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Welcome To The DIT

Welcome to third level education and welcome also to the DIT Students' Union, for you are automatically a member of it and will remain so for at least a half of a year last year. The DIT is undergoing great changes and some of these are affecting students in ways some too pleasing to them. On the other hand, long standing problems were beginning to grow beards and needed rapid attention. It wasn't forthcoming from the DIT Authorities, so the students, through their students' union, made their voices heard, loud and long.

We gather results again this year, but support is needed. It was supplied in great numbers last year and it gave everyone in DITSU a sense of what is possible when commitment is combined with strength of numbers. But you missed all of that. With this in mind, we present for you a rundown of the previous year. It proved beyond any doubt, the importance of students' unions and the power of students.

The year began with the much heralded opening of DIT Aungier Street, with building still going on, particularly in the student restaurant area. A_urls and a shop for the first part of the year and doors for the first couple of weeks. This has been sorted, following continuous pressure from DITSU and a common room is being decorated as this is written.

Meanwhile, back then, the students were furred around the new building, bumping into equally lost lecturers as they went. Teething troubles are one thing; willfully neglected teething troubles are another source of annoyance entirely and the situation in Aungier Street was to spill over literally onto the streets the following month in the first of two major protests by DIT students this year.

Those who arrived early on that memorable day in November and saw the committed few who were sitting in the front hall of the building could have been forgiven for thinking that it would come to nought, that the protest was nothing more than a gesture, thinking that it would come to nought, that the protest was nothing more than a gesture, which had been as consistently good-natured as it had been determined, was suspended, and demands were met. Round Two to the students.

Across the road in DIT Kevin Street, there was an ever growing concern about the ramifications of the DIT's proposed new faculty structure. A petition of 600 signatures was gathered, requesting that the Food and Food Science Technology option of the Applied Science degree be part of the proposed Faculty of Science rather than, as was thought, the Faculty of Tourism based in Cathal Brugha Street. The faculty structure still seems a long way off, with even the faculty directors yet to be appointed. The DIT wanted these positions set up by January. The current situation suggests that the structure is behind schedule by a full year, three months into the academic year.

And so to January, time of semester exams and therefore a crucial library period for students. So what happens? The library in DIT Kevin Street was threatened with early closure two days before the exams were to commence. The cause was apparently a combination of low staffing levels and training of new staff. An amazing and ridiculous situation since the DIT had been aware of the staffing problems for more than a year. The end result was that Kevin Street Director, Frank Brennan and Ciad.n Croibhe, then site convenor in the Students' Union, were to be found one fine Saturday morning operating a restricted service. The problem was supposed to be sorted out the following week but the next Saturday, the library was closed. No explanation was ever offered.

For a while, that incident looked like being the extent of the problems for that month. The students of DIT Cathal Brugha Street had other, minor ideas. On January 26th, they occupied the front hall, stairs and side corridors of their building, in an effort to highlight some of their more pressing grievances: poor security, a leaky common room roof (old problem, that one), lack of laser printers, unavailability of hot food after three o'clock, the university had called your gang HQ when you were six. The rooms for the library had been allocated but remained unfurnished. The soon-to-be-constructed shelving lay dormant in a room many yards down the same corridor. The Christmas break served to dissipate anger somewhat and the library was finally opened.

December, predictably, was next, with the attendant low key thrill of the Christmas count down. A quiet time for the DIT? Nah. Another sit-in was threatened, in the Dulkin Building, temporary home (but for how long?) for Cathal Brugha Street's Environmental Resource Management course. More than two months into the academic year, the students were still without a library, a decent reading room and had for a common room the kind of semi-dismantled, rather sad little room people would have called your gang HQ when you were six. The rooms for the library had been allocated but remained unfinished. The soon-to-be-constructed shelving lay dormant in a room many yards down the same corridor. The Christmas break served to dissipate anger somewhat and the library was finally opened the new year, two months of both which made the national press and had a positive outcome for the students and DITSU. It was turning into a very troubled year for the DIT.

Throughout February and March, the DIT was treated to the strange sight of students protesting against the lack of facilities in the newest faculty of Science rather than, as was thought, the Faculty of Tourism based in Cathal Brugha Street. The faculty structure still seems a long way off, with even the faculty directors yet to be appointed. The DIT wanted these positions set up by January. The current situation suggests that the structure is behind schedule by a full year, three months into the academic year.

