VOTE 4 ME!
Semester 2 arrived in a frenzy of activity. I hope you all enjoyed Rainbow Week and you should be well RE-FRESHeD on what’s going on and more importantly reminded of the services and supports here for you. Cutbacks or no cutbacks, the Students’ Union will continue to deliver to all our members. If you are an Evening student in Aungier, Bolton, Cathal Brugha, Kevin St. or Mountjoy Sq. please note the SU office will be open until 8pm one evening per week. See ditsu.ie or local notices for details. So, drop in and see what we can do for you.

We celebrated the reopening of the gym and pool with a dip (page 12), because, while it may be just one thing to tick off a very long list of things to be sorted. It does show that with a lot of hard work and negotiation progress is being made to recover some of what seemed lost due to the cutbacks. Tracey, Jen and Sean have been working extremely hard with the Staff of DIT, the HEA & both Depts of Ed and Finance all year and will continue to do so on this thorny balancing act of dealing with inevitable cutbacks while maintaining an acceptable level of service to students.

Not an easy task – combine that with running campaigns and events, Governing Council and the Class Rep system, being a Director of DITSU Ltd, sitting on the Governing Body of DIT and a hundred other committees, fundraising and hell raising and that doesn’t even sum up the job of the DITSU President and Vice Presidents. And yet … there are 7 hardy souls vying to take on the challenge for next year.

The SU Elections turnout has been growing over the last few years as has the number of candidates coming forward. This year is bigger again with all 3 Sabbatical positions contested and next year it will be vital you have strong representatives in the SU. So check out our Election Special starting on page 23, see ditsu.ie/elections, come to the hustings or talk to a candidate when you see them canvassing.

This year, for the first time you will also be voting for the Class Rep Convenor on your site. Check out your options and vote for the people you want to take over when the 6 current convenors pass the baton in July.

Finally – just to add that the excitement is building and there are lots of plans afoot for RAG Week 2010 – page 14 so make sure you do one at least one thing in the week and help us raise and give lots of money for the CMRF. Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital in Crumlin, and the brilliant work they do there, needs no introduction from me. So mark March 08-12 in the diary, get stuck in, and let’s show this town the real meaning of RAG – DIT Style.

Tracey, Jen and Sean have been working extremely hard to recover some of what seemed lost due to the cutbacks. When Rainbow Week is over, you can enjoy another great week of activities, including a candidate when you see them canvassing. And next year it will be even bigger again with more RAG Week events and a lot more opportunities to get involved. The SU is just one of the many student groups on campus, and it’s important to support them by using your Student Account to pay your fees and access the many benefits available.
WHAT'S THE CRAIC?

A couple of weeks into semester two and I can tell you we have a jam packed calendar full of all sorts! There are lots to be looking out for, after the much anticipated SHAG Week 2010 (sexual health awareness & guidance week) which took place last week.

Of course our famous Raising and Giving Week 2010 takes place on the 8th of March so please put that in your diary. This year we are raising the much needed funds for Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin. We have Freefall, 40th Swim and Dive, Waxing and Shaving for Charity, events and promotions. It doesn't matter how crazy the idea if you think you can raise money for it then pop into your local office for a sponsorship card. If you have any ideas of what you want for Raising and Giving Week events wise please get in touch with us and we will see what we can do.

Gyms and Pool Open for Business!! Due to the flexible embargo that was adopted by the HEA on the 7th of January we were able to appoint staff to re-open our gyms and pool. I would like to thank all you students for signing petitions and getting involved in this much needed campaign!

Will Strikes affect our Education? Over the slow month of January there have been a number of discussions taking place at Government level with regards to National Unions and pay talks. It is my job to keep all of you informed as much as possible so please keep your eyes on my blog page and read the student emails that are sent to your account. We in the Students' Union will do everything in our power to make sure your education does not suffer if and when disputes are taking place.

The new year has brought along a whole new semester underway, for some of you that means new modules, new years resolutions if there's anything left of them I know I never last much longer than a few weeks. Some I don't even say out loud so I can deny I didn't bother when the February guilt sets in!

For many, a new year means a detox, January being the clean month, the healthy month, maybe the weight loss month or the fitness craze. Loads of you are probably still promising yourselves you'll keep the head down a bit more this semester than last so you don't go through the same exam panic as the January exams and I hope you do, because there's no way you'll fit in everything we have planned for you if you fall behind!

For those of you still waiting for results don't forget to ask us to do something about it. Ask the campaigners from harassing you all week! get some people to all those involved in the elections, a feeling of pure adrenaline being injected right into the vein! Get out there and vote, there's nothing to it really. Except that you can't complain if you don't vote. It's just not fair to not take part and still give out. People say it's your right to vote so you should. Screw that, if you vote you get an automatic entitlement to complain as much as you want after....that's the best thing about being a student, you can crib to the students' union about anything you want! It's your right to vote so you should vote! Screwt that, you're not making a mark of your paper. Happy days...

Well that's my ramble done and dusted. Have a flick on to read all about Semester 2.

CHAT SOON
YOUR VICE PRESIDENT, JEN

GrangeGorman, not so far away! Just before Christmas we had a student representative appointed to the GrangeGorman Development Agency. His name is Bob Coggins and he will be feeding into Governing Council with up to date info on what is exactly happening at the high table. After numerous emails and letters on behalf of the student body a memo has gone to cabinet and the projected £2 million budget will be allocated once voted on. We will keep you posted!

Election Fever! The annual DIT Students' Union Elections are taking place over the coming weeks. Hustings (5min speeches per candidate on site at lunch time) are a great opportunity to ask the candidates what they are doing to do for you! I get the feeling that the greater student body does not know entirely what the Students' Union does. An easy way of explaining it would be "The Apprentice" TV show! So if you think of the candidates as the apprentices and you are their boss. You ask them questions just like Bill Cullen. You have to ask yourself the question, would you hire them to represent you for a year on a full time salary? These people are paid through your capitation fee from the start of each year! Make sure you choose the right one for the right job!

So please vote in the elections - it is your vote and your voice, not to mention your money! Take 2 minutes to tick a box, that's how simple it is!

YOUR STUDENTS' UNION PRESIDENT
Tracey Flinter
SU President

HELLO THERE!

Well...2010, a new decade, I suppose we're all well used to it by now, I still find myself going to write zero instead of one for the date though. Funny how it takes so long to break a routine, like remembering you're a year older when people ask just after your birthday! Maybe that's just me...cringe!

The new year has brought along a whole new year in this much needed campaign! What that philosopher dude said about getting laid..."you're too ugly to be reproducing and probably too stupid to be keeping your STIs to yourself. Wear a condom." Offensive - Maybe. Good Advice - Definitely!!

The election buzz has started for this year, my replacement is out there campaigning somewhere as you read this, dperessing really, feels like I just started the job, the time really does fly working here. Best of luck to all those involved in the elections, it's a hectic and stressful few weeks but the process creates a feeling of pure adrenaline being injected right into the vein!

So...I've had no time to read all about Semester 2. It's been a big year for me, my little office has been in overdrive, and I've been working since the start of the year and I'm still not used to it by now, I can tell you.

I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of the year, it's been a slow start but expect to see some great things in the new year.

Words: JenJordan
SEAN CAMPBELL
su vice-president [est]
CRUMBS - TASTY NEWS/TID-BITS

TEA: TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Presidents Teaching Excellence Awards are DIT's way of recognising and rewarding the best lecturers out there. It's a simple enough process for you guys, the nominations process will start on February 8th with a notification email, and all you have to do is fill in the survey before February 20th.

We've worked hard with DIT to make sure students get a say in this, after all we're the ones being taught! There are some savage lecturers across DIT but we can't know who they are unless you tell us. I sat on the panel with 4 others choosing last year's winner and he was the guy with the highest number of student nominations. It's not always easy to tell who the best lecturer is, but we do care about our opinions, so fill out the form, it won't take you long and it's nice to be nice.

Show you appreciate the effort and give that exceptional lecturer a compliment.

GET READY: IT'S THE E TEAM!

The Events Team is a team of students, interested in getting involved and helping out in any of a multitude of ways, some of which are listed below and some of which you'll tell us or will be dealt to us through divine inspiration along the way.

Send us an email [events@ditsu.ie], and let us know what you're up for getting involved in and which site you're based on.

