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Grangegorman a reality but 'not yet'

By Thomas Felle

The long awaited purchase of a home for DIT at the Grangegorman site has almost come to an end. However, because DIT is not an autonomous institution, the situation is unclear as to whether or not students are to get long overdue facilities.

Late last year a request for approximately €150m was put to the Department of Education and Science for a master plan for the future of DIT. This plan was to include the purchase of the disused Grangegorman site from the Eastern Health Board, along with the building of a number of administration, sporting and accommodation units at the site, as well as extensions to other existing sites to allow for a faculty structure to be put in place.

The Department of Education then passed this proposal on to the Department of Finance. However, the DIT Independent has learned that within the last two weeks, this proposal has not been accepted by financiers.

Joe Cullen, Assistant Principal Officer with the Department of Finance said that because of the scale of the development and the money involved, it would need Cabinet approval. "We have put the matter back to the Department of Education and it is now up to the Minister for Education to put it to Cabinet.

Meanwhile, in an effort to ensure facilities for DIT students, the students' union have embarked on their own campaign, which they hope may persuade Government and Department Officials to make a decision on the purchase of the Grangegorman site for the Institute in the near future.

Earlier this month at a DITSU Council meeting, a motion was passed giving students' union executives a mandate to go ahead with a facilities campaign. However, President Sarah McGovern insists this is not a campaign against inaction by DIT management.

At an emergency council meeting on November 9, a proposal was put by the students' union executive to councillors to start a campaign to highlight the serious shortfall in sporting and other facilities. The council adopted the motion and the campaign was started straight away. Posters are currently posted in all centres highlighting the lack of sports, accommodation and other facilities within the institute.

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ESS looks for money back

By Elaine Larkin

The European Student Services, who arrange tax refunds for students who have recently graduated from DIT, to return hundreds of pounds of overpaid tax refunds to them.

One former DIT student contacted the DIT Independent to air her displeasure at the situation.

The misunderstanding between the amounts of money allocated seems to have arisen within the arrangement between ESS and Bank of Ireland. In a service similar to the issuing of J-I loans, the BOI and ESS came to an agreement whereby the BOI would give the student an overdraft which would be repaid by the ESS once the tax was refunded from abroad.

Students wishing to claim their tax back as they returned to college would give their relevant details to the ESS. Then a cert would be issued by ESS, and on presentation of this to the BOI, the student could access their money. The alternative is to wait till later on in the year for tax to be refunded from abroad.

According to ESS spokesperson Melissa O'Neill, ESS are notified by BOI that the money has reached the student's account, and if they receive no notification ESS send a refund cheque to the student. However, the claimant that contacted the DIT Independent claims not to have received a second cheque from ESS.

According to ESS, the BOI does not send ESS a copy of the account immediately which means the BOI could lose track of the tax and it would be paid off. The claimant that contacted the DIT Independent claims that money had been lodged in her account. The claimant believes the BOI should be held responsible for the delays.

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AIB on Campus

For all your financial needs, please contact your local student officers.

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Ciara Toomey - DIT Mountjoy Square, Cathal Brugha Street and Bolton Street

Opening Hours

DIT Kevin Street: 10am - 12.30am daily
DIT Aungier Street: 1.30pm - 3.30pm daily
DIT Mountjoy Square: 3.00pm - 4.00pm (Monday)
            10.30am - 11.30 am (Tuesday)

DIT Cathal Brugha Street: 2.15pm - 3.30pm (Thursday)

DIT Bolton Street: 9.30am - 11.45am and 1-2pm
(Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
            1.00am - 3.30 (Tuesday)
            9.30am - 12.45pm (Tuesday)
**Mountjoy Square to move south**

By Samantha Rowntree

THE NEW YEAR will herald the start of phase two of the extension to Aungier Street.

There is full planning permission for the site and the college is currently seeking tenders through the Department of Education for work to commence. Robert Lawlor, Secretary of DIT, expects the work to last between 18 months to 2 years.

However, Keith Loohan, President of Mountjoy Square's students' union, is angry at the delay in getting work started. "It's like loads of other stuff". He added, "The college is currently as busy as a business student of Aungier Street."

As a business student himself he has no problems with how the business courses run but he is aware of the problems of which students shouldn't have to contend with. Marketing students spend their third year in Aungier Street before returning to Mountjoy Square to complete their degree.

"When students get into a college at course they usually expect to stay in that college for the duration of the course. The DIT are not taking into account that students may have to change the accommodation and travel routes to make this possible," added the students' union officer.

"Accessibility to resources is also posing a problem."

Often Mountjoy Square students have to make a long trek across the city to Aungier Street to get library books. Loohan believes it would be "fantastic" to see the new facilities in operation especially since DIT has the biggest business faculty in the country.

The plans, costed by Burke-Kennedy Doyle and partners in 1998 are on display for the foyers of Aungier Street.

The Faculty of Business will be concentrated there once construction has been completed. All the new facilities are clearly shown, with main entrances from Aungier Street and Peter and Bishop Street.

The plans include provision for a new restaurant and cafe, a library with audiovisual amenities, computer rooms and large lecture theatres. Each floor will host different schools of the business faculty.

Michael Marnane, DIT's co-ordinating services officer says there will be economies of scale for a big Faculty, rather than sub-division.

**Challenging Times returns**

THREE DIT students have qualified for the revised stages of the last Challenging Times of the millennium.

Roy Walsh, who is studying Construction Economics in Bolton Street, is the team captain.

Philip Pount from Cathal Brugha Street and Bernard Quinn from Aungier Street and substitute Brendan Dunne are also on the DIT team.

DIT will join 15 teams in the battle for academic prestige. The other qualifying teams are the Royal College of Surgeons; NUI Maynooth; the National College of Ireland; Griffith College Dublin; King's Inn; NUI Galway; Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology; Mary Immaculate College, University of Ulster; UCD; Waterford IT; Galway-Mayo IT; and Trinity College Dublin.

