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# INTRODUCTION

Now that we are all back, and settled into the routine of lectures, disputes and study, this issue of the magazine hopefully will begin to enlighten you all on the ongoing issues within and without the College. Also so as not to bore you with too much politically based brawls included are items on Societies and Clubs.

Articles for the magazine, in the form of letters to the editor (criticisms) or just information about forthcoming events are always gratefully accepted for publication.

The Students' Union must this time levy a charge of ten pence to help cover the cost of printing. Unlike the first issue which was free, sponsorship through advertisement was not sought as it is too troublesome to collect the revenue after publication, you will notice the lack of ads.

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WILL YOU WELCOME THE CHALLENGE?

Technological change is leaving us a legacy of human problems.

Youth is not a wait and see time.

Half the population of Ireland is aged under 25.

I don't think we've got Our Kind of Country yet.

Young people should have direct access to the Dail.



## Editorial

In the past in the college, the Students Union has been treated as some sort of drop out area. For instance, if one wished to have a 'drag' or get 'high' one simply purchased the necessary materials from the shop manager. However, the Drug squad smelled the acid air and paid the manager a visit. Everyone can guess what then became of the Shop Manager. Perhaps it is for this reason that the Union is thought to be living in another world or somewhere between two worlds.

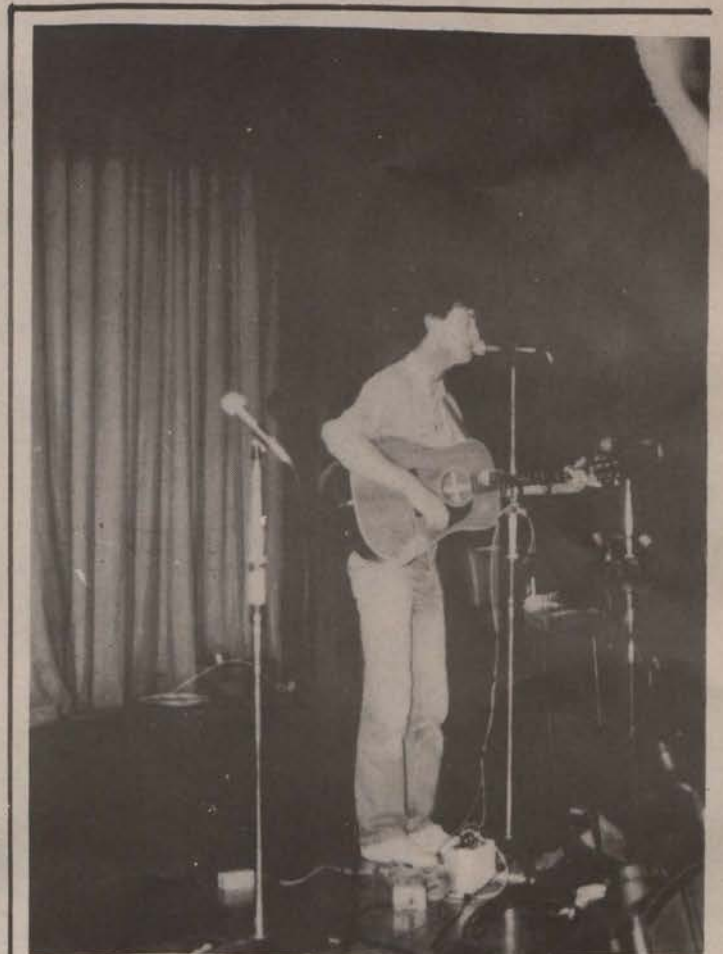
Maybe another reason for this school of thought lies in the fact that the executives of the Union over the years have not been terribly active. Rot was allowed to creep in. Issues were taken up and those that were, were not followed through to their conclusions. People lost faith in the executives and consequently the Union lost faith in itself to do anything, thus it declined.

At the beginning of last year, the only sabbatical (full-time) officer was the Services Officer. He began well but soon got disinterested in Services in the true sense. He concentrated his efforts in providing concerts mostly of heavy rock/new wave type of music. He then became the manager of a band and obviously enough he used the Union Office as the bands' headquarters. He educated all those around him in how to run gigs properly. So much so, that the union was described once as a breeding ground for band promoters but it is not. It is a student Union which should cater for the student demands not just in pop music but in welfare, and of course in defence of his/her rights.

The political awareness of students in this college (especially the senior classes

as the freshers have not had time to make an impression) is very low. This can be shown by the fact that all the posts on the executive at present filled were elected unopposed bar one. Guess what post that was - Services Officer.

In further issues and indeed in this edition, articles covering the affairs which directly involve students should be read and discussed among yourselves. The President of the Union will be looking to you for guidance, advice and assistance in how to tackle these problems. He asks you to involve yourselves more attending meetings and electing class representatives. Let us together approach problems properly then and only then will we realise our full potential as a Union.



Freddie White in the Gleeson Hall.



# TECHNICIANS DISPUTE

At present in the Electrical Engineering Department in the College, the technician(s) are conducting a work to rule.

The reasons for their action is quite justifiable. Last year, they were physically ejected by the Principal from their workshop which was in the basement. This room is now being used as a General Workshop for all the Departments in the College. A former electrical Engineering Department Technician is now in charge of the room.