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Seize the Days

Third Level Education. Welcome to it. Embrace it because the next few years are among the most important of your life. They should certainly be among the most enjoyable for you get to learn, question and argue vociferously in ways that you never could in the formal world of second level education. At the same time you should be testing the new waters, developing as a person, changing, growing and experiencing life with a new sense of freedom. By rights, it should be a vital and invigorating time. You could of course adopt the route taken by so many in recent years, that is to get the head down with such speed that you never even notice what's going on around you. With this approach, you suddenly find yourself finished and out in the world with, hopefully, a qualification reflecting the work put in, but no real sense of what it was like to be a student. This is the worst approach to take, especially in an increasingly competitive and vicious market. Not the worst approach, but far from the best. As its most rewarding, college life is about combining the academic with the rest, whatever that happens to be. Without a doubt, part of this is getting involved, making a noise, being a student. If the right people reach a condition of seething apoplexy as a result of such activity, then you can congratulate yourself on a job well done.

You are a member of DITSU, the single largest students' union on the island of Ireland. You will hear this repeated numerous times throughout the year, so much so that you may finally find the announcement a little irritating. We don't care, because it means something. Read carefully: The Single Largest Students' Union on the island of Ireland. That means that when there are issues to be tackled, when the students of one site or another - or them all - are being screwed around for no better reason than it's easier than lifting a finger, then something can be done. This is not the story, the time of scooting, sideling and the determination to change practically anything that didn't look right. Accepted. But neither is it the 80s, a pretty nasty era first decade when selfishness and acquisitiveness were the watchwords and student protests were few and very far between. We are in the 90s and while it is not the decade of coming together in harmony that was transported at its beginning, it has been committed protest, and in the case of DITSU, particularly in the last 12 months. The Students of the DIT have decided to make themselves heard, have realised that peaceful protest can have an effect and that it represents more than pointless and self-indulgent bandwagoning. The executive of DITSU is a committed group of people, determined to do a good job for the students of the institute. It is for this reason that each has stood and been elected. Some of the issues will be obvious, as was the case last year, and the action taken by DITSU was equally obvious. It was also effective, but there are no clairoyants on the DITSU executive. If you have a problem, go to them directly, or use your class representative. That is what the system is for. Make the most of it.

Third level education presents opportunities and options that should not be neglected. You have worked hard enough to get here. Now you have a tightrope act to perform, not the easiest thing to do, but the exhilaration and sense of achievement on reaching the other side makes it all worth the effort. Enjoy.

The DIT Examiner

This newspaper, The DIT Examiner, is in its third year now. It is distributed free throughout the DIT once a month and is based in Kevin Street. Over the past two years we have endeavored to cater fairly to each DIT site, looking into the local issues affecting each one and reporting on them. It has also been our policy to cover the national issues that directly or indirectly affect the lives of students. We will continue to do this throughout the coming year.

We must retain the readership of both the students and staff of the DIT and the only way we can do this is through feedback and information. In this way, we can keep the newspaper as relevant and up to date as possible. We welcome suggestions, criticisms, ideas and letters, through which issues may be discussed and opinions aired. It may be impossible to take on board everything, but we will always listen to what you have to say.

Making Yourself Heard

Speaking to the various convenors and deputy convenors on different occasions, it is readily apparent that there is one issue above all others that the individual unions are determined to tackle and that is the class rep. system. There is a strong sense that the development of an effective class rep system will sooner rather than later prove most beneficial to students and to the operation and image of their union. Unfortunately, the perception remains that students' unions everywhere are often seen as aloof and elite. The class rep system can help change that perception: if a full class rep council is set up in each college, students' problems and grievances will be brought quickly to the attention of the union; thus communication is improved and issues are dealt with Everyone is happy.

There are still class rep positions to be filled and some positions on some union's executive. The next step is up to you.
Catering for the Future

In Cathal Brugha Street the melodic sounds of cranes and jack hammers greet our returning students as construction work is now well under way on the new building development in Marlborough Street. As can be seen from the picture below it is planned to be an attractive, bright and modern building which will quickly become the vibrant centre of DIT Cathal Brugha Street. Fingers crossed - it's due to open in September '96.

Living in the land of the Common Room People

There have been reported sightings, there have been rumours it's almost become an urban myth, but that rare species the lesser spotted Common Room has actually arrived.