The DIT team competed in the knockout round on Tuesday November 16.

The televised stages of Challenging Times 2000 will be recorded in early December and aired in January.

**Are you MAD for it?**

Bernadette McGarvey an evening with DIT students on a drama course

Spring production.

The Workshops will include exploring the art of observation and improvisation. Activities such as mirroring and mirroring are planned.

The idea of mirroring movement, according to drama teacher Linda Jackson is to display the importance of ignoring everything while on stage except the other characters.

At the first workshop on November 16th, two girls closely mirrored each other under the subject of "the getting ready to go out ritual."

"Spotted: hair brushing, nail painting and make-up application were underway."

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TO WIND down, everyone lay on the floor with their head resting on someone else's stomach. The person on one side of the room would laugh and this movement vibrated around the room through the stomaches and the laughs. The end result was every participant shaking helplessly with laughter which echoed throughout the basement floor of Kevin Street.

The launch of the DIT Kevin Street Music and Drama Society (MAD) took place at 7pm on Thursday, November 16th. The main aim of the society, according to its President, is to stage a performance in the forthcoming Spring, hopefully in Gleeson Hall.

"The performance is yet to be decided. The workshops are already underway. They are being run by experienced and skilled teachers. Leonard and Linda Jackson are a qualified speech and drama team and have the Diploma from the Leinster School of Music and Drama, and the National Diploma from the London School of Drama and Music."

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**Apprentice week**

By Coimhe Linnane

DIT APPRENTICE week took place from November 22 to 26 in Bolton Street.

According to its organisers, the week, which is the first of its kind, aimed at "helping employers integrate trade and degree/diploma students. "We hope to show the apprentices the range of opportunities available to them in Bolton Street," says Kate McNeely, the Apprentice Officer in Bolton Street.

The officer added that previously trade students have missed out on organised college events such as societies, sports and balls.

Melody admits there is some resentment about this, but hopefully, the Apprentice Week will help to rectify the situation".

There are 6,000 apprentices in DIT studying a range of trades such as plumbing, electronic mechanics and carpentry. SU President in Bolton Street, Graham O'Sullivan, said, "It is true that the students' union showed the trade students what we can do for them.

"There is absolutely no reason why they shouldn't play an equal part in the college social life."
What’s the point?

Opinion by Elaine Larkin

Arms have been broken, reset and put in plater of Paris faster than the time it takes to twist someone’s arm to write for the DIT Independent. Which is surprising really, considering it’s a college newspaper. Oftentimes people are so busy serving the students with all the news, features, entertainment, etc. that they don’t even realize that we’re relevant to rose-tinted bubble that is student life.

This is to give to students a newspaper directed specifically at them. Strangely, we often spend time writing for the Dublin Student and the Evening Herald, and asking students if they have a point. The answer was always “the DIT Independent: written for students about students by students”.

Hence, as you can imagine DIT students of all disciplines are falling over themselves to submit articles about what is going on in their class, course, and college.

As deadlines approach, the DIT Indio office is a hub of activity. All five phones, never mind the mobiles, are hopping off the desks with unrelenting wannabe hacks the city. Sorry if you thought that’s the way the students actually benefit? All of a disguised voice and spill the beans on a major scandal to run with on the front page, All in all, at the time of writing we have the likes of Jared Leto running a centralised campaign of changing the political will and registering forms to the Students Union or Social Council.

To qualify for funding, club presidents must submit a budget forms, which are then submitted to the Students Union for approval.

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As Ireland’s biggest academic institute, we have long since boasted of abilities and strengths. At a professional level, graduates of the many courses have excelled beyond imagined potential. Indeed the institute is regarded in many professions, especially in the skilled trade industry, as the forerunner in innovative educational training. Time after time the successes of students are echoed by former students.

But success is not reserved solely to academia. The sports fields of Ireland have felt may a DIT team’s wrath, with a host of achievements at all levels, though mainly in the more traditional sports like hurling, Gaelic Football and rugby.

Yet, time and time again a cry for facilities is heard but nothing is ever done about it. Why?

DIT management are not an autonomous body. The sponging around to purchase the Grangegorman site, for developing the other sites, and for building a headquarters, halls of residence and a sports complex, which is estimated at €150 million, approved over the summer, will be seen as some of the blame for not insisting that this issue be a constant pain in the head for the Minister for Education.

DIT management must also accept some criticism for not doing all they could to ensure the Institute had a place to call home. Past presidents must share some of the blame for not insisting that this issue be a constant pain in the head for the Minister for Education.

The Grangegorman site has been the issue for debate for long time, and still seems to be getting no closer to being a reality. Facilities are still incredibly poor for the vast majority of DIT students. Posters highlighting the issue have been put up on walls, but they remain there. The quest for university status was an important one, but it is long overdue. Past presidents must share some of the blame for not insisting that this issue be a constant pain in the head for the Minister for Education.

To be fair, management have applied pressure on Government officials, and were directly responsible for structuring the plan for the future of the Institute to 2007.

It is now time for the Tsooseach and the cabinet to see sense. As a graduate of the Institute and an Alumnus, An Taoiseach is in the unique position to understand exactly what the Institute requires to continue producing the excellent calibre of graduates in business, science, arts, building and technology. And many of whom are currently employed in top Irish companies.

The vocational nature of the institute’s training is what makes graduates so valuable in the various disciplines so employable. But as technology changes, so do the needs of industry. As the extra lager becomes, so too does the cost of accommodation, making it now almost impossible for any students to find affordable student accommodation which would provide access to a study area.

As students we must now apply on all public representatives to lobby the Government to accept DIT’s proposals. We must now get involved at a grass roots level in the DITSU campaign, before yet another site slips through our fingers.

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‘Full Monty’ for Cathal Brugha girls

Samantha Rowntree on a night of big willies and small underpants

The full Monty in universities are always an attraction to women and when they go a step further and take the whole lot off it’s a real crowd puller.

