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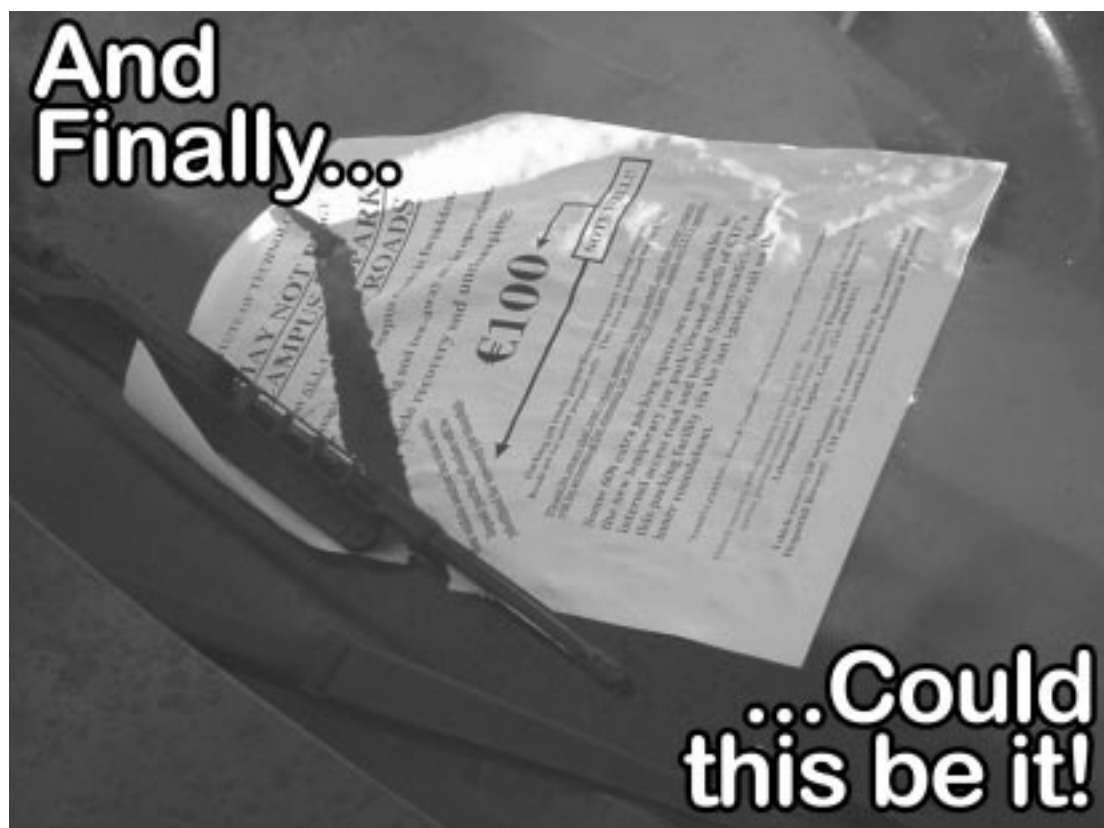
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I was sitting in the atrium the other morning eating my breakfast when suddenly I almost choked with shock upon seeing a message flashing on the data display boards. No it wasn't announcing the numbers I picked for the lotto the night before, but it was informing us that this was our FINAL WARNING regarding illegally parked cars within the campus. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in cars being towed and clamped with a hefty fine. For the next few minutes all I could do was ponder and quietly laugh at the idea. Does this "Final Warning" mean that all previous warnings were a bluff?

The reason so many staff and students with cars in this Institute abuse the parking regulations is due to the fact that they know that they will get away with it. At most, for a few days a year they might put a few warning notices on cars parked around the IT Building, but that's about all. What's worse is that they will try to enforce these regulations in the middle of each year, allowing members of the college to pick up bad habits. I believe that you should start as you mean to go on and there is no point whatsoever in trying to teach people in the middle of the year.

Will these regulations be stringently enforced upon the main culprits within this college? . . . Who are in my opinion, the nighttime students. Last night, I watched two private buses hired by the college trying to manoeuvre slowly out of the college because the road on the Rossa Avenue side of the campus had cars parked on BOTH sides leaving barely enough room for a car to get through. It took almost twenty minutes for the buses to exit the campus as it created a traffic jam from cars coming in and out. This is an absolute disgrace. What happens when an ambulance or fire truck needs to gain access to any part of the college in an emergency?

