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To date a number of different action have been used in the campaign to combat against the introduction of means testing of the ESF maintenance grants. The actions thus far included:

- **Jan 6th**: Irish Times leaks Daverns proposals to means test ESF.
- **Jan 15th**: 2,000 students take to the streets in Athlone.
- **Jan 16th**: 3,000 students demonstrate on the streets of Cork.
- **Jan 23rd**: 6,000 students demonstrate in Dublin in the biggest student march seen in a long time.
- **Feb 19th**: Fine Gael 'private motions bill' was defeated in the Dáil.
- **Apr 4th**: USL Congress tougher campaigning strategy.
- **Apr 8th**: Day of Action. Occupation of Department of Education.
- **Apr 14th**: Day of Action II. Judgement Day. Occupation of Department of Education AGAIN.

In the mean time while these actions were being carried out, lobbying tactics were being pursued.

This included the lobbying of all TD's through letter writing and the issuing of post cards from unhappy parents and student to their local TD'S.

**AFRICA**

Hitching to Portugal, getting a boat to Libya or Morocco & possibly crossing the continent to Kenya or Nigeria. I am looking for someone to come with me, in either July or September.

If interested, contact Keith at 978904

**EXECUTIVE BOLTON STREET**

There's Jeremy he is the big Pres. He really thinks the office is his, But what he really doesn't know, Is that he doesn't run the show.

Then there's Doug the Deputy, We know he smells; But does he, To mention wash is a curse, He never has money in his purse.

Then there's Stephen the chairman, And of him I am a fan, He's down to earth and matter of fact, And confidence he never lacked.

There's Clare she is the secretary, She's great that's plain to see, She keeps the minutes with such ease, With that mini skirt she's such a tease.

Vera is in charge of Ents, She also looks after the gents, Trash bands are her cup of tea, Sometimes they are hilarious to see.

Helen is for Womens Rights, She doesn't need any shining Knights, Welfare in U.S.I. she'll be, Oh fair play to you girl, said he.

Jillian is the P.R.O. This we all know, Her posters are works of art, Her ideas are pretty smart.

Sports Officer is unknown Carret, I think he is actually a carrot, Next years won't be such a prankster, Even if it is a hamster.

Jimmy runs the shop all year, He puts the staff in fifty gear, He is from Meath we all know, Maybe that's why he is so slow.

Maura in the Manageress, This is THE person I guess, She's the woman who runs the show, This is the truth, that we all know....

**CHAPLAINS**

best wishes to ALL
GOOD LUCK in your exams...
Have a good summer
-with a bit o' work
-a bit o' fun
-and a bit o' sun

See you in September
(Fr) Brendan, (Sr) Rosemary
& (Fr) Michael
SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

'A shame against women and in indictment against the men who practise it'.

Sexual harrassment continues to be a problem for women students in Bolton St. Sexual harrassment can mean different things to different people - it is the person on the receiving end who will decide whether it is harrassment or not, not the harasser.

Sexual harrassment comes in many forms, from severe i.e.
- letters or phonecalls of a sexual nature.
- pressures for sexual favours
- touching, leaning over, cornering
- following or bumping into on purpose.

and less severe i.e.
- pressure for dates
- suggestive looks or gestures
- sexual teasing, jokes, remarks etc.

This all serves to undermine and intimidate the person enduring the harrassment.

What to do ...

Is something: Make it quite clear that you find their behaviour unacceptable and unwanted.

Don't allow room for them to interpret your behaviour as 'flirtatious' or flattered.

Are something: If the harassment doesn't continue. However in the event of further complaints, the relevant Department Head will be informed and action taken from there.

Tell someone

If you have a complaint about someone do not hesitate in bringing it to the attention of the Womens Group. The procedure is that the harasser will be confronted and made aware of the complaint. This usually suffices in ensuring the harrassment doesn't continue. However in the event of further complaints, the relevant Department Head will be informed and action taken from there.

Needless to say, your complaint will be dealt with confidentially.

Some reasons why women have abortions

• I was raped
• My parents would kill me if they found out I was pregnant
• I can't afford to raise any more children
• I was warned by the doctor that my health would be seriously at risk if I got pregnant again
• My contraception failed
• I was a victim of incest
• I thought that I couldn't get pregnant while I was breastfeeding
• I thought I had reached the menopause
• I needed chemotherapy for my cancer - which would have killed the foetus
• I tested HIV positive
• I believed the propaganda that said women who had abortions could never get pregnant again

For information about abortion
Women's Information Network
01-6794700
British Pregnancy Advisory Service
(Liverpool) 0501-355 1558
Pregnancy Advisory Service
Aarian 0911-677 8692

Dublin Abortion Information Campaign meets at 6.30pm every Tuesday in the Ha'penny Bridge Inn (upstairs), Wellington Quay.