Fifty feisty ladies from Cathal Brugha Street slipped into Fibbers night-club and waited patiently for the spectacular show. The build up was electric, the Cathal Brugha Street girls all sat sedately in their seats, lips quivering and chatting calmly. As the waiting grew, patience grew thin. Boutiques were hassled with questions of when or with suggestions that they should stick to their knitting.

The nineties dance tunes mixed with the classic Full Monty album started a whole reshuffle of seating arrangements.

Everyone suddenly became aware of the best viewing points, like myself most people concluded that the seats were there to be stood on. Ten minutes till lift off and we were now ruthlessly devising action plans. The moment rapidly arrived when the Celtic Knights bowed onto the floor in their Rocky style capes. The crowd surged forward and clambered into position to watch the three lads shake their bon bons. The guys seductively removed their clothes to reveal their whiter than white g-string on their perfectly tanned, toned bodies.

The music couldn’t be heard for shouts of "more" and ‘get your kit off’. The screaming heightened as one of the brave knights removed his g-string and in all his glory slipped off stage.

Audience participation was encouraged. Two girls were picked to rub on the baby oil. Another girl un­standably looked nervously exicted to be handpicked to a chair by Killian in his sol­diers uniform. She had to draw the line when he pro­duced a blindfold and started to bring on his special toys.

It could be said that no one really noticed if they had pretty faces or not. This up front show tried to cater for all fantasies, the James Bond man in a white tuxedo, the soldier, the boxer, the policeman, and the top gun pilot.

The grand finale brought all the guys on wearing only hats over their bare essentials. After expressing their sincere thanks to such an excellent audience, they threw off the hats and brought the house down with screams.

Female strippers were entertaining the lads from Bolton Street and Mountjoy Square in the Back Gate. According to one spectator of the show it was "pretty disappointing".

There was some crowd participation but unlike their male counterparts they were unable to whip the crowd into an excited screaming frenzy.

Pool tables robbed

By Shane Mc Dermott

SOL pool tables in the Students’ Union in Angler Street were robbed of an undisclosed sum of money on Wednesday morning. The incident, which took place on October 12th, has cost the DITSU more than €200 in repairs. That figure is likely to rise however as the final bill has not yet been settled.

The time of the robbery is unknown, however students’ union President, Colm Jordan, closed the office at 5.30 pm that day.

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focus on . . . grants

Time for change

Eve Irvine reports on the recent attempt to publish the names of those getting grants.

In an effort to cut out fraudulence in the grant system, Meath County Councillor Jimmy Feegan last month called for the publication of the list of recipients of grants.

He said that this motion was not specifically to name people but to deter people committing fraudulence.

"The reason for the motion was to cut out fraud or to limit fraud so that finite resources can be spread out to as many as possible," he said. At present the means of preventing fraudulence is quite restrictive.

If Feegan's proposal is to go ahead, the lists of names would be of successful applicants only and availability of them would be restricted to County Councils and VECs.

The legality of his proposal is in question, however. If it is legal, Feegan hopes to return to the Meath County Council or the Department of Finance and ask that the documentation of applicants whose parents do not have to pay PAYE, be sent to the Revenue Commissioners for inspection.

"If they knew the Revenue Commissioners could check they might not even try," added Feegan.

However, the Union of Students in Ireland has reacted angrily to the proposal. Speaking on Morning Ireland last month, Union President Philip Madden said it would be unfair of the Councillor to expect students to allow their privacy to be invaded. "Grants are an emotive issue, and some students may feel embarrassed about receiving one. They should not have to worry about added embarrassment by having their names made public," added the union leader.

Lisa Marie Deeney, Eve Irvine and Olivia Kelly look at the grants system

The quickest:
- Laois: September 20
- Co Dublin: September 21
- Donegal: September 24
- City of Galway: October 5
- Sligo: October 7
- Carlow: October 8

The slowest:
- Kildare: October 28
- Dun Laoghaire: October 29
- Longford: October 30
- City of Dublin: November 1
- Co Galway: November 2
- South Tipperary: November 11
- County Councils: Worst
- Louth: October 11th
- Limerick Corporation: October 19th
- Tipperary North: October 22nd
- Wexford: October 26th
- Dublin Corporation: November 17th

The best:
- Meath: September 9
- Tipperary South: September 10
- Monaghan: September 13
- Sligo: September 22
- Co Galway: September 29

Five double passes to be won

Experience the mind-blowing world of 3D cinema at "Encounter in the Third Dimension," now showing at the Sheridan IMAX Cinema, Parnell Street.

A rather eccentric professor (Stuart Parkin) and Max his flying robot assistant guide the audience through developments in 3D photography.

For a chance to win a pair of tickets to see "Encounter in the Third Dimension," at the Sheridan IMAX Cinema, simply answer the following questions:

Where is the Sheridan IMAX Cinema located?
- a) O'Connell Street
- b) Parnell Street
- c) St. Stephen's Green

What is the name of the professor's flying robot assistant?

Entries should be sent on a postcard only, and should reach the DIT Independent offices, Kevin Street, Dublin 2 before 5pm on December 17th.

YOUR STUDENTS' UNION SHOPS

The staff and management of the Students' Union Shops would like to wish all their customers a very happy and peaceful Christmas and to thank all their patrons for their custom in 1999.
By Olivia Kelly

Dublin Corporation worst in long list of offenders for delaying grant payments

Dublin Corporation last week said that over 600 students who had applied for grants before the end of last year were not to get their cheques until the middle of October.

A spokesperson for University College Dublin said that last year they received grant cheques from Dublin Corporation on October 8. This year, neither UCD nor any other institution had as yet received their grant cheques since the start of the term.

All of the Dublin Universities and Institutes say they have received no explanation for the delay and that the Corporation is not about to furnish them with such.

John Freaney of Dublin Corporation said there were now 1000 grant cheques ready to go out to third level institutions and should be available to students in August.