However, the Electrical Engineering Technicians have no place to work, to prepare, repara or test equipment for laboratories. So, WEET or SEF, do not be vicious in your criticism of the technicians as you undoubtedly feel that they are responsible for the maintenance of the inaccurate Galvinometers etc. that fouled up the results of your lab reports. It is not their fault. The authorities simply are acting peculiar when they try to remedy the situation.

Allow me to enlighten you on the present situation, and if you scream, I only came here to get a diploma/degree, I will understand, because truly the untangling of a barbed wire mess would be simpler.

The Technicians were ejected from the basement with no where to go.

The Principal believes they could adequately service the lab equipment in the laboratories themselves while classes come and go. This is impractical as the students movements in the labs would be a continual distraction to the technician. It was moved subsequently to give the technicians Room IO on the ground floor. This room the technicians feel would be sufficient. However, one slight problem, Room IO is presently occupied by some of the teaching staff. This meant looking for a new place for the teaching staff. Room 56 on the ground floor was murmured to be available. Ah - but the computer in Room 56 is in the way, someone screamed, O.K. move the computer to Room II (beside Room IO) as it is needed there anyway, this will leave Room 56 free for staff. It must be pointed out that Room II is also used as a staff room. Thus, by moving the computer to Room II and the technicians settling into Room IO (next door) involved the eviction of two groups of teaching staff. Room 56 is therefore too small. To facilitate the overcrowding of this room Room IOI was set aside by the Principal for the staff. A bit like musical rooms.

At present the staff who have been offered Room IOI are not willing to move in, until it is partitioned into three sections. The staff fear that the room could be easily used as a

lecture hall anytime if it is not partitioned into three offices.

This is the basic outline of the problem which begun as a simple rehousing of the technicians. If one studies the problem a little closer one might ask why have the staff been involved at all. Room IOI, if it is available to staff, surely is also available to technicians? This was suggested at the last College Council by the Student Union President but it was quickly ignored by the council. Something is in the air besides the usual complement of gases the powers that be by their awkwardness in dealing with the problem (it has run on for over a year) indicate that they wish to have no solution to the problem.

Room IOI is perfectly suitable as it stands to the technicians, why not give it to them and deal separately with any accomodation problems the staff might have?

A letter was written to Mr. P. Donegan Chairman of D.I.T. outlining this problem and simple solution to him (as if he was not familiar with the situation, since he is on College Council) however at the meeting D.I.T. did not discuss the dispute as the letter did not arrive.



# AGM REPORT

On October 14th 1980 the Students' Union held its Annual General Meeting in the Gleeson Hall. Over two hundred attended, however this figure decreased as the meeting progressed. Understandably most people needed something to eat, so they had to leave before the meeting ended to get into the canteen. The Authorities refused to allow lectures end early to facilitate the A.G.M. Nonetheless the meeting was a success.

It began by the acceptance of standing orders after the President had proposed and passed an amendment to them. An independent chairman was nominated from the floor and Tom Conway took the chair unopposed.

The former President Donal Spillane then presented his report of the previous years happenings. It was accepted as a true account without any questions or comments from the members. Following the Presidents' Report came the Budget perhaps the most important item on the agenda for most. It was introduced and explained by the President Kevin McCartan. A number of questions followed concerning the figure for the U.S.I affiliation fee and also the U.S.I. Congress expenses. The president explained that they were not very different from the previous years' budget. This was confirmed by Donal Spillane. The President also explained that the figure for shop profit was largely arbitrary. The Accountant had not at that time completed the auditing of the Unions' Accounts. It was also pointed out by the President that the sum allotted to Societies would be broken down to the individual groups at an O.G.M. later on. The President also asked that Societies hand in their budget as soon as is possible.

After the acceptance, the motions all proposed by the executive were debated upon.

Motion No 1 was a Constitutional amendment. As the president pointed out in his proposal speech, it was simply an updating of the Constitution as in fact the Student Representative Council (S.R.C.) was in being last year. It was also pointed out that a new S.S.O. (see J.S.U.C. article) was being formed thus the need for greater participation by clubs and societies in the running of the Union. The motion states that a member of each club and society must attend S.R.C. meetings. If a club or society is not present at three consecutive meetings, the club or society is deemed to not exist in the College.

After a small debate there was an amendment to the motion adopted, it was the word 'elected' to be deleted in first line second paragraph. This meant that any member of an organisation within the College can represent his/her club or society at the S.R.C. The representative need not be an elected one. The Constitutional amendment was then voted on and passed.

Motion No 2 was about the library. It was passed unanimously. A long term plan will be drawn up and presented to an O.G.M. for approval, then hopefully the V.E.C. will eventually adopt it and build an adequate library.

Motion No 3 was about the Bicycle Shed security (or lack of it) proposed by the Education Officer Tiernan Birmingham. All agreed the security in the College is ridiculous, however some had doubts about the practicality of the system proposed in the motion. It was passed by a huge majority.



## AGM report cont'd

Motion No 4 dealt with the Dublin Colleges Academic Staff Association. It was proposed by the President Kevin McCartan and seconded by the Education Officer Tiernan Bermingham. The President pointed out the major drawbacks of the new agreement accepted by the T.U.I. which improved conditions for the R.T.C. staffs but not for the Dublin V.E.C. staffs. It was passed unanimously. The importance of the acceptance of this motion has since come to light at the E.G.M. held in Room 308 on Thursday 23rd October. There it was decided by general consensus to review the position of the D.C.A.S.A. within the coming weeks to ascertain whether the Unions' present policy of support should be changed.