Finally, finally, the Students' Union Common Room in DIT Aungier Street is open! Since the new purpose built college opened it has been a strange somewhat soulless place a cold clinical atmosphere pervaded the place - it was not somewhere you wanted to linger. But now that will all change. The Common Room located in the basement area beside the Students' Union offices will quickly become the very vibrant heart of the college.

So come here to relax, to chat, to chill out, shoot some pool or zap video aliens. Why not watch the T.V., listen to music, read the papers, play boardgames or whatever. It's up to you it's your place your space. If you've got any ideas on what should be happening in or with the Common Room or what activities or facilities should be provided, have a chat with Dan or Sinead in the Students' Union. But whatever you do make sure you check it out!

Clarifications

Should you encounter anything you feel is in need of clarification in this, or any other issue of the DIT Examiner, please contact the editor and any such matters shall then be clarified in the subsequent edition.

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It's been a good old year for the film business, both in terms of massive money-making, and also, more importantly from the punters' point of view, in terms of the quality of films on show during the crucial summer months. Sure, Batman Forever, was a terrible disappointment, save the manic antics of Jim Carrey, and Judge Dredd strolled and finally stalled, leaving the money folk and the real folk fairly unhappy. But overall, the number and variety was more than sufficient and there are still enough of those summer films hanging around that are worth shelling out for.

Braveheart, the much talked about Mel Gibson epic set in Scotland, and filmed partially in Ireland, is currently packing them in. If you can ignore the historical inaccuracies and liberties (and you really should, pedant in the back) then there is much to be enjoyed in this three hour film. Gibson plays William Wallace, great Scottish hero and wearer of blue war paint, who takes on the might of the English armies when his bride is brutally murdered by an officer. What begins as revenge turns into a committed fight for freedom, with Wallace, striding manfully about, eyes down with witty one liners, but what it is his people to unite and drive out the Bullock, who is nothing short of radiant perfidious invaders. This is the cue for and as many a superbly staged and invigorating point, blazing with patriotic fervour, exhorting has is Bill of Scotland itself and this is the heart of the story. In keeping with this, the scenery is utterly majestic. When you really should, pedant in the back) Braveheart was expected to generate applause and does not shift uncomfortably around that are worth shelling out for. scenery is utterly majestic. When an Irish audience breaks into spontaneous applause and does not shift uncomfortably during a three hour film with no intermission, there must be something decent going on up on the screen.

Braveheart was expected to generate at least great interest among cinema goers (it has actually done very well for the type of film it is) but what was not expected to do anything much was White You Were Sleeping, a film that has become, aptly enough, this year's sleeper hit. It's fairly mild, inoffensive stuff and the script is not exactly laden down with witty one liners, but what it is Bill Pullman and especially Sandra Bullock, who is nothing short of radiant and as Pullman's character says at one point, "really really likeable" usually a decent type in his films, but in this he also has a starring role and it is giving away nothing to say that he also gets the girl. Bullock, though, carries the film with a winning smile, a charming vulnerability and a nice sense of self-deprecation which infuses her every move and sentence. The plot, for those who have been very far away for a very long time, concerns a toll bridge operator (Bullock) who saves the life of a man she has worshipped from a star (Peter Gallagher) and is then mistaken for his fiancee in the hospital. I immediately embraced by the family, who should have been a great deal more eccentric, she falls for the brother of her comatose ostensible husband to be. Nice, but very very slight.

Still doing very nicely, you can, is Die Hard With A Vengeance, the third instalment in the Bruce Willis series of preposterous action flicks. It's better than Die Harder, which lost the run of itself entirely and was rather bloated, but is still nowhere near the original, which had one great edge it was utterly claustrophobic, taking place in one building, and especially in ducts, lift shafts and glassed rooms. This kept the film tight and dangerous. Hang on: two great edges. The other was Alan Rickman.

The new film is set in New York and has John McLean (Willis) hunting and being hunted by a mysterious bomber called Simon (Jeremy Irons in unconvincing accent mode). The scene is set in the very first minute with a massive explosion in a busy street and doesn't let up, breathlessly running all over, under, and in the water next to New York City. McLean is partnered by an irritated sidekick this time (Samuel L. Jackson) so he isn't wise cracking to himself and John McTiernan is back at the helm, proving once again that he is one of the finest action directors around. The film is looser than the best of them and is a whole lot bigger, edging towards James Bond over the top situations but is prettily damned enjoyable for all that.

