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Bertie backtracks on fees promise

By Darragh Clifford

Taoiseach Mr Bertie Ahern, prior to the Nice Treaty referendum, that fees would not be re-introduced in the lifetime of the present Government. He failed to deliver on this promise.

Unfortunately, Mr Ahern has come under pressure to re-introduce college fees, and this time the Taoiseach himself will stand behind the matter.

He insisted that the matter was still under review. The Taoiseach made the statement

"...that no decision has been made on the issue, and that any decision will be taken only after consultation with the public and the relevant stakeholders." But in the meantime, the government has been taking steps to implement the fee increase, including increasing the registration fee and the introduction of additional fees for certain courses.

The Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahern, released a statement prior to the Nice Treaty referendum, that fees would not be re-introduced in the lifetime of the present Government. However, he did admit that the matter was still under review.

Colm Jordan stated that unfortunately, politicians in this country have a tendency to say one thing before polling day and the complete opposite the next.

We have delivered a letter to the Taoiseach requesting that he confirm that this is still the case.

When opposition members in the Dail quizzed Minister for Education Mr Noel Dempsey on the matter, he insisted that the matter was still under review.

Mr Dempsey said that "considering the time lapsed since the introduction of fees, and the major question mark hanging over the achievement of the stated purpose behind them, it seems entirely appropriate to use these measures should be fundamentally reviewed".

USI is asking the Government to clarify its position on third-level fees, as they are concerned that the Taoiseach made the statement to build his public opinion while seeking a yes vote in last month's Nice Referendum.

Further protests are due to take place around the country in the upcoming weeks.

Waterford IT and Tallaght IT will take to the streets on Tuesday November 19th, with Letterkenny IT and DIT continuing the protest on November 26th.

USI has estimated that if college fees were introduced, the cost of an average four-year course could be up to €40,000.

The ongoing protests by students across the country is the single largest student movement the country has ever seen.

But if the threat of fees is to be eradicated, students must continue to march.

Colm Jordan has told the DIT Independent that their position on the subject of fees is clear: that all students should be entitled to free education.

Spokesperson on Education for the Labour Party, Ms Jan O'Sullivan has also stated that education is one of the many services that society must provide as of right and pay through taxes.

The debate on fees has now entered its fifth month since Minister Dempsey announced back in July that the registration fee was to increase by 69%.

When USI initially objected to this, Minister Dempsey wanted to meet the student group in November. USI objected, and a meeting between Dempsey and USI took place on September 4th.

However, in September the Government started floating the idea that full third-level fees would be introduced to those who could afford them.

While the government are adamant that they are standing firm on the fees issue, USI are also intent on stepping up their campaign for the right to a free education.

Massive student support for Chernobyl

By Aisling Casey

Thousands of students turned out in Dublin to participate in the annual 10km sponsored walk in aid of the Chernobyl children's Project.

The event, which took place on Thursday September 4th, received great support from Irish students who braved a 10km trek to the Phoenix Park, in an effort to raise funds for children in need.

Students from over 10 of the capital's colleges joined as one to support the charity, which has become a key date on the academic calendar.

10K Walk Co-Ordinator, Chris Newell said, "Irish students have shown a long standing commitment to the aid of the Chernobyl disaster. The success of the walk is due to the efforts of all involved, including students in Belmarius, the Ukraine and Western Russia."

The money raised will pay for surgery, medication, psychotherapy, decent accommodation in orphanages, medical care and mental development for retarded children.

DIT students played a vital role in making the event a success and hope to raise an estimated €100,000 for the charity.

There was great enthusiasm as DIT students partook in a range of activities, including a fun-filled night at Anabel's nightclub.

The annual Halloween Ball raised an estimated €5,000 with students from DIT enjoying the festivities.

It is estimated that an estimated €500,000 will be raised for the cause this year.
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Gay students fear ‘coming out’

By Aisling Casey

IN AN effort to stamp out discrimination and intimidation of gay students in Irish colleges, USI has launched a campaign to help students feel at ease with their sexuality.

USI believes that many students in Irish colleges are now afraid to ‘come out’ because they fear discrimination and harassment.

The lesbian, gay and bisexual rights campaign urges students and college staff to promote a ‘culture of tolerance’ that will eradicate discrimination and harassment that may be leaving gay students uncomfortable.

According to statistics, one in ten people are gay, lesbian or bisexual and USI’s LGB Rights Officer Lain Gill believes that it is very important that people are made aware of the treatment gay people receive.

Gill said, “In reality, college is a place where everyone comes out in one way or another. Students discover, develop and express their individuality and sexuality. This is no different for either heterosexuals or LGB students. However, as society presumes everyone is straight, there is an essential need to promote their presence to Students Union officers and students.”

USI receives calls daily from students afraid of ‘coming out’ because of an air of discrimination, intimidation and abusive bullying which surrounds gay people and college culture.

Brian (19) is a DIT student who is not open gay outside his close circle of friends.

He is uncomfortable in disclosing his sexuality while at college. “It’s great being in college, there are so many people from so many different places which means I can be a sense anonymous about my sexuality. For that reason, the issue generally just doesn’t arise.”

When asked if he would answer truly about his sexuality if a classmate asked him, Brian was unsure.

He said, “I would have to feel comfortable with that person before I would tell him. I don’t think I would be able to predict what kind of reaction you could get even from people who you think are your friends.”

LGB Officer, Lain Gill added, “In your time at college, you will meet people from a whole range of backgrounds, with many different viewpoints and life experiences. College should be a place where you can celebrate that diversity—quite clearly a lot of work still has to be done on a local and national level”, Gill added.

Continuity needed in smoking issue

By Darragh Clifford

IT IS common practice in major cities in the United States, but that doesn’t mean that it is ok. If you walk through New York’s Wall Street district, chances are you will see scores of workers standing around, smoking. Ditto DIT.

At a time when the Government is gearing up to its strongest anti-smoking legislation yet, Dublin Institution of Technology is lacking in a fundamental ruling on smoking.

If you study in Bolton Street, you are unable to smoke within the building, whereas you can in Kevin Street. In Angier Avenue, students returned this September to find the smoking section of the canteen gone, with no alternative.

As a result of this, students have taken to congregating outside their various buildings in their hundreds. Darren O’Connor, a third year marketing student at Angier Avenue, is not happy.

“You have to draw the line somewhere. Smokers must be given their space where they can smoke. I mean it’s crazy. You come back to college and you can smoke nowhere. Just face it.”