Motion No 5 covered the setting up of the NIHE in Dublin. It was accepted unanimously. The proposer (Kevin McCartan) pointed out that wage scales for N.I.H.E. staff were far in excess of similar staff wages in the D.I.T. The president suggested that the Government was snubbing the D.I.T. by financing N.I.H.E. in such a manner.

Motion No 6 proposed by Kieran Sludds the Outgoing Communications Officer condemned the Governments attitude generally to the financing of the technological sector. The motion called for a clear statement by the Department of Education of its future policy.

Perhaps this statement will be forthcoming in the White paper on education which is one of the conditions of the National Understanding? If it is not forthcoming the Student Body in this College along with the other Colleges will be campaigning under the leadership of U.S.I. to force the Department of Education to act sensibly (See U.S.I. article).

## Thomond Rally

On Thursday the 30th October, approximately one thousand students took to the streets to protest over the expulsion of the forty students in Thomond College of Education, Limerick.

Some travelled from Sligo, others the majority came by special train from Limerick. Of course the major Dublin Colleges were present. Well, shall we say their banners indicating the names of the colleges were to be seen. From Kevin St. came a handful of students mostly from the same class. At the E.G.M. to canvass for support for the rally over ninety people voted to participate in the march. How was it that only a paltry fifteen or so turned out?

Presently in our college the Teachers are beginning to campaign for better conditions, so much so that they formed their

own trade Union the D.C.A.S.A. From the press releases which they have issued it is evident they mean business if their demands are not met.

Part of their militant strategy the 'blacking of the pre-fabs'. Another method they say they will use will be the refusal to set exams, if this happens we will be out on the streets screaming for our exams. We will undoubtedly expect support from other colleges such as Thomond, but my friends everything works both ways. If we don't support them now surely you don't expect them to support us then.

Greater participation in Union activity is essential if we as a Student body honestly want to see the Thomond Students reinstated. Opportunities such as last Thursday to show the Government and the public at large that the student movement is alive and well should not be missed. When the call goes out to march



we should do so. If we do this as a united fully committed body then the need to call you out will not be frequent, as our sheer force on the streets itself provide a realistic threat to the law and order of the State.

The march passed off, incident less, but it was a success. All Daily papers and R.T.E. gave us some coverage. A welcome development in the dispute is the stepping in of the Director of the N.C.E.A. Mr. Padraig MacDiarmada. Hopefully then, in the near future the students of Limerick will be able to get back to their books and place the placards in storage.

## USI-education policy

Each year, just about this time U.S.I. calls out the students on to the streets to protest in front of Leinster House over the lack of finance in education. However, U.S.I. knows just as each individual student knows this form of polite display on the streets is ineffective. So much so, that the participation by students in other marches, such as the recent Thomond demonstration in Dublin, is effected adversely.

The National Union has used the tool of mass demonstration to the full and the further use of this method will only frustrate students more than the people in the Department of Education to whom the action is supposedly against.

A rethink of the whole campaign is necessary. The slogan upon which the campaign in the past was based 'Education is a right not a privilege' synopsis the aims of U.S.I. U.S.I. believes that access to education should be free to every person who wishes to pursue an Educational Career. This is the long term

objective of the Union. In the short term improvement in basic facilities in colleges have been and will continue to be campaigned for. Usually, however, it is up to the individual student unions to campaign for their own needs on their respective campuses.

Realising that the annual walk in the rain to the Dail by the students in Dublin in bringing the Government to implement a policy which will satisfy the demands of U.S.I. is ineffective. In what direction should the student movement turn to get satisfaction? What weapons are left in the campaigns' arsenal? Should the Union continue to act as it has done calling each year for mobilisation, or should a hard line be taken up? Perhaps a more militant approach to the campaign might bear the required result. After all, look at the recent dispute by the petrol tankers. Their tough-line tactics and eagerness to disrupt the economy was condemned by all, but it forced the Government to submit. It is this type of action which U.S.I. should take

up.

At the October National Council held in Trinity College Dublin, the Officers presented a document on finance for Education. It pertains generally to the policy of bygone years i.e. lobbying, closing of colleges for two days, etc. The list contains ten different methods in what is basically an excellent campaign if the willingness was there in the colleges amongst the students to participate.

However, as was evident by the handful of marchers which attended the Thomond demonstration in Dublin the willingness is non-existent.

Understandably, the morale of the students is low. U.S.I. will have to resort to the crass methods of occupations on a large scale to bring the morale of the students back to what it was in the early seventies.

After all, when one is dealing with a crass Government, one must use crass methods to achieve ones objectives.

It is sad that such methods should have to be called for. However a little militant action now properly co-ordinated should awaken the bureaucrats in Marlborough St.

Education is a basic right it should be available to all income classes, at a minimum cost. Imagine if everybody alive today was given a proper education, do you think we would have the level of violence that we do have? Due to the short-sightedness of a few who are governed by their capitalistic attitudes, the populace will remain to suffer in their ignorance.



# Ent's

Few people will disagree when I say that the 'Scullion - Freddie White double bill in the Gleeson Hall was extremely enjoyable for both the band and the capacity audience.