• Helping organise / plan / run events on your site to make fun happen and create an atmosphere.
• Helping out at DITSU events.
• RAG Week - LOADS to do during RAG Week.
• Promoting events - running around all happy and smiley with flyers or tickets etc.
• And much much more.

AND if that wasn't enough, would you check out the wicked T-shirts we've had made for ye... seriously, how can you resist?

DIT STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

"Fed up doing assessments? Then why not assess us! DIT Campus Life and the Retention Office, with the assistance of DITSU are asking you to take part in the DIT Student Satisfaction Survey 2010. This major survey will ask all DIT students about their Student Experience here at DIT.

The questions cover all areas that make up the student experience, like the library; sports; catering; academic feedback; administration; student support services; transport.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes to fill out and as we are aware that time is valuable, every student who completes the survey will be entered into a draw for a top prize of an Apple iPhone and five €100 cash prizes. The draw will take place after the survey closes. Students can access more information about this survey and a link to the survey at www.dit.ie/studentexperiencesurvey.

This is your chance to save a life. Give blood.

CARS: POSTER COMPETITION

CARS (College Awareness of Road Safety) promotion and showcase - April 19th - 23rd.

Poster competition - Design a poster for this Road Safety campaign and win an amazing prize!

More details at www.ditsu.ie
DIT Students’ Union - DIT BAM Society - DIT Students learning with Communities

SAVE A LIFE: DONATE BLOOD

The IBTS Bloodmobile will be in DIT Aungier Street on Thursday 25th February from 11.00am - 2.15pm.

This is your chance to save a life. Give blood.

Membership packages will be available for purchase from Monday 15th February 2010

Student - All Inclusive | 3 months - €45 | 6 months - €80
Staff - All Inclusive | 3 months - €60 | 6 months - €105
Student - Pool Only | 3 months - €35 | 6 months - €60
Staff - Pool Only | 3 months - €50 | 6 months - €80

Join on line at www.ditsports.ie or call into Fit2Go Club facility for further details.

www.ditsports.ie

FIT 2 GO: BACK IN BUSINESS!

We are delighted to announce that the Fit 2 Go facility has re-opened its doors. Now is the time to make good on those New Year resolutions and make use of the state of the art gym and pool facilities.

Details of the membership packages can be found below and, as always, are easy on the pocket.

MS IRELAND: FUN RUN

Why not get down and dirty to raise some much needed cash for MS Ireland? All you need to do is take part in Ireland’s first ever MudRun.

It takes place on Saturday 27th Feb. More details are available at mudrun.ie

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What if... Things go wrong...

I THINK MY EXAM MARKS ARE WRONG?

If you think that the marks you have received in your exam/assessments are wrong you can get the marks Rechecked. The purpose of a Recheck is to make sure that there are no errors in the adding up of the marks and that the results have been recorded accurately.

Firstly you should contact the lecturer in question to discuss the marks. You are entitled to get detailed, constructive feedback on EVERY assessment so if you have a chat with them it may clarify the situation for you. If you still have doubts you can submit the Recheck form within 3 working days of the publication of results on-line or on the Exams Noticeboard not when you receive them in the post as it will probably be too late then.

Rechecks cost €15 per module and is fully refundable if errors are found. You can get the form (A/R from 1) from the Exam 1 Office or download it from www.dit.ie/media/documents/academicregistrar/20092010/recheck_form_0910.pdf and submit it along with the fee. The Students’ Union will be happy to advise you with the process.

I HAVE DISCUSSED MY MARKS WITH THE LECTURER AND I STILL BELIEVE THAT THE MARKS ARE WRONG?

This year for the first time any student may apply to have assessments Re-marked.

If you believe that the marks you have received were wrong you must contact the lecturer who corrected the exam paper/assessment immediately to discuss the marks in detail. Following this if you are still concerned with the marks you can have the exam paper/assessment Re-marked. This costs €15 per module and you have 5 working days from the date the results are published on-line or on the Exams Noticeboard – not when you receive them in the post.

You can get the form (A/R from 2) from the Exam 1 Office or download it from www.dit.ie/media/documents/academicregistrar/20092010/remark_form_0910.pdf and submit it along with the fee. The Students’ Union will be happy to advise you with the process.
street chic

Photography: CatieJ Wney
Model: Indy Coates
All featured clothes from Debbie's, Rangisa Business

Gray Jumper: £6
Gray Top: £4
Black Top: £2
Heels: £5

Gray Top: £4
Heels: £2

Boots: £8

Gray Jumper: £6
Heels: £2

Boots: £12
Tracy a roll down a hill in a big balloon? Or jumping from a crane into the swimming pool? We're looking for sponsorship for the highest thing in PIT since the Vigor truck crashed into bottom children's hospital, or until our target is $20,000. So please help. It's the medical research foundation. Rainbow, Springfield, Sunshine, and beta diseases, Gastroenterology, Cystic Fibrosis.
Ents Update:

SU Ents Present:

What: RAG Week
Where: On-Site & Various Venues
When: 8-12 March
Why: All proceeds going to Our Lady's Childrens Hospital.

Onwards and Upwards and Downwards (It Makes Sense) for RAG Week 2010...

We're not going to write about all the standard events that will be returning this RAG Week. What we will do here is give you a run down of the new things coming up in 2010. Enjoy... and for those of you looking for the highlights, the colour blue is your friend!

Year on year we have been organising a Bungee Jump and year on year you line up to throw yourselves from the great height so we thought, how can we step things up? What is better than the big crane with the big long bungee cord? Well, it's obvious isn't it? The big crane MINUS the big long bungee cord. Clearly.

So, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. Your Students' Union present, for your plummeting pleasure, for the very first time ever in Ireland, SCAD Freefall!! SCAD stands for Suspended Catch Air Device and is, simply put, a freefall from 150 feet onto a giant net suspended above the ground. There's a significant amount of science behind the whole system that allows you to experience pure freefall for around 3 seconds. No bungee cord; just a big net for you to land on... Now, granted, you'll experience g forces of around 4 Gs but we're reliably informed that the landing is a soft one!

As for safety, the quote from the SCAD people is that it's safe enough for your Granny! Now... I don't know about YOUR Granny but mine is a very safety conscious lady. We would never put on anything that wasn't 100% safe and the people who run these things are professionals and are all about the safety. So, there you go. That's the story. This year, instead of getting sponsored for a bungee jump you'll be getting sponsored for a freefall!!

Sponsorship cards are available now, from your local Students' Union office and the minimum amount will be €100 as usual. As always, feel free not to stop at raising €100. The record from last year stands at around €1400 for one bungee jump. Apologies for resurrecting the memory, as I'm sure any of you who witnessed it has long since banished it from your consciousness, but dearest Eamon raised the €1400 last year and did the bungee all but nkekki with some very poignent messages written on his buttocks. <sigh> But, hey, it was all for charity so it's a good, good thing! Course it is...

The freefall is not the only new departure for RAG Week 2010. Following swiftly in its rather sizeable footsteps will be DIT students going Zorbing! Yes... yes... I hear ya... Question the first - What is Zorbing? Well, Zorbing is that thing where you climb into the big ball and roll down the hill.

Now, question the second - where are we gonna do Zorbing in DIT? We will, in fact, be transporting ourselves into the not too distant future and shall Zorb in Grangeegorman, the future site of DIT. It's not far away, it has a load of green space and a hill and we may even put on a bus or two to get ye there if ye are that lazy. It'll be well worth it we assure you! Zorbing will be fun, it'll cost ya a mere couple of quid and the mere couple of quid will go straight to charity so you'll get the warm fuzzy feeling. And that rocks.

There'll be a RAG Mag out before RAG Week which will give ye the lowdown on what's going on so keep an eye out for that hitting the streets. Our new Events Team will be thrusting them into your awaiting grubby paws.

Die Hard Day is a concept we're working on currently as a solid way to round the week off for all those who decide to go at the week full force! Go Hard or go Home! That's what we say.

We'll have the nice people from 3 Ireland in during the week around the sites and they'll be bringing a gazoo, some nice flat screen TVs and a couple of Wii's for you all to play with.

This year we're returning to a successful formula from a few RAG Week's back where we're gonna take a shot at bridging the gap between college time and the night time events. We call that evening time and we're putting on some entertainment in a couple of Dublin's finer public houses to get your wares up. And yes, we know it's not strictly speaking a NEW departure but still, it deserved a mention.