These rooms cannot facilitate the preparation of food, which means all college can be smoke-free, this will need a lot of work still has to be done on a local and national level”, Gill added.

DIT seek successor to throne

By Aisling Casey

AFTER ten years in office, Dr Brendan Goldsmith is set to hang up his boots, as DIT search for an independent candidate to take on the challenge.

The hunt is now on for a suitable candidate to implement DIT’s strategic plan, which covers developments at the institution over the next decade. As well as a chance to take up a highly prestigious post at the third largest college on the island, there is also a very lucrative salary of €160,000 for the job.

Dr Goldsmith became the President of DIT in 1993 to serve a ten-year term.

Although there have been a few hiccups along the way, he succeeded in achieving the two main objectives which he set when he first took office. Firstly, in achieving a level where DIT can award its own PHDs and secondly, to find a suitable campus to build on DIT’s development.

According to college sources, candidates likely to feature are Dr Ellen Hazelcorn, head of the Applied Arts faculty, Mr Paul O’Sullivan, Director of the Faculty of Business and Mr Michael Mulvey, Director of the Faculty of Tourism and Food. However, they may face stiff competition from applicants abroad.

Following last month’s public embarrassment of DIT’s financial situation, when students were sent home due to lack of funds, the new president will have a tough job on his hands.

The President will have a key leadership role in creating a forward moving initiative to continue the implementation of DIT’s Strategic Plan for the period to 2015. The recent acquisition of the site at Grangegorman now presents an opportunity for the advancement of DIT’s vision for the future.

With over €26 million secured for research and development over the coming years, DIT can now focus on developing DIT as an institution which is at the cutting-edge in the application of technology in all of its activities.

With advertisements placed in newspapers worldwide over the last fortnight inviting applications for the position, there is expected to be a high level of interest in the esteemed job.
Dublin students receive housing knockback

By Colin McGann

STUDENTS looking for accommodation in the Dublin area may once again have to fork out exorbitant sums to secure a place to live. The housing blow comes following a new housing study conducted by DIT.

The report, produced by the Society of Chartered Surveyors in association with DIT, found there will be a huge shortfall in the supply of new homes for Dublin. The research team from DIT's Faculty of the Built Environment, conducted a 12 month research programme. They concluded that "present housing policies are causing continued constraints on housing supply, with a negative impact on general affordability."

The huge shortfall in new house completions is still an issue and this new study is our second 'wake-up call' to government", states SCS president John Daly. "As long as supply production levels remain on the current level per annum, the annual demand in excess of 15,000 new homes will continue to support the existing unaffordable house prices in the Dublin market."

Finding houses in Dublin has become a major problem for students to the extent that some now pay rent from the month of August onwards. Many students who go abroad for the Summer are left searching for accommodation well into October and November, time that should be spent meeting college deadlines.

Accommodation agencies provide another problem for students. Finding a house through "The Irish Times", "The Irish Herald", or other newspapers has become near impossible and when resorting to agencies they are required to pay fees of up to 50 euro each to find a house.

Over the last three years, rent for student accommodation has risen by almost a third. While the quality of student housing hasn't improved greatly, the price continues to rise. Brian Comellion, a Dublin student from Dundalk, has decided to house himself and it takes him between an hour and a half and two hours to commute to college. It seems crazy but the only house I could find was in the country and it would take me just as long. At least this way I'm not paying 80 euro a week on zos."

For the moment this report throws no light on the issue. Students will have to be content with paying exorbitant rents for sub standard accommodation in order to avail of the privilege of going to college in Dublin.
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And we thought Haughey was bad

Donal Griffin investigates

French President Jacques Chirac’s shady history

Jacques Chirac has been around for a long time. So long, in fact, that it was he who led negotiations with the protesting students in France in the 1960’s.

He became Prime Minister in 1969. It’s difficult to tell exactly when the corruption began although his election as mayor of Paris in 1977 is a good place to start.

French mayors actually wield power, unlike their Irish equivalents, and nowhere is there more power than in Paris.

During his lengthy term of office (1977-1995), Chirac was involved in a massive kickback scheme for his RPR party. Public secondary schools in Paris in the 1980’s were badly in need of refurbishment. Chirac, as mayor, was responsible for choosing the best construction company for the job.

The Parisian population was three times that of Ireland in the 1980’s so the contracts would have been huge.

In order to find favour with the mayor, it seems all a company had to do was send him a sizeable backhander and the contract was theirs.

Chirac was also party to a similar scheme involving the allocation of public housing contracts.

Irish people were disgusted by the revelations of Charles Haughey’s ill-gotten millions. But some comfort can be taken by how paltry this is, in comparison with Chirac.

Haughey received over £6m in gifts but this took place over twenty years. In 1986, Chirac had a meeting with a group of characters looking for a public housing contract.

Five million francs, roughly €600,000, was passed across the table in order to secure the contract. This was not an exceptional payment; it was just common practice with Chirac.

Such amounts of money had to be accounted for so an arrangement emerged between the donating firms and the RPR party.

The firms would create fictitious jobs and pretend to hire members of the party.

Accounts would then show why the issue of cash was being paid towards the party and would cover the posters of all involved.

Chirac’s other means of disposing of the bribes was to spend it on family holidays, e.g. the £500,000 the Chiracs spent between 1992 and 1995.

Which certainly puts Charlie’s IBM-leopard skin splurge in the shade.

Like Haughey and Burke, Chirac has endured allegations about his corruption for most of his political life.

Henry Kissinger thought nothing would come of the allegations until, in 1999, a political scandal rocked France.

Investigators had been sniffing around Chirac and the man who organised the kickback scheme, Jean-Claude Mery, for a couple of years.

While under investigation, Chirac had been elected President of France. Mery, dying of cancer, made a taped confession and instructed his solicitor to send it to Le Monde, the largest French daily newspaper, after he died.

Unfortunately for the French prosecutors, who were probably salivating at the thought of finally nailing Chirac, the thorny issue of the French Constitution reared its head. According to this document, the President cannot be tried while in office other than for high treason. Chirac hid behind the Constitution and the French High Court ruled with him.

Fearing the worst, Mery killed himself.

This brings us up to May 2002 when Chirac thought he would chance a second term of office (a cushy way of avoiding a nasty corruption trial).

French voters chose to eliminate the slate-free Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, after the first round of the Presidential Elections. 18% voted in favour of Jean Marie Le Pen, the anti-Semitic, Muslim-baiting leader of le Front National, who has called for the ban of all those born outside of France as well as their French-born children to be deported (roughly a quarter of the French population).