Near the other end of the scale, though not as awful as predicted, is Waterworld, Kevin Costner's much scorned action film which is set in a post apocalyptic future where the oceans have melted and covered the world with water (hence the title). Costner is a mysterious, amphibious type character, living on a cool catamaran, who reluctantly helps a woman (Jeanne Tripplehorn) and her young charge escape from the Smokers, led by a manic Dennis Hopper. They are seeking the map to Dryland, which is tattooed on the little girl's back.

The film is doing better than expected at the box office and curiosity can only account for some of this. Some of the set pieces are actually quite good but there is so much going on and the editing is so breathless, that it is difficult to see exactly what is happening - Costner forever suffered similarly. Costner, however, brings nothing to the role, going for a Fish With No Name approach but ending coming across as one with no personality, which is actually as it is should be, if you think about it. Only Hopper seems to be having any fun in the film, mostly because he doesn't take it at all seriously. Then again, his money and his career weren't depending on it.

Costner's career probably isn't either but will the money people be as willing to give him that much next time? Well see.

Of the smaller films currently worth making a serious detour for, The Usual Suspects, Once Were Worriers and Burnt by the Sun are by far the best. The Usual Suspects is a convoluted, intricate, devilishly clever thriller which twist and turns again before coming to a screaming conclusion that seems really evident after the fact. Don't miss it.

Once Were Worriers is a tough, uncompromising film from New Zealand focusing on one woman and her attempts to claw herself and her children away from her violent, drunken husband and the social mores which keep her down. Hard to watch but there is hope in it.

Burnt by the Sun is a Russian/French co-production that won the best foreign film Oscar this year. It's a subtle, quietly played drama set in Stalinist Soviet Union. Given this, it is no surprise that the film deals with suspicion, secrets and an ever present fear of what can happen, at any time, to anyone.

Recently released on video and well worth seeing: Quiz Show Cerr: 15 Robert Redford's best directorial effort to date is a remarkably compelling and entertaining drama centred around the infamousfixing of a television game show in 50s America. Redford isn't at all pleased with the direction America has taken over the years and he has pinpointed this as a crucial moment, when the power of the fledging TV was revealed, when greed was shown to affect everyone and how the desperate need to succeed could destroy lives.

Ralph Fiennes gives a precise but not mannered performance as Charles van Doren, son of a Pulitzer Prize winning poet who becomes the new champion of "Twenty One", defeating long standing winner Herb Stempel (John Turturro). Once again the no-body he thought he had left behind, Stempel blows the whistle on the whole shady set up and his case is taken up by an ambitious and arrogant young Congressional investigator (Rob Morrow). What is particularly strong about this film is that none of the main players come out of it smelling if roses - there always seems to be an angle. Getting ahead is always just ahead. Get this one. Now
CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS

Now is your chance to prepare some of the ground work for setting up your own business, and win some money! The DIT ENTREPRENEURS DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION is being run for the 3rd time in 1996. It's open to all undergraduates of the D.I.T. It's being organised by a Bolton Trust committee chaired by Ms. Phil Hanlon of DIT Cathal Brugha Street.

Teams are required to develop a business plan and submit it to a panel of judges. Interested students are required to submit an application form by 30th November. The completed plan must be submitted in early March and students will be required to make a short presentation of their plans to a live audience. The final will take place in early April. There are generous prizes to be won, so start thinking!

Last year's overall winners were DIT Mountjoy Square. The teams business plan entailed organising trips from the U.K. to Dublin for groups of people. "Crack" and "Cultural" week-ends were on offer. This competition not only provides you with a great opportunity to work on your potential business idea, but also helps you to develop your research and presentation skills. There was a very positive response from last year's entrants, with some of them saying it was the best experience they had during the year. As one of last year's entrants recalls: "You decide what your product or service is going to be. You fill out the entry form and having received word that your entry has been accepted now you have to go ahead with your business plan." 

As you can see the business plan requires some thought but it can be done. You will find it interesting and even difficult at times. Interesting as it helps you to develop your skills in searching out new information, and for all you entrepreneurs out there it gives you greater know-how if you ever decide to set up your own business. It also brings all your subjects together, you will be able to see how they are all interlinked and dependent on one another, not separate as they appear in class. The difficulties you may find could be a lack of information and being at a loss as to where and how to get it.

