say I'm acting queer as a bug"

"They call me Mister Nibs," Niall Brennan told the author Poi-tier-like when he returned to the hotel. That evening they sat down to chicken a la turkey and two veg and very nice it was too diamond geezer that chef, and even dessert and coffee although they forgot their table when they came round with the wine for the toast. Bob Eustace, the manager of Bolton Street and college league official, said "in the conditions that the refs had today they should be on treble time," and "it was 'if you get to the final the team to meet is Bolton Street', but we



Bolton Street Manager Bob Eustace at the awards reception



Niall 'Nibs' Brennan of Rathmines College of Commerce



Action from the Final - Bolton Street v Galway RTC



A Galway player gets an emergency manicure



Clearing the pitch ...

are now the team to beat." Bolton Street had reached the final six times without winning.

The captains of Bolton Street and Galway called up their players to receive the medals. Player of the League was Derek McArdle from Bolton Street and Belvedere, and Club Man was Herbie McClelland, manager of Rathmines.

A special award was made to the manageress of the hotel, although perish what we had said behind her back when she was coming round with the entrees. Bob conducted his team in

one verse of "All Shook Up", their anthem, and everyone fled to the bar.

"I'm in love - huh - I'm all shook up."

The losers' final was finally played on Wednesday 1st, and Rathmines beat Kevin Street 2-1. The author considered complaining to the Gay Byrne hour, That's Life, and perhaps the European Court of Human Rights about the stuff that was robbed from the coach, but in the end he just wrote a strong letter to the Times and it was rejected.



Kathleen and Paddy Meleady outside the GPO collecting signatures for a review of their son's conviction for a crime that two other youths have claimed responsibility for.

MELEADY / GROGAN CASE - PETITION TABLES REMOVED

The Meleady and Grogan families have been prevented by the Gardai from using a table and tape recorder when collecting signatures under the GPO. And Paddy Meleady, a brother of one of the convicted youths, has been arrested and charged with obstructing the footpath by having the table there. He is to appear in court on Monday May 11 to answer the charges.

The families have been collecting signatures every Saturday for ten weeks for a petition calling for an immediate review of the case of Joseph Meleady and Joseph Grogan, which was reported on in last month's FORUM.

Both youths were convicted in May 1985 of stealing a car belonging to Eamon Gavin of Templeogue, and assaulting him while he clung to the bonnet of the car while trying to prevent its theft.

They were each sentenced to five years in prison. Joseph Meleady at the time was an apprentice in Bolton Street College. Since their conviction two other people have admitted that it was them, and not Meleady and Grogan, who were in the car on the night in question.

The families of both youths have since been waging a campaign for a review of the case, and for their names to be

cleared. They have been supported by several politicians, most notably Mervyn Taylor who has taken an active interest in the case and has been pressurising the previous and present Ministers for Justice to review the case.

The families have collected over 10,000 signatures on their petition, and have had no problems from the Gardai on any of the ten Saturdays before the arrest of Paddy on May 10.

"We are obviously most upset by this arrest" says Paddy Meleady Snr. "Paddy has never been in any trouble at all with the Gardai, and is understandably shocked at having to face charges in court for using a table on which to collect signatures when we had never before been given any indication that there was any problem in doing so".

"We were also told on that Saturday that we could not play a tape recorded announcement that we had been using to attract attention to our presence. The recording asked people to sign the petition and support the case. It was while I was down in Store Street Garda Station trying to find out why we could not continue to use the tape that Paddy was arrested".

The family are adamant that they will

continue to campaign for a review of the case.

"This sort of thing obviously makes it more difficult for us to collect petition signatures, but we will continue nevertheless. I am in the process of contacting all of the TDs in the new Dail with details of the case. We have also had a Private Investigator working on the case. We will continue to do whatever we have to do to ensure that justice is seen to be done".

A motion to be put to the National Congress of USI on April 23 will call on all Students Unions in the country to get involved in the campaign for a review of the case. It is to be proposed by Bolton Street Students Union, the college in which Joseph Meleady was an apprentice at the time of his arrest. It is expected that the motion will get considerable support at the Congress.

The owner of the car involved in the crime, Eamon Gavin, is insistent that Grogan and Meleady are guilty, and says that he is certain that they were the driver and passenger in his car when it was stolen. It was his evidence of identification that led to their conviction, having pointed them out to Gardai in Rathfarnham courthouse in March 1984, a week after the crime.

THE FORUM GUIDE TO GOING AWAY

FORUM talks to Imelda Slattery of USIT about the problems facing DIT students planning to work abroad this summer

IS IT TOO LATE TO DECIDE WHERE I WANT TO GO ?

No. It's not too late to decide. In fact about fifty per cent of students going abroad this summer won't have decided yet where they want to go. The main flurry of activity will be after Easter unless you are booking to go to America or Canada on the J1 Visa programme when you have to apply early. But most people won't have done anything too concrete yet.

WHAT COUNTRIES SHOULD I CONSIDER ?

The best thing to do is decide first of all where you would like to go - a summer abroad should at least be something you enjoy - and then check if there is any way you can make any money there. If you don't speak French or German it's probably not such a great idea to go to France or Germany because both of those countries have restricted employment prospects for people who don't speak the language, especially in the service industry. On the other hand, going to Holland without any language is quite acceptable, and there can be quite a bit of seasonal work there in factories. Hard work, but it is available. So it would be worth looking at.

Britain still accounts for quite a lot of students going away for the summer, but you would be warned against going to London on spec - if you have no accommodation or no job lined up, you should be very wary about landing there without any back-up.

Scandinavia accounts for a very small amount of Irish students normally - about nine hundred students go to Denmark during the season but it's very expensive, and mostly they would be going to jobs that have accommodation included like hotel work, and it's not very easy to pick up work on spec.

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO HAVE A JOB ARRANGED BEFORE I GO ?

It is very difficult to estimate. With people going on the J1 Visa - there are about four thousand of them - about eight or nine hundred of them would have a job lined up before they go.

But the vast majority of Irish students go looking to find something when they get there. Which isn't always a bad idea, because the jobs you can line up ahead of time, either you may not like them - you won't have met your employer, and you won't be sure of the conditions - or they may not be satisfied with you when you turn up. And you'll have committed yourself - at long distance - and

you won't be as free to move when you get there. It's good if it works out well, but sometimes you can get as good a deal by just turning up on the doorsteps, depending on the country.

WHAT SORT OF JOBS COULD I EXPECT TO END UP DOING ?

In Germany the bulk of students from Ireland would be doing industrial work, mostly in factories, either in food processing or heavier engineering factories.

In Holland, the vast number are in food processing or in agriculture, or agriculture related industry like bulb packing, or else agricultural work to do with the flower industry, or market gardening.

In France there is not so much of a pattern - there are obviously the au pair and domestic jobs, there is some resort type work, and there is a lot of agricultural type work, but that is usually seasonal - the end of season grape picking and that type of thing.

In Britain there is a complete variety, from construction to waitressing and lots in between.

SO IT'S ALL VERY HARD WORK THEN ?

It is. Students tend to work very hard over the summer. You've a short time to earn as much as you can and most students take what they can, they're not very fussy. Of course you've only three months to do it so you can afford to be less fussy than somebody who has to face a lifetime of it, and in that context most students feel that they can afford to take whatever the hardest work is that pays the most, with the best overtime opportunities, or opportunities to earn extra in tips. But the work is hard - very few students fall on their feet and get cushy numbers, you can be sure of that.

IS EUROPE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS LUCRATIVE THAN THE STATES ?

It depends to a great extent on the state of the dollar. Two years ago you could make your fortune in the States - this year the dollar has fallen significantly so you could probably do just as well in Europe, if you get the same



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volume of work. It is the case however that in the States the service industry provides a huge number of jobs, and they are almost always looking for people, so picking up a job can be easier there. You have the advantage of being Irish - they like that - there is no language barrier, and American employers seem to feel that Irish students are more motivated workwise than the native variety.

HOW MUCH COULD I EXPECT TO EARN OVER THE SUMMER ?