Chirac won’t have to face any investigations until 2007, at which stage he will be 74.

Five years is a long time in politics and the chances are he will have weathered the storm.

So, when receiving criticism from a mocking foreigner, admit that, yes, our political system is morally bankrupt and, yes, Fianna Fail seem to have a conveyor belt set up to produce scandals.

But then point them towards the French. We didn’t elect as our President someone who was actually under investigation at the time. And we didn’t elect him a second time when he ran in order to avoid being prosecuted.

No did we elect him because the only opposition was a racist who recommended deporting a quarter of the population.

And we didn’t give the racist 18% of our vote either.

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Gay pride for DIT students

IT IS far from the Stonewall Marches of '69 with its needless physical violence and death that we find ourselves today, however, pockets of internalised homophobia do exist, both in college and in public.

It is a little over 10 days since posters went 'missing' in DIT Kevin St, and only 6 weeks when 3 gay men over a 2-week period were savagely beaten in Dublin's City Centre. This spate of intolerance reveals its ugly head every few years. When students come to college irrespective of race, creed, socio-economic background, ability, disability or orientation, they should be able to feel free to express themselves in a manner they feel appropriate. They certainly shouldn't have to suffer any emotional/physical violence or intimidation.

Ireland and its political leaders boast so proudly of our 'equality' for all peoples - where is the equality when people suffer needlessly over the most privately of issues? If this were the case, people wouldn't have to hide their true lives and would not have to lie to parents, family and friends.

It should be made known that 1 in 3 teenage suicides occurs due to homophobia. Sexual orientation should in no way be the prevailing factor in a persons life - it should only be a piece of the puzzle which happily cohabitates with the person. Some feel the need to come out, some don't, and sadly enough in this day and age, some live in fear, and this very real fear revolves around 'gay bashing'.

The DIT LGB society acts as a resource for anyone (regardless of orientation) who may find them/himself in a situation they should not have to face alone.

Gay students should be able to feel free to express themselves, writes John Dunne

The society has gone through various stages of activity from a quiet, almost sub-dead society to a vibrant and dynamic society, winning 'most improved society' 2 years ago at the DIT Awards Night. In the past, the LGB had experienced a rocky and unsettling time, with peers and staff ostracising anyone who asked for acceptance.

We ask for tolerance, respect and an ever-changing world. On a personal note, when I first started coming to DIT in September 1998, I was not 'out' but yet I knew I was gay from a very early age. Society stereotyped everything as being 'straight' but this view has to change, the world is much more black and white, but very much in a vivid vibrant array of colour. I always remember the anti-gay slogans in the toilets and remember hearing people talking about such matters which made me hide in the box till I said enough is enough. Some people don't care what way people are or who u hold hands with, or who you got to bed with, but some narrow minded, ignorant people still perceive this as disgusting or offensive. Does what it matter to you what someone else is in the privacy of their own home? As long as no civil laws are broken this should not need such aggression or not meet such hostility.

The ethos behind this society is to break down the stereotypical barriers and we are all guilty of stereotyping people from time to time. This society is open to anyone who wants to come along, sit, listen and talk to people. We actively welcome anyone, staff or student who wants to ask questions on any issue, to either contact the editor of the paper; or any of the students unions, or the society organiser Anita Conway who can put you in touch with me, the council. The USP campaign posters around college ask simple questions, the most effective is "If I am 10 gay, how many gay people do you know, and are they afraid to tell you?"

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"Excuse me, could you tell me where the STD Clinic is?"

Visiting a Genital Urinary Medicine clinic is supposed to be a worthwhile experience and a vital move for anyone who has had one or more sexual partners. Joanne Burke braves the reality of an STD check-up.

Making the appointment was the easiest part. A business receptionist answered the telephone. Yes, it's my first appointment. No, it's not an emergency. Yes, two weeks from Tuesday would be fine.

St James Hospital in Midleton was the destination. I assumed I was looking for a sign saying GUM (Genital Urinary Medicine) clinic or Infectious Diseases or even STD clinic, so I was slightly unnerved when none of these options were on the large signboard.

I tried the nearby Blood Testing Centre for directions. There, a kindly receptionist told me how to find the clinic, adding that I was the fifth person that morning looking for the STI clinic.

STI? How many names can one person remember? A few minutes later, I reached a white building with a large conservatory and a small discreet sign saying GUM Clinic.

The conservatory seemed to be the waiting room so I took a ticket from the machine on the wall and waited.

About ten people were waiting to be called. I looked at the queue more quickly and was relieved when my name was called – the silence was unsettling. Once a receptionist had taken my details and given me an identity number to ensure anonymity, I was told to wait in the corridor around the corner until my number was called.

I was somewhat surprised to read a sign on the wall, which read: "A waiting time of at least two hours should be expected". Once I had rounded the corner, I understood why. At least fifteen people lined the walls of the narrow corridor and a further ten or twelve sat on wooden chairs in a small rectangular waiting area. I settled against the wall for a long wait.

On the next hour and a half, I continually scrutinised the faces of people waiting to be seen. I don't know what I had been thinking.

I knew anyone can be infected with a sexually transmitted infection but subconsciously I think I was expecting to see identifying looking characters.

Despite the receptionist's assurances, any hopes of anonymity were dashed as nurses with clipboards rushed by calling out various names. Some people seemed to be going; perhaps they were on their second or third visit. Others moved uncertainly, heads bent low.

Eventually, my name was called: I hurried after a young nurse who led me to the back of the building. The Health Advisor was a dark haired woman in her thirties. Despite the fact that she had probably seen more than fifty people in the past 24 hours, she seemed calm and collected and I felt at ease.

I told her that I just wanted a check-up, despite having no symptoms. I didn't want to be bothered with questions that were not relevant to the time and I was relieved when she told me I was doing the right thing and that I had done more people.

I was thankful to be led immediately to another room where a young nurse carried out an examination.

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"Most improved society"
By Sean Fay

What thing about going back to college in September? It has got to be like being asked "so what did you do for the summer?" for the millionth time. Especially when you have spent the entire summer season in a posh Dublin restaurant or call-centre paying off debts incurred during the previous college year.

All this of course is made worse when your Glassmound Money from Trinity, tells you how he spent his summer swimming with Dolphins in the Caribbean while being fed brekkie by some beauty and getting paid for it. The standard reply to Money's story is layered with bitter and jealous undertones.

However when these situations occur you just have to think about those less fortunate than yourself. Take comfort in other peoples lives. One of the sad facts you don't have one of the top 5 worst jobs in the world.