Freyne said the Corporation had 1250 first time applications to process this year and that had proved very time consuming.

He could offer no definite reason for the delay but said, "the Department of Education issued their grant scheme forms a month later than last year, they subsequently extended the return date until August 8. This has caused difficulties in processing the applications on time."

He added the Corporation would prefer if the forms were issued during term time.

The Department of Education admits there was a delay in issuing the scheme this year so students could get help from teachers in completing them. "An earlier issue date would also help us to get the cheques out to the colleges by the start of term," he concluded.

The Department of Education advised that the forms were available from July instead of June. However they say this is because the scheme itself was being restructured to make the forms easier to complete.

According to their spokesperson this should not have resulted in a delay for the corporation in distributing its grant cheques.

"Dates of issue of the scheme forms were slightly later this year, but as other awarding bodies were able to cope, there is no reason why Dublin Corporation should have had a problem."

USI's Education Officer, Ian Russell, says renewal applicants (i.e. those students who have already held a grant for one year) should still have got their cheques in the first week of term as change from June to July in the issuing of scheme forms would not have affected their claims.

First time applicants do usually have to wait a week or two longer, but he says, "at the end of the day people have to live on this money, a delay of this length is unacceptable, for any student."

Grants have always been a major headache in the halls not only of students' union offices but also in the halls of successive Government departments.

It is not so long ago that the Rainbow Government introduced free third level fees for the first time. This has undoubtedly helped create in Ireland's current economic success. At the time, there were calls by some not to introduce a free fees system and instead to increase maintenance grants and make it more accessible to students whose parents are in the PAYE sector, and who may be struggling to produce income marginally above that required to obtain a grant. This was a call which got the go ahead.

The grant should be increased in line with social welfare payments. It is unreasonable for students to expect to live below a poverty line to that of acceptable, which is also entitled to rent and fuel allowance, and in many cases a means card which means that prescriptions are available free under the general medical services scheme.

However, the call to not introduce free fees was short sighted and naive at best.

Grants are a help in funding an education, but they go there are many students paying for rental accommodation, that is if you are lucky enough to find one. It is not unreasonable, therefore, that student leaders last month called for an increase in maintenance grants to reflect the massive hike in the cost of living for most students.

It is not unreasonable either for students to expect that grants be paid on the same time, and with some degree of professionalism.

The current system where each of the 66 public bodies, be they county councils, corporations or VECs throughout the country, is absolutely ridiculous. Some awarding bodies, including Dublin Corporation, require students to fill out a grant renewal form each year in order to continue receiving a grant payment. Other awarding bodies do not. There is also a huge discrepancy in when these awarding bodies send out grant cheques.

The argument that bigger bodies take longer because they have more applications to process in absurd: they have more staff.

A central grants authority is needed to be immediately, with proper staffing and a full and transparent appeals procedure, independent from such an authority. Such a system is being put forward in terms of dealing with the issue. Our near neighbours in Northern Ireland and in the United Kingdom have been given a serious blow by the withdrawal of university fees by the new Labour government in 1997, and in Ireland that struggle this year that maintenance grants will now also be a thing of the past for the majority of NUS students. Such a move can not be ruled out.

However, it is very unlikely that a newly elected authority, with a commitment to education would stand idly by and let it happen. However, if it is the current Government to centralise the grants system and to heed calls by student leaders to increase mainteance grants are not all that removed an ideology from that in the UK.

As students, we too must face up to some harsh realities. The calls by one Meath County Councillor to make names of students in receipt of maintenance grants publicly available has met with some resistance from students and students' union executives. Indeed, even if the idea proves to be legal under the Freedom of Information Act, it is unlikely that even Meath Councillor would have much of a quorum of the motion.

However, if in fact the question of whether or not grant holders names could be published was answered for us by legislation, we as students have no right to oppose this.

Not because USB has the right to use it as a political bargaining tool, (indeed USB have vehemently opposed the move), nor because, as is most probably the case, it is not going to be very time consuming. Quite simply it is a public money, and in an era where scandals in public life are uncovered by tribunals of inquiry and Dail Committees, such public money should be accounted for properly. Sadly, a small minority of students who are cheating the system, whether it be by claiming both social welfare assistance and a maintenance grant, or by lesser means. If students are breaking the law, they should be punished. It is, however, the minority of students who engage in such behaviour.

Students cannot expect to be treated differently to any other section of society. In an open and transparent democratic society, we must accept that if a Government Minister is expected to resign according to the advice of his or her official credit car then as an open and transparent democracy, we must accept that if it is not unfair to expect to be able to obtain the names of those who are cheating the system, it is not unfair to expect to be able to obtain the names of those who are cheating the education or other grant to be granted. We have nothing to hide.

Thomai Freaney is himself a Higher Education Grant awardee from Galway County Council.

Felle Form
Students to collect blankets for homeless

A NUMBER of second year Business Information System students, Aungier Street have arranged a Homelessness Awareness week from December 6th - 10th.

The main priority is getting a load of blankets and to raise as much money as possible for the homeless.

During that week there will be a stall in the foyer of Aungier Street for collection of blankets.

The students hope to raise enough money as possible through a raffle. According to one of the organisers, Lisa Daly, they have been charyed by the Simon Community to whom they will donate the proceeds.

The brainchild or kind heart behind the operation is student Carol Kiejen who persuaded her classmate to get involved in some fund-raising for the homeless, after she saw a homeless person on the street one cold morning on her way to college.

Student journalists win awards

TWO DIT journalism students recently achieved first and third places in top writing competitions.

Maitacli Clerkin, a third year student won the Peter Ball Memorial Young Sports Writer of the Year.

The competition, in association with the Sunday Tribune, was to write a 1,000 word essay on any sports topic. Clerkin wrote on the Irish soccer team's current lack of belief in themselves.

The article was published in the Sunday Tribune and Clerkin won a two week work placement with the paper and £500.