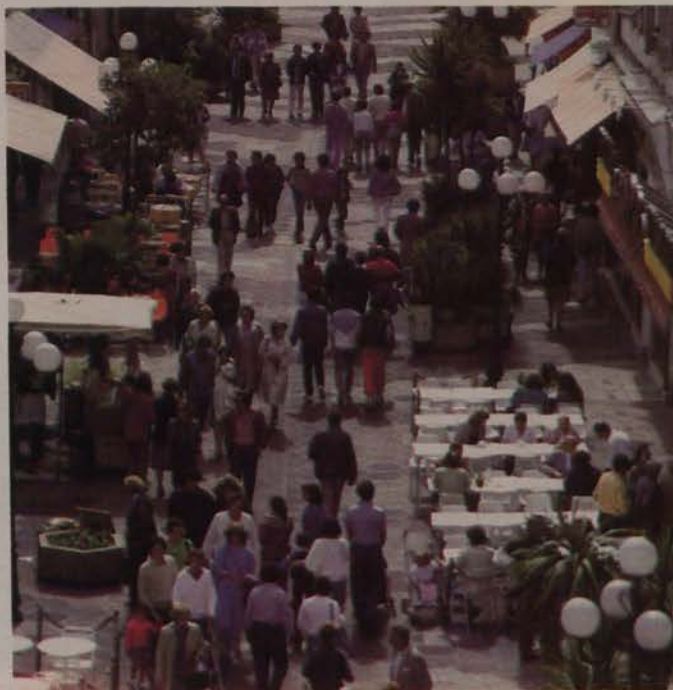
It varies hugely. In the questionnaire USIT did with J1 visas students last year - and that was quite specific, with all of the respondents being away for more or less the same amount of time and doing more or less the same type of work - the range was still huge. Some people went, paid back their loans, made some money and went on a holiday at the end of it and didn't bring anything back. A very small number of people actually brought back as much as six thousand dollars. Some people wouldn't say how much they earned and that could mean they were too ashamed to say how little they earned or that they were too excited to say how much they had earned. It varies hugely. Almost nobody of that group however had any problem in repaying their loan and coming back home at the end of the summer with some amount of money.

In Europe the outlay isn't so much because by and large you don't have to pay anything out in advance apart from your travel. You can even get there for the price of a one way ticket but unless you have something certain lined up you should at least buy a return ticket so that you are that much your own boss. If things go really wrong, you can at least get back home if you have that.

There was some furore in the heady days of the late seventies when Germany was a gold mine, and some students were just going across on a one way boat and train ticket - the lowest possible outlay, about £38 - and hoping to make their fortune, and when it didn't work out that way some of them had to be repatriated with the help of the Embassy over there. So since then the general advice has been bring at least a return ticket home over with you.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I HAVE TO TAKE WITH ME ?

If you are going without a job, you really shouldn't take any less than £100 to £150 - and even with that amount of money you should have got a youth hostel card from An Oige, so you can avail of the lowest possible cost accommodation. You should have a round trip ticket. And you really shouldn't try to get by with anything below that.



WHAT ABOUT PRACTICAL ADVICE AND HINTS ?

The best thing you should do is get in touch with some students who were there the year before, because there is no guidebook that can fill you in in the same way as the people who have been there last year. Even if it isn't to give you specific addresses of employers, they can give you information on areas of cities that you can get low cost housing or student sub-lets, they can let you know about bars to go to where you can meet students who can put you on the track of employers. If you can find do that, it's the best start you can get.

HOW MANY STUDENTS TRAVEL ABROAD EVERY SUMMER ?

About twenty five thousand Irish students go abroad every summer. The figure doesn't really fluctuate that much. The only thing that might be fluctuating a little these days is the amount coming back. But basically that's the amount of competition you'll have from Ireland alone for the summer jobs that are available.

HOW LATE CAN I LEAVE MY BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS ?

Very late - up to the last minute. If you're going on the boat and train to somewhere in Europe, you can literally book on the day before you go. In fact a lot of students tend to do that. They may have got the brochure before and have looked through it and decided exactly

where they want to go, but by and large they arrive into USIT in huge numbers the day before they leave and point to the brochure and say "I'll have two of those, please" - it's like a shopping exercise for a lot of students.

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE LANGUAGE PROBLEM ?

It depends to a great deal on the type of work you intend to do. The kind of work you would make more money at for maybe less effort is either in business - office work or things like that - or in the service industry in bars or restaurants. They are really the money spinners and for them you need to be able to speak the language. You don't have to be fluent or anything like that, but you certainly need to be fairly competent. Otherwise you will be restricted to lower paid jobs, so that extent language is important.

Naturally it also depends on the country - in Scandinavia or Holland or Britain or America it's obviously not a problem at all. In Germany or France it is. In Spain it would be but you're not entitled to work there yet even though they're in the EEC - there's a moratorium on the free movement of labour until sometime in 1993. So really you're only talking about Germany or France.

And depending on your attitude and willingness to learn you can adapt quite quickly and pick up the language again, even if you have only done it at secondary school, when you start talking to people and you have to use the language to survive.

CAN PART TIME STUDENTS AVAIL OF STUDENT TRAVEL RATES ?

Depending on age, they might be able to. You would not be eligible for the International Student identity Card and therefore not eligible for the student travel rates, but if you are under 26 you can avail of the youth rate on about 60% of USIT flights.

Some of these would be the same as student rate, but there are some differences. For example, there are no youth fares from Ireland to America this year, but you can get a very cheap ticket by going from Dublin to London, and then London to New York.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT IN TERMS OF SOCIAL LIFE ABROAD ?

It depends on the country. In Germany there have been occasions where students have tended to stick together and form Irish ghettos. That doesn't benefit them or anybody else - it certainly is no help from the point of view of trying to get work. That's the main thing to watch out for. By and large if you try to mix with the locals you will get along much better and get to know the place much better. That's not of course to say that you should avoid Irish students - just keep it in perspective.

IN WHAT COUNTRIES IS THE COST OF LIVING HIGHER ?

At the moment it's higher in Germany, France -

particularly in cities - and Scandinavia. The pay is quite good in Holland so that offsets the costs there, particularly if you have accommodation thrown in with the job, which you very often do in the factories there. Just for travelling, Greece is incredibly cheap. Spain is cheap for travelling around too. Normally where the cost of living is high, though, the wages would be higher as well and no one country would be significantly better or worse than the others overall.

But there are things you can do to keep your costs down, particularly if you don't have accommodation with the job. The first thing to do is make sure you apply to An Oige and get a Youth Hostel Card, because that's invaluable. Then remember there is usually campus site accommodation in the University towns. And again, try to check with somebody who has been there before - if you have a specific address to go to you're obviously much better off.

DO MALE OR FEMALE STUDENTS EARN THE MOST ?

The USIT J1 Visa gives an indication of that. It had been presumed by a lot of people that men earned more than women, but it wasn't quite like that. There were fewer men at the lower end of the scale, but they didn't end up making more at the top end of the scale. The top earning job for men is usually construction work, which is usually not available for women, and the top earning jobs for women cocktail waitressing in the expensive bars, where tips

are commensurate with the price of your drink - and that can be quite high. Those type of jobs are very often not open to men.

After that in normal factory work or bar work or waitressing the jobs are normally open to both sexes. The kind of work you might get to do in the factory might vary - men tend to get heavier work but not as concentrated - but by and large the rate of pay is similar.

In Holland you can get paid less depending on your age - they have a system where if you are under 21 your pay per hour for the same work varies depending on exactly how old you are.

ANY FINAL ADVICE OR REMINDERS ?

The main thing is not to go entirely on spec. It's all right to go without having everything finalised, but don't go without doing any sort of research first. At least have checked out names of places to stay, names and addresses of factories that you can go and approach when you get there, even if you haven't written beforehand.