Toat 3 had details of upcoming events for 2nd semester. If you didn't catch it at the time then check the calendar at your local students' union office for February. The trees won't thank us for printing the same info again here is the latest confirmed line up of madness to get us through to RAG.

DJ Woody
DJ Woody will be bringing the house down in Twisted Pepper on Tuesday 23rd March. It's hard to describe what DJ Woody does. Google him on the internet machine and you'll see what we mean. Or, just head to myspace.com/woodymadass. It'll save you time with the Googling. If you like your music pounding and your dancefloor heaving then you're gonna wanna be there. We're hosting the Dublin leg of his Turntables in Technicolour AV Tour. It's a bit of a coup so we're a little bit happy with ourselves. DJ Yoda loves this guy and we love DJ Yoda so, by proxy, we have to love DJ Woody. Even if we didn't have to love him by proxy though, we'd love him anyway! Ya we would. And so will you! You know who else we love? The Bodystonic crew in Twisted Pepper, that's who. They've arranged some extremely student-friendly deals for you all so the night should be reasonably easy on your pocket too. Tickets will be on sale in your local Students' Union office, usual story, and will be the not-so-grand total of €5 in line with our ongoing commitment to bring you the best nights out for the best price out there. Keep your eyes peeled for the posters.

Best of the Rest
That's what's confirmed... by the time you're reading this we hope to have added a couple more gigs in before RAG Week... I promised myself I wouldn't mention what we're working on but I find it hard to keep promises to myself... I'm getting help with that though. So... we're looking at doing a gig on Sunday 21st February (yes, it's a Sunday - shocking, I know!) to kick off the DITSU Elections in style... we're also hoping to squeeze in a 90's night gig with the Smash Hits 90's Band doing their thing. The Class regs loved them at Class Rep Training. The 1st Years loved them at the Fresher Ball. We reckon the rest of you guys will love them even more. We're working on the best venue for that one. As the man says, keep an eye out for the posters to appear if these ones come together!
THE STUDENTS’ UNION OFFICERS AND STAFF ARE DEDICATED TO ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE IN DIT AND THAT ANY PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THAT ARISE ARE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE RELEVANT PERSON / DEPARTMENT IN THE COLLEGE AND RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

It’s been a busy six months!

Financial queries at 234 are the highest category, reflecting the effects of the national economic situation on student life. Student annoyance at the impact of the Staff Embargo on classes, labs and facilities is captured in two categories – Quality Assurance and Class Issues totalling 118 so far and DIT Facilities problems at 67. Hopefully these problems will not recur in Semester 2 but if they do we will be on the case straight away! Tracey the President and Sean the Vice President have been centrally involved in finding solutions to these issues in particular. Finally there is the usual ‘spike’ in the number of Exams and Assessments issues in September at Repeat exams time.

So if you or your Class have any issues/queries about anything you can contact us and we will try to get it sorted out. Remember it’s your Union; we’re here to help and advise. All you have to do is ask!

FROM THE 1ST OF FEBRUARY 2010 THE GYMS AND SWIMMING POOL ARE DUE TO OPEN THEIR DOORS AGAIN FOR BUSINESS!

WE HAVE REDUCED THE COST OF ALL OUR EVENTS TO €5. WE ARE AWARE STUDENTS ARE SHORT ON CASH AT THE MOMENT!

WE HAVE NOW MORE PRODUCTS AT STUDENT FRIENDLY PRICES IN ALL SU SHOPS ON OUR MAIN FIVE SITES.

WE DELIVERED AT TV TO THE BUILDING AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT AND ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE WHERE ABOUT OF A SOFA.

WE SUCCESSFULLY LOBBED DIT TO INCLUDE THIS IN THE NEW GENERAL ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS AND THIS OPTION IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS AND COSTS €15 PER MODULE.

THE INSOMNIA COFFEE & TEA MACHINE CAN NOW BE FOUND IN THE SU SHOP - GROUND FLOOR OF THE MARLBOROUGH ST. BUILDING!

WE NOW HAVE A DIT GRINDS FILE WITH PAST AND PRESENT DIT STUDENTS OFFERING GRINDS IN ALL SUBJECTS. IT CAN BE FOUND ON DITSUJE.

WE HAVE MADE SURE THAT CLASSES WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN GLEESON HALL; THIS THEATRE WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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ADVICE: SAFE SEX

shag week

whenever you like... love safer sex...

Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance - SHAG WEEK IS OVER BUT THE MESSAGE IS THE SAME: If you choose to have sex protect yourself!

Apart from all the fun, the games, the messing, the paint and of course the free stuff...namely condoms! The week had a serious message for all of you... If you choose to have sex protect yourself, wear a condom. I know sometimes you’re out late, have a few beers and just can’t be arsed with the condom, but think of what you’re risking...

Check out the advice here from the DIT Medical Centre and use their service. You can contact the Medical Centre any time to book yourself in for a STI Screening. A typical screen usually lasts for about 20 minutes.

YOUR SCREEN INVOLVES:

1. A chat with the nurse or doctor to obtain information about any relevant medical history, allergies, your previous sexual history (number of partners etc.), about any signs or symptoms and discuss any concerns you may have.

2. Blood samples will be taken for HIV, Hepatitis B and Syphilis. If you had an episode of unprotected sexual intercourse within the last 12 weeks with a new partner you will be asked to return for another blood test because HIV antibodies may take up to 12 weeks to be detectable in the blood.

Note sometimes the result of a HIV test can be inconclusive; in this case a further sample will be required.

3. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

   

   FEMALE EXAMINATION:

   - Your examination cannot be carried out during your period.
   - A speculum will be inserted in the vaginal area to take swabs from the vagina and neck of the womb (cervix). These will test for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, Trichomonas Vaginalis, Bacterial Vaginosis, Candida (Thrush). You may find this examination uncomfortable but it should not be painful, it only takes a couple of minutes.
   - You will also be examined for presence of genital warts.
   - An STI screen is not a Smear Test. A smear test is usually advised for women over 25 years.

   MALE EXAMINATION

   - A tiny swab will be taken from the tip of the penis (urethra) to test for infections including Non-specific urethritis, Gonorrhoea, and Candida (Thrush)
   - A urine sample will be taken to test for Chlamydia; please do not pass urine for at least 1 hour prior to your appointment time.
   - A routine testicular examination will be carried out by the doctor and instruction will be given on how to do this yourself. Testicular cancer is not related to STIs but is common in young men.
   - Men who have sex with men will also have a small swab taken from the throat and rectum (back passage)

Screening for Herpes and Genital Warts:

It is not possible to screen for herpes and genital warts. You will be examined for the presence of both of the above at your appointment in the clinic. However, if no evidence is found, this does NOT mean that you are not a carrier of these. About 1 in ten people who are sexually active carries the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus). Up to 70% of warts is spread without signs or symptoms. Therefore it could be dormant in your system at time of examination and you may develop either at a later stage. The above STIs are spread by skin to skin contact, therefore even if you use condoms all the time you will not fully protect yourself from either of the above.

Condom use, will however help protect you from all other STIs including HIV. The only way to reduce your risk of catching the wart or herpes virus is to limit your number of partners.

STIs are spread through oral, vaginal and anal sex and sharing sex toys.

Abstinence / mutually monogamous relationships with uninfected person are the only way of avoiding an STI.

RESULTS

Results are given on return appointment only, 2 weeks after the physical examination. You will be given an appointment for this in Aungier Street. It is our current policy clinic results are not issued by telephone.

Helpful websites

- www.yoursexualhealth.ie/your-sexual-health
- www.patient.co.uk/pts.asp (search under alphabetical listings e.g. Chlamydia in women)
- www.positivenotions.ie
- www.thinkcontraception.ie/
- www.belongto.org/ (Supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Young People in Ireland)
- www.rainbow-project.org/

DIT STUDENT HEALTH CENTRE
ROOM 2051, 2ND FLOOR,
DIT AUNGIER STREET
PHONE 402 3051

NOTE: THERE IS A CHARGE OF 15 EURO FOR SCREENING, IN THE CASE OF CANCELLATION THIS MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED ONLY IF 24 HOURS NOTICE IS GIVEN.
This is the time of year that everyone thinks about resolutions. Well think about this if you always do the same thing you always get the same results!

Try to make some changes this year.

Have a quick gander at the panels to the right of this page to see how making a change can have big consequences. So if you are one of the lucky people to actually have a part time job earning €8.65 per hour you would need to work 120 hrs for the year to enjoy all that beer, and 356 hours to smoke 20 cigs per day.