The support band Dorrian Brown & Fox started the night in the right spirit and showed that they are well able to play. The material for the most part was their own and was appreciated by the audience. Freddie White treated us to the old favourites like 'Desperado' and 'Marie' with a handsome sprinkling of new material. He was obliged to return to the stage for an encore after a fine performance in his own unique style.

The heroes on the night however must surely have been 'Scullion'. For my money a more appropriate opening number they could not have chosen. 'John the Baptist' immediately won over the crowd with lyrics such as 'Everythings alright and everything was alright'.

The rapport between the group is something to really enjoy and at the same time to be marvelled at. For an acoustic band Scullion are electric. We'll be hoping to bring them back for Rag week so keep it in mind.

Good news is that Dorrian Brown & Fox were invited by Freddie White to play the Baggot Inn in early November. I'll be working to get them into the union.

around the date for a lunch-time gig.

And now after the Gleeson Hall appetiser let me give you the menu for the rest of the term up to Christmas - (all dates have been submitted to the Principal to secure the hall).

5th November - 'Stocktons Wing' and support. One of Irelands top traditional bands who are quickly making a big name for themselves here and abroad.

28th November - Louis Stewart. A treat for all lovers of jazz guitar and good music. Louis plays with his quartet.

I hope that will wet your appetite. Don't forget lunch-time gigs and the occasional evening gig in the union.



Scullion in the Gleeson Hall.

# Eats

## Nutrition News

### Diet and Dental disease

Dental Health may be defined as a state of complete normality and functional efficiency of the tooth and supporting structures. However, unless we eat properly dental curies and dental disease will play an undersirably large role in our lives. As a nation we eat too many sugar-rich foods. These carbohydrates are broken down quickly by the oral microbiological flora, producing acids which then begin the process of tooth decay, the decay process begins with colonies of bacteria (called dental plaque) that stick to your teeth. When you eat the bacteria break down your food and change the sugar to acid. The sticky bacterial plaque then holds the acid to the tooth surface allowing it to attack the enamel of your teeth. Periodontal disease can then set in as a result of the plaque attack.

To prevent these occurrences we must ensure a diet that is low in the detrimental sugars and eat some of the healthier and more nutritious foods instead, to ensure a healthier set of teeth.

Why not come along to us during Dental Health Week on 15th November. See notice board for more details.



# FILMS

## Slap Shop:-

Starring - Paul Newman  
Michael Ontkean

The 'Charleton Chiefs' - a third rate Ice Hockey team in a minor league. However the Coach and Reggie Dunlop are not satisfied with past or present performances and aim to do something to remedy the situation. Suddenly the team start winning their matches - even though their tactics aren't exactly what you would call fair.

A brilliant fast-moving action comedy. Well worth seeing.

Running time - 5.15-7.15pm.  
Play date:- Thursday  
6th November.  
Venue:- Room 408.

## The China Syndrome:-

Starring - Jane Fonda  
Michael Douglas

Disturbing in the light of the recent three mile island, Harrisburg incident this film tells the story of the accidental discovery of a faulty nuclear reactor in California.

Jane Fonda is the young female 'human-interest stories' reporter for the local T.V. station. Sent on a routine assignment with her cameraman (Michael Douglas) to the newly constructed nuclear plant they stumble across something posing some serious questions. Secretly the scene of panic in the control-room of the plant is filmed and shown to some experts. They

all agree that a 'melt-down of the reactor fuel had almost occurred due to some faulty 'fail-safe' equipment.

However the T.V. station directors seize the film for it's possible political implications.

Meanwhile Congressional hearings on the safety of reactors are in progress, prior to the official opening of the plant. The reporter and cameraman find that one member of the staff isn't happy with the way things are going and they risk their lives in an attempt to bring their evidence to the hearing.

A brilliant film.

Running time - 5.15 - 7.15  
Playdate:- Thursday  
13th November.  
Venue:- Room 408.



## Foul Play:-

Starring - Goldie Hawn,  
Burgess Meredith  
Dudley Moore  
Chevy Chase.

Gloria Mandy, beautiful and divorced, is determined to lead a 'stay-at-home' existence. When she unwittingly becomes the possessor of evidence of a sinister assassination plot, her life changes dramatically. As the target for a

group of sinister underworld characters, she strives desperately to evade pearl-handled daggers, strangulation, chloroform pads, and speeding black limousines. Her life is further complicated when she seeks protection from a would be 'Lothario' with a memorable collection of erotic devices.

Nobody will believe Gloria's account of the bizarre occurrences until one handsome police 'detective' (Chevy Chase), influenced more by her blue eyes than the actual evidence, determines to discover who is trying to kill her. Gloria's adventures are not over, however, and further desperate hair-raising situations lead to a frantic encounter in the San Francisco Opera House.

Playdate:- 20th November.  
Time:- 5.15  
Venue:- Room 408.

## Monty Python & the Holy

### Grail:-

Assuming the roles of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table, the Monty Python team (John Cleese, Michael Palin, Eric Idle) in true lunatic fashion, undertake an undesirable and hazardous task - to seek the Holy Grail.

Playdate:- 27th November  
Time:- 5.15 - 7.15  
Venue:- Room 408

Adm. to all films = 40p.

## Forthcoming Films:-

The Last Waltz - 4th Dec.  
Midnight Express - 11th Dec  
Annie Hall - 18th Dec.