All supporters of a woman's right to choose are welcome.

PROTECT YOURSELF

WOMEN'S SAFETY

Apart from being unrealistic, it is quite useless to tell women to stay off the streets. We have to attend college, meetings, work etc and have a right to entertainment and a social life all of which at some time, involve being out late at night. Many women live alone and anyway flatmates, whether male or female, cannot always be on call. Because of financial restraints few women have access to a car, motorbike and many cannot even afford to use irregular and ineffective public transport facilities. For these reasons, women often find themselves having to walk through dark and dangerous streets, along and vulnerable to attack. Given the inevitability of this situation it is possible, and indeed sensible, to take precautions to reduce the risks we face.

1. ON THE STREET

• Don't ignore anything you think just might mean danger.
• Don't walk with shoulders rounded, head down, eyes on the pavement and ears muffled up. Look alert and stay alert.
• Be prepared to walk the long way round if it means avoiding dimly lit, deserted streets.
• Do steer clear of doorways, bushes and alley way entrances when walking on the pavement.
• If you think you are being followed and see a cop, service station or other public premises open, go in and phone the police and or friend. Tell anyone who may be able to help.
• Don't scream! Yelling "No" or "Fire" will arouse more interest from passers-by than the traditional cry for "help!"
• Be prepared to bang on the door of lit houses if you think you are in danger.
• Don't carry keys in your bag - keep them on your person - the chances of them being stolen will be greatly reduced. They can also make a useful weapon to show in an attacker's face.
• Have them ready to use when you arrive home so you don't have to bang around on the doorstop.
• If you are unfortunate enough to have your keys stolen, get your locks changed as soon as possible.
• Do carry a personal rape alarm and have it readily accessible.

2. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

• Do try and avoid isolated bus stops
• Do try and sit near other women, the driver, or seated on a bus or train
• Do make a fuss straight away if you are bothered.
• Don't be afraid to pull the emergency cord on a train.

3. HITCH HIKING

• Never hitch-hike alone.
Myself and Jeremy would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make Rag Week this year probably the best Rag Week the college has seen in many a year. Thanks to the executive, rag committee and anyone else who helped in any way and also to our sponsors who were:

1. Bank of Ireland
2. Allied Irish Banks
3. Ulster Bank
4. Campbells Catering
5. Irish Permanent

All monies raised during Rag Week went to a number of named Charities. These were as follows:

- Rape Crisis Centre £500
- C.A.R.I. £500
- Friends of the Elderly £75
- Heart Foundation £75

A presentation was held in Cathal Brugha Street College on Thursday 30th April at which all the DIT Rag Week cheques were presented to the charities sponsored by the colleges. A big thanks was given by all charities to all the DIT Colleges for their generous support.

Next year a new student club will be available for the first time to students. It is the new U.S.I. premises which will be located in the Temple Bar Area at the back of the Virgin Megastore.

The premises will consist of the U.S.I. offices, a student bar to accommodate 450 and a student venue with stage facilities with a capacity of 700. This should prove a great benefit to students and revolutionise student entertainments.

This year, like every year, all the student union delegates from all the unions around the country descended on the Talbot Hotel in Wexford for 4 days from 2nd April to 5th April 1992.

Congress is, for those who don’t know, the ultimate policy making body of the Union of Students in Ireland. As usual there were many contentious issues which gave rise to some good ‘debate’. There’s a copy of the motions discussed in the Union for anyone who is interested in going through them. It’s at Congress that the delegates from the local unions represent the students of their college to the best of their ability and vote for them as they are mandated to do and if a mandate does not exist they will vote as they see fit to the best advantage of the students they represent.

It goes without saying that when over 100 student delegates get together for a conference, in a hotel down the country, its not all work and no play and so a lot of play comes into it as well. The political differences between people were left in the conference hall and a good time was had by all at the bar.

There’s a certain dedication and commitment held by the people of student unions that would be hard to compete with.