Number 5. European Porn Store Clerk.

Oh, the enviable industry. Unquestionable sex. Consists of all those magazines just north of Printer and Loaded in Easons and a few dodgy shops, which could hardly be classified in the same league as a European Porn Store.

So at least you won't be stuck in Ireland with this job. And, yes, you also get to match porn all day but view down and think before you start running off to Amsterdam with your CV.

The Porn Stores of Europe contain "special video booths", what the layman affectionately calls a "wank tank". As the Porn Store clerk it is your job to clean up any "mess" that may be left behind by your customers. No more information needed, methinks.

Number 4. Track Maintenance.

Every go to the toilet on a train and wonder where your "waste" goes? If you have ever been inter-railing, you don't, as there is no fancy system on European trains to hide the fact that it goes straight on the track. The cleaning up of such material falls into the remit of a Track Maintenance Worker, who has a pretty bad job as it is. So next time you're on a train and you really have to go, think of these guys and try and hold it in.

Number 3. Working in a pudding Factory.

Most people know that black pudding is made from pig's blood. I find that alone pretty disgusting but I know a lot of people love the stuff, and it is often added to the "traditional student favourite" the breakfast roll. What you may not know is that those who work in the pudding factories have to go through the unenviable task of scooping pig's blood and arteries from a big basin of warm blood before the blood can be turned into the tasty breakfast snack you know and love. I guess it's not all bad because at least the veins and the arteries won't fall to the top so you don't have to go fishing.

Number 2. Colonic Therapist.

A bit of an obvious one, this. I doubt very much that many children have said "daddy, daddy, I want to grow up. I want to stick a tube up somebody's rectum and wash away any toxic waste that might be in their colon.

Claim: Kevin's geeky sidekick in TV's "The Wonder Years" grew up to be evil incarnate.

Marilyn Manson.

Status: False.

Rumor has it that before launching into his music and mayhem career, shock rocker Marilyn Manson played Kevin Arnold's sidekick, the geeky-but-lovable Paul Pfeiffer, on the popular TV series The Wonder Years. In fact, it's not even close. Josh Saviano played Kevin's sidekick Paul. It, like most of these Urban Myths, is a re-hashing of an age-old tale with new, modern characters put in to freshen it up.

Many high profile stars have been alleged to have been adoral child stars only to turn into demonic or deposed adult stars—examples; Billy Corgan, Alice Cooper and even Madonna were supposed to have been on the TV programme Bewitched as a small child Saviano himself finds the rumors interesting and entertaining.

As well he might, since he's had a lot of time on his hands since the end of the Wonder Years series.
**Garda image in trouble**

The reputation of the Garda Síochána has suffered in the last number of years, and is about to suffer more, according to Barry J. Whyte.

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Gardaí is the word used to describe the Gardaí, a group of people who are sworn to protect and serve the people of Ireland. They are the eyes and ears of the people, and are responsible for maintaining law and order.

The challenge is this: how much food can I get for a five euro bill? I want to see what the quantity and quality of food will be if I spend less than five euro, and whether or not I can get a drink along with the food as well.

The Aungier St. canteen is the first to be examined. There have been major changes in this part of DIT, including the opening of a huge new block of classrooms and the addition of a deli and Starbucks-style coffee shop, but the main food source is still the canteen in the old section of the building.

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**Value for money in DIT**

By Cian O'Sullivan

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**Independent Thought**

By Barry J. Whyte

After two years, the Mick McCarthy era has come to an end, and a bitter end at that. Two bad defeats to the Swiss and the Russians. The Roy Keane saga, the World Cup that left us feeling hollow, and the last few months have destroyed Mick McCarthy's image completely.

When he took over in 1996, he inherited an ageing squad and was tasked with the job of redressing it for the next major tournament. It was never going to be easy, but as it turned out he and his team made it look very easy.

But there is plenty to remember for too. He certainly had his problems, especially with Roy Keane's behaviour. In fact, he might have helped to get the team into the 2002 World Cup and he made a pig's ear of it.

There is plenty to hate McCarthy for—sending Roy Keane home. The treatment of working-class players like Damien Duff out of professional football. The failure to accommodate Kevin Kilbane. The fact that, after seven years of service, he was not amenable to quitting for the 2002 World Cup and he made a pig's ear of it.

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**Features**

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The Tribunal has been set up to investigate alleged Gardaí corruption in Donegal and will, it is assumed, uncover more as the projected two years of the tribunal go by.

It's hard to determine whether the most worrying of the allegations is the murder of cattle dealer Richie Barron, the Gardaí collusion in a terrorist explosion in which three people died, or the actual planting of bombs by members of the Gardaí. Or maybe it's the fact that serious allegations like these have been made against the Gardaí before.

In May of this year it was alleged that the Gardaí had been given information regarding the Omagh bombing.

The North's Police Ombudsman, Michael O'Leary, told the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Brian Cowen that he received information, suggesting Gardaí failed to pass on information that might have helped to apprehend those planning the Omagh bombing.

It is alleged that a number of days before the bombing an informant told his Dublin-based handler that republicans dissidents, who had asked him steal a car, told him they no longer needed it because they had already obtained one.

The Gardaí Commissioner, Pat Byrne, vehemently denied the claims, saying that they emanated from "mischiefous sources". Everyone remembers last year's incidents on Dame Street in which anti-globalisation groups were involved in what amounted to a mini-riot.

Whether the protesters started the riot or not, the Gardaí behaved in an unacceptable manner. Some removed their badges and hats, and used the force of identification and waded into protesters, leaving most with head injuries the next day, but leaving some with quite serious injuries.

They were criticised heavily by Civil Liberties groups. Freelance journalists accused them of trying to cover up their actions by confiscating cameras and other equipment that was being used to document events.

Then there is the infamous Abbeylara incident, in which members of the Armed Response Unit shot dead Mr. John Carthy outside Omagh.

Omagh bombing.

John McCarthy outside his farm.

A day-long siege at McCarthy's farm in Abbeylara, Co. Longford. McCarthy came out, brandishing a gun and was shot by Gardaí.

After the incident, an inquiry was called to investigate the circumstances surrounding Carthy's death.

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ISRAELI Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has given in to pressure to call an early election in February, eight months ahead of schedule. Although determined to stay in power to the bitter end, Sharon would have most certainly found himself left at the head of a fundamentally insecure coalition whose small Knesset (parliament) majority could easily have been wiped out if Mr Sharon, known as ‘The Butcher of Shatilla’, fell foul of the radical religious right.