Apart from the financial cost think of your health too. Call up to one of the Health Centres to speak to a doctor or nurse for advice on how to quit.

By not using a condom you are exposing yourself to the risks of HIV, Hepatitis B, Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, Syphilis, and the risk of an unwanted pregnancy. Do you really want to become a mother while in the middle of your college studies? (STI clinic available in the DIT Student Health Centre if you have had an episode of unprotected sex)

So why not think of changing one thing for the coming year? You can loose weight, become healthier, find it much easier to concentrate by drinking less alcohol and not feeling TIRED ALL THE TIME and if you put that money aside that you would have used to drink/ smoke look how much money you would have in your pocket this time next year! Enough to go on a Fab holiday. And after all your hard work in college YOU DESERVE IT!

Health tips courtesy of the DIT Health Centre.

Weight

If you lose a pound a week you can loose approx. 4 stone in a year! Check out www.weightwatchers.ie/ call up to one of the Student Health Centres in Aungier Street/ Linen Hall and to speak to a nurse or doctor for advice on how to lose weight safely.

Cigarettes

If you smoke 10 cigarettes per day, at current prices of €8.45 for a packet of 20, it will cost you €1,542 in a year, that means if you smoke 20 cigarettes per day it will cost you a staggering €3,084 per year, imagine what you could do with that money if you had stopped this time last year!

Alcohol

If you currently drink 10 pints of beer per week at a cost of 5 euro per pint it will cost you €2,600 by this time next year. And if you currently drink 2 bottles of wine per week at a cost of 10 euro per bottle it will cost you €1,040 in a year.

The mineral Selenium, which like Vitamin C is high in antioxidants, can be found in Brazil-nuts, tuna, whole-grains, beans. Again, this is very beneficial in improving the health of all who feel under the weather. Next, Co-enzyme Q-10, found primarily in meat and fish and B-Vitamins, found in oatmeal, cereals and lots of other foods, are also full of antioxidants.

Finally, a tip for you when cooking is to use lots of garlic which is a natural anti-viral and to use as much onion as you can as it produces ‘killer’ cells which eat up nasty viruses and bacteria in your body. It is important to note that where possible, all vitamins and minerals are better taken as part of your diet rather than as supplements. This is because many vitamins and minerals need other vitamins and minerals to work (a partnership if you will) e.g. Vitamin C needs iron to work properly within the body. Also, food travels more slowly than supplements through your body, giving your body time to really utilise all of the vitamins and minerals before shooting it out the other end.

Now, let’s get to what you need to avoid. Chocolate, coffee, alcohol and sugary things. No wonder we all get sick, I can guarantee you though, that avoiding these, especially when you’re feeling ‘ucky’ will get you better in no time.

Armed with all of this useful information, you can create meals which will heal your tired body. You can ‘eat yourself healthy’! For breakfast try porridge with honey (a super anti-bacterial) and an orange juice, banana and frozen berry smoothie (just put it all in a blender). For lunch have a vegetable soup (therry on the onion) and for snacks you could munch on some cashew nuts or brazil-nuts. And for dinner why not try the below recipe for Grilled Tuna with Honey Mustard Marinade. Enjoy!

Grilled Tuna with Honey Mustard Marinade

**Ingredients:**
1 to 1 1/2 pounds tuna medallions or steaks
2 tablespoons dry honey mustard
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 teaspoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar or white vinegar

**Method:**
1. About 1 to 2 hours before grilling, place tuna in a glass bowl.
2. Combine marinade ingredients; pour over tuna and turn to make sure all pieces are well coated.
3. Cover the bowl with cling film and refrigerate until it's time to grill.
4. Grill for about 5 to 7 minutes, or until a bit pink in the middle. Serve with wholegrain rice and salad.

**Words:** Helen O'Shea

Grilled Tuna with Honey Mustard Marinade (Serves 3/4, preparation time 20 mins)
WELL A TRULY HECTIC SEMESTER IS NOW OVER, AND A NEW ONE IS UPON US, WITH MANY EXCITING THINGS TO COME!

Last year finished with a Meeting of the DITSU Governing Council, where USI Representatives: Peter Manion, President; Dan O'Neill, Deputy President and Chris Bond, Eastern Area Officer were invited to a Question and Answer session by the Governing Councillors. Many contentious issues were discussed, and USI will be invited back before the end of the year.

All of the Governing Council Sub Committees have been meeting regularly, and this will continue into the new semester, where the committees start sitting from the 2nd February. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for the hard work and time they have put in to make the all the committees successful for the first time since the new Constitution was adopted.

Class Rep Meetings, and Local Programme Implementation Teams (LPI's) have all been sitting regularly, with great attendance. Let's hope we can continue the momentum into the second semester.

February will be a crazy month on the democracy side of things, starting in the first week with Class Rep Meetings being held on all sites, and two sessions of Governing Council, 10th February and 22nd February. The latter will be accommodating the Sabbatical Hustings sessions, and will be held in Gleeson Hall. This is a chance for the candidates running for Sabbatical Officer to address the Governing Council, and take questions from the floor. If you are not a Governing Councillor, you are still welcome to come and watch the evening's proceedings.

We are also preparing for USI Congress, which will be taking place from the 30th March to 2nd April 2010. We will be taking 10 motions forward, and if passed, these will form part of the USI Policy which stands for 5 years. If you are interested in going as part of the delegation, an application needs to be submitted to the Clerk of Governing Council's office, no later than Thursday the 18th February. Spaces are very limited, so make sure you get your application in on time.

Please keep checking the website for all democracy updates, and you will also find past Minutes and important documents. Once again, if you have any queries, please drop into your local Students' Union Office, or contact Claire Healey on 01 402 2940 or administrator@ditsu.ie

HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT THE CANDIDATES?
Apart from the many posters adorning the walls, each candidate's details and manifesto are on the following pages and on ditsu.ie. Also the HUSTINGS are a great opportunity to see & hear the candidates in person.

HUSTINGS are public questions & answers sessions where the candidates address the students and take questions from them. They explain why they wish to run for election and what they plan to do during the term (sabbatical). Students ask questions or raise issues and ask how they would deal with them. It's an excellent opportunity to suss out the people you will choose to represent you next year.

WHEN & WHERE CAN I VOTE?
You need to vote on the site you are registered on (except for Temple Bar and Portland Row Students who can vote in Aungier & Mountjoy if they miss Monday voting). Polling stations will be on your site during the following days 22 – 25 FEB.

HOW DO I VOTE?
1. Take your Student card to the polling station on your site. Your name will be ticked off the list. If you are not on the list you are probably on the wrong site. You must vote where you registered.
2. Get the 3 ballot papers in total. 1 for each position.
3. Mark your preferred choice as number 1, your next preferred as number 2 and so on.
4. Pop your ballot papers into the sealed ballot box.
5. Relax in the feeling of having done your civic duty.

WHEN WILL WE KNOW THE RESULTS?
The ballot papers are counted on 25 Feb 09 in Bolton St at 2pm. This is a public count and all are welcome so come along. Results will be announced on ditsu.ie
So, here they are- your candidates for election- but not used to their faces- you'll be seeing a lot of them!
read on to find out what each candidate has to say- and why they think you should give them your vote.
CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR: SU PRESIDENT
SEAN CAMPBELL

Manifesto for Election:

I have been involved with the DIT Students' Union since becoming a class rep in Kevin St, then a Class Rep Convenor for 08/09, I am currently VP Services and Trading and now I'm running for President of DITSU in 2010/11. Below is my manifesto, giving you a broad overview of my aims & plans for DITSU next year, a year which will surely see even more challenges facing us students right now.

For me and the part I played in it, the reopening of the pool/gym means that for the first time ever DITSU was worked successfully at a national level to solve issues in DIT and shows what we can do when we can do election.

Sitting on the Governing Body (Highest Decision Making Committee) of DIT, and on the Boards of DITSU, DITSU Trading and the many more committees in DIT, as VP, has given me great experience and a head start, if elected as President, with the running of the Institute. If you give me your vote you will certainly get value for money. I have been at the front of all of DITSU's and have various fun and events during lunchtimes.