# COLLEGE WINS DUBLIN CITY MARATHON!



From a field of over 2,000 runners, Kevin Street, with a scoring total of 23 points, won the team event in this prestigious event.

Winning Team:-      Brendan O'Shea  
                                 Andy Brennan  
                                 Seamus Byrne  
                                 Mick Aughey

Watch Notice Board for Future plans.



## P.E. DEPARTMENT

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, KEVIN STREETSWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

The Swimming Pool is now available to Students of the College as follows:-

MONDAY:	12.30 - 1.00	Beginners
	1.00 - 1.30	Training
	1.30 - 2.00	Water Polo
	5.00 - 5.30	Beginners
	5.30 - 6.30	Swimmers
	6.30 - 7.00	Beginners
	7.00 - 8.00	Swimmers
	8.00 - 10.00	Water Safety
TUESDAY:	12.30 - 1.00	Training
	1.00 - 1.30	Beginners
	1.30 - 2.00	Water Polo
	5.00 - 5.30	Beginners
	5.30 - 6.30	Swimmers
	6.30 - 7.00	Beginners
	7.00 - 8.00	Medical Staff
	8.00 - 9.00	Training
9.00 - 10.00	Leisure	
WEDNESDAY:	12.30 - 1.00	Water Polo
	1.00 - 1.30	Training
	1.30 - 2.00	Beginners
	5.00 - 6.00	Swimmers
	6.00 - 7.30	Water Polo Club
	7.30 - 10.00	Sub Aqua
THURSDAY:	12.30 - 1.00	Beginners
	1.00 - 1.30	Water Polo
	1.30 - 2.00	Training
	5.00 - 5.30	Beginners
	5.30 - 6.30	Swimming Club
	7.30 - 8.00	Beginners
	8.00 - 10.00	Leisure
FRIDAY:	12.30 - 1.00	Training
	1.00 - 1.30	Beginners
	1.30 - 2.00	Water Polo
	6.00 - 8.00	Beginners & Swimmers
	8.00 - 10.00	Water Safety
SATURDAY:	9.00 - 11.00	Swimmers & Beginners
	11.00 - 12.00	Water Safety

\* As sub Aqua, Conoeing and Water Polo are Club activities a membership fee will be charged.

\* Most equipment will be available on loan to beginners. For information, contact Club Secretaries, during the club sessions, or Seamus Byrne.



# EGM

Following a well attended Emergency General Meeting (E.G.M.) the Students' Union re-affirmed its position in supporting the Dublin Colleges Academic Staff Association in its fight for recognition. However at the meeting it was firmly stated to review the situation as time went on (as the exams get closer).

The Dublin Colleges Academic Staff Association is at present 'blacking' the pre-fabs in the College grounds. The 'blacking' of the pre-fabs will be called off if the Department of Education give them a hearing. But if the Department do this the Teachers Union of Ireland will come in and say that we are the sole representatives body of third level teaching staff and threaten strike if the Government carries on negotiation procedures with the D.C.A.S.A. Thus the Dept. will not recognise the D.C.A.S.A. at least not in the near future. The D.C.A.S.A. have stated they will take further industrial action. This could be boycotting setting of exams, which would leave the students in the college in a mess.

Informed sources say that for a Trade Union to be recognised is virtually impossible as there are strict rules laid down by the I.C.T.U. which cannot be broken.

If recognition is not forthcoming from this recent boycotting of classes by the students and D.C.A.S.A. staff then the D.C.A.S.A. will have no other option but to strike.

The strike would be an unofficial dispute which could be compared to the recent petrol tankers action. However, the effect on the public at large would be negligent thus the powers that be would much slower in reacting. For instance sending in the Army would not help the situation. However one must wonder if the members of D.C.A.S.A. feel agrieved enough

to take such action after all they can continue working under the old contract. If the above did happen, the students would be affected. What action could we take? An all night siege in Marlborough St.? Time will tell.

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## Meet the Executive



Neil O'Broin an SEE 111 student has plenty of experience as Treasurer. He was the Treasurer of the Sports Council last year.



Mel Mercier a WRS 111 student has an electric ear for music. Throughout the year, he will be providing you with good service, as Service Officer.

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There are still two Vacancies left on the Union Executive.

- (1) Vice-President
- (2) Communication Officer.



# JSUC

The J.S.U.C. (the Joint Students' Union Council) is made up as the name does not suggest of five Principal nominees from each V.E.C. college plus the five Student Union presidents. Also included are:- a representative from the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Educational Committee and of course an independent Chairman plus an administrative officer/secretary.

The basic function of the council is to administer the distribution of the capitation monies i.e. the monies that you give to your students' union which is included in the fees you pay when enrolling in a course.

The Council inspects the unions' audited accounts at the beginning of each academic year and on that basis it distributes the finance.

This year however the council is to be dissolved and a new set up to be created. The new organisation will be headed by a Student Services Council. The S.S.C. will have four sub-committees.

1) Sports Council - it is envisaged that by joint participation from all colleges, much better and more competitive competitions will be held.

2) Welfare Committee - This will cater for the more personal problems of individual students. Counselling, Career Guidance and the basic medical facilities, which at the minute are non-existent, will be provided. It is hoped a doctor will visit each

college at least twice weekly, and in the long term nursing staff will be employed on a full-time basis.