Last weeks crushing of Israel’s national unity government gives rise to a new and forceful source of insecurity in a place that certainly can not afford it.

With Sharon’s government on the verge of collapse over objection by the Labor Party to proposals in the budget to spend money on Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, political turmoil is certain over the next few months.

With tense leadership battles within the main parties and a looming general election any progress toward a peaceful resolution is certainly on the back burner.

This political turbulence threatens not only to cause difficulty in moves to deal with the country’s worst-ever-economic crisis, but also in world efforts to end the violence allied with the two year Palestinian intifada.

As well as that, political rows may well be played out against the backdrop of a US war with Iraq that could bring even more unrest to Israel.

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People often ask why Israel’s governments tend to appear fragile. Well there are several reasons but the most important and most historical is the result of the proportional representation system in Israel.

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It's a 'Bel of a Ball

By Maria O'Connell and Ciara O'Connor

A WEB of festivity was spun over the Burlington last Thursday, as DIT broke the trend by producing an event that was profitable, enjoyable and economical on the pocket. Students oozed from their fragel dwellings and paraded with their much beloved grant money, to take part in what is quickly becoming one of the trendiest nights of the year, the Halloween Ball. While some still regard Halloween as a night for building fires and the odd satanic ritual pet laying, it was clear that the ball was set to be a thriller.

One eager beaver at the top of the queue was Sarah Campbell (or was that Supergirl), studying at Kevin Street. "It said on my ticket doors open at ten, I've been here ages and it's well after ten now. I'm not a happy camper." However, a few vodka specialists later, Supergirl was in fighting form. Ronan Carr was also keen to provide a few choice words on the queue. "This is a joke, I didn't pay €5 to stand out in the rain. Togas aren't ideal in this weather." According to Paul Malone, Club Anabel cited technical difficulties as the reason for the delay. "DIT executives voiced their suspicions led us to believe that both the mixture of alcohol and a missing Pikachu head added to Colin's distress."

Fears of frizzy hair and the like were forgotten once the doors to Club Anabel opened and the drink began to flow. The Burlington proved to be a popular choice of venue among students. Although 1,000 tickets were issued, they weren't easily obtained, with Students Union shops regularly displaying sold out signs. Many students walked to other colleges in search of them. Some felt that the night could have been more enjoyable if the club had been less crowded. Rathmines student, Naomi Keenan rated the night "4/10 - it's far too packed. Someone just robbed my hat and I'm not laughing."

A couple of brave Aungier Street men were the first to throw some shapes on the dance floor. Getting their groove on in 30's gear were David Flemming and "Tempting" Tom Grills. "We're only in but it looks set to be a good night. Everyone seems to have gone to a lot of effort because we can't recognise anyone in their costumes", said Grills. Afro wigs and sunglasses were the order of the day for many of the boys while others opted to go the Lily Savage route. Before 12 it was easy enough to get drink. By 12 everyone wanted to get drink in. After 12 it was a different story. That about sums it up Steve.

Speaking of Baywatch babes, Mitch Buchamann was prepared for all eventualities with his beach towel and life jacket. He was very impressed with the set-up in Club Anabel. "I was well up for the DIT ball when I heard it was fancy dress. Fingers crossed a few ladies will need rescuing later on tonight." Here's hoping Mitch!

At €2 for all pints and long necks before midnight (Bulmers was a convenient exception to this rule) ghosts and ghouls felt they were getting good value for money.

A clearly distraught Pikachu, aka Colin Murphy, studying at Bolton Street, felt that the club was too packed. However, our suspicions led us to believe that both the mixture of alcohol and a missing Pikachu head added to Colin's distress.

To help the incoherent Colin, his 'friends' were only too keen to supply his viewpoint...along with his phone number!

Evidence of the days of the black bin liner over the head are over and many 'hard-up' students went to the trouble of renting or even buying a costume for the night. Clare Roche, a Management and Marketing student at Aungier Street was a prime example of this. Kitted out in her two-piece fuschia ensemble, Princess Jasmine was looking for an Aladdin to complement her outfit. "I know I paid €45 for it but isn't Christmas coming up and sure I might get a wear out of a ten." Clare was confident that she wouldn't be leaving Club Anabel without 'someone or something' on her arm.

However, homemade outfits proved to be the most imaginative. Neil Buchanan who was obviously the inspiration for much of the painting and pasting would have been a proud man. Those Art Attack episodes weren't a waste of time either because someone was glad he'd held onto those cereal boxes...here was a boy preoccupied by his beach towel.

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Ah well, DITers toppled into taxis, a sure sign that a good night was had by all.

Aungier Street President, Paul Malone, said the night was very successful. "I would like to person'ly thank the students of DIT. They made a massive effort as regards dressing up and that definitely contributed to the success of the night. We are confident of reaching the E100,000 mark for the children of Chernobyl." The Halloween Ball raised €4,500, which will be added directly to the proceeds from the 10k walk.

Perplexed medical students, fresh from their UCD hall at the Burlington looked on as intoxicated DITers toppled into taxis, a sure sign that a good night was had by all.
The majority of the set list consists of spiritual 'To Sky' material, and hence the new songs sound even denser and more textured than on the record, aided by an added guitarist/keyboardist. 'Serpent Sky' and 'City' see Mark in his element, as he spits out the chorus with a quixotic expression of love. Among these, classics from the eponymous debut are thrown in to keep us happy. Although, calls for 'Long Way South' are stubbornly ignored! The signing in HMV earlier today gave JJ72 a chance to meet and greet tonight's audience; perhaps this is why Mark's rapport with the crowd is much more received by everyone. Much to the band's surprise and delight, the hip-hop afterscreech is just rubbing salt in my wounds on a night when I've been insulted by bouncers and humiliated in front of hundreds of people, and this was all before midnight! I arrive at 10.45pm and inevitably the queue is already huge. The bouncers laugh mysteriously when I tell them I'm reviewing the club for my college paper and my name is on the list. Now the entire queue is staring as I go on here! "It's shite!" Then there's the music. Expect to find Nirvana in the middle of a Reel set and your favourite rock classics interpreted by S Club 7. Hey Mr DJ, look up the meaning behind some of the songs!
Effervescent sound in still water

Melaton 'Still Water' EP
By Lauren Molloy

Dublin band Melaton have released their second, internet only EP 'Still Water'. The four track EP produced by Grammy award-winning engineer Richard Rainey adds a new dimension to the Melaton repertoire, and truly brings the band into their own.