Other Achievements...... so far:

- Part of effort to get Gymn & Swimming Pool back open
- A lot of improvements to facilities on campus for students, bottom line a work in progress
- Attended well over 250 meetings in DIT to raise issues on your behalf
- All our events prices down to €5.00 per gig
- Classes finally moved out of Gleason Hall and into rooms
- Lobbyed for PlanCache Screens for most of the sites for eents and info campaigns
- Insomnia Coffee and Taxi Machine in all of our SU shops, including Cathal Brugha
- 3 fully packed and fun filled Grad balls
- Fundraising for the RAG charity and also got it to be the USI National Charity
- Organised the only Fresher's week to ever last 2 weeks
- Organised over 50 class party's to date
- Planned the best RAG week DIT students will see, I promise! And a lot more, see fliers for Details!

What I want to do next year as your SU President:

First things first, we need to tackle communication. There have been a lot of improvements to communications this year but I want to do more. I want to look into using Gmail as the new student e-mail system. Let's face it, the system we have has problems. Gmail is a more user-friendly system and will give students improved access to e-mails. Less annoying, less hassle, much better for everyone. I also want to incorporate Boards into the DITSU website. Boards is a system used successfully by colleges across the country and I think it would work well in DITSU. It is a great way to open up the lines of communication even further. Every little helps.

One of the big things I'd like to work on is Christmas exams. They are scheduled in January which effectively means a stressful Christmas. I don't see any reason why the exams shouldn't be before Christmas, that way you guys get some well-earned rest over the holiday. It would take a lot of work, but that's not something I'm afraid of.

I want to work on making sure that the same high standards are available across every site in DIT. It shouldn't matter what site you are on, whether it's one of the six main sites or one of our many smaller sites around Dublin. Every student is entitled to the same level of support, communication and attention. That's very important to me and something I will work hard on.

The students in DIT are the Union. So it's really important that students get involved. I want to push student participation even further. I want even more students getting involved and having fun, whether it's within the union or having a laugh in clubs and societies. Again, I believe communication is the key here. I want to sit down and review and improve how students are communicated with.

Finally, I want to ensure that DITSU maintains its reputation as a union that informs and defends its students. They say no man is an island and I think that goes for colleges as well. It is important for us to maintain good working relationships with other college unions because we can learn from them and I know you can learn from us. That will include talking at some people, listening to others and making sure that DITSU's interests are represented outside DIT. I intend to make sure that students get value for money by keeping them advised and involved on DITSU's efforts on a national level. I hope this convinces you that I am the man for the job. I won't let you down.

Yours Sincerely,
Sean Campbell.

"OUR UNION IS A GREAT RESOURCE, BUT MANY STUDENTS DON'T KNOW THIS. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE DIT WITHOUT CHANGING THAT. ALSO I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING I SET OUT TO DO IN MY MANIFESTO, FOR THIS CURRENT TEAM. I WILL DO THE SAME NEXT YEAR WHEN YOU VOTE FOR ME AS YOUR SU PRESIDENT."
Manifesto for Election:

The Role of The President

The president of DITSU is responsible for two departments. These are Chief Operations (strategy and running of the organisation) and Communications (with students, DIT, and the world beyond). The president is also the chief spokesperson for the Union. I believe that a more important role however is that of Chief Listener.

My Promises to You – The Student That Pays For This Union

A president of the people, I will not

Promise 

fulfil what you deserve.

Answers you deserve.

Q&A's of importance to the whole

of DIT.

You – the student who pays for the wages, and services offered by this union.

Over the past five years this union has greatly improved the efficiency and quality of everyday services. As a service provider it has grown strong, but as a democracy it has become weak.

Being a dedicated class rep for five years, I know that nothing is more important than the grassroots, the members of this union, the students who benefit from its success and who suffer greatly as a result of its failings.

For years, presidents and vice presidents have been elected on the back of promises that can never be kept. Promises of sweeping changes to DIT and to the quality of student life. These changes can never be brought about in the manner that they have been pursued to date. Union leaders have lost touch with students on the ground, and without the support and backing of our 22,000 plus students, no real change can be made.

There has been too much concern with changing DIT, and not enough with getting our own house in order first. As a service provider it has grown strong, but as a democracy it has become weak.

My candidates do not have an agenda of change for change’s sake, but rather to make the union a more efficient and effective service provider for the students.

A Crackdown on Lazy Representatives

One of the main problems with our union is that a lot of our representatives take their role for granted. It is not enough to pay your fees and expect to be represented. We need to be proactive in getting our representatives to perform their duties.

A More Efficient and Effective DITSU

DITSU is in a strong position to help the students of DIT, but we need to make sure that our representatives are fulfilling their role. There have been too many cases where representatives have been lazy and not done their job. We need to make sure that our representatives are fulfilling their role and that they are not taking their position for granted.

Investigation of Cost Cutting

We need to make sure that our union is not cutting corners in the name of cost saving. There have been too many cases where the union has cut services to save money. We need to make sure that our representatives are not cutting corners in the name of cost saving.

Greater Transparency on Decisions

We need to make sure that our representatives are being transparent about their decisions. There have been too many cases where the union has made decisions without consulting the students. We need to make sure that our representatives are being transparent about their decisions.

Conclusion

We need to make sure that our representatives are fulfilling their role and that they are not taking their position for granted. We need to make sure that our union is not cutting corners in the name of cost saving. We need to make sure that our representatives are being transparent about their decisions.
Manifesto for Election:

Relevant Experience

Office Assistant, Oifig Na Gaeilge
DIT, 147-149 Rathmines, Rathmines,
Dublin 6.

Responsibilities included:

- Event planning: I organised an All day cross Campus event "Lá NO Béarla". Sourced prizes for each competition, organised and delegated staff to man promotional stands & to judge the completion.
- Poster design & Scheduling of "Lá NO Béarla"
- Publicising this event & Other Society activities by through Direct mail and through face to face promotion. This required the effective communication skills cleaning detailing and promoting the appeal of each event.
- Design of T-shirts, Posters and hoodies for society promotions.
- Ordering of Prizes and dealing with suppliers for Society promotional apparel on a daily basis.
- Working as part of an office team reporting to my line manager.

Aims and Objectives:

My aim is to make DIT a more environmentally-friendly and accommodating place for students. I wish to improve the student experience as much as possible. I aim to listen to the students and change the things that they want to change. My objective is to make college as enjoyable an experience as I can.

Policies:

- Link DIT with more affordable student accommodation.
- Get more recycle bins in DIT.
- Create an energy-saving environment, with computers being turned off overnight.
- Work with the Vice-president of Services and Trading to get library hours that suit the students.
- Work with the elected sabaticals towards reinstating the rag trip.
- Work with the staff to get things fixed quicker around the campuses.
- Get more downtime activities, such as pool tables, in the smaller campuses.

Reasons for Running:

I have a passion for all things DIT and think I would fit in in the SU. I love the idea of helping people with the difficulties in college, like finance and accommodation. I want to help the student body change things that need to be changed.

In less than 50 words, why should we vote for you?

I am a hard worker and will always put 100%. I am someone you can come up to at any time for help with a problem or just a chat, then I'm your woman!

If you were a biscuit, what biscuit would you be?

If you really want to say Jaffa Cake, just to be controversial and start up the old 'Jaffa Cake: cake or biscuit?' debate, but I think I'm going to have to go with Ginger Nut, for obvious reasons!

What's the best thing about DIT?

The Students Unions, the craic and the buzz down there. Bands playing in Aungier Street, games consoles in Kevin Street, table tennis in Bolton! Hanging with friends in the SU is my favourite thing about college!

World Peace or The Puppies?

Hmm... well, obviously I have to go with world peace, being a closet hippy... but can I still have a puppy?
Manifesto for Election:

So for those of you who don’t know, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs deals with anything from you picking on your exam paper to problems with your landlord. Among friends I am the problem solver so I know expanding this role to all the students of DIT is the job for me. We are the Students’ Union, a clique some say but it’s a clique with some 22,000 members. So participate, communicate and informate*

Background and Experience:
- Captain of school debate team.
- Directing casts of 60+
- CBST Drama Soc President, Vice President, Treasurer and North-side Public Relations Officer.
- Class Rep 08/09.
- DITSU Governing Councillor 07/08 and 09/10.
- Four years experience working on DITSU campaigns, promotions and events.
- Seven months of professional placement engaged in conflict resolution and legislative enforcement.