Clerkin has always been interested in sports and hopes to pursue a career as a sports writer. He is the current editor of the Liberty, a newspaper produced by journalism students covering local news in the south Dublin area.

Meanwhile, Anthony Quinn, a final year journalism student was awarded third place in another competition.

He was highly commended in the ICS/Arctic Science and Technology Journalists Association competition for young journalists.

Anthony submitted programs from Tech TV, where he was a researcher, and articles he had written for DeLa magazine, where he is now assistant editor.

The article that won the award for him was about internet safety. A delighted Quinn told the DID Independent that, after writing "for about two years on technology and the internet, it is nice to get some recognition".

DESIGN a new logo for the Engineering Society and win £100 for Christmas, it's as easy as that.

The Engineering Society in Bolton Street are running a competition for the design of a new logo. This logo will be used on any correspondence involving the society, including letterheads, posters and flyers.

According to the organisers, the design should be modern, easily interpreted and have a relevant engineering theme. "It will incorporate the name of the society in some way, either as a symbol or as a suround text as in the existing DIT logo," according to Ray Kine, Society President. "It must also be remembered that the society caters for all disciplines of engineering, including mechanical, manufacuring, building services, control and micro structural. The choice of colour or black and white is entirely up to you," enquired Kine.

All entries must be computer compatible and are to be submitted on a floppy disk, labelled with name, college, class number and a contact telephone number or address in an envelope labelled 'Logo Design Competition'. Student Engineers, DIT Bolton Street, Dublin1.

The closing date for entries is Friday, December 9. Entries will be judged by the society's associate members and engineering department heads.

Prizes will be presented the following week at a reception in Bolton Street. Any queries contact Ray Kine (087-6782123) or e-mail the society at dteincorp@yahoo.com.

Union closes doors to highlight reasons to use it

BOLTON Street Student's Union closed its doors on its students for one day on November 24th.

The move was criticised by some, who said that students were held to ransom by the Student's Union", in that the SU could shut down if student's didn't play along with them.

Student President Graham O'Sullivan defended his actions, and said it was intended just to "give people a shock", and to make student's aware that the SU has limited facilities and will not always be there for them.

O'Sullivan is displeased with the level of participation of student's in their union. Just the SU executive were told of the planned closure.

The reason behind this he said was to make it clear that the SU is not a clique, and "to put everyone back on the playing field", that the Student's Union is for everyone.

O'Sullivan has received some feedback on his decision. He said those that were particularly annoyed were the ones who frequented the SU to play pool and to have a cigarette.

However, he claims that his decision was praised by other quarters who said it was "a great stunt".

Grangegorman: a reality but 'not yet'  

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"We have been up until now with DIT Governing Body on the campaign, but we feel a campaign by the students union may add greater impetus to the call for overdue facilities for DIT students," added the students' union President.

McGovern sent a letter to DIT's Director/Secretary, Robert Lawlor, shortly after the current and future needs of the Institute on a faculty basis. For Or Farrell said "another round text as in the existing DIT logo," according to Ray Kine, Society President. "It must also be remembered that the society caters for all disciplines of engineering, including mechanical, manufacuring, building services, control and micro structural. The choice of colour or black and white is entirely up to you," enquired Kine.

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ESS looks for money back

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"It is a floating institution and it has been floating even more since the legislation for its introduction was passed. It needs to be anchored somewhere in the city.

"The site which is available has large playing fields which could be ideal for the student population as well as the local population," he added.

The Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children, Dr Tom Mofatt, who replied to the Labour Senator said the Department is actively considering the purchase of this site "in the context of the annual Estimates over the next number of years, and possibly in the contest of a public private partnership".

Musical chairs for music students

By Dermot Hayes

A number of students in the DID School of Music have to attend lectures in up to three buildings during one day alone. For example, to get from Adelaide Road to Chatham Row is a 10 to 15 minute walk with Students travelling from a place to Rheamastaka taking roughly the same amount of time. The trek from Rheamastaka to Chatham Row in the city centre is about 25 minutes, including time standing, taking 20 to 25 minutes.

For O'Sullivan is not the present set-up is to the destroy the "independence of students. I think it's important for both students and staff to be able to discipline to improve the overall environment. I know all the problems that running a high heels can make when getting between the buildings"

Hence the reason to point out that "the timetable have been blocked so that students travelling from Rheamastaka to Grangegorman are not constant classes at one time. The school should be reorganized between three buildings. Facilities for orchestral music, singing, drama, etc. are limited to each of the three buildings.

Dr Farrell said "another problem is the Blueprint Road is the soundproofing of the entire site to the sound situation to the Institute. The Adelaide Road building is the only one home to the Dunlop Tyre Factory and is a "sound bubble that was built from an acoustical aspect."

"A great deal of money has been spent on the soundproofing. We're still not happy, but we're struggling on," said Dr Farrell.
STUDENTS had to answer questions rating DIT on a scale of excellent, average, and poor. Vast differences were found between different colleges and amongst fourth years on certain issues.

First on the list was DIT’s hopes of obtaining university status. More than half of those polled, said that DIT has a good chance of obtaining university status. Eighty percent found DIT to have an excellent chance in the university stakes. A quarter thought it had a chance, with approximately 13 percent rating DIT as having a poor chance. However, the rating for poor shot nearer to 20 percent amongst fourth years.

Lecturing facilities rated fairly well with just under 90 percent giving a good average score. Nearly 9 percent thought that the lecturing facilities are poor, with a disappointing 3.4 percent rating it as excellent. Lectures were thought to be of an excellent and good, in this category. Nearly 4 percent rated it as average and the rating of poor doubled towards the nearly 20 percent. Interestingly, 20 percent Cathal Brugha Street agreed on poor.