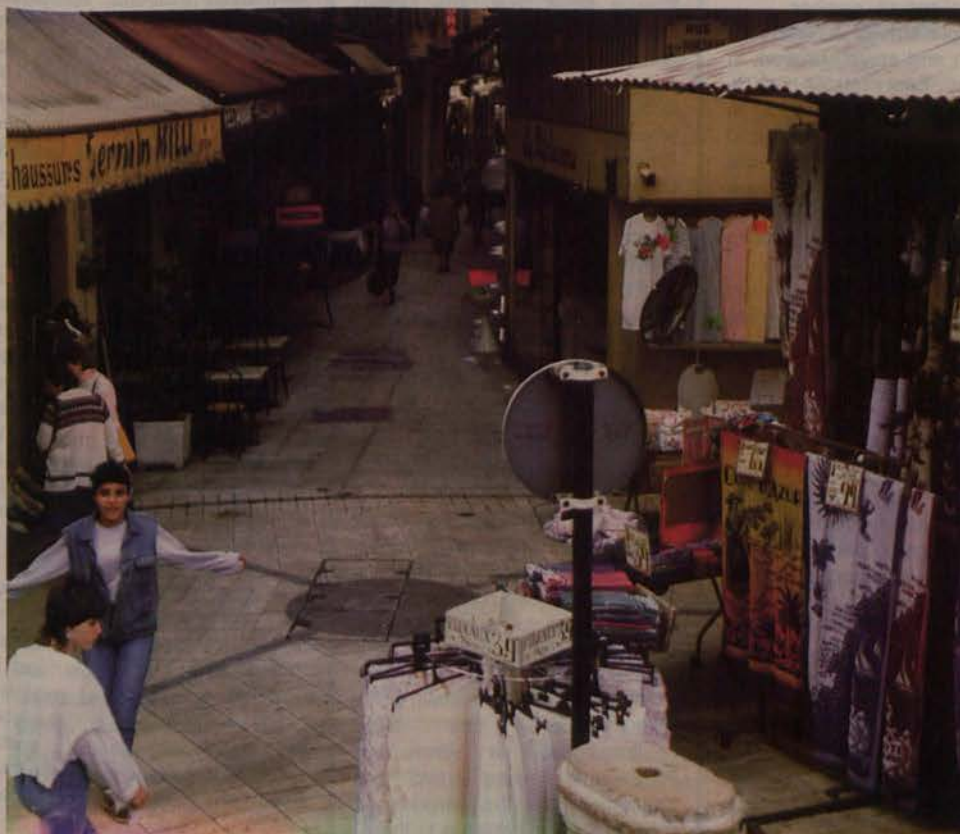
Get a guidebook about the country and find out a little about the place - it's almost shocking how little some Irish students know about countries even after being there. And you're obviously going to miss out on part of the experience if you're going to spend the first month just getting over your wonderment at things you should have sussed out before you left.

The Department of Labour will give you information on social welfare, minimum wages etc in different industries in the different countries. That also very useful to have.

You can contact Embassies, but the kind of information they will give you tends to be too broad and touristy. Useful, but touristy.

WHAT HELP CAN USIT BE ?

There are several basic guidebooks prepared by USIT with the budget traveller specifically in mind - they're either written by students or compiled on the basis of information got from students who have been abroad - you can get information on reasonable places to stay, reasonable places to eat; basically the sort of information you need to make sure that you are not on the tourist trail for your time abroad - because that's not what you should be at. You should be right in the main stream of the resident population, which is the beauty of travelling abroad as a student. You can just slot in to the community and be another worker for a couple of months. Most other young travellers don't get that opportunity. And the USIT material can help a great deal. And of course the USIT Globetrotter is the obvious place to check for all sorts of information - from airfares to guidebooks to visas to insurance ... and it's free. The Globetrotter will help fill you in in more detail on what USIT can do to help you - you should at least have a look at it before you decide what you are going to do for the summer.



Making Your Fortune In The USA

Michael Cullen looks at the USIT survey of J1 Visa students in America



Employment can be found quickly, but you should bring about \$500 to cover initial expenses, including a deposit on accommodation. This is according to a survey of participants in the 1986 J-1 US visa programme commissioned by USIT earlier this year. The first week in America is the hardest: the cost of living is high, temporary accommodation in hostels, college dorms or with friends may be needed for the first few nights, and employees may have to work one week in advance of the first payment.

The survey, compiled by Caroline Scully, found that 85% of participants in the J-1 programme stayed in accommodation provided by USIT at some point. It was harder to find reasonable permanent accommodation than to find work, especially in the cities, and participants are advised in future to visit apartments blocks and realtors, and avail of any contacts in the US prior to leaving who might provide a place to stay.

The average monthly rent paid by participants was \$148, and 60% paid more than \$100. About half had to pay a deposit, the average deposit being \$177, or about a week's rent in advance. 84% of people stayed in sub-let apartments, or shared a house to reduce the rent. 20% found accommodation through personal contact, 15% through their

employer, 14% through newspaper ads, and 4% from college noticeboards.

Many of the people who rented were concerned that they signed leases without knowing the legal implications, or their legal rights. Some said they needed a permanent address before they got a social security number.

Most people arrived in New York or Boston and stayed to work in the North-East states. 20% worked in New York, 16% in Boston, 14% in Cape Cod and 13% in New Jersey. Only 5% went to the West Coast, where wages do not differ from the North East and work is harder to find.

When they arrived, 40% worked in hotels or restaurants, including fast food outlets, either waitressing or bussing. 14% worked in construction or maintenance, 8% in administration, and smaller numbers worked in a wide variety of jobs, including skills related to their area of study in Ireland.

About 7 out of 10 people earned less than \$5 an hour, excluding tips. The overall average tips were \$113 per week. In waitressing the average hourly rate was \$3.82, and average tips were \$155 per week, although only 53% received tips. Of the total workforce about a third received tips.

In waitressing an average of 37 hours were worked per week,

many people having a second job to supplement their earnings. The average hourly earnings in other areas, excluding tips, were: chamberperson in hotel: \$4.80; construction or maintenance: \$5.70; porter or security: \$5.40; administration: \$5.55.

10% stayed in their first job less than a week, but 50% stayed longer than two months. The majority changed jobs for better pay.

60% of respondents, many of whom had said they went to America to earn money to continue their studies at home, earned more than \$2000, but the average earnings were \$2570, which applied mostly to people who stayed about two months.

70% received their social security number within three weeks, and 22% within six weeks.

Two-thirds of the participants went on holiday after working. The survey advises people of the difficulty of renting a car without a credit card. An Irish licence is acceptable for 30 days, and after that an International Drivers Licence is needed. 17% of people used a bus pass, and 3% an air pass. 20% travelled by bus and 30% by plane.

51% of people contacted USIT once, mostly for flight confirmations or transfers. Participants were told at orientation that the services of the CIEE were available to them,

but 82% did not make contact.

At orientation, or advice sessions on arrival in America, which were attended by 89% of participants, most of the questions concerned legal advice, accommodation, travel, and whether "Irishness" was an advantage in job-seeking. Suggestions for improving the orientation included: distributing lists of short-term letting agencies and hostels in New York and Boston; giving information on where jobs were most plentiful; giving maps, including the New York subway; and a more realistic presentation of the problems faced by students looking for work. 77% felt that orientations should also be held in Ireland.

The survey concludes that most people's expectations were met, and many thought it was the best summer of their lives, once they had got over the first week. In the North East states work was easy to find if people were prepared to use initiative and work hard, but accommodation required a lot of looking and a place to stay in the meantime.

The most useful things to take with you to America, then, seem to be about \$500 or more to get through the first week, and if possible addresses of relatives or friends. The CIEE will give you a handbook with some information on how to survive, but there are alternative guides available in bookshops.

Open FORUM

SOME COMFORT IN BANNING ?

Frank Vaughan of the Irish Family Planning Association gives his views on the banning of Dr Alex Comfort's book "The Joy of Sex" by the Irish Censorship Board

"Indecent, obscene or advocating the procurement of an abortion". I read the line again to make sure I hadn't missed anything. No, that was it, and somewhere therein lay the reason. "The Joy of Sex", by Dr Alex Comfort had been banned. This is the phrase used in the Censorship of Publications Acts 1967, to outline the basis on which a book may be banned by the Censorship Board. As the book does not even mention abortion it had apparently been deemed to be 'indecent' or 'obscene'. Vile, repulsive, disgusting, loathsome and likely to deprave are some of the descriptions my dictionary offers in explanation. Not words that I can easily reconcile with tasteful line drawings of the human body, or descriptions of love making characterised by light-heartedness, clarity, openness ... and joy.

It was with some relief in the days following the announcement of the ban, that I found I was not alone in my incredulity. The decision was condemned by individuals as diverse as Fr. Fergal O'Connor, Davis Norris, Harold Clarke of Eason's, Dr. Andrew Rynne, Paddy Leahy and Moira Woods, not to mention Gay Byrne and Pat Kenny. Mr Derek Cobbe, the editor of the Longford News, and a former member of the Censorship Board was quoted as saying "There's nothing in it that any mature adult shouldn't know. In fact the book goes out of it's way not to be titillating".

Coming, as it did, in the rather solemn and serious pre-

election period, the banning attracted considerable media attention both at home and abroad. Images of an Ireland many of us thought we had long left behind came back to haunt us. The banning of the book about sex seemed to fit quite neatly into a cameo of Ireland represented by long dole queues and mounting emigration, accompanied by a perverse and rightous insularity which saw us as not being like other men. Ireland - the fifties or the eighties, take your pick.