Described as a tangle of glorious contradictions, Melaton release this EP with all its ethereal complexities, combining the mellow, eerie beauty of 'Burning Bush' and the gorgeous guitar lines of 'Still Water' with a song writing verve that is all their own.

The band revolves around the magnetic forces of lead singer Luke Scott whose haunting impact is uncannily reminiscent to that of Jeff Buckley.

The band is one of Ireland's hottest new prospects, and this internet only EP is released in homage to their fans and is available to download exclusively from the bands website www.melatonmusic.com. The EP is angry as it is elegant, and is a real indication of what Melaton are capable of.

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New album deserves a watery Grayve

David Gray - A New Day at Midnight
By Eoin Murphy

I HATE to say it but it seems that if its not broken don't fix it. David Gray has been rehashing the one album for four years and gaining himself demi stardom. Then what does he do but go and record a new album. Was it worth the wait? God no.

From the moment you hear the first track and first single 'Dead on the Water,' you realise that little has changed and that dreary tone that you hoped had been long since banished has returned with a vengeance. Sadly as the album went on, I didn't lose this feeling. Most of the songs, particularly 'Long Distance Call,' 'Freedom' and 'Kangaroo' could easily have been on 'White Ladder' and no amount of head shaking or anglo-saxon warbling can change this.

The only major change that has occurred since 1999's album is that the lyrics have become much darker. ('there's nothing here to hold me now and I've got no more tears to cry...we're running through a world that's lost its meaning'). The death of Gray's father has clearly influenced the mood and Gray himself has said that the album is about loss. So what of David Gray in the whole? Well for a man who is producing his sixth album you would think that he would have grasped the knock by now, yet sadly trial and error is a method he has not quite grasped. I don't think this album is worth the one cent a minute it costs to download this off the internet.

Pirate station release treasured album

Phantom - Volume 1
By Ailise Dianne

PHANTOM FM pride themselves on "broadcasting rock and indie music to the world from Dublin." They have compiled this album of eighteen highly-requested songs which have defined the station over the years. Blank 182 start things off with the catchy 'The Rock Show,' which I considered a strange choice as I thought they might be a bit mainstream for Phantom FM. The other artists, such as PJ Harvey, Radiohead and Massive Attack seem like more obvious choices. Our own music scene is well represented here too, with the likes of Babefish and The Frames sitting comfortably alongside Jeff Buckley and Fun Lovin' Criminals. If you're a fan of Phantom FM then you won't be disappointed with this album, I don't like all of the songs here (particularly 'To the Bright and Shining Sun' by the Walls which I HATE) but most of 'Volume 1' is well worth listening to. Phantom hope to release one of these albums every year so this is a positive start to what looks like being a good series of CDs. There's nothing new here, but as a collection of songs it'd be a much better choice than 'Ibiza Acid House Beatz 2002' or something along those lines.

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Die Another Day

Polyphonic Spree
Harry Potter and the Chamber of secrets: Director Chris Columbus has produced a masterful piece of cinema with an extremely varied and talented cast from a timeless storyline.

By Eoin Murphy

PARENTS will be delighted this year with the release of Harry Potter and the Chamber of secrets, now they have the ideal excuse to drop the kids off at the cinema and do some Christmas shopping. The only problem being that they'd be better off going in to see the movie itself.

Is it as good as people expected? Yes and more. Director Chris Columbus has produced a masterful piece of cinema with an extremely varied and talented cast from a timeless storyline to lay out the curse of the unsolved sequel.

Harry, Ron and Hermione (Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson) return to Hogwarts' school for the magically gifted, as seasoned second year.

No longer are they bothered by the food chain which means that Columbus no longer has to worry about introductions, set-ups and exposition, jumping instead straight into the meat of the story.

As we expect though the main point of the story puts Harry in great danger and despite the best efforts of a friendly House elf called Neville and the help of his two best friends, Harry ends up facing it alone.

The problem is that someone has opened the chamber of secrets and evil that dwells within is terrible enough to destroy Hogwarts forever.

Dumbledore (Richard Harris) who remains the heart of the school has been put in his headmaster's position due to a lack of confidence by the council (more dirty work about this) and it seems that evil will win.

The film itself is laced with clues as to who the real baddie is and to those of you who are fanatics of the book this wont mean much but it is very enjoyable trying to figure out who the offender actually is. It's no usual suspects but there is some emotions to the audience throughout the festive period.

All that remains to be seen is how much HP merchandise is to be delivered by the man in red to each household.

28 Days

While Harry Potter is one side of the coin with regard to witches and horror, 28 Days Later is a gruesome and yet riveting tale of the Macabre.

Transplanting director Danny Boyle gives us a grim depiction when a viruous virus, rage, is released on the population of England turning all who are affected into Zombie like creatures that crave violence and blood.

This is an incredibly visual film with breathtaking shots of a deserted London, with Irish star Chris Columbus.

Above and right Harry Potter and the Chamber of secrets: Director Chris Columbus has produced a masterful piece of cinema with an extremely varied and talented cast from a timeless storyline.

Cillian Murphy walking around trying to find out why he appears to be the only person left alive in London.

He has awoken from a coma 28 days later from when the virus was unleashed upon England.

In an attempt to remain alive and uninfected he befriends Selena (Noomi Rapace), who only stays with him as long as he has some use to her, and a father daughter combination of Frank and Hannah (Brendan Gleeson and Megan Burns).

Together the three of them decide that the only way to survive is to get out of London and follow a radio transmission offering help in Manchester.

This film is laced with tension and climactic panses.

Written by beach author Alex Garland this film is also interspersed with clever quips and comic interludes, just to take the audience through the full spectrwm of emotions.

Do not write this film off by any means as a film for gorehounds, it is an intelligent thriller more akin to Stephen King's 'The Stund' than your average X-grade twilight zone shocker.

It is the best zombie horror film since Bruce Campbell appeared on our screens in Evil Dead: A must see.

Halloween Resurrection

The next film on the other hand couldn't be further from the doors of quality Cinema. In fact it is an embarrassment to Hollywood.

Well the only scary thing about this rehashed halloween franchise is that people expect you to pay to see it. It is a bumbling blair witch refiish that has been clumsily put together in an effort to cash in on a festive market.

The basic story, if you can call it a story, is about a group of students who stay the night in the childhood house of Mike Myers in an on-line version of the reality movie hit. Of course things start going away when the serial killer makes a return home and starts stabbing away to his hearts content.