I believe the best solution to this problem is for the college to hire security personnel. They would be able to enforce the regulations during the mornings and also ensure that this campus is kept safe for all its members. CIT must be one of few colleges left in this country that doesn't hire campus security. Even if it only solved the parking problems, it would be worth it, let alone the additional security it would give to college members.

Finally, and thankfully, this is my final editorial as acting editor. The new Communications Officer will have been elected to work together with us on this magazine. Hopefully it will mean that I will be able to concentrate more on ensuring that this magazine is designed to the best of my abilities and ease the strain of finding articles. I hope that the other candidates will get involved, as we need all the help we can get.

Please remember that we are always looking for articles, reviews and photos, so you can contact me by email or call into the main Students' Union office (c143) if you would like to chat.

Best of Luck,
Philip

Construction Begins on New CIT Catering School



At a ceremony held on Wednesday 29th October at the site of the new €15 million Tourism & Catering Studies Building at Cork Institute of Technology, the Chairman of the CIT Governing Body, Cllr Donal O'Rourke, turned the first sod.

The Tourism & Catering Studies Building, which is on two floors, will provide accommodation for six teaching kitchens, two production kitchens, a demonstration kitchen, a lecture theatre, two computer laboratories, a language laboratory, several classrooms, staff accommodation and ancillary rooms.

The structure will be concrete blockwork cross walls stiffened locally, concrete ring beams and concrete floor slabs. The building will be finished in clay brickwork, patinated copper, aluminium framed windows and oak framed and panelled doors.

The new building is 4,228m² and P J Hegarty & Sons Ltd., are the contractors. The design team is composed of architects, de Blacam and Meagher Boyd Barrett Murphy-

O'Connor, structural engineers, Malachy Walsh & Partners, quantity surveyors, Bruce Shaw Partnership, and mechanical & electrical Engineers, Arup Consulting Engineers.

The new facility will accommodate the Department of Tourism & Catering Studies on the Bishopstown Campus of Cork Institute of Technology. The new building will incorporate state of the art facilities and equipment in order to provide training and education for best practice in the Hospitality & Catering Industry for a projected student population of one thousand students.

The establishment of the new school of Tourism & Catering Studies will provide a much needed facility to service the huge demand for trained personnel in Ireland and particularly in the prime tourism sector of the Cork/Kerry region. This region is the second largest destination in terms of national tourism income and visitor numbers, and the demand from industry for appropriately educated and trained personnel far exceeds the number of trainees and graduates available from CIT.

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CIT Students Raise Money for Chernobyl Children's Project with Annual 10km Walk



CIT Students' Union issued a big thank you to all you 10K walkers who took part in the annual physical fundraiser for the children of Chernobyl. The event went off without a hitch as usual largely due to the organisation of the two largest third level facilities in Cork, CIT and UCC.

CITSU Vice President, Welfare, Donna Foley stated "I feel that this particular fundraiser is gaining momentum each year that it is held and is now a nationally recognised event. I am very proud of the students here in CIT for continuing what looks to become a tradition in the students' calendar. This event would be nothing without the hard work and effort of the regular student on campus".

Ms. Foley offered her sincere appreciation at the end of the walk to both students and staff for their support in this annual tradition. "Hopefully next year the event will be bigger, brighter and better than ever" stated Ms. Foley.

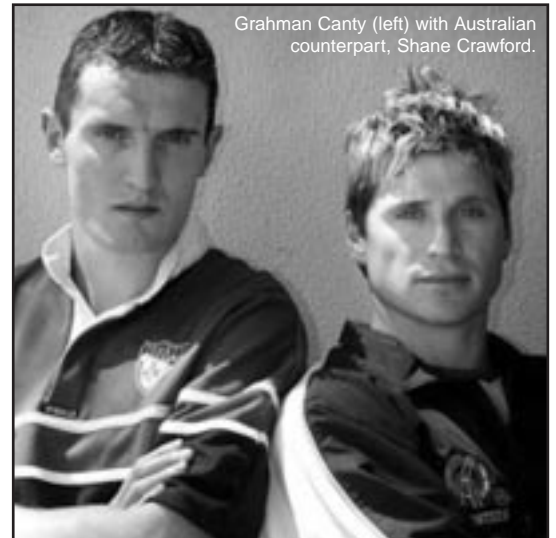
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Captain of Irish Football Team to Graduate with CIT Honours



Graham Canty (left) with Australian counterpart, Shane Crawford.

Graham Canty, Captain of the Irish International Rules Football Team, is to lead his team into battle with the Australian International side in the