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STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

UCD = 1400 student beds

DCU = 700 student beds

Trinity = 950 student beds

DIT = 0 student beds

Support your Students' Union facilities campaign

DIT Students' Union are running a campaign on the lack of facilities. They have written to the Taoiseach requesting a meeting and to all TDs asking them to raise questions in the Dáil. If anyone has ideas or an interest in getting involved in the campaign please call into your local S.U.
The morning after

THE Christmas season, which comes with the bonus of the Millennium celebrations this time around, is traditionally a time of year that all young revellers should enjoy.

But as we all know, “when one thing leads to another,” the consequences can be life-altering.

There are likely to be many young women who will wake up after an unplanned liaison and immediately fear the worst.

With most pharmacies and local doctors’ practices being closed for the Millennium, a year 2000 panic could ensue among students regretting the night before.

Department of Education spokesman Geoff Corcoran had a simple message for girls going out on the pill over the festive season.

“The best idea is, like alcohol, to stock up (morning after pills) before the Christmas rush. It is possible with the morning after pill to delay taking it for three days.”

However, according to the Irish Family Planning Association spokesman, a spokesperson for the IFPA said that the festive season “is usually a busy time” at their clinics with worried girls coming in wanting to know what to do when it’s too late. But we can assure them that if it is not too late but we are expecting an even busier time this year.”

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Facts of Life

Why should I take the morning after pill?

Starting with the most obvious question, preventing pregnancy is the utmost thought in a woman’s mind when taking this medication. The pill itself is taken twice, and the first should be taken as soon after intercourse as possible, with the second dose later 12 hours later. The MAP contains hormones which may prevent pregnancy by temporarily preventing egg production, by stopping or delaying release by the implantation of a fertilised egg into the wall of the womb.

Where can I get the MAP? If your local doctor’s practice is closed as it will probably be the case in most parts of the country come New Year’s Day, then a trip to the nearest hospital will be required as soon as possible. The MAP must be taken within 72 hours of intercourse.

How reliable is the MAP? The pill greatly reduces the risk of becoming pregnant but it cannot completely eliminate that risk. Unprotected sex greatly enhances the chance of becoming pregnant, depending on what stage the menstrual cycle of a woman is at.

On the day of ovulation (‘day 14’ traditionally) a woman who has unprotected sex at that stage increases the risk of pregnancy by 30%, according to the ‘Healthy Devil’ website (h-devil-www.mc.duke.edu). By taking the MAP the risk is reduced to 95% (i.e. the risk is reduced to 8%). If a woman is already pregnant, or should a woman have had sex without birth control 10 days prior to the current cycle, the MAP is useless. If taken by a woman already pregnant, the developing foetus can be damaged but not terminated. Should you decide to take the MAP a pregnancy test is required before a prescription is written.

Any side effects? Unfortunately, yes. Nausea and vomiting are widely experienced amongst MAP takers; less common effects include fluid retention, breast tenderness and headaches. In theory, the MAP can prove fatal to women with a medical history of persistently poor health. Conversely, heart attack, stroke, blood clots and gall-bladder disease can be induced by the pill, but there is only a minute risk to the average woman in terms of long-term health. The MAP is the safest option for the majority of women after unprotected intercourse.

When will I get my period? Approximately half of all women will have a period within a week of taking MAP. The remaining 50% will almost all menstruate within three weeks. However, your next menstrual period might be irregular, e.g. occurring sooner or later than expected.

Condoms or other methods of contraception should be used until your period starts. If you do not get your period after 21 days, a visit to your GP or local clinic for an examination and pregnancy test is advisable. When should I start using birth control? Immediately. The Morning After Pill is meant for one-time protection. Morning After Pill treatment does not guard against sexually transmitted diseases, so your partner should wear a condom during intercourse.

The message for all of us students is ‘If you’re going to have it off, have it on’. We should all enjoy this Christmas and the millennium as much as we can. But let’s keep it safe folks!

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Movie madness

To celebrate the last Christmas of the millennium, Jenni Duggan reviews five of the best and most-favoured festive films of all time.

**Miracle on 34th Street (1947)**

Year after year, this tops the list of everyone's favourite feel-good Christmas films. Made in 1947 and starring Maureen O'Hara, Natalie Wood and Edmund Gwenn, this classic is far superior to the schmaltzy 1994 remake.

It tells the story of lovable character Kris Kringle (Gwenn), a department store Santa who claims to be the real thing. Despite being rather eccentric, Kringle looks the part and is more experimental than the moment in the madcap Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Gene Wilder gives a wonderfully eerie performance as the madcap Wonka and the film is accompanied by an unforgettable score.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

This heart-warming tale tells the story of George Bailey, everyone's friend and general nice guy.

Santa Claus: The Movie (1985)

Santa Claus is getting old and needs some help getting toys to all the children of the world. His two best elves have a contest to see who gets the important job.

BAC TO THE FUTURE

Since 1862 Cubans have had their own way of drinking Bacardi Rum - lots of ice and pure lime. Building on this classic combination comes Bacardi Rigo.

This new product is a blend of Bacardi Rum cut with pure lime and made with refreshing soda. It has a unique refreshing flavour which is both tangy and subtle.

To celebrate the launch of this exciting new product onto the Irish Market The DIT Independent has three Bacardi Rigo packs to give away. Those include: 4 bottles of Bacardi Rigo, Bacardi Rigo Urban Cuts with a Latin Twist CD, CD holder, record bag and t-shirt.

To win just answer the following question: What fruit is mixed with Bacardi Rum to make Bacardi Rigo?

Send your answer on a postcard to The DIT Independent, Kevin Street, D8. Please include your name, address and phone number. Closing date is December 20th.

While this film may not have a Christmas theme, the holiday season just would not be the same without it.

Based on Roald Dahl's children's book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, this is an amusing musical about a corporate executive who wants to eliminate Santa and procure his toys to all the children of the world.

The film is accompanied by an unforgettable score.

The Snowman (1982)

Based on the book illustrated by Raymond Briggs, this silent animated film is the tale of a young boy and his snowman that comes to life on Christmas Eve.

The snowman takes the boy on an enchanted trip, flying above the rooftops to the North Pole.