Most relevant of all however, I am this year’s Chairperson of the Academic and Student Affairs Sub-Committee, which reviews the Academic Affairs and Students Affairs yearly work plan. From this I have an in depth working knowledge of the function and role of the VP of Academic and Student Affairs

Aims and Objectives:

- My main goal as VP of Academic and Student Affairs is to reinforce the mantra of “participation, communication and information”. Students across all campuses are still oblivious to the services available to them, and their entitlements as DITSU members and as students of DIT as a whole. Participation within the Union and communication throughout DITSU and the DIT needs to be improved, just as information on the services and resources available needs to be communicated effectively to all. The services are there for you and they should be utilised.

- In relation to Student Affairs I wish to highlight and work on the following areas:
  - Accommodation: Students now find themselves in a rare position of power when it comes to accommodation and with regard to terms of tenancy. I intend to promote awareness on tenancy rights, health standards, electricity ratings etc.
  - Employment: I plan to make information on employment rights more accessible to all students. I also plan to investigate the feasibility and merits of creating an overall employment committee/site specific officers to manage and update a database of job opportunities, and to take positive steps towards the provision of adequately paid work placement for students.
  - Finance: In the current economic climate financial uncertainty will be one of the biggest issues facing students. I believe that a comprehensive information campaign on the financial supports and services available should be run upon students return to the new academic year. Throughout the year I intend to continually highlight your entitlements with regard to financial supports and services through information campaigns, the class rep system, fresher packs, and all available channels of communication.
  - Welfare: I intend to increase promotion of the health services already in place, throughout my term of office. The DIT’s counselling service is worryingly understaffed. This must be addressed as a matter of urgency along with tackling any possible negative perception surrounding this service. One possible way of achieving this change to perception could be through the use of confidential student testimonials. I would work towards the introduction of health and safety training (first aid, manual handling etc) for class reps as a pilot scheme, with a view to expanding it to a wider student base.
  - Non-traditional Students: With the introduction of the Widening Participation Policy there will be an increased demand for more funding and resources to provide support for these students. Alongside my fellow Sabbatical Officers I plan to lobby the DIT and Government to address this increased demand.

In relation to Academic Affairs:

- Exams: I intend to push for standardised procedures for exam registration across all sites, increased communication between DITSU, the exams office and faculties, with meaningful academic feedback. These are all issues I plan to work tirelessly on during my term of office.
- Class Rep recruitment: I will encourage and work alongside Convenors to strive for a full compliment of class reps to ensure your opinions are heard and acted upon.
- Library: I will work towards site-appropriate library opening hours, improved services, and increased quiet room spaces.
- Support services: I intend to continue the work on the exams support service, and second-hand books database to ensure it is comprehensive, up to date and that every student knows of the existence of this great resource.
- Technology: I will continue to encourage the DIT for the use of freeware and cloud computing technology for student e-learning and communication.

Accreditation for Participation:

- I plan to lobby for the further implementation of this pre-existing pilot scheme, to broaden this scheme to include all sites, and to increase student awareness of the scheme.

John May acknowledges the fact that “informate” is not a word but would like to point out that in this context it should be.

Declaration of my Commitment to you:

I have gained valuable experience in diplomacy and conflict resolution through my life experiences. This is one of the key elements I will bring to the role as your representative in Academic and personal matters. When you elect me I shall protect your rights and advocate on your behalf, any and every time you need me and in the process of doing so I shall strive to ensure that at all times, I will remain accountable to you, the students, and that while maintaining the confidential nature of some of my work I will allow complete oversight of my actions and will at all times make myself available to assist with any issues or concerns you may have.

* Participate, communicate, informate*

It’s your Union, use it.

Yours Sincerely,
John May.
Candidate Running for: SU Vice President: Services & Trading

Barry Drake

Manifesto for Election:

Relevant Experience:
I have a lot of experience with the students union. I am involved in a lot of different areas of the students union at the moment. I am currently a residential assistant in the Herberton student accommodation in Rialto. This is my second year to work in Herberton. In April of 2008 I was part of the team that represented DIT at the USI National Congress in Bettystown Co. Meath. I am currently sitting on the governing council for DITSU at the moment. I know what it takes for the daily running of the DITSU and the work involved in the job.

The experience I have had as residential assistant is huge. On a daily basis I would be sorting out problems for students that are living in the accommodation. I also organised induction evenings, events, nights out and parties and I would like to think that I brought some life changing changes to the students that lived in the Herberton. If I am elected Vice President I would like to think that all of the experience I have gained would stand me in good stead.

I also was a part time officer in DIT Kevin Street in 2008/2009. I helped with the organising of events in the campus. I hope all of this particular experience will be very useful and will make my role as VP more interesting and more enjoyable for students. I also organised very successful days where societies like the DJ soc came in and performed their stuff for us in the Kevin Street Students Union. In 2008 and 2009 I was part of the induction team Kevin St. I also was part of the team that helped with the fight the fees marches for the Eastern area colleges and also for the national protest the USI organised in Dublin.

Other Experience:
I am currently a member of the Mostrim Gun club. In recent years I was elected as the treasurer of the club. I also sat on the committee as the PRO of the club. With these roles I was dealing with the day to day running of the club, the spending in the club and also the advertising the club events and news. I have won four U21 county high Gun competitions in successive years and in 2002 I was involved in the club team that won the overall Longford title. I also represented Longford at the All Ireland Clay Pigeon Shooting from the years 2003 to 2005. In 2004 I came 4th in Ireland in the U21 event. As a Gaels football player I have played under the severest pressure at all levels of the game. I have won medals also at all levels of the game.

I also am a qualified electrician and my first experience of DITSU was when I was an apprentice electrician in Kevin Street in 2006. As an electrician I was a Foreman for the company that I worked for in which I was in charge of 20 other electricians. This was no mean feat for a 21 year old at the time but the challenge and experience was great and I believe that I stood up to them. However in 2007 I did make the life changing move to go back to college and DIT was my college preference.

Reasons for Running:
One of my main reasons for running would be to change the lives of thousands of students and give them the best college experience that any student would ask for. In the past few years I have noticed when students are going into second and third year they will no longer want to participate in the DITSU events, it seems to me that most events would be aimed at the Fresher coming into DIT and lets be honest a 22 year old 4th year student wouldn’t be like to be at events where there is a gathering of rowdy freshmen. They would much prefer to go to more sophisticated clubs in town to meet mature people. I believe that college should be fun no matter what year a student is in so I will intend in doing events for each and everybody that attends DIT.

We all know that the services in DIT particularly in this year is a massive issue and effected almost all of the students in our college. I intend to make some major moves in this area in the attempt to make DIT a better facility in general by working with the buildings manager and other sabbaticals to ensure the safety and comfort of the DIT students.

I would also like to make improvements to the DITSU shops. I would try and get them to hold more stock over the periods of the Christmas and the summer for the students. I would work with the shop managers and other sabbaticals to ensure that non-perishable goods would always be kept in stock for these times.

Library opening hours are also a very important issue especially around the times of exams. I will work with the students to get the new system up and running with a maintenance man on call at all times in the case of failure of the system. I would also like to make printing cheaper at all. Although it is only one day I think that we need this bit of mystery back in DIT. I would like for this issue to be resolved and bring a mystery trip which would be safe and enjoyable for all students.

Yours Sincerely,
Barry Drake.

"You should vote for me to be your VP Services & Trading for the simple reason that I am the best in DIT for organising a good party and getting things done. Next year will be a great year when I am elected VP Services & Trading."

"We ask the important questions, so you don’t have to:"

In less than 50 words, why should we vote for you?

You should vote for me to be your VP Services & Trading for the simple reason that I am the best in DIT for organising a good party and getting things done. Next year will be a great year when I am VP Services & Trading.

If you were a biscuit, what biscuit would you be?

I would be a chocolate caramel digestive (dunked in tea for best results).

What’s the best thing about DIT?

Having the city of Dublin as our Campus!

What’s your biggest gripe about DIT?

The lack of good sports facilities for DIT students.

World Peace or The Puppies?

World Peace!!
CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR:
SU Vice President [Services & Trading]

Eric Fitzgerald

Manifesto for Election:

Hi, I'm Eric Fitzgerald and I'm running for Vice President of Services & Trading. I'm a final year Journalism with a Language (German) (DIT553/4) student in DIT Aungier St.

Background and Experience:

I'm running for election because I'm a passionate, committed individual who believes in the power of the student union movement as a strong force for change. I've been involved in the Union in a variety of different roles, I served as a class rep between 2007 and 2009. I was a Governing Councillor for Aungier St for 2007/8. I've served two terms as Class Rep Convener for both 2008/9 and currently for 2009/10. I currently sit on the Students' Union Services & Trading Sub-Committee.