We get a brief glimpse of Jamie Lee Curtis at the beginning of the movie as the film makers attempt to explain why Mr. Myers isn't actually dead.

Aren't we danger of giving the game away?

No for there is nothing to give away. It is the worst film I have ever had the misfortune to see. It doesn't even fit into the classic teen horror genre.

It is without taste, flare or even tension, an important ingredient for a horror film wouldn't you say?

The film is being sold on its semi stars of Bruta Rhymes and Tyra Banks but do not get hooded into this movie trap. I would rather sit and watch Pearl Harbour, twice in a row without any alcohol while standing on my head in a room full of screaming children.

Can I say any more? Well yes as a matter of fact, the slogan for the film is "evil finds its way home", well it didn't follow me home but it was certainly in the hearts of the the sometimes good people at Buena Vista who made this rubbish.

Marks out of ten.....

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It's a must miss.
Senior Football - Higher Education Gaelic Football League Division 1

Marrinan inspires long awaited win

By Seamas Reilly

DIT - 1 - 13
TRINITY COLLEGE 4-7

On a blustery October day in Ballymena, pride was finally restored to the long suffering DIT senior Gaelic football team with a superb win against Trinity College. With this win, DIT'll round off their regular players from last year's team, and just the bare 15 altogether, DIT dug deep into their reserves of skill, courage and determination to produce a truly magnificent upset in this league.

Playing with a diagonal breeze, DIT showed their resolve right from the throw in, quickly taking control of the game. By half-time their new form of play was showing as they led by 0-6 to 0-3.

In the past such a slender lead at the break would usually be the ideal for DIT to slip back into their defensive shell in the hope of hanging on. However this performance was very different.

DIT give Rock and Reilly disappointing debut

FRESHERS' managers Barney Rock and Mike Reilly still have a lot of work to do if they are to improve the form of the team as DIT succumbed to a very disappointing defeat to a solid DCU team.

DCU were extremely comfortable winners on the day as they too easily outfought DIT, scoring a number of easy points.

The result was a severe disappointment to the DIT team.

In defence, time and again the DIT backs were being scored on. The midfield was dominated by the DCU team and DCU were never going to let the DIT team come close to winning the game.

The DIT team was not a match for the DCU team and DCU were able to dominate every aspect of the game. In the second half, DIT were unable to get the ball past the DCU goalkeepers, making it a difficult game for DIT.

FRESHERS - making progress

DIT 0-18 Athlone IT 0-9

The Freshers started their season in emphatic fashion. After a disappointing defeat to Athlone IT, DIT have made a good start to their season.

DCU - DIT 1-10

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However, the last minute of the first half saw DIT lead 0-9 to 0-3.

The game began ominously for DIT as DCU took control of the game. Despite intense DCU pressure DIT managed to maintain their composure and discipline.

DIT - 1-16

DIT were awarded a free just before half-time. A flurry of victory with a goal five minutes from time. Alan Barry played a fine line in from the left and Carroll had an embarrassing attempt to snatch something from the game.

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**Last minute winner ends DIT’s frustration**

DIT 1 - 0 NCI

By Jason Burke

DIT’s seconds left it very late before winning their challenge match against NCI at the Avagh Grounds. Having missed a host of chances, they finally secured victory through a last minute header from Colin Henning.

Conditions were perfect and both teams slowly settled into a passing game on the excellent surface. The first chance fell to DIT following a mistake in the NCI defense. DIT forward Steven O’Toole intercepted Paul Grunt’s attempted ball across his own box. He played it to his strike partner Derek Lynch whose low shot was comfortably saved.

DIT began to take a grip on the game and on 25 minutes the NCI keeper had to be sharp to smother at O’Toole’s feet. O’Toole then played a one-two with right back Graham Corran, whose deep cross was well cleared. Corran proved to be a good outlet for DIT throughout the game.

DIT should have taken the lead in the final five minutes of the half. O’Toole latched on to a long ball and was denied by the feet of NCI goalkeeper Colin Loughley. A minute later, Loughley was only to parry a McAuleer shot and the resulting cross rebounded to Corran whose shot was well blocked. NCI manager Ger Whitlead could have considered his side fortunate to go in level at the break. NCI began the second half well but were reduced to long range efforts which failed to trouble Paul Martin in the DIT goal. DIT then missed three gilt edged chances.

Firstly, Marks Henning was played through on the left flank but dragged his left foot shot wide of the far post. Then O’Toole was sent clear by a header from Henning but his early strike was well saved by the legs of Loughley. O’Toole was again the culprit when he shot wide in a carbon copy of the earlier Henning chance.

As the game wore on NCI managed to get their wingers into the game. In the 65th minute Neil McConville skipped past two DIT challenges before been taken down on the edge of the box. Paul Fitzgerald cleared the resulting free kick. Fitzgerald, along with Conor McGlynn at the heart of the DIT defense, dominated everything in the air. DIT scored the likeliest to break the deadlock and with 15 minutes to go, Corran and Goverin combined well down the right and Goverin sent in a deep cross. O’Toole headed the cross back across goal but agonisingly there was nobody there to meet it.

In a frantic last ten minutes both teams had chances to win the game. NCI nearly bagged a goal they thought they had scored after good work down the left by Gary Brophy. His low cross was just inches too far in front of Phillip Riordan who was unable to get enough on it. Two minutes later NCI had their best chance. Brophy collected an excellent through ball by Mick Roche. His pace took him beyond the DIT defense but he shot wide of the far post.

Just as it looked as if DIT would pay for their inability in front of goal, Henning popped up at a corner to send a glancing header into the far corner of the net. It was the goal DIT had deserved but the relief was all too clear when it eventually came.


NCI: Colin Loughley, Mick McNamara, Paul Grant, Simon Dalton, Gary Brophy, Neil McConville, Phillip Riordan, Conor Berney, Robert Bergian, Mick Rocha, Will Murphy, Mark Mac Liam, Nick Taff.

Referee: Ian Bradley

DIT in action against NCI at the Avagh grounds

**Athletics**

Interfaculty Road Relays on the 16th November in Maynooth, men & women’s teams, 5 per team - 1 mile, 2 mile, 3 mile, 2 mile and 1 mile legs.

If you are interested in competing for the Institute, contact Herbie on 087-2245507.

**Ladies Rugby**

To a-side rugby league organised for third level college, first round fixtures to commence weekend ending 8th November.

Any ladies interested in playing rugby this year contact Niamh on 087-2985849 for further details.