There, they spend a magical evening with Santa Claus and are invited to a huge party, attended by hundreds of dancing snowmen.

It is a tale of childhood fantasy and along with an enchanting score, including the well-known song by Alad Jones, "Walking in the Air", this silent animated film is the tale of a young boy and his snowman that comes to life.
DIT athletes win top places

By Colin McGann

FOURTEEN DIT athletes won top five placings at the Irish Universities Athletic Association (IUAA) Road Relays held in Maynooth College on Saturday 13 November.

The course was a lap of the college grounds and weather conditions had made the tarmac surface slippery and although a flat course was conducive to fast running care was also necessary.

The women's race, which consisted of two 1 mile legs and two 2 mile legs, got underway shortly after 2:30pm.

Francine Meehan was first to run for DIT and she handed over to Lisa Dowling in a strong position in the leading group. Lisa held her position well and after the first of the two mile legs DIT were in ninth place.

Maria Lynch ran the second of the two mile legs and moved from ninth to fourth place on her first lap and then into third, overtaking UCD, handing to Gillian Clyne for the final mile.

However Gillian struggled to keep in touch with the pace of the leaders but finished for DIT in a creditable fifth place. University of Limerick won the race in a time of 32.39 minutes with Trinity second in 33.13 minutes.

The men's race had two entrants from DIT and was run in a format of 1, 2, 3, 2, and 1 mile legs.

The race was very competitive from the start with UCC and UCD battling for the lead after the first leg. Brian Byrne had given DIT a good opening and handed over in fifth place to Paul Campbell.

Meanwhile Mark Reid, of DIT's second team, was running against David Matthews (UCD), coped with the fast pace and slippery surface brilliantly.

The next two legs proved crucial in deciding the title. Campbell gained three places and Eugene O'Neill, running against David Matthews (UCD), coped with the fast pace and slippery surface brilliantly.

With two legs left DIT were in third and Humphrey Twomey ran a consistent two mile section and held third for Alan Fox the final runner. His mile time of 4.49 minutes was enough to hold third place for DIT.

Aiden Doyle and Colin Farrell held thirteenth place, and Fintan McGee a guest runner, finished the final leg for DIT in twelfth place.

The race was won by UCC in 43.12 minutes, UCD took second place with 43.23 minutes, and DIT third with 43.56 minutes.

The colleges cross country will be held in Athlone on November 30 and the DIT Independent will have a full report in the next edition.

Athletes compete in Irish University Road Relays

Kevin Street Kings still unbeaten

By Glenn Howard

Kevin St Kings 32 Mountjoy Sq Pirates 8

IN A REPEAT of last years DIT rugby final, the Kevin Street Kings were once again victorious against a committed Mountjoy Square side.

Featuring some new faces as well as the old reliables 'Kings' comfortably dealt with the 'Pirates' challenge to win 32 - 8 in the Gleeson Cup match.

After some early pressure, in which the 'Pirates' scored 3 points from a penalty, good scrumaging from a front five resulted in a flowing 'Kings' break.

A quick release from Simon Byrne and elusive running from captain Jamie O'Brien saw Glenn Howard touch down in the corner.

Howard narrowly failed with a difficult conversion attempt. Despite great work from hooker Paddy Doyle, the 'Pirates were not able to counter attack.

The 'Kings' then stretched their lead when Howard kicked a penalty from the 22 metre line. Good work from their forwards, especially Dan Lehan, led to a quick release which saw Nicky Lawlor send Jamie O'Brien through a gap.

He broke several tackles before off-loading to flanker Des Averey who charged over for a second try of the match.

At this stage 'Kings' were well on top in the scrums and were dominating the line-outs. Just before the break Howard broke through the 'Pirates' cover again, to score his second try of the games under the posts, with winger Karl Quinn slotting home the conversion.

The 'Pirates' had a wind advantage for the second half and put the 'Kings' defence under severe pressure but the latter's halfback O'Brien made a 60 yard break and with the support of Johnny Kane scored.

For the Square, the front row were good, with Keith Lenehan and Brian Rush giving great performances in the scrum.

The 'Pirates' however had not given up, an example of their spirit was Fergus Gannon who despite receiving injuries during the match continued to play brilliantly, and with a last ditched attempt to save face they scored a try on the final whistle.
**Soccer clubs hunt for players**

By Sean Fay

DIT OVERALL manager Michael Whelan is still on the lookout for new players ahead of this February's Collingwood Cup.

Whelan has identified the "training and preparation of the players" for this year's cup as his main objective for the forthcoming season. Players who are interested in playing for DIT soccer team should contact either Seamus Byrne (4024634) or Michael Whelan (4024699) or attend the soccer clubs' AGM details which will be posted around the various campuses.

**DIT hammers Trinity**

DIT 3-15 QUB 0-9

OLLIE Canning found the back of the Queen's net in the first minute of this Higher Education League match which was played at Templemore. Full forward Paul Roche added a point which the visitors to reply with two points in quick succession.

Top of the left, Edwin Finnanry added another DIT point before centre forward, Dave Clonessy, burst through to raise the white flag. Canning's second score of the day was a superb point which he made deep in the second half. The visitors' second goal in the form of another point for DIT.

A Clonessy point was followed by a Canning goal. Clonessy and Canning then shot points in quick succession to put this game beyond the reach of QUB ahead of this February's Collingwood Cup.

While QUB came back with three points to half time the DIT team were well on top as their opponents were looking weak in front of the QUB goal. The half time score was 2-10 for DIT against 0-11 for QUB.

However the season has come to an end with DIT facing Trinity on the final day of the league. The DIT team is well ahead in the standings and looking to cement their position as league champions.

**Cannings does it in Higher Education League**

By Eve Irvine

Basketball is a vicious sport. In this no contact sport, one woman's tooth was almost ripped from her gums. Blood dripped from the plaintiff's mouth as she was brought to the nearest emergency room after the incident.