3) Cultural Committee:- This sub-committee will involve the various culturally inclined societies from the Colleges. For instance, the drama societies will pool their talents together and produce top quality performances (of course that is not to say, they have not already being doing so individually). Debating societies could run inter-college competitions.

Union Finance Committee:- As the name suggests this grouping will simply function as J.S.U.C. presently does i.e. circulation of capitation fees. At the time of writing the name of this committee is Union Grants Committee. This, the five Students' Unions feel is misleading. The monies which the committee will handle are in fact the fees you have paid for your Union membership. However, for some unclear reason, the powers that be namely the Vocational Educational Committee (V.E.C.) insist on calling these monies grants.

Grants imply a hand out, which can easily be withdrawn as quickly as handed out. We (i.e. the five S.U.) have made it clear to the V.E.C. that the name of this committee should be the Union Finance Committee. Last year, some of the S.U. presidents wanted to call it the Capitation committee which is really the correct description. However when the V.E.C. were asked to change the name from Grants to Capitation they refused and consequ-

ently the Student Services Organisation was not permitted to form as originally planned on 1st Sept. 1980. Thus the five Students' Union this year, realising that the setting up of Student Services which are urgently required, is more important than what a committee should be called, as a compromise, decided to re-name the Union Grants committee to Union Finance Committee. By doing this the V.E.C. must accept it as they can interpret the word finance as they wish. With a little willingness from the V.E.C. Beaurecrats Students Services should be a reality by January 1981.

## Financing of S.S.O.

Some of you may wonder, how will this new system be financed. As has already been stated, each one of you has paid your Student Union membership fee along with your course fee. Part of the Student Union fee is given over to a development fund to finance the new Organisation. Full-time students paid £14 for Student Union fees of which £4 was deducted for the S.S.C. development. Part-time students paid £4 to the Union of which £1 was given to the S.S.C. development fund.

With a little stretching of finance here and there, the Student Services Organisation should operate reasonably well. However as the system grows extra finance may be needed, hopefully the V.E.C. will realise this and come to aid S.S.O. with its checkbook, rather than its directives.



## Reflections on a 'Sit-In'

In the first edition of Students' News an appreciation of Fr. S.J. Dunne was published. The following article is from the hand of Fr. Dunne after a protest in the College in 1970. His ideas are simple, however, when one endeavours to execute them they are lost in the reams of bureaucratic bails of tape.

What the Bolshoi is to Ballet, what M.I.T. is to Technology what Groot Schoor is to Heart Surgery, what L.S.E. is to Economics, what the L'Academie Francaise is to Belles Lettres, so Kevin St. is - to what?

The answer to this question is not to be found by merely providing an Educational Centre, with its own Charter, perfectly organised, administered and equipped with the best that money can buy; well planned courses, taught by qualified staff, adequately paid and all the necessary student facilities generously given.

Such a Centre would be a great help, indeed necessary, if one important Factor is also present and appreciated as essential by everybody connected with such a Centre.

That Factor is a realistic idealism that will give vision and inspiration to the minds and hearts of Staff and students alike, and give life and meaning to a structure of concrete and steel. A vision that will lift the

hearts and minds of all of us above the petty and the trivial. That vision is one that can be translated into a real challenge, that will bring out all that is best in every one of us.

This challenge, may I suggest could take the form of providing graduates dedicated to finding a solution to Ireland's scientific and Industrial problems at all levels, a solution that will also take into account and try to answer the human and sociological problems of life in a Technological age. More and more the quality of life today is being questioned or criticised. Can we in Kevin St., by study and thought, give men and women to the nation who will strive to provide the answers?

Let there be no doubt about it. The potentiality is there, both in Staff and students to respond realistically to an ideal such as this. On Friday evening at the sit-in, there was the beginning of a real dialogue between Staff and students, a willingness to listen, to ask reasonable questions and accept reasonable answers. There was no rancour or bitterness or rabble rousing speeches, no sloganising. Legitimate complaints were aired, and there was a willingness to accept a reasonable compromise if the grievances could not be remedied at once. It was a pity that there were not more from both

sides present to speak and listen. The generosity and good will is there. It needs only encouragement and understanding to develop the internal harmony necessary for idealism to grow and flourish.

Once the basis of this harmony and understanding is laid, then all sections of our College will be satisfied with nothing less than excellence in study and work to produce the quality of people Ireland (and indeed the world) needs today. Indeed I would hope that such an ideal would inspire students to aim at the highest achievement possible within their capabilities and not be satisfied with a piece of paper that gives a qualification that is the minimal necessary for a job. When Staff realizes that it has such students then they in their turn will rise to the challenge to give of their best.

To achieve this standard it might be necessary to curtail the full spread of desirable courses for the present until we can obtain the qualified personnel needed to teach them; or phase cut some if there is a danger that they can only be carried by already overburdened Staff. Neither student or staff can give of their best if they have to work in a stress situation, and the result of the College and the



# TABLE MANNERS

Having been approached by some canteen staff, I was prompted to write the following. As you all know the Canteen is situated on the fourth floor directly above the Student Union premises. It has insufficient capacity to facilitate the large population of users.