**Tennis**

Coaching lessons every Thursday in Leinster Sports Centre, Rathmines from 5 to 6pm. Contact Colin on 087-9611521 for further information.

**Basketball**

Recreational hour for students who don’t want to play competitively with the college team in Larkin College Sports Hall at 5:45pm. Contact Niamh on 087-2985849 for details. Contact Cathy on 087-9855381 for information on the competitive women’s basketball teams. Contact Dermot on 087-9017862 for information on the competitive men’s basketball teams.

**Ladies Soccer**

Training sessions every Tuesday and Thursday night 5:30 to 6:30pm, new recruits are always welcome. Contact Stephen, Manager, on 087-7987679 for all arrangements.

**Squash**

Squash classes every second Thursday in Phoenix Squash Club from 7 to 9pm, contact Alan Gunning on 087-4024009(0) for further details.

**Rugby**

The squad will this year be competing in the Irish Colleges Rugby Union Division 2 league. Anyone interested in playing rugby for the Institute, contact Niamh on 087-2985849 for further details.

**Martial Arts**

Check sports and recreation activities timetable for martial arts activities, clubs include; Kempo Karate Shotokan Karate, Wushu Ryu, Taekwon-do & JuDo.

**Volleyball**

Training will commence on Monday 4th November in Belvedere Sports Hall from 5 to 7pm. Galway Mixed Bliz 23rd & 24th November - 6 players on a team, 3 men & 3 women.

All levels of playing skills are catered for at the training sessions. Contact Niamh on 087-2985849 for further details.

**Waterpolo**

Training session every Monday in DIT Kevin Street Pool from 6 to 8pm. The Irish national waterpolo coach will supervise the training sessions. Beginners always welcome.

**Sports round-up**

7pm. Contact Colin on 087-9611521 for further information.

By Dermot Kavanagh

The season is now well under way for all of DIT’s Basketball teams and the players are picking up from where they left off last year.

Both the girls’ and men’s teams began their league campaigns this month and all eyes were on them to see how they started.

The girls played their first game away to St Vincent’s in Glounacoe. Coach Karl Finn had every confidence in his team as the match was one of the strongest fixture between the two sides.

The game was a high-scoring affair which saw the younger DIT side. Their nerves did show in the first half, and DIT found themselves trailing at half-time.

However, thanks to the fast counter attacks of Lisa Maher and Patrice Howell, DIT started the second half in fine form and finished the game with a 21-point lead. The game ended with a 68-64 victory.

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Harrington aiming high

By Darragh Clifford

IT IS a question often asked. Who is Ireland's greatest sports star? The answer changes on a regular basis. Through the years it has been sportsmen like Ronnie Delaney, George Best, Eamon Coughlan, Sean Kelly, Paul McGrath and so on.

But now? People like Aidan O'Sullivan, DJ Carey and Keith Wood are definite contenders. Over the past year though, it has become clear that Dublin's Padraig Harrington is a step above the rest. And he shows no sign of letting up.

Harrington is currently ranked number six in the world; the highest an Irish golfer has ever been. At time of print, Harrington was gearing up to go head-to-head with South Africa's Retief Goosen for the coveted title of European Tour Order of Merit winner at the end of the year. The last Irish golfer to win the order of merit was Ronan Rafferty back in 1989.

Harrington embodies everything that is good about professional sport. When he failed to sign his card properly at the Benson and Hedges Masters in 1999, he took his disqualification with the utmost grace. The fact that he was heading the tournament by three strokes makes it all the more remarkable.

The 2001 season was the crunch year for Harrington. He had been improving steadily, but lacked that killer punch. Throughout the year, he finished runner-up no less than seven times. He was beginning to be known as the bridesmaid of golf.

All that changed in November of 2001 at the Volvo Masters in Montecastillo, Spain. There, Harrington sunk a 20-foot putt on the 18th green to win Europe's showcase tournament. Suddenly, Harrington was a real force in the world of golf.

At the start of this season, Harrington was ranked 11th in the world. Excellent performances in the US Masters, US Open and the British Open meant that Harrington was climbing the ranks steadily.

Harrington received some unjustified criticism after the British Open, which was won by Ernie Els. Standing on the 18th tee, Harrington was six under, two behind Els, who was playing the 14th. Harrington took a risk and used his driver, but ended up in one of the many bunkers at Muirfield.

He bogeyed the last to drop to six under. If he had stayed at six under, he would have qualified for the play-off. Had he blown it? Those who said yes missed the point. Standing on the 18th, Harrington knew he was two behind Els. Nothing less than a birdie would do. He gammed, but lost. For now.

In the history of golf, only three players have been capable of winning everything without actually learning how to lose first. They were Jack Nicklaus, Seve Ballesteros and Tiger Woods.

So many other great golfers, like Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson, Nick Faldo and Greg Norman, learned to lose before they started winning. Harrington now has the game to win a major or two over the next couple of years.

At present, Harrington is going through a purple patch. He played a key role in Europe's victory over the USA in the Ryder Cup. His performance during Sunday's singles match against Mark Calcavecchia was simply superb.

A week later at the Dunhill Links Championship at St Andrews, Harrington won, defeating Eduardo Romero on the second play-off hole. The manner in which he won was outstanding.

He sunk a 15-foot downhill putt on the 18th to force a play-off. On the second extra hole he sunk a ten-foot putt to win the title and a cheque for £500,000.

Last week at the Italian Open he put three disappointing rounds behind him by curving a final round 63 to close the gap on Order of Merit leader Retief Goosen to just £23,119.

With a pure fund of over £3 million at stake at the Volvo Masters, a single stroke between the two players could mean all the difference. But win or lose at Valderrama, one thing is clear. Harrington is the leading sports personality this country has at the moment. Who knows what will happen next year. Tiger Woods presenting Harrington with the winner's Green Jacket at Augusta maybe?

By Claran Murray

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Owen is unavailable. Why? Because Houllier never fails to make it into Liverpool's starting eleven is the greatest sporting mystery of the modern era. Whether as a striker who can't score or make goals, or as a winger who can't cross or dribble, Houllier's continued inclusion in the side defies logic. He's a big, powerful lad, granted, but this is football, not boxing.

The young Czech Milan Baros looks good for the £3.5m the club bought him for.

Houllier has developed Liverpool's squad to the extent that it is arguably the best in the Premiership and the Champions League. Manchester United, this season, have none. The situation. Liverpool is not the same. Manchester United's midfield, the likes of Scholes, Keane and the high work rate of Diouf have all been converted to the attacking third.

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