A lively, and often humorous correspondence ensued in the national papers. One gentleman, purportedly supporting the ban but with tongue firmly in cheek, wrote to the Irish Times as follows, - "Then the one time I tried to use it (The Joy of Sex), any sex that developed couldn't be considered very joyful. It was almost impossible, holding the damned book in one hand and trying to do what the instructions were telling me at the same time. Agony all the way. Thank God they've banned it".

The supposedly liberal censorship board, appointed only quite recently by erstwhile Justice Minister Alan Dukes, which took this banning decision at it's first meeting, may inadvertently have occasioned a timely debate on censorship in post-Hamilton Judgement Ireland. The whole role and function of a Censorship Board is now being questioned as a result of what is widely seen as a ludicrous decision. The mechanics of a system whereby a book can be arbitrarily banned without the author having any right to make a case in it's defence is

now being challenged by the Irish Writers Union. The Irish Booksellers Association are raising serious questions about the nature of Irish censorship, while the international organisation Article 19, which is concerned with monitoring and highlighting incidences of curtailment of Freedom of Speech and access to information, has expressed it's condemnation of the decision and concern at it's consequences. The I.F.P.A. has failed, unfortunately, in it's appeal for permission to continue to sell "The Joy of Sex", but has added its voice

to call for a critical review of our censorship. Should this happen, there may, after all, be some comfort to be had from this banning.

Frank Vaughan is the Resource Officer of the Irish Family Planning Association and runs the IFPA's bookshop at 15 Mountjoy Square, which in addition to providing books for the general public, specialises in sex education and health education materials. They are open Monday to Friday, from 9.30 to 5.30.

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NATIONAL CONGRESS PREVIEW

Patricia Hegarty
President USI
Formerly Deputy President USI
Welfare Officer Queens University

On the positive side, Patricia sees a sound base having been laid this year for next year's Officers to build on.

"We have certainly managed this year to increase our media profile" she says. "Not only do we now have more expertise in Head Office at dealing with the media, but a lot more local Union Officers now do as well and we can increase that still further by organising a media conference next year and as an annual event. Also we have managed to significantly increase the involvement in the campaigning side of our work, particularly in the Dublin area, which was not so good at the start of the year. The Pre-election demonstrations helped to change that, and one of the reasons was that we had identified the Unions with the most problems, got involved with them on an intensive basis setting up Cuts Action Groups with clear concise programmes of action. We have done this particularly in Colleges like Trinity where there have been problems in communicating with the students because it is so large and where there weren't too many people actively involved in what the Union was doing and we have helped to turn that situation round. We have also tried to increase the working of local Unions at Class Rep level and that has been successful - we have held Class Rep Training Seminars in many colleges and we will continue to do this next year. It's not enough to just have Union Officers involved in what we are doing, we have to get a broader base of trained and competent people at all levels in the colleges. This is a bigger problem in the larger colleges such as the Universities than it is in the smaller colleges like the DIT and RTCs, but it is a problem that we are starting to tackle properly this year.

I feel that this year we have also broadened the welfare work of the Union - I have been insistent that we continue to take on such issues as tenants rights, housing, overseas students, disabled students, health services, counselling services, creches - all of these issues affect students in their colleges and there are other welfare issues such as social welfare and social security, issues that effect students not only in their colleges but also when they leave - these are issues on which we have tried to link up with other groups. But obviously all of these things must be tackled mindful of the fact that the most important work of the Union is the educational area. If we don't continue to tackle the inequalities in the education system with the same intensity next year as we have this year then all of the above will be seen as peripheral. And there has been a recognition over the past few years of the need to campaign actively on the areas of content and control, access to education, sexism in the curriculum, academic affairs in general. But overall I feel that we can take the steps forward that are needed by continuing to work on the areas that we are now working, and improving our communication - possibly the major reason for disillusionment with the National Union is not that we are doing too much wrong, but that many students are not aware of the work that we are doing. That's really what we need to tackle next year".

Patricia Hegarty is the present President of USI and is running to retain that position this year. She sees the responsibility of President as being to represent the Union publicly, to direct the work of the Union under the guidance of the Union policy as decided at Congress, to co-ordinate the work of the Officers, and to be aware of what is happening in each sector and area of USI's work. She feels that she would be the most suitable candidate for the post of USI not only because of the wide area of experience she has gained in campaigning, womens rights, welfare work, education work, and academic affairs as a sabbatical officer and member of the Cuts Action Group in Queens University Belfast, Deputy President of USI last year and President of USI this year, but because of the need for stability in the National Union.

"One of the problems in the student movement is the lack of stability that stems from the transient nature of the leadership and membership at local and national level" she says "There is a continuous turnover of people. We can try to tackle that - and we have done - by providing a decent level of training for Union Officers but there is also a need for stability at the top. Having said that, if I felt there was somebody who could do the job better than me, I wouldn't have run. But I believe that I have the ability and the ideas and the commitment and the experience necessary to ensure that USI can develop next year - not take a step back or stay the same, but actually develop and take the initiative on issues instead of just being defensively reacting to".

One of the major problem areas she feels needs to be rectified is communication. Things have really come to a head with USI News and we have to look at improving that next year - we have come to realise that we need additional resources for USI News, that it is not enough to expect one or two officers to be responsible for it, because there is no way that they would have the time to put into it without neglecting the other areas of their work. We certainly didn't get enough contributions from around the country that we were asking for and we will have to ensure that this changes. We also need to broaden the content to make it more interesting to students - more input on welfare, entertainments, sports, art and literature, womens issues, academic issues as well as the main campaigning work of the Union nationally and locally".

FORUM TALKS TO THE TWO MAIN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT OF USI

Tim Lynch
Full Time Final Year Student
Kevin Street College of Technology
Formerly President Kevin Street SU

Tim Lynch is a full time final year Electrical Engineering student in Kevin Street College of Technology. He sees the responsibility of the President of USI as tackling the major problem facing the student movement in Ireland - the apathy of the ordinary students towards USI.

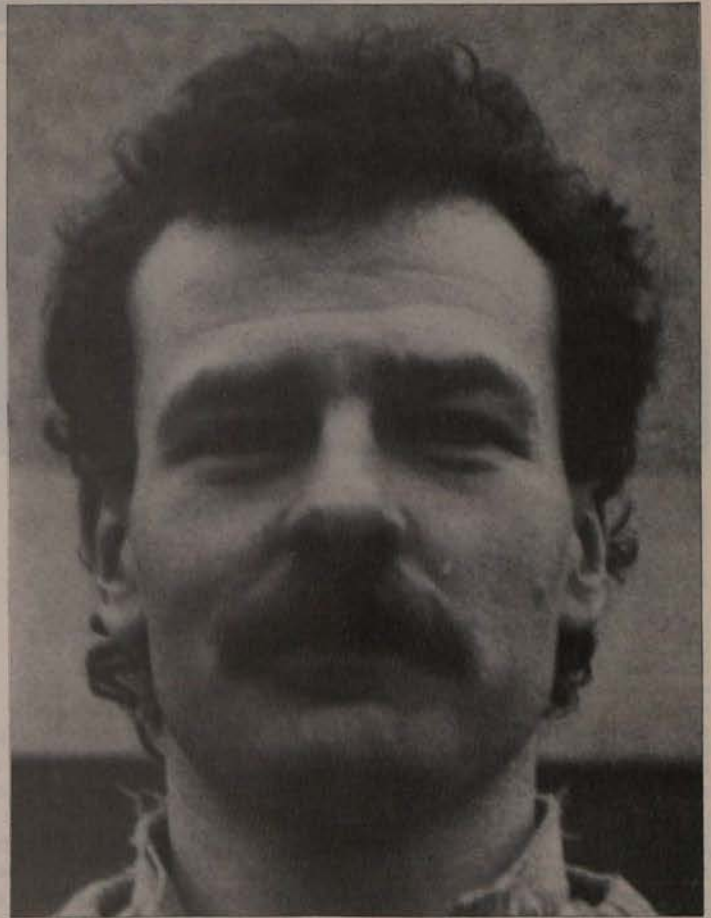
"Students don't care about getting involved in USI - they don't see the organisation doing anything for them on the educational issues facing them" he says. "I as a full time student have experienced the system from both points of view - firstly as a student, then as a student leader and now as a student again. I feel that many student leaders have lost touch with the problems facing ordinary students. They get carried away with tokenistic marches and pickets against fee rises, whereas bad lecturing, inadequate library facilities and lack of employment opportunities are what we as students see as the main issues. I feel that it is about that the Union of Students in Ireland was led by a real student, not by somebody who is divorced from the everyday problems of studying, sitting exams, doing assessments, finding space in the library".