Each table has enough room for four people. However, it is the practice of groups greater than four to crowd around a table. This consequently causes obstructions to the floor staff who must be allowed to move freely between the tables gathering trays and dishes etc. It is not such a nuisance at certain times as there are not so many people in the Canteen then and thus the floor staff are not so busy. I must request those who do sit at tables in large numbers to do so ONLY when the Canteen is not so crowded. In other words use you 'discretion' or your common sense, overpopulating a table and thus blocking the area between tables is not on during lunch-times.

You must follow any wish or demand of the Canteen Staff while you are on the Canteen premises. I have been informed of certain individuals who refused to move to other tables when requested. They also refused to produce their college Student Card. The refusal to produce your card is contrary to College rules. You should always carry your card. Remember you will need it when voting in any Union

Elections.

## Coffee/Tea Dispenser

There are at present negotiations going on to get the best deal for a coffee/tea dispensing machine. It is to be installed in the Students' Union Common Room. The Canteen will bear all the costs, however they will also take any profits. The profits will be used to maintain the prices at the present level in the Canteen itself and also to improve the Service in the Canteen. The purpose of the coffee/tea dispensing machine is simply to alleviate the demand on the Canteen at peak times. People who just require a coffee to have with their packed lunches will be able to do so in the Common Room, thus allowing those who wish to have a full meal in the Canteen to get one quickly.

## Library Tables

As this article is entitled table manners I wish to inform new comers of the rules regarding Library tables.

When you occupy a seat in the library you may leave it vacant for not less than ten minutes any length of time greater than ten minutes another person will have the right to take your seat. In other words you cannot hold a seat by leaving books on the table for an indefinite length of time.

Sit-In...contd.

nation. This is a point that we could expose more fully to all in authority.

But given the right type of student, the right type of staff and the conditions necessary for harmonious working relationships, then Kevin St. will earn it's own reputation, it's own status and it's own role. The groundwork is being laid; we have the material and the idealism, all it needs is that it be nurtured and helped to grow.

Can we look forward to the day when the only reference a craftsman, a technician, an electronics expert, a Research Physicist needs, is to be able to say, 'I was trained in Kevin St.'

Peter Dunne S.J.

P.S. It is worthy of note that the meeting started with a vote of thanks to the people of Ireland for providing and maintaining a two million pound building so well equipped as Kevin St.



Sean Flynn, a WAS 111 student. He was involved in the Union last year, so as Assistant Service Officer, he will be a great asset.



# SPORTS

## The College Basketball

Volleyball and Scrubbers Football Leagues are now in full swing. In Basketball SEE(4) and WHL seem to be strongest. As soon as SEAL get to know one another they could post a threat to the favourites.

The Volleyball is being dominated by SEE who have three teams. However W.B.T. seem most likely to do well over the league programme.

After an absence of three years SESB have returned to the Scrubbers Football. Already they are posing many problems for all the other teams. Provided they continue to support from all their players they should win the league.

The new D.I.T. Gaelic Football Club was launched in Terenure on Wednesday 13th October. Close to 100 students representing all the Dublin Colleges participated in a Football Blitz. Rathmines were the eventual winners. The only disappointment is that Rathmines refuse to join the D.I.T. Club, preferring to go it alone in the Higher Education Leagues.

Training is as follows:-

Wed - 5.30-6.30 for the players in the Div. 2 panel at Bolton St. Gym and from 6-7 p.m. for the Freshers Team in the Kevin St. Gym. New players are always welcome.

The A.I.B. Colleges Cup Competition is due to commence within the next two weeks. Kevin St. have been drawn into a group which included the Limerick Technical Inst., R.T.C. Carlow and College of Marketing, Parnell Sq. The response to the advertising campaign in the College Notice Boards has been very poor. Surely there are a lot of players who are interested in representing the College in this All Ireland Inter College Competition.

A four a side indoor football league will commence on Tuesday next at 12.30 in the Gym. Teams should register in advance.

## Badminton Club

The gymnasium is now open on Thursday and Friday for badminton. At the recent A.G.M. Membership fee was set at £4. Club members will be asked to partake in an American Competition which will be coming up shortly. So keep your eyes on the notice board.

## Sailing Club

The Sailing Clubs winter calendar has got off to a smashing start, with large turnouts for sailing at Dun Laoghaire. The Clubs A.G.M. took place on Tuesday 21st October and the new executive was elected. This year sees a major change in the clubs committee and unfortunately will be without Gerry Bedford and Dermot Ryan both whom have played vital roles in the club since it was formed in 1977.

The Clubs fleet has grown to the grand total of three boats (more than the navy) and can now cater for larger crowds. This year promises to be quite eventful and already plans have been drawn up for numerous social events.

Membership is still open, if you're interested please contact any club member or come to the club meetings (see sports council notice board for particulars).

All members and intending members note that the first social is on Friday 31st October at 8 p.m. at Burkes of Camden St. The Weekend outing is to be arranged later.

## DEBATING

ANY STUDENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING A DEBATING SOCIETY PLEASE CONTACT MAURA LYNCH OR MARTIN FAWCETT. WRTT 2 - Room 403 on Thursday afternoon.



City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee

The timetable below is the official College Calendar as decided by the City of Dublin V.E.C. In the prospectus you will notice slight differences, these are obviously misprints. They have nothing to do with Traditional Mid-Term breaks, and the like.