You are starting off, you don't know what you want or how to go about finding it. This is where your helpful tutor comes in. If you sit down with them and explain the problem they will give you some helpful ideas on how to start and even where to look for your information. In my opinion the Bolton Trust Enterprise Development Competition helps students to really get a grasp of what business is all about. It demonstrates that you have to go out and look for what you want, that things won't be sitting around handy just waiting for you. If you get past the initial screening you will also get an opportunity to make a presentation before a live audience which helps you to think on your feet! I highly recommend it to all students. Best of luck to all entrants for the 1996 competition."

Ellen Price, Diploma in Catering Management DIT, Cathal Brugha Street, 1995 student.

Details of the competition will be circulated to all DIT colleges in early November.

Overall winners of the Bolton Trust Enterprise Development Competition '95

DIT Mountjoy Square (L-R): Calm O'Rourke (associate director), Aoife Duncan, Stuart Evers, Karl Dillen, Collette Shannon, Tom Cooney (Lecturer)

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12pm Scavenger Hunt around Dublin
5pm Sumo Wrestling
8pm First Year Blind Date & Party Games
11pm Disco

Tuesday 3rd

2pm Cinema Afternoon
8pm Pub Quiz in Devitts

Wednesday 4th

All Day Freshers' Day
8pm Live Band

Thursday 5th

12pm Zak Powers
11pm Freshers' Ball in the Olympic

Bolton Street

Monday 2nd:

Lunchtime Gig - Edward White Hypnotist
Night: Mystery Trip.

Tuesday 3rd:

Outside Bodies Day
Lunchtime Gig - to be confirmed

Wednesday 4th:

Clubs and Societies Day
Lunchtime Gig - to be confirmed

Thursday 5th:

FRESHERS DAY
Freshers Ball - NATIONAL STUDENT CENTRE

There will be a lunchtime gig each day and every night also there will be organised entertainment.
Films will be shown each evening in college - check later for details.

Cathal Brugha St

MONDAY 3rd

Mystery Trip with Bolton Street
Promotion in the Airways starting 2pm

TUESDAY 4th

Male Strippers in McGraths

WEDNESDAY 5th

Freshers Ball in The Furnace

THURSDAY 6th

Sumo Wrestling and Karaoke
Aungier Street

Monday 9th
12.30pm  Official opening
1.30pm  3 Legged pub crawl
4.30pm  Pub quiz in USI
8.30pm  Drinking games
9.30pm  Karaoke
11.30pm  Disco

Tuesday 10th
12.30pm  Stands day
4.30pm  Promotion in the Junction
8.30pm  Poker classic

Wednesday 11th
1.30pm  Quasar and Bowling
4.00pm  Crazy Bingo
7.00pm  Promotion
9.00pm  Hypnotist
11.00pm  Disco

Thursday 12th
9.30am  Official Breakfast
2.30pm  Boat race
5.00pm  Band
9.00pm  Promotion USI
11.30pm  Ball

Mountjoy Square

Monday 10th
1pm  Canteen Gig
6pm  Huge Guinness Promotion in the Big Tree
11pm  Club in Break for the Border

Tuesday 11th
Freshers Day (Clubs & Socs)
1pm  Canteen Gig
8.30pm  Hypnotist (Zak Powers) in "The Furnace" followed by club in "The Furnace", Adm £3

Wednesday 12th
1pm  Canteen Gig
4pm  Mini "Dart Crawl" (Pubs to be confirmed) ending up in newly renovated "McGraths" Niteclub

Thursday 13th
1pm  Canteen Gig
7.30pm  Guinness Promotion (venue to be confirmed)
11pm  Freshers Ball in "The New Powers Hotel" Adm. £4 - Tickets Only

Friday 14th
Recover!!

Each day there will be a certain no. of activities and promotions which have yet to be confirmed.

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Worth Checking Out
Apart from the Student's Union to fully enjoy college life here you really should be involved in the many sports clubs and recreational societies that are available. A full list is printed below. Your first opportunity to join will be on Clubs and Societies Day held during your Freshers week but you can join at any point during the year. If there is nothing that interests you then why not set up your own club or society, your local students union will show you how.