As part of my studies, I spent a semester in Germany on Erasmus. This taught me to adapt my skills to deal with a challenging new environment. This experience will no doubt serve me in great stead as your Vice President of Services & Trading, a role which will require me to deal with new and varying challenges each and every day.

Anyone will tell you that I have a wealth of knowledge about how the Students' Union works and what I need to do to change it for the better. My two terms as Class Rep Convener have given me a unique and intimate insight into how your Union works and how I can make it work better for you.

We have the best Students' Union in the country, no doubt about it. But it's missing a little something.

Aims and Objectives:

Your Students' Union is missing something - a student voice in events organisation.

It's missing a strong student voice in the organisation of events. Students currently have very little say in the events that they want to see happening. As your Vice President of Services & Trading, I promise to establish an Ents crew who will serve as an advisory body for myself and the Events & Marketing Manager throughout the year. These students will be consulted on events organised by the Students' Union and will ultimately have the final say on whether something goes ahead or not. They will have a key role in decision-making for events.

Your Students' Union is missing something - basic needs for facilities.

It's missing an adequate response to your basic needs being met for learning facilities. We have rooms across DIT without adequate heating, adequate seating, adequate lighting, locks and even small showers. As your Vice President of Services & Trading, I promise to fight tooth and nail to make sure that your most basic of needs are met from a facilities perspective.

Your Students' Union is missing something - a cheaper dining alternative.

It's missing cheap, good quality hot food across all sites. Instead, students are being left in the hands of unscrupulous, extortionate third party catering companies who charge ridiculous prices for sub-standard rubbish. When I am elected as your Vice President of Services & Trading, I will promote expansion of the Students' Union shop services into offering a hot food service across all sites. This leaves more money in the pocket of you, the student.

Your Students' Union is missing something - a piece that Fitz.

It's missing a Vice President of Services & Trading who's willing to give everything they have to improve facilities and events for DIT students. It's missing a powerful force for change. There's a space that needs filling and it's missing its piece. It's missing Eric Fitzgerald - THE PIECE THAT FITZ!

Yours Sincerely,

Eric Fitzgerald.
**CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR:**

**SU Vice President (Services & Trading)**

**John Wade**

### Manifesto for Election:

**Relevant Experience:**

Product Design is one of the few courses in DIT which is based on more than one campus. As a result of this I know the campuses of Bolton Street, Aungier Street and Mountjoy Square equally well. I am also familiar with all of the other campuses through my involvement with the Students Union during induction week as I was a member of the WOW crew this year. Being president of the DIT Ski Club has given me the opportunity to get to know all of the DIT locations around the city and their respective facilities.

During my time as president of the DIT Ski Club, I ran The Launch Party at the start of the year, gave out free t-shirts, ran lessons in the Ski Centre every week, organized a ski trip for 120 DIT students to Les Arcs 1800 in the Alps and organised themed nights every night.

Following the cancellation of the exams on Monday the 11th of January, I argued alongside the Students Union to ensure that the exams affected would not be rescheduled for the middle of the Ski Trip as this would have affected the majority of students, forcing them to pull out of the trip. Thankfully, the examinations offices on each campus agreed to facilitate the students affected. As a result of my efforts, other students, apart from those going on the ski trip, were able to go on previously booked holidays.

### Other Experience:

I spent two consecutive summers (2006 & 2007) doing volunteer work on a monkey sanctuary in South Africa, constructing enclosures, cleaning cages, feeding the monkeys, building fire breaks, patrolling etc.

In 2008 I was elected secretary of the Ski Club and the following year became president. I have extensive experience in fundraising, event organisation, group management, and problem solving and issue resolution.

In the summer of 2009 I cycled from Dublin to Paris in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation covering 600km in 5 days. As a result, I raised £15,500 for the IHF.

### Reasons for Running:

As a final year student I can see the benefits of getting involved in every aspect of student life as college is about much more than just attending lectures and exams! I feel that the social scene in DIT can still be improved greatly through the use of better cross-campus communication and events. Every DIT student pays the same capital fee of €1500 to attend but not every student receives the same facilities or services. As the VP Services and Trading I would strive to ensure that each campus and each student, whether international, part-time, full-time, or mature, is treated equal!

If you were a biscuit, what biscuit would you be?

I would be a chocolate caramel digestive (dunked in tea for best results).

### Aims & Objectives:

There will be no such thing as “the forgotten college”, every campus will be treated as equal. If facilities can’t be matched due to space issues or building regulations, then I will make every effort to ensure that alternative services will be provided.

If elected to office, I will set about achieving the following for students:

- Lower prices for students in the canteens, SU shops, and coffee shops on all campuses.
- Better meal deals and better savings for students.
- Laser card machine in the canteens and shops.
- Working computers, keyboards, mice, desks, printers, scanners and up-to-date software.
- Access to working printers outside of library opening hours on every campus.

Yours Sincerely,

John Wade.

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In the past, the Convenor was elected by the Class Reps but this year we have opened up the voting to all students. So while there may be just one person running on some sites – you still need to vote yes to the election on the ballot paper or you can vote to Re Open the Nominations and so start the whole race again for that position. So talk to the candidates and check out your options and then vote for the people you want to take over when the 6 current convenors pass the baton in July.

The Class Rep Convenor, does more than look after the buildings but there are problems all over the buildings with broken chairs, projectors, the water fountains not to mention the mess in the Student Union common area! Also Library opening hours are a big problem for students as they have been closing at different times and not staying open long enough. Siobhan intends to drive improvements in Aungier st and Temple Bar to make it a brighter and better place for all students.

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Participation: Siobhan wants to improve participation in Aungier st, not only by making class reps more involved and putting on more events, but also involving all students from Aungier st and Temple Bar in all sides of the SU. She would also like to get more Part-Time and International students more involved in the goings on in Aungier st and the Students’ Union.

Reasons for Running:

I want to fix facilities. I want to ensure that everyone knows about the SU and the services it offers. But above all I want to get students involved. I will do this by getting out there, being active and encouraging people to join in, whether as Class Rep, Governing Councils or simply being active in the day-to-day goings on of student life – remember the academic side is only a small part of college!

Yours Sincerely,

Siobhan Abrook.
**CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR: SU CLASS REP CONVENER. [AUNGIER STREET]**

**Darren Bates**

**Manifesto for Election:**

**Aims & Objectives:**

- The increased level of free ON SITE Entertainments during lunch hours!
- This not only provides a platform for DIT's countless bands, but also DJ's, societies and can immediately increase SU involvement and costs nothing!
- Music during lunch: While investigating the feasibility of a jukebox, I propose to provide music during lunch, and it can be as simple as putting an iPod into a speaker. Again it costs nothing and attracts attention to the union and you could be hearing anything from The Beatles to Bon Jovi!
- As well as on site gigs, we need more cheap & quality entertainment on site.

**Objectives:**

- The increased level of free ON SITE Entertainments during lunch hours!
- **Academics:**
  - THE LIBRARY!! Your library is the key to your success, and it needs its opening hours protected. A vote for Darren Bates is a vote for Aungier Street and Temple Bar student centred!
  - A vote for Bates is a vote for Aungier Street's tradition of full class REP recruitment. No stone will be left unturned!!
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**Conclusion:**

I hope you now see that I'm the best person for the job at hand. In these recessionary times Aungier Street and Temple Bar need a Class Rep that represents every single student on our site, not just those politically active. As class reps, I believe it is our duty to encourage our classes to come forward with problems, demands and suggestions - too many students in our college are struggling with a wide range of issues without ever popping down the student union, and I will give my all to make sure that Aungier Street looks to their futures and Temple Bar becomes a union that will make Aungier Street's tradition of active campus events on a weekly basis, at the very least.

Aungier Street needs its opening hours protected. A vote for Darren Bates is a vote for the continued protection of your opening hours for every Aungier Street and Temple Bar student!

Yours Sincerely,

Darren Bates.

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**CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR: SU CLASS REP CONVENER. [AUNGIER STREET]**

**Conor Thompson**

**Manifesto for Election:**

**Aims & Objectives:**

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If elected, I will deliver a wide range of events aimed to raise money for our chosen charity throughout the year, not just surrounding RAG week.