SO HERE'S TO STUDENTS AND STUDENT UNIONS AND ALL THEY REPRESENT AND FIGHT FOR.
The Elections which were held on Thursday 26th March ran smoothly and successfully. Although only two positions were contested, which was disappointing, and the fact that a hamster got elected as Sports Officer, the executive committee of the union next year looks promising. The executive will consist of the following:

President: Doug Scully  
Deputy President: Pat Delaney  
Secretary: Clare White  
Entertainments: Ronan Dunne  
Women Rights: Melissa Rosenberg  
Chairperson: Chris O'Reilly  
Public Relations: Fiona Kelly

The position of Sports Officer has to be filled with nominations being taken early in the first term of next year. Further information on submission of nominations and election dates will be available from the Union early next year. So could anyone interested please fill in a nomination form (available in the SU) and return it to the Students Union. If the position is uncontested the person will automatically take up position and an election will not be necessary.

HEAD

The week of 11th May to 15th May saw an exhibition of sculptures by various sculptors, in the college social area. It was organised by a group of people, who came together 9 months ago and formed HEAD. It was opened on Monday night by Dave Dowling and a reading of a poem by John McNamee “Taking the Rap” which I thought was so good I decided to print it below. I’d like to thank Dave for choosing Bolton Street as the first college to host the exhibition on its worldwide tour and to receive the large quantity of beer which was generously donated by Heineken.

I have been sitting out  
hanging, shoplifting  
and whistling  
from outside, in and out  
around, between, forever, inside,  
and left out to dry.

Been under the beat  
Best one, been mellow and mild  
angry and cold  
Amused upset and fooled.

I have been under guidance, surveillance,  
And kicked up.

I have been with girls who were shuffling, slumming and swimming  
I have made love to women, who were  
While they were snoring  
Been drunk, been brave  
In a tank, and small,  
Like a shark  
Been right, been wrong  
Been to blame, lost my arm  
Felt shame, thought people were all the same  
Forget people’s names  
Felt at home, felt I did not belong.

Love certain songs  
Been tumbled, turned down  
Been put down, brought people up  
Only to see them slide down badly again.

Been in pain, known fame  
Felt the rain.

Reason the stars, kick starts  
And played small parts  
Sleep on couches, bushes and mountains  
Inside river, down alley  
On chairs and stairs.

Been blessed with luck fortune and Karma  
Been cursed, hated and rejected  
Kilt unwound, cut off and pushed off  
The mad ahead has been blocked off.

Closed off, barred and spilled  
Been turned off, turned out  
Tumped over and kicked out  
Been hopeless, friendless  
Penniless, homeless and jolly and reckless  
I have been holy, Christian  
Religious and said prayers quickly and slowly.

I have heard stories about men  
Who drank whiskey and broke up bars  
Stared gambling, lost fortunes  
Become poor and found God.

I have had friends who blew their minds on love  
Others who just push and show  
I have been examined, tested,  
Exhorted and chastised.

I have eaten in hotels, pension s  
Convents, the Sally Anne  
Sloop handy with Chick Sauce.

I am still on the go  
Still putting on a happy song  
You keep your engine going  
Use your brakes, and don’t waste your time with fakes.
TRAVEL INFORMATION

In the Student’s Union there is a variety of travel information available. The list of which includes:

- Summer Work in France
- Summer Work in Germany
- Summer Work in Britain
- Summer Work in America
- Info on J1 Visas
- Summer Work in Canada

and also additional travel information on fares etc..

A publication by Dublin City University Students Union on working in Europe “Obair Europe” is now available in the Students Union Shop for £2.50 and is a must for anyone working in Europe this summer.

The book covers all aspects of working life in all European Countries.

For those not travelling abroad this summer, there is information on Social Welfare Schemes available to students, “Per Chance” you don’t get a job here.

As Deputy President of the Students Union this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me throughout the year especially Maura and Jimmy who really had to put up with a lot. I had a great year and thoroughly enjoyed myself and we got great work done putting the union back on the map again.

I know you are now all studying for exams at the moment and I would like to wish you all the best of luck with them.

As most of you may already know I will be back again next year as President of the Students Union. Next year should prove to be a very interesting year and hopefully will be as successful as this year. I am looking forward to working for you now again next year and with the new executive.

I’d also like to thank Jeremy for a great year, we worked well together (in more ways than one). Whatever you do with yourself, best of luck and no doubt we’ll stay in touch.

All the best,
Jeremy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked very hard during the year. The executive who worked very hard in their individual jobs.

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves during their year in college. Rag Week was very successful during which we raised £1,100. The weeks entertainment was great fun and I would like to thank those who helped in the running of Rag Week and to those who took part.

For those of you who are leaving college the best of luck in your career.

For those who are coming back you get Doug. That’s right, that baldy person who runs around doing crazy things and likes to annoy the police on a Thursday afternoon if doing nothing.

The best of luck to himself and Pat, the new Deputy President for next year and I’m sure they will make next year just as enjoyable as this one was.

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