SPORTS COUNCILS AND SOCIAL & CULTURAL COUNCILS

In each college there is a Sports Council and a separate Social and Cultural Council. The role of these Councils is to allocate and supervise the Funds allocated to each Council to its member clubs and societies. It does this primarily by seeking budget submissions from all interested clubs and societies and allocates funding to each one using such criteria as numbers, activities planned, previous behaviour, equipment/event costs. The Councils are composed of the Students Union, elected representatives of Clubs and Societies, members and nominees of college authorities - one of which shall chair the Council. This system is replicated at DIT level with the DIT Social and Cultural Committee and DIT Sports Committee which is composed of the Chairs of the local Councils, the Students Union and DIT Student Services Officer. The idea here is that we will encourage, fund and monitor activity of both clubs and societies at DIT level, between DIT Colleges and outside Colleges.

Clubs and Societies

DIT Kevin Street

Clubs
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Board Sailing
- Canoeing
- Fencing
- Handball
- Judo
- Juggling
- Karate
- Ladies’ Soccer
- Men’s Soccer
- Mens’ Rugby
- Mountaineering
- Orienteering
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Swimming
- Sub Aqua
- Taekwondo
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball

Societies
- AIESEC
- An Cumann Gaelach
- Babery
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Science
- Bridge
- Christian Union
- Computer
- Enterprise
- Gay and Lesbian
- Human Nutrition
- K.A.T.S (Drama Society)
- Languages
- Musicians
- Namdol
- Optics
- Science Fiction
- Science and Technology
- Traditional
- Women’s Group

DIT Bolton Street

Clubs
- Basketball
- Canoeing
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- GAA
- Golf
- Handball
- Hockey
- Hurling
- Kung Fu
- Men’s and Women’s Rugby
- Mountaineering
- Orienteering
- Soccer
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Taekwondo
- Volleyball

Societies
- Amnesty International
- Chess
- An Cumann Gaelach
- Dance
- Drama
- Film
- Mets
- Photographic
- Response
- Roleplaying
- Science Fiction

DIT Mountjoy Square

Clubs
- Aerobics
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Bord Sailing
- Canoeing
- Fencing
- Judo
- Karate
- Ladies’ Rugby
- Mountaineering
- Men’s Rugby
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Yoga
- Watersports

Societies
- Administration
- An Cumann Gaelach
- Art
- Clan Bizarro (Roleplaying)
- Debate
- Design
- Drama
- European
- Expanding Head (video)
- Film (watchers)
- Graphic
- Marketing and Advertising
- Marketing Communications
- Photography

DIT Cathal Brugha Street

Clubs
- Adventure Sports
- Aerobics
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Camogie
- Compoise
- Cycling
- Golf
- Hurling
- Hockey
- Karate
- Ladies’ Soccer
- Ladies Football
- Men’s Soccer
- Men’s Football
- Rugby
- Swimming and Water Safety
- Tennis

Societies
- An Cumann Gaelach
- Drama and Film
- Environmental
- Food and Beverage
- French
- Games and Roleplay
- Home Brew
- Irish Football Supporters
- Rugby Supporters
- Women’s Group

DIT Aungier Street

Club
- Soccer
- Football (Male and Female)
- Hockey
- Camogie
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Golf
- Fencing
- Karate
- Judo
- Rugby

Societies
- Adventurers
- Zig and Zag
- Film
- Communications
- History
- French
- Computer
- Drama
- Photography
- An Cumann Gaelach

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The Long Hot Summer

SO WHAT HAPPENS OVER THE SUMMER?

DOES THE STUDENTS UNION CLOSE DOWN?

Unfortunately no, while the rest of the country what seemed like a permanent holiday DITSU were very busy over the sweltering summer months. On the 31st June the sabbaticals (full-time officers) change over. This year’s Exec took over from last year’s officers with Presidents taking up office on the 1st July and Deputies on the 1st August. During the summer while there are no students in the college our time is used very productively. All officers undertake as a group intensive and indepth induction training programme. This involves expert trainers and facilitators providing training on a wide variety of subjects - communication and listening skills, team building and group dynamics, time management and information based sections on the DIT Student Services, fire safety, medical services to name but a few. A lot of time is also used conducting inspections of student accommodation which in co-operation with the DIT Student Services officer lead to the production of the very comprehensive accommodation list.

Whilst all this is going on we familiarise ourselves with the college structures, administration and academic affairs and introduce ourselves to relevant college personnel. Some time is also spent helping to compile and update ‘EDIT’, our annual handbook. Every opportunity was also taken by ourselves to meet as a group and to get to know each other so that we can work productively together for the coming year. So while you were off in New York, New Delhi or wherever you were there was someone in the Students Union office to make sure that all the back-up services were available to you even during the holidays.