The plaintiff, an experienced basketball player, was playing in a friendly match when she was hit in the mouth by a ball. She immediately felt pain and disorientation, and was rushed to the nearest hospital for treatment.

Doctors examined her mouth and found that a tooth had been knocked out of her gum line. She was immediately fitted with a temporary tooth and instructed to follow up at a later date for a more permanent solution.

The incident is currently under investigation, and the plaintiff is seeking compensation for her injuries. She has also expressed concern about the lack of protection in place for basketball players in such situations.

**Bloodly Basketball**

By Tony Kinsella

Waterford IT 4-8 - 0-10 DIT

THE DIT Freshers hurling team were beaten by a better Waterford side this month in the first round of the League.

Despite the final scoreline both DIT players and mentors expressed satisfaction with the performance of the DIT Freshers team in their first competitive game of the season.

The visitors held the powerful WIT team scoreless for fifteen minutes and put over two fine points in that period. The home side were level for 11 minutes but soon found themselves behind again.

Aided by a strong wind the WIT forwards began their comeback with a sitting of points and a goal which followed a great save by Ger Cuddy.

Willie Conomorford's free was collected and put over by the team's second goal. Martin Buggy added two points to the DIT tally while Julian's midfield partner, Martin Buggy, in the second half.

DIT hammer Waterford 3-15 as their semi-final hopes take shape.

**DIT loose out to superior WIT team**

Giles Barrett, 4th year Business student in Aungier Street meets President McAleese at the launch of the AIESEC New Members Conference in Croke Park last month. Giles in a member of the DIT AIESEC Association and is on the national organising committee.
Kart Krazy

Thomas Felle spent a day with DIT Karting Club

FORMULA One it is not, but there is something uniquely erotic about putting your life in the hands of a lawnmower engine and wheelbarrow tires.

Karting is by all accounts a dangerous sport, or so the signs, the disclaimer and the instructors said, but all in all the chances of you coming away with anything more than bruised ego having been beaten by a friend, or even worse a GIRL are quite slim.

It is a good fun sport, and the rush of euphoria through the body as you speed hastily around a well engineered track, with speeds of up to 40 miles per hour (it may not sound like much but it's quite impressive when you’re sitting three inches from the ground) make for an enjoyable days racing.

However for some, it was no game. To be fair, the handful of women who were there took it all in their stride, but some of the male competitors were really taking the whole thing too seriously. They brought their own helmets, they did little but discuss tactics all through the day, some had even come out the previous evening to get a head start on the course layout. But, at the end of the day, it was all a bit of fun.

And that's just what the members of one of DIT’s biggest clubs had on November 25 when the first inter DiT Karting competition was held in Kart City, Santry.

Some 72 drivers from across the five main campuses took part in the first round of the event, which is to be staged over two days: November 25 and December 15. Each driver competed in warm-up rounds and then had the chance to test his or her skills in one competition round with 12 drivers in each.

The top six in each group went on to the knock out stages, and the seventh and eighth qualifiers went into a loosers' group.

“We are aiming to put together the best DIT team possible to compete in intervarsities later in the year,” says DIT Karting Chairperson Ray Nangle.

“These two days will give each college a chance to compete against the other on a team level. There are prizes for the best college and best individual performances. Based on individual performances, we will then pick a team to represent DIT,” explains the Chairperson.

The event on November 25 was not completed, and so the quarter, semi-final and finals will be held at the start of the next day’s racing, as will round two of the competition.

Ballyboden too good for DIT

The DI T team that took on Ballyboden St Edna's in the Dublin Under 21 Hurling Final

Dublin Under 21 Hurling Final
DI T 0 - 10 Ballyboden St. Endas 1 - 16
By Tony Kinsella

A SEVERE number of unanswered scores early in the second half put the Ballyboden team into a commanding lead which a valiant DIT team were unable to hang back.

In the first half points by Mark Murphy and Dave Lyng cancelled the Ballyboden lead after ten minutes of play.

Lyng then collected a flicked clearance and Colin Buggy added two converted frees.

A strong finish by Ballyboden saw them pull back the DI T lead and go in at half time with a two point advantage.

A blistering restart resulted in the scoreline reading 1-11 to 0-5 after ten minutes of the second half. Murphy sent over a magnificent point from eighty metres and substitute Edwin Finnerty pointed a 20 metre free.

Half forward, Thomas Reilly, who was switched into the forward line, scored from play as did Murphy while the final DIT score can be credited to Finnerty.

The DI T line out was Cuddy, A. McKee, P. Finanerty, G. Donnan, B. McGee, T. Reilly, G. Curley, M. O'Brien, Cullen, D. Lyng, M. Murphy, C. Buggy, M. Corcoran, W. Cleary, A. Hanrahan.

Substitutions: P. Molloy for C. Buggy, E. Finnerty for L. Cleary.

Heineken sports star of the month

Heineken may be represented at next year's Olympics as James Moore fights for his place on the Irish boxing team.

Moore a 4th year apprentice electrician in Kevin St will be set his qualifying fight for the Irish welterweight team takes place in February.

Moore is confident of qualifying for the Olympics as he has beaten February's opponent before.

He currently fights for Arklow Boxing Club and trains weekly with Michael Carruth but said "I would love to represent DIT but because there is no boxing club here I can't".

Moore started boxing at eight years of age and has won the All Ireland Intermediate Championship and is the current Leinster senior champion. He is this month's sports star of the the month after his winning fight against Welsh opponents earlier in the month while fighting on the Irish team.

Freshers' Hurling League

DI T vs Ballyhale
DI T 0 - 5 Ballyhale 3 - 7
WHILE the visitors were three points to one ahead after nine minutes John Gleeson's first goal, which buried Ger Behan's block, opened the floodgates.

At the end of the first half the scoreboard read DI T 3 - 5 to 0-6 for IT Carlow, DIT's total domination in all sectors of play gave them an easy win.


All right, go if you must, but don't come back here pissed.