COLLEGE CALENDAR - SESSION 1980/81

1980

September 1	Monday	Commencement of Session
October 15	Wednesday	Votive Mass
October 27	Monday	Public Holiday
December 8	Monday	*Church Holiday - day classes closed
December 19	Friday	Final Class Meetings before Christmas Vacation

1981

January 7	Wednesday	All Classes resume after Christmas Vacation
March 17	Tuesday	Public Holiday
March 30	Monday	*All Classes close )
April 6	Monday	All Classes resume ) Spring Break
April 17	Friday	Public Holiday
April 20	Monday	Public Holiday
MaY 28	Thursday	*Church Holiday - day classes closed
June 1	Monday	Public Holiday
June 18	Thursday	*Church Holiday - day classes closed
June 19	Friday	All Classes terminate except where otherwise arranged

\* Except where otherwise arranged

BLOCK RELEASE COURSES for APPRENTICES IN DESIGNATED TRADES

( Eleven Weeks each )

Term 1 - 1980	September 29	Monday	Classes Commence
	December 12	Friday	Classes end
Term 2 - 1981	January 5	Monday	Classes Commence
	March 20	Friday	Classes end
Term 3 - 1981	April 6	Monday	Classes Commence
	June 19	Friday	Classes end

\*Note: Courses for Apprentice Printers will be held as Follows:

(a) One of 12 weeks duration commencing on September 22nd, 1980

and

(b) One of 24 weeks commencing on January 5th, 1981

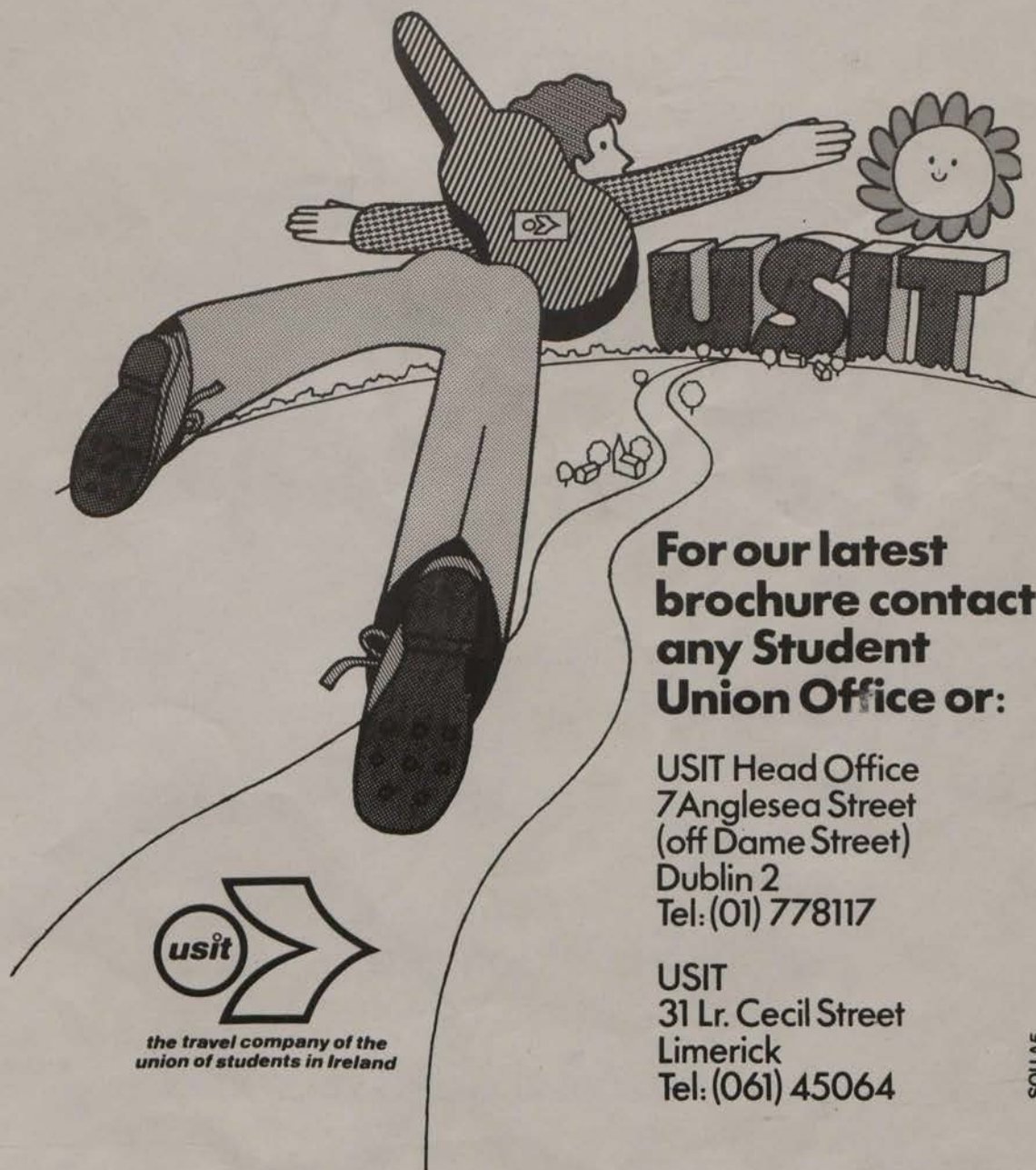
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