So remember the Students Union is open for you all year round.

Calendar of forthcoming events

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N O B D I T Y OFFERS D.I.T. STUDENTS A BETTER COACH SERVICE FROM DUBLIN.

SAMPLE STUDENT MONTHLY RETURN FARES

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Fares correct at time of going to press.

BUY YOUR TICKET IN THE COLLEGE

Tickets available in the D.I.T. Student Union Shops at Kevin Street, Bolton Street, Cathal Brugha Street, Mountjoy Square, Aungier Street.

For group bookings and travel information call Busaras (01) 836 6111. Remember, you need an ISIC Card with Travelsave Stamp to avail of Student Fares. Ask about reductions on other services with ISIC Card.

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**Round the Colleges**

**DIT CATHAL BRUGHA STREET**

D.I.T. Cathal Brugha Street, is situated just off O'Connell St. behind the Gresham Hotel. The college is 54 years old. Cathal Brugha St. was often known as the college of Catering but it consists of four schools

- The school of Science.
- The school of Hotel and Catering Tourism management.
- The school of social science.
- The school of Hotel and Catering operations.

At present a new extension is underway. The entrance will be from Marlborough St. There will be a new student union common room and six floors of science labs, lecture halls, and offices.

**DIT BOLTON STREET**

DIT Bolton Street is the largest of the DIT Colleges with a wide range of full-time and part-time courses. It has a total teaching establishment of 350 and caters for approx 7,000 students.

The Students Union or SU is located on the ground floor. This year Alison Flanagan is the President and she will be assisted by Colin Costello, Deputy President/Welfare Officer. The Students Union common room is the main place to relax and take your mind off the daily routine of lectures. There you will find the SU Shop which has everything from tea, coffee, sandwiches to all your stationery needs. To help you relax there are four pool tables, computer games, a CD juke box and chess boards. The Students Union is the only place in college where smoking is permitted. The Student Union office is there to help you with any queries or problems you may encounter from welfare to USIT cards. So don't hesitate to call in even if it's just for a chat!

The college has part-time banking facility on campus in association with Bank of Ireland and when the Bank is closed there is a machine for your convenience.

Campbell Catering run a canteen service on the second floor. It opens at 8.30a.m. and hot meals are served from 12.30 to 2p.m. Snacks are also provided throughout the day. To keep you fortified for the long nights study evening meals are also provided.

This year hopefully there will be a full-time nurse on campus in conjunction with the Doctor's service. Please contact the SU for the hours of his surgery in college as they have been increased on last years.

Hopefully your time will be both successful and enjoyable and you will get the most out of your time spent in Bolton Street.

**MOUNTJOY SQUARE**

COMAD, the host to some two thousand odd students, both from the Business sector and the Art and Design sector. In typical fashion we have a common room, all be it relatively small but sure as the man says she does the job. Wèd be the smallest of the five colleges but more often than not we have a better time than most in that everyone knows everyone and Guinness are generally generous to the students of COMAD. The social point of interaction is the canteen, where over a tuna and lettuce sandwich, many a relationship has been established.

Clubs and societies are many and varied and hugely successful as was demonstrated at last April's DIT Sports day. Last year a new and extremely scandalous College Magazine was introduced "The Comedian" which has turned out to be extremely popular and feared at times. Overall the college is smaller than ideal however it would be a pity if the smallest intimate student body was commended by even the most critical.

The Students Union itself provides a number of essential services from the issuing of the ISIC card, to the Students Union shop, and the organisation of the common room to the provision of a photocopying service, all in the basement of the college.

**KEVIN STREET**

Welcome to DIT Kevin Street. We have 2,500 full-time students and approximately the same number again with part-time students and Apprentices.

Each registered student is automatically a member of the Students' Union. This year the Convenor is Helen Ryan, and the elected Deputy Convenor / Welfare Officer has resigned as he got a job in the Civil Service. Elections for this position will be held early in the first term. The SU offices are on the first floor of the new building and the General Office is open from 9.30a.m - 4.30p.m where Ann can do USIT cards, photographs and 2nd hand books. The services which are provided by the Union are the SU Shop in the lobby open from 9am - 9pm, typing and thesis service in the Word Shop, video games and photocopying in the Games Room and pool tables in the Snackery.