He sees the problems that USI face as being based in the inability of USI leaders to actually accept that students see them as irrelevant.

"Look at what has happened within USI this year" he says. "There was a national demonstration called off because two colleges - Bolton Street and Kevin Street - were not taking part. There have only been two issues of USI News this year - students do not know what USI is up to most of the time. Half of the elected posts in USI this year and four out of six last year were filled unopposed. Only within the last few weeks the attempts to organise a hustings trail for candidates to let students know what issues they were standing on have been farcical. I have been up and down the country being told on a day to day basis that hustings were on in colleges and when I arrived there there have usually been either very few students or none at all. Some haven't taken place because too little time was given to arrange them - Galway RTC, St Pats, University of Ulster - and even in Queens University, who are providing three different candidates for three different USI posts this year, there were only 24 students out of over 8,000 students at the hustings. We were told that this is not, however, apathy but was caused by the hustings were on while people were on holiday. Now, I don't know whether the full time USI officers feel they have the time to run around the country arranging meetings when people are on holiday and then turning up to look at an empty hall, but I certainly haven't. I, you see, am a student and I have exams to pass, I have classes to go to, I have projects to hand up - the sort of things that the full time officers wouldn't realise because they are so far removed from the pressures facing real students".

This, he says, is the main problem facing USI - unwillingness or inability of National officers to recognise that students do not want to get involved. But what does he see as the solution to this problem?

"I think the vital thing is proper discussion" says Tim. "The officers must



be prepared to discuss issues and tactics with people and not at people. They must be aware that by railroading through their particular version of the best way to do things, they only alienate people that disagree with them. If we are to effectively stop the crisis in education we must have a strategy that keeps everybody involved. What we have at the moment is lack of discussion and communication. Officers are coming along to general meetings and trying to force through their own policies, which are often not what the students want at all".

"In fact" says Tim, "The last time there was any proper discussion in USI among students was five years ago when USI officers proposed a new education policy which was considered very radical at the time, called 'Unite in Action To Fight The Cuts'. At any general meeting at the time when it was proposed it was soundly beaten, but it was passed at congress that year by unmandated delegates. Since then this policy has been rubber stamped each congress without any discussion in each college. The central point of this motion was that USI was to organise a national general student strike. That is the policy of USI, even though most students were not even in college when it was decided on. That is no way to run a democratic union".

"I will ensure that students make the decisions themselves, not have policies forced upon them. I believe in a national union built from the ground up, with proper representation, consultation and accountability. This means the active involvement of all colleges, including the large ones. It is absurd that a national demonstration has to be called off because Bolton Street and Kevin Street were concentrating on our own trading campaign and could not take part".

"In order to facilitate proper discussion there must be proper communication. USI News, the mouthpiece of the national Union, is irregular, boring and nobody reads it. USI News must be professionalised, with regular, relevant, interesting content. A proper publication will help to lead to proper discussion. We have to be able to communicate with our members ourselves, not just hope that media profile will sort out our problems. We in the DIT have had to play down the media at times this year. What is important is having a realistic chance of achieving your aims, not just knowing that you are shouting louder about what is wrong than anybody else is. That is what my aims will be - proper communication leading to proper discussion leading to students taking their own decisions and therefore taking part in the actions needed to achieve the aims they have set out".



Returning in their coach - some of the Bolton Street Soccer squad

BOLTON STREET AND THE AIB SOCCER FINALS

Dear Editor,
Could I take up a little space to give a Bolton Street view of the AIB soccer finals won by ... who else ... after ten years on the trot being in the finals but six years since our last victory, it is finally our year to celebrate.

From the day our advance party set out in their mighty steed (Fiat panda) and with the only mobile foot bath in Ireland, in search of fame, fortune or better still, the road to Letterkenny, to the next day when the rest of the team and the noble supporters arrived to a nice wet windy wet wet wet wet Donegal day, the first highlight was when one of the locals cheerfully told us it was a "soft day, thank God" and was promptly beaten to death.

The next highlight was when after much heated discussion (ie 10 half whiskeys later), Colm got his way and the finals were on. The first was between (nice) Rathmines and (tally ho) Galway, and meanwhile back at the pig abattoir the search was on, in best Donegal custom, for a nearly playable pitch for our game against Kevin Street. We finally found one and the game flowed one way then another (depending on the tide) Despite Pascal Cullen's water wing and Paddy Gallagher's own tube, Kevin Street ended the first half with only warm seven up from Shay to compensate for not being at least two up in the game.

And then, after changing tides, the

breakthrough - Greg to Dave to George to Jim to Fred and finally to Ray Grady who slotted it home, along with the ball. One nil and enough to put us through to the final, which we faced the next day after Bob took us out of the drier, and which commenced amidst a tumultuous crescendo of screaming and shouting from our six supporters.

Again Ray Grady put us one nil in the lead - an amazing experience for most of us in a final - and then in the seconds half Ray Robbo galloped down the line and crossed to where yours truly slipped and fell ... I mean, gracefully scored with a magnificent diving header. Two nil. Unbelievable. Then shock, gasp, horror, they scored an own goal. Three nil. Final Whistle. Euphoria. Delight. Happiness. Bob Eustace doing his version of the cow jumping over the moon and dislocating his hip. Drunken debauchery the like of which Bolton Street has never before seen and David Hoedt doing his version of Patricia the Stripper.

And so the story ended until next year - but may I end by thanking Bob Eustace for his unstinting efforts over the years to bore us to death, and Colm de Burca for proving everybody right.

Till next year,

David Sweetman
Treasurer and Chief Bottle washer,
Bolton Street Football Club

TRADING CAMPAIGN - THANKS FROM SHOP STAFF

Dear Editor,
Just a word of sincere thanks to everybody who helped in any way in the recent Trading Campaign.

I am sure I speak not only for myself when I say that the effort and work put into the campaign over a lengthy seven months, by students who had also to study and prepare for exams and assessments at the same time, is most appreciated by all of the DIT shop managers and staff.

Yours Sincerely,

Jimmy Kane
Shop Manager,
Bolton Street

140 LIBRARY SEATS FOR 1200 USERS

Dear Editor,
I am writing to you to complain about the deplorable state of the library in the College of Catering. To date this year there are approximately 1,200 library users and only 140 seats. I feel that unless the VEC can provide its students with adequate facilities in order to successfully complete their course of study, the credibility of their qualifications will drastically decrease. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the efforts of Ms Gavin, the new Head Librarian, in her attempts to upgrade the standard and quality of the library stock. However, these developments will lose their benefit if the stock and information is not available to all students.

Yours Sincerely,

A Cathal Brugha Street Student
(Name With Editor)

USI AND SECTION 30

A Chara,
Re: "USI and Section 30" (Forum 5/3/87) I wish to point out to Comrade Bates that under no circumstances did I intend at any stage during the events of February 4th in Athlone to subvert the State, or indeed for that matter corrupt any "ordinary citizens". I was in fact exercising my democratic right to protest at the escalating and savage cutbacks taking place in State expenditure in Education.

To put the record straight, I began that day like any other, inciting riotous assemblies in the Athlone RTC canteen before leading them out on a rampage of plunder and pillage around the streets of this quiet little Westmeath town. On realising that the entire Irish police force (no kidding!) had been drafted in for the day, we (myself and a few other dodgy pinkos) decided to go and occupy the Government's Department of

Education Examination Centre to show these people that we were serious. After failing to get in the front door of the aforementioned building, we came up with a hastily arranged plan "B". It transpired to be a trite unorthodox method of gaining entry and before we knew it, local hero Sgt. McCauley was chasing us across the floor of said Department! As you can see, subversion or corruption had absolutely nothing to do with it, we were simply HAVING A PROTEST! Is mise, le meas

Paddy "It's a fair cop, Guv" McPoland
Union Development Officer
USI

PS Congrats to Editor and contributors for a wonderfully informative and entertaining magazine.

75% ATTENDANCE RULE NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED CONSISTENTLY

Dear Editor,
How can the administration of a college expect students to take seriously a rule like the "75% attendance" rule when within members of the staff there is a diverse understanding of how it should be implemented.

Students consider the situation to be farcical when only a small handful of lecturers comply with the regulations and hand in a half term attendance sheet. Until such time as there is a universal agreement as to how this regulation is to be implemented, the authorities should not expect the students to take it seriously. Having said all that I would like to point out that I agree wholeheartedly with the regulation and understand its importance in a college such as this, which must uphold certain standards.

Yours sincerely,

A Cathal Brugha Street Student
(Name With Editor)



COMAD President elect Daithi O'Connor

THE COMAD 'BIG THREE'

Dear Editor,
Congratulations, I believe, are in order for the "Big 3" Daithi O'Connor, President Elect John Lysaght, Deputy President Elect

Frank Corbet, Ents Officer Elect who did a great job last year and no doubt will do an even better one this year. Both Daithi and John were elected unopposed and some outsiders view this as a vote of no confidence in the COMAD union but I believe that they were unopposed because the rest of the students saw them as being the right people for the job.

Best of luck for the coming year.

An optimistic student
3rd year COMAD

CHAUVINISM OR LACK OF INTEREST?

Dear Editor,
Just one small criticism of an otherwise excellent and informative publication. It is regrettable that the only article published in last month's FORUM to mark International Womens day was one written by a man. Whether this is due to editorial chauvinism or lack of interest among women students is not for me to say, but which ever situation is the case is regrettable.

Yours Sincerely,
Claire Casey
Phibsboro

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FORUM accepts letters to the Editor from anybody on any subject - name and/or college or address will not be published if requested, but must be included with letter. Address to write to is on page three of this issue.

STUDENTS UNDER MORE PRESSURE

Rathmines Students Union President Paul Lysaght talks to FORUM about his year in office and argues that student life has changed considerably because of the extra pressure facing today's incoming freshers.



Rathmines Students Union President Paul Lysaght

At the time of year when the Union's activities are starting to wind down, Paul Lysaght is trying to combine his Presidential duties with studying for his final Advanced Diploma examinations in Business Studies, which he will be sitting in June. He is philosophical about his year in the Union - he feels he has made a more than reasonable contribution, though he accepts he has not succeeded in everything he set out to do.

GETTING KNOWN

"The situation in this Union has not always been perfect in the past" he says. "A situation used to exist when the Union actually shut down some lunch times if the secretary was at lunch and the President was also out of the office. I have stopped that this year. I have tried to be around the office and available to deal with problems as much as I can, though this can be difficult when I have to attend College Council meetings, Student Services meetings, DIT Inter Student Committee meetings ... the list goes on, and people may not always appreciate the committee workload of being SU President. But I feel it is very important to be available to students in the College - I feel that I have at least succeeded in being the best known President in the College in the last five years. I Don't mean that to sound like I've been the best President, but at least people have known who I am and have been able to approach me about problems that have arisen during the year. I made a point at the start of the year of getting round to nearly every class to talk to them and introduce myself and the Union. Now, I didn't actually get around to every class, but I got to a significant amount, and that got the year off to a good start. I think its very important to do that, particularly here in the College of Commerce where we have only one sabbatical officer".

SRC MEETINGS

"Now whether or not it actually succeeded in getting everything working properly is open to

question. The attendance at Student representative Councils has not been great this year. There have been maybe an average of 30 or 40 people at it - about half of the amount that are entitled to attend. But there have been meetings that virtually every class has been represented by at least one rep - our system gives some classes more than one rep depending on size - and to that extent it has

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been operating as smoothly as can be expected. You will never get a situation where every class has all of its reps at the SRC at any one time. But then there are only five or six people in Dail Eireann for some debates, and they run the country. I'm happy that the decisions that we have taken during the year have been taken democratically enough to be representative of the views of the students in the College".

CHANGE IN ATTITUDES

But there has been a great change in student attitudes in the five years Paul has been in College. "Students are different" he says. "I don't know exactly what it is, but one certain thing is that they study harder. They study

harder to get in the first place - grades have gone up, specially in Business Studies, which is a key area in the College. There are guys in my class when I started that got in on two honours in the Leaving Cert. Now they need six honours. That's a huge jump, and its bound to affect the type of student that you get in the College".

SLATTERYS AND THE LANCER

"I remember when we started, after we got to know each other, we would socialise together. We would all go across to the pub -either Slatterys or the Lancer - every Friday and other days. A good number from the class, and often others from other classes, would generally hang around together outside of College. that doesn't seem to happen any more. I must admit, I don't know where we got the money from, but that's the way it was. I used to work part time two afternoons a week in my father's medical supply business and that kept me going. Others were on a grant, a lot of people got money from their parents - but that whole scene has changed now".

MORE PRESSURE NOW

"There are still quite a lot of people who have the same amount of money as we had - I mean, in terms of parental background - but the atmosphere has changed. It's much more work and study oriented. There's much more pressure on students to justify their place in College, to pass their exams and not only pass them, but do well in them. But it doesn't matter so much, because the incoming students these days are used to studying. They're by and large the pupils who were top of their classes in secondary school and they're used to studying. I remember students when I was in first year who never went near the library until about Easter, except maybe once at the start of the year to register and get tickets. Most people didn't start studying until after Easter. Now there's so much pressure on students. First years come in and they first thing they ask you is 'where's the library'. And



The College of Commerce Soccer Team - taking over from the Bashers as the sporting focal point of the College



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you can't blame them. They're under pressure from home, they're under pressure from their peers, they've been under pressure in school and they're going to be under pressure from lecturers here".

COURSES HARDER

"The courses are also getting harder. How much harder, its difficult to quantify. But they are getting harder. They have changed a lot of the courses, some more so than others, and the aim is obviously to bring standards up rather than down. But the whole atmosphere is detrimental to the real purpose of education. If you go to College and you spend four years studying to get your qualification, but you haven't enjoyed yourself along the way, then there's something seriously wrong. If you haven't developed new friendships, developed new interests, met more people, developed in a more general way ... there's little point in leaving at the end of four years with your piece of paper and then realising that you haven't grown up as a person".

WELFARE LOANS

Another problem facing Paul has been the amount of students needing financial assistance from the Students Union. "That has shot up" he says. "The amount of students who cannot pay their rent because their grant is late or who cannot pay for books that they need on the course and try to get by without buying them, just borrowing the book from other students ... Now its probably fair to say that the problem in this College may not be as bad as in other Colleges but it is still very bad. The Students Union can provide genuine cases with loans but we cannot come anywhere near the amount or scale needed to sort out the problem. It's something that I feel very strongly that next years Executive should make a priority issue to tackle".

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Clubs and Societies activities have also been affected by this change in attitudes, says Paul. "The rugby club was always a big thing in

this College. I remember before I even came to College I knew about the Bashers Rugby Club. They used to get newspaper coverage. When I was in fourth or fifth year in secondary school I remember reading in Southside about a guy that had set up the 'Basherettes', and when I got into first year this guy was in third or fourth year. There was an atmosphere where everybody was aware of what was

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happening and most people were involved. But now the situation has changed completely. But now the interest in the Bashers, from last year anyway, has waned completely. But then to balance that out you have the Soccer team which is doing well at the moment - they were in the finals of the AIB cup up in Letterkenny the weekend before last. So to a certain extent the clubs and societies are still there as the last resort for getting some sort of mix between students from different courses".

SPORTS FACILITIES

"But if you want to get involved in sport in the College the facilities for sport are nil. There's absolutely nothing. There's not even a green park in the College. We have the use of the VEC grounds in Terenure. Now that's not that far. But it means a ten minute cycle, or a bus journey, or a half an hour walk. It just doesn't facilitate a group of students who decide that they want to, say, go out and play a game of

football at lunch hour or something. I remember last year what we did in the Union was we developed a Fitness Club. We bought weights and we set up a sort of semi gym out the back in an old dilapidated prefab. We bought more weights this year, and other equipment. There's a PE teacher in the College, part time, who supervises whatever workouts we are doing and he has classes scheduled there for maybe eight or ten people at a time, but that's the only sports facility in the College. And it's funded by the Students Union, not by the College or the VEC.

THE JACOBS BUILDING

"The VEC, of course, say they can't fund the building of a gym. And they are right to the extent that they haven't been given the funding from the Government. But one of the main reasons that the VEC won't fund any capital investment in this College is because we're supposed to be moving into the Jacobs building on Bishop Street. And the College of Marketing and Design have the same problem, because they're going to be moving in there as well. But they must realise within the VEC that they haven't even started on the Bishop Street site .. I mean, it's going to take at least ten years before that's ready. The plans are all done, but there's still so much work to be done. And then there will be so many problems when that move does happen. I mean, are there going to be two Colleges with two Principals, or one College with one Principal? What are going to happen to courses that are run on similar lines in the business and design areas in Rathmines and COMAD? Obviously, it will be sorted out in time, but can you imagine the industrial relations headaches that that move is going to cause? I tell you one thing, I wouldn't like to be depending on the move to the Bishop Street site to solve any problems over at least the next decade. So they've got to start looking at what will happen in the meantime and how they are going to tackle the problems that exist now, and will continue to exist for the thousands of students who are going to pass through the College in that period of time".

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The COMAD Debating team - Paula Murphy, Paul Hussey and Geraldine Donovan

DEBATING FOR DEVELOPMENT

well at the start of the competition. It was generally assumed that one of the University teams was bound to end up winning - Trinity had won last year, which was the first year of the competition. It is good to see that attitude being proved wrong, and it is not crucial in that context whether the DIT team in the semi final is from COMAD or Bolton Street or Kevin Street or wherever".

The debates are very much a team effort, according to team coordinator Clodagh O'Herlihy. "20% of the marks go to how the

FORUM talks to Paula Murphy, Geraldine Donovan, Paul Hussey and Clodagh O'Herlihy, the COMAD debating team who have reached the semi final stage of the 1987 World University Service 'Debates For Development' competition.

team operates presentation wise, and the other 80% on research and content" she explains, "and it is not just individual performance that the judges are looking for. The whole team has to link its arguments together, not overlap in what they are saying, draw from each others examples and points, and generally all be arguing different facets of the same argument. What we have been doing is Paula has been taking the introduction and general arguments, Geraldine has been taking the agricultural and economic arguments, Paul has taken the political and social arguments and then Paula as captain has taken the summary. There is no point in just having one excellent speaker, or even three excellent speakers, for that matter. If the team has not done its homework properly they will not stand a chance".

All three members of the team have had previous debating experience. Paula was on Sion Hill senior debating team, and

last year reached the final of the Trinity Historical Society Maiden Speakers Competition. Geraldine used to debate with Macra na Feirme at home in Abbeydorney. Paul was involved at school level in weekly debates alongside Paul Gavin, who has recently won the Irish Times Irish Colleges Debate winning a trip to debate against Harvard. Despite that, there is still the problem of nerves. Geraldine admits to this more than Paul or Paula, but all three agree that it is significantly easier to speak when you know you have done the proper research, and you know that there are people in the audience who want you to win.

But there is more to the WUS debates than simply winning. All three agree that they have learned a lot about third world development since the debates began, and have developed an interest in the area that they had not had before. "I think that we in this country have traditionally been more forward than many other nations in providing aid - whether it be nurses, doctors, money or whatever - to the third world" says Paul, "But that is just as a people. Our government, like many others, lets politics take over from any willingness to help. It is frightening to think that in one move, most 'developed country' governments could treble or quadruple whatever work Trocaire or agencies like that can do. But they don't. They tie in all sorts of stipulations to the minimal level of aid they do give".

Paula agrees. "There is a huge level of exploitation in the third world that people here are not really aware of at all. You don't realise until you make a conscious effort to research what happens, what goes wrong and why it goes wrong, it is only then that you realise the huge part that the West plays in keeping the third world down. Basically, the West doesn't want the third world to develop, they see it as a threat. And what happens in the third world goes against virtually every Western constitution - virtually every Western nation has signed the declaration of human rights with the United Nations and yet there is such incredible hypocrisy if you look at what they say and what they do. The West claims that everybody has the right to freedom of thought, to choose their own religion - but the political and social and economic oppression that the West imposes to keep up their own economic advances makes all of this seem like platitudes at best, and hypocrisy at worst".

"The problem, in this country anyway, is lack of awareness" says Geraldine. "people here are willing to help. They've demonstrated that by what they gave to Bob Geldof, what they contribute to Trocaire every year in the Lenten campaign - they are willing to help. They just don't know what the problem is. They think its natural disasters like famines that cause the problem, but its not. Its our government tying our aid, reducing the value of aid that we are giving - if people were to be aware that there is no point in just looking at the short term, with irrational solutions, they would be less likely to agree with throwing money at the problem and hoping that that will solve it. What is needed is long term commitment, that is based on an educated and informed analysis of what is needed - prevention and development rather than a fire brigade aid service. If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you give him a fishing net, you feed him for a lifetime".

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Give him a fishing net and you feed him for a lifetime." The world University Service debates for Development are based on increasing awareness among students and staff in Irish third level colleges of the problems facing the third world, and if the College of Marketing and Design team are anything to go by, it is certainly succeeding.

COMAD have reached the semi final stage of the competition with a team of three who by their own admission had very little knowledge of third world issues until the debates began, but who can now argue forcefully and knowledgeably on a range of issues concerning the nature of aid given by the 'developed' world to its less fortunate neighbours.

Geraldine Donovan, Paula Murphy and Pat McArdle were the original members of the team, together with co-ordinator Clodagh O'Herlihy. After beating fellow DIT members Rathmines College of Commerce in the first round last November, Pat McArdle had to leave the team and was replaced by Paul Hussey. Since then they have beaten CICE in the second round and Maynooth in the quarter finals, and now face the College of Surgeons on April 28 with a place in the final and a chance of the first prize of a trip to the third world well within reach.

"The first and third debate, we definitely had the easier end of the debate" says Paula. "The subjects tend to be in the form of loaded questions - 'Tied aid is better than no aid' or 'North and South, Western principles should rule OK' - and if you are defending the side of the argument that is generally accepted to be true, it is obviously easier. But having said that the judges are very objective, and they will take into account that one side may have a more difficult argument to research and make allowances for that factor".

There has been a lot of support so far from other COMAD students, and this has helped the team to grow in confidence as the debates progressed. "Quite a few people came down to Maynooth to support us" says Geraldine Donovan. "It makes it much easier when there are people there who you know, who you can focus your attention on, and who want you to win. I find it much less nerve racking than speaking in front of a group of people who we don't know, who are probably from the opposition, and who are just waiting for you to make a mistake." The support is certainly crucial, agrees Paula Murphy. "It is not just at the debates either" she says. "back in the College the other students in our classes have been very encouraging and always interested in how we have been doing - obviously more so as the competition progressed and we looked like we might have a chance of reaching the final or even winning the competition".

The team hope that there will be a strong show of support for their semi final appearance in the College of Surgeons - and not just from the College of Marketing and Design. "What we would like to see" says Paul Hussey, "is a show of support from other DIT Colleges as well - we see ourselves as representing the DIT in general, as the DIT teams were given little chance of doing

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ON YOUR BIKE ...

One of the major problems faced every year by DIT students is bicycle theft. Though it is clearly a problem that will never be solved completely, there are steps that can be taken to minimise the risks. As issued by the garda Crime prevention Unit in Harcourt Square, the following is a summary of bicycle security advice for owners.

Every year, an increasingly large number of Bicycles are lost or stolen causing great personal inconvenience and financial loss to their owners. A considerable amount of Garda time is taken up trying to trace the owners of Bicycles which have been found in the possession of criminals.

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1. When you purchase a Bicycle, you should insist on obtaining a Receipt showing Name and Address of the Seller/Trader together with the Make, Model, Colour and Frame Number of the machine. Retain this Receipt for future reference.

2. Secure your Bicycle while unattended by using a good quality locking device, eg., a hardened steel chain with a good security padlock.

3. Where possible, leave your Bicycle inside a secure area, or

in a location which is supervised, or in a busy area where it will be in the view of passersby.

4. Retain in a safe place, a note of the Make, Frame Number and any other identifying features of your Bicycle. In most models, you will find the Frame Number, either

- (a) on the frame under the saddle, or
- (b) under the bottom bracket (near chainwheel), or
- (c) on the flat portion of the left rear fork (Drop-out).

5. If you are unable to locate the Frame Number, you should engrave your own identifying number/secret mark on the frame which will enable you to positively identify your Bicycle when recovered following theft or loss. In case you have not already done so, please record TO-DAY, particulars of your Bicycle and retain them for future reference. You should note the Make, Colour, Frame Number, Wheel Size, Accessories fitted and any Distinguishing Marks.

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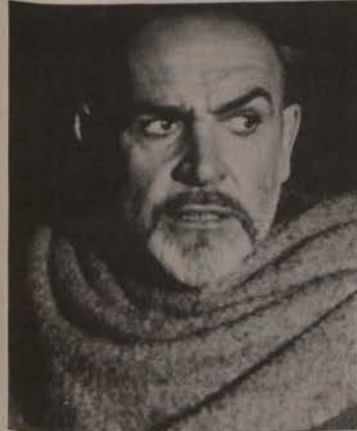
FORUM Out And About

With Carolyn O'Doherty

A Rose By Any Other name ..

The Name of the Rose

Two Franciscan monks (Sean Connery and Christian Slater) are the first arrivals at a summit council of embittered clerics, whose purpose is to decide whether the Church should accumulate wealth for themselves to expand or to help and spread amongst the world's poor. However a more immediate problem arises. One of the young monks has been murdered. More murders and complete weirdos and of course a wildly beautiful and completely immoral (!) peasant girl all intertwine to make a pleasantly watchable and enjoyable film with a great ending.



William of Baskerville as portrayed by Sean Connery in *The Name Of The Rose*



Brosnan and Connery face each other as East and West have yet another showdown in *The Fourth Protocol*

The Fourth Protocol ..

The Fourth Protocol

This is a topical chilling thriller about the cold war situation today, the latest by Frederick Forsyth. Unhappily it's more anti-Russian propaganda. When are film-makers going to realise who the *real* enemies are? Anyway, a Russian general devises a plan to destroy NATO. Working blind, British spy catcher John Preston (Michael Caine) races against

an unknown deadline to stop him. In his heroic task he has to pitch wits against the KGB's top agent Major Valeri Petrovski who is played -and very well too -by none other than Pierce Brosnan. The story throws up countless red herrings and confusion leading us towards the increasingly tense climax. This film needs your utmost concentration and therefore I did not enjoy it!



Still at it despite all the rows over which of the cast should be directing the film next time - DeForest Kelley and William Shatner recreate yet again the characters of *The Real McCoy* and the *Almost Real Kirk* as Walter Koenig (Chekov) lies critically ill (No doubt sick of having to go through the same script for the fifty millionth time)

Boldly Going Where They've Been Going For The Last Million Years ...

Star Trek 4 - The Voyage Home

This is the latest, and reputedly the last in this cult series, but it seems to be the most way out of the lot. But then I have never seen the attraction in these films at all. It is set in the 23rd century, and our world is on the edge of destruction (you're kidding?) and the crew of the famed Star Ship Enterprise are summoned back to boldly go to San Francisco to face court martial. On the way their journey is interrupted by strange signals from a space probe that is destroying the

surface of the Earth.

This is where it gets way out and *really* weird! They analyse the noises and identify them as the cries of the *humpbacked whale* that has been extinct for years. So in order to save the world they travel back in time to when the whales still existed and beam them on their ship to bring them forward in time! Their adventures include numerous hitches of course, but will the whales save the world? See it, if you care, and find out. I think the writers of this trash should get another job.

FORUM Next Month

Next month's FORUM Magazine will be the last of the academic year. It will appear in the first week of May.

It will include a feature held over from this issue on the Marketing of Music, based on a talk held by the Communications Society in the College of Marketing and Design at which representatives from various sectors of the music industry spoke at length on the commercialisation of music - does the consumer get what he or she wants or take what he or she gets?

It will also include a feature held over from the March issue on the Derry City Soccer Club and the incredible support it has got from home and travelling supporters during its short stay in the League Of Ireland.

There will also be reviews of the work during the year of the DIT Students Unions, the aftermath of USI National Congress, and a feature on exam stress and how to cope with it.

If you would like to contribute any

articles, letters, photos, or opinions to FORUM before the next issue, write to FORUM Magazine, c/o Students Union, College of Marketing and Design, 41 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1. If you would like to contribute a piece to Open Forum, please contact the editor beforehand if you are considering writing a lengthy piece.

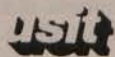
We would particularly ask all clubs and societies to submit a resume of what they did during the academic year, and any plans they have for next year.

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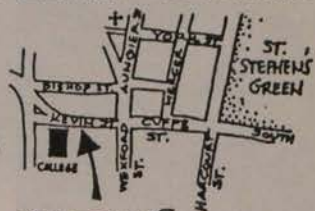
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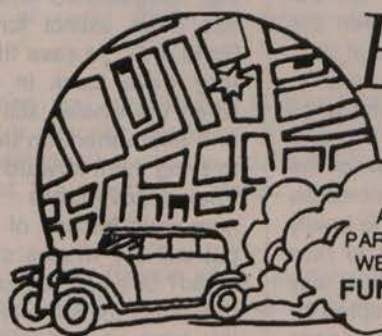
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Jimmy's BOOTS



JIMMY JACKSON OWNED AN ANCIENT PAIR OF FOOTBALL BOOTS WHICH ONCE BELONGED TO SECOND WORLD WAR NAZI LEADER ADOLF HITLER. IN SOME STRANGE WAY, THE BOOTS ENABLED JIMMY TO PLAY IN HITLER'S STYLE. JIMMY HAD BEEN MADE SUBSTITUTE ON HIS SCHOOL TEAM, MEADOWGROVE, WHICH HAD REACHED A LOCAL CUP FINAL AGAINST CROFTON ACADEMY.

RIGHT BOYS I WANT YOU TO KICK THE BALL AROUND THE PITCH A LOT.



REMEMBER IF THEY'VE WON AT THE END OF THE GAME IT'LL MEAN THAT WE'VE LOST.



JACKSON I'VE MADE YOU TWELFTH MAN BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO BE SUBSTITUTE. IF WE'RE SIX-NIL DOWN AT HALF TIME THEN I'LL CONSIDER PUTTING YOU ON.



I WOULDN'T LET YOU DOWN SIR.



AT HALF TIME MEADOWGROVE WERE SIX NIL DOWN.

OK JACKSON THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE. IF YOU DO WELL I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET A TRIAL FOR THE FULL ENGLAND TEAM!



THIS IS MY BIG CHANCE.



BLIMEY! THE BOOTS ARE MAKING ME RUN!



GOAL!



THE NEW LAD JACKSON HAS PULLED A GOAL BACK!



JIMMY WAS ON TOP FORM...

WHAT A SCORCHER! THE KEEPER HAD NO CHANCE!

THIS NEW BOY IS A REAL FIND!



IT'S THE BOOTS...

BUT SUDDENLY...

SOON JIMMY HAD SCORED FOUR MORE GOALS TO LEVEL THE MATCH AT SIX ALL. THEN...



THE NEW KIDS ONLY GOT THE KEEPER TO BEAT! HE MUST SCORE!

DAS IS EIN SCHIND...

WHAT'S HAPPENED? YOUNG JACKSON'S SPEAKING A LOT OF GERMAN NONSENSE!



THEY'VE CLEARED IT!

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

FOR FUCKS SAKE!

BASTARD JACKSON!

DONNER UND BLITZEN...



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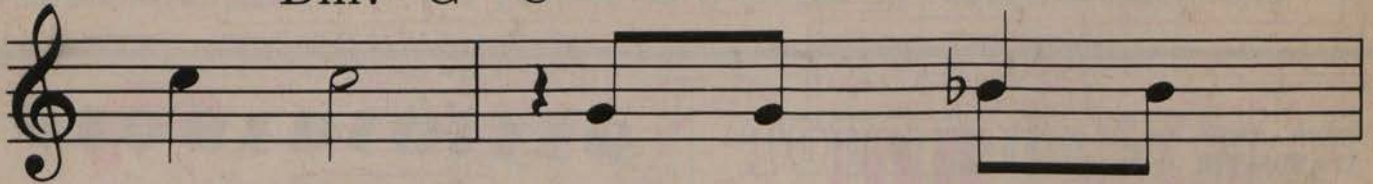
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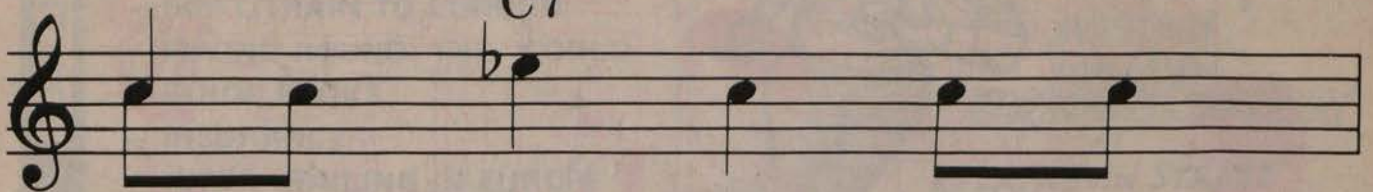
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to the birds and bees.

Money.

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"You what? You've no money on you?"

And invariably it's late, it's raining

and you're at least five miles from home.

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