**Objectives:**

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Yours Sincerely,

Conor Thompson.
Candidate Running for SU Class Rep Convenor: [Bolton Street]

Suzann Tutty

Manifesto for Election:
Reasons for Running:
The reason why I am running for election is as follows:
- Elect Class Reps for all full and part-time students so that they are represented on their Programme Committee
- Build on the relationships between Departments, Programme Chairs, Lecturers and Tutors.
- Ensure all students are represented on their Programme Committees.
- Pull out Q3 forms for quality assurance.
- Increase participation with the Annex Sites - Linen Hall and Beresford Street.
- Increase the number of on stage events.
- Promote the Students Union so students are fully aware of what we can do for YOU.

These are the reasons I am running for election, these are the issues I want to change, and this is what I want to do for you. The points identified are the things I want to improve, change and build on. This is what needs to be done to improve participation within the college and between lecturers and students.

Aims & Objectives:
Having held the position of Convenor since March 2009, I know what is possible to do and all the items listed are achievable. There are many ways in which these can be implemented and I feel I have the ability to do so, and the know how to do it. Enthusiasm is the way forward and that I have, as well as passion. This is what I want to do, this is how I want to change Bolton Street for the better and this is how I plan on doing so:

Programme Committee and Q3 Forms:
- Make students and lecturers aware of these items.
- Student input is vital.

Apprentices:
- Incorporate YOU into the overall student body and give an induction evening the first week of every term.
- Make aware of what we can do for YOU, it's YOUR Union too.

Students Union:
- It's YOUR union, tell me what YOU want to see happening.
- Do you want to know what the Students' Union does for YOU? GET INVOLVED and make sure you do.

Students: Full and Part-time:
- The students are the college, so your input is important.

Conclusion:
If you want a strong voice, then I am the person for the job. I have shown nothing but passion and enthusiasm in the last year as your current Convenor and I promise this will be carried forward. I will make these changes happen and I will make your voice heard. I will represent YOU. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for reading the objectives which will be fulfilled when I get elected.

Small Girl, Big Solutions
Yours Sincerely,
Suzann Tutty.

Candidate Running for SU Class Rep Convenor: [Cathal Brugha St] Sconna Dunne

Manifesto for Election:
Reasons for Running:
One of the main reasons why I want to run for Convenor is to create more awareness of the SU and the services such as the Student Assistance Fund and to make sure that the Campaigns run throughout the year are effectively rolled out to you, the Cathal Brugha St students. I have been heavily involved in the Students Union since I walked into DIT from day one.

Throughout the first two years of my studies at DIT, I have seen what works effectively and what doesn't. I would like to hold on to that friendly and welcoming atmosphere and encourage an open door feel to it. From talking with some students, it has come across that the SU can have a 'clique' feel to it, I want to try and eradicate that.

Aims & Objectives:
- I want to increase awareness of the role of the SU in Cathal Brugha St. I shall achieve this by utilising the notice board space effectively in the corridor and on the 4th floor, where the computer rooms are. I also want to work closely with the incoming Vice President for Services and Trading to establish notice board space in the canteen. I feel by doing this it will help create awareness of events and services the SU offers.
- By increasing awareness, I want to promote student activities in a student environment. By working with your LPIT (Local Programme Implementation Team) to hold local events such as the ever popular jamming sessions. Also having a designated night such as every Thursday in the Living Room Pub where classes could hold class parties and with the Vice President Services and Trading to get certain offers for them.
- I want to make most of your LPIT. Finance I believe is one of the major things on students mind when coming to college. In the second semester there is a finance week, giving students tips on how to budget and spend wisely. By liaising with the LPIT I want to get offers in just for Cathal Brugha Street students e.g., men's hair cuts for €5, deals in the living room pub, lunch deals in the local coffee shops and shops such as Centra.
- I hope to revamp the SU. I would achieve this by making an application to the DITSU Ltd CEO and the Cathal Brugha St buildings manager, to use either the student development fund or the social cultural fund to do this.

Conclusion:
By doing all of the above I want to show that the SU is here for everybody and that everyone is part and can be part of it.

Yours Sincerely,
Sconna Dunne.
Manifesto for Election:

Background:
Graham Hayes is a 2nd year computing student in DIT Kevin Street. He is the current convenor for Kevin Street, and was one of the people to make the convenor elections free and open. He stood on a platform of openness, transparency and involvement.

Why Vote for Graham:
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What Can I Do For You:
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I am open to suggestions from anyone, so if you have an idea, contact me!

Yours Sincerely,
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CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR: SU CLASS REP CONVENTOR. [RAHMANI]  
GARETH WALKER-AYERS.

Manifesto for Election:  
Background:  
There are a number of key issues I would like to see addressed on the Rathmines campus.
There are a number of repairs on the campus that require attention. The TV and DVD player in the canteen need attention, as does the pool table, which is simply not being used due to a number of faults.
The computers in the canteen are prone to repeatedly breaking down, and require a number of software upgrades, particularly the internet browsers. The computers in the library also require software upgrades. The wireless access signal in the canteen has become weaker and unreliable, and now appears only to work in select pockets of the canteen with some devices, so this requires immediate looking into.

There is a problem with Rathmines College of Further Education students using our canteen at lunchtime. This year it has become particularly problematic, with overcrowding in the canteen. There is no problem as far as I am aware with the students themselves, it is simply a matter of spacing. The canteen cannot accommodate the numbers that have been using the space, and it can be a very uncomfortable environment at times. I would seek a resolution which benefits both DIT and Rathmines College students, but my priority must be the welfare of DIT students.

There has been an issue in Rathmines, as I am sure there is in other small campuses, of DITSU event ticket distribution. It is only fair that a proportional amount of tickets are allotted to Rathmines, as opposed to having to request tickets from other SU offices when asked for them by students.

Due to the success of previous Rathmines-based events, the organisation of more of such events is very important. The need to surpass events held previously will only serve to drive us to have many more of these great nights out together. These events are important and useful to try and dissolve the social barrier between the music and drama students.

New methods of communication will make it easier to let students know what is happening, both on their campus, and within DITSU. The potential of Facebook, Twitter, Board, and, when fully integrated, Google Wave, cannot be ignored as useful tools in keeping students informed of everything that's going on in their college, and I fully intend to implement and promote every available course of communication.

There are a number of issues in the college, such as fixtures needing attention, broken windows, lighting issues etc., and all of these are to be looked into ASAP.

As many Rathmines students will have noticed, a new swimming pool has been constructed next-door, and all indications say it will be open soon. As to the accessibility of the public to the pool, nobody is sure what the situation will be when it opens, however I fully intend to get on to the managers of the building to see if it may be possible to arrange some sort of beneficial agreement.

Conclusion:  
The promise I can make is that whatever you don't think is fair or right within the college, I will be on your side. Tell me what you want and I'll do my best to sort it. Any time of the day or night, I'm literally ten minutes up the road.

Yours Sincerely,
Gareth Walker-Ayers.


**Election Schedule**

**Convenor Hustings:** This is where the candidates deliver their manifestos in person and the student body has the opportunity to question the candidates.

Mountjoy Sq. Hustings: **Wednesday 10th February. Time 1PM**
Kevin St. Hustings: **Thursday 11th February. Time 1PM**
Bolton St. Hustings: **Monday 15th February. Time 1PM**
Aungier St. Hustings: **Tuesday 16th February. Time 1PM**
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DITSU & USI Hustings: **Monday 22nd February. Gleeson Hall, Kevin St.**

**Presidential Debate:** Your chance to hear the Presidential candidates debate campaign issues.

**DIT Aungier St. [Room 5-050]: Thursday 18th February. 6PM**

**Voting:** The all-important voting. There will be designated polling station on your site and this is where you cast your vote.

Monday 22nd February: **Temple Bar & Portland Row. 10PM to 4PM**
Tuesday 23rd February: **All Stations** 8.30 AM to 8.30 PM*
Wednesday 24th February: **All Stations** 8.30 AM to 8.30 PM*
Thursday 25th February: **All Stations** 9.00 AM to 11 AM

*All Stations: Aungier Street, Bolton Street, Cathal Brugha Street, Kevin Street, Mountjoy Square, & Rathmines.*
*Rathmines: The polls in Rathmines will operate from 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.*

**Results:**
The count is carried out live in public, so feel free to pop along and see democracy in action.

**The Election Count:** **Thursday 25th February 2010 at 2p.m. Bolton St.**