The college is open from 8am - 10pm, Monday to Friday and 9am - 5pm on Saturdays. The student recreational area is the Snackery which is open from 9am - 9pm, Monday to Friday and serves tea and coffee. The restaurant is open for dinner at 12.45 - 2.15pm and 4.45 - 6.15pm and the food is nice at a reasonable price.

Clubs and Societies form a big part of college life and there is a list of these on another page in the Examinine. Come along to Clubs and Societies Day or go along to any advertised meeting. Kevin St has a swimming pool and the hours that you can swim are available from Cyril.

Enjoy your year in DIT Kevin Street and make the most of it!
DIT Counselling Service

The DIT Counselling Service provides a safe and supportive place where you can come and talk about issues such as relationship concerns, coping with academic demands, financial worries, bereavement. But you certainly don't need to have enormous problems before you come and talk to a counsellor. Basically the service aims to help you identify and solve any difficulties, big or small, which might interfere with achieving your academic and/or personal potential.

In addition to individual help, the counsellors offer a wide variety of workshops / seminars in such areas as study skills, managing stress in college, time management. For consultations consult the Students' Union or the Counsellors notice board.

DIT Counsellors for Aungier St, Bolton Street, Cathal Brugha Street, Mountjoy Square.
(Missing is the counsellor for Kevin Street)

NSC - National Student Centre

The National Students Centre in the Temple Bar area of Dublin, has just been completely refurbished and now houses Dublin's hottest state of the art nightclub - The Furnace and the only Student Bar and Cafe - Club USI.

The Furnace nightclub will run Thursday to Saturday each week, with the best in Irish and international bands and DJ's performing. The Furnace has four safe havens, two dance areas, a cinema lounge, full bar and restaurant facilities, with the best lighting and Turbo sound system in the city. Located in Dublin's Temple Bar the Furnace is the centre of our social culture. And with the cheapest beer in Dublin, plus discounted Nire Link tickets on sale in the venue, everyone's a winner.

The Furnace will also be the home of Dublin's first full inter college club. Every Thursday DIT, UCD, DCU, NCAD and TCD will all come together to form the mother of all clubs with the best in Irish and international entertainment.

Club USI student bar and cafe will now house GLOBAle, a daytime CyberPub and International Cafe. Computer terminals have been installed and hooked up to Ireland on Line, giving customers access to the internet, making the National Student Centre Ireland's first CyberPub. Also available will be papers, magazines and other publications from around the globe on a free reads basis.

Beer promotions will run every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, as well as cult movies on Tuesdays and Dublin's best DJ's Wednesdays to Saturday.

The amazing range of food will include filled ciabatta rolls, baguettes, toasties, soups, real teas and coffees, and other hot snacks at the best prices in Dublin. Specially priced pitchers of beer and cocktails will help wash down great food, pool, video games, CD Juke Box and board games are also available.

Freshers will get their introduction to the centre with practically every DIT Freshers Week Event taking place in the centre in the first two weeks of October.
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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

This campaign is the priority campaign for the year 1995/96. Last year's national campaign produced one of the biggest student demonstrations ever to take place in Ireland. Those who took part in International Students Day demonstration in Dublin were witness to the power of student solidarity. November 17th was the day the Irish student movement asserted its identity as a vibrant political force in Irish society. We saw unity in action. 15,000 students from every part of the country marching shoulder to shoulder to fight a common cause - investment in education, an end to student poverty, an end to overcrowding and an end to enforced emigration.

The greatest success of November 17th was the politicisation of students. Students were made aware of the political decisions that affected them and of their power to change those decisions.

The abolition of college tuition fees was a victory for USI's direct action campaign coupled with a vigorous lobbying strategy.

The Campaign priorities for 1995/96 are an end to student poverty, improved access to education and improved student representation. The aims of the campaign are to win back students' rights and force changes in 3rd level education and to reaffirm our identity as a unified student movement.

NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION

USI is proposing a week of action starting on November 13th and ending with International Students Day on November 17th. Events will culminate in 4 regional demonstrations on the same day - Wednesday November 15th, a day that will ensure maximum student participation.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Monday 13th Launch of USI Student Poverty Survey
Tuesday 14th Local Media Events
Wednesday 15th NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION
Thursday 16th Follow-up media strategy
Friday 17th International Students Day Celebrations

It is very important that all students get involved in the National Campaign. DITSU sabbaticals, Part-time Officers and Class Reps will be disseminating all the campaign material throughout the colleges and there will be class addresses to inform the students. Ask your local SU for more details and your help would be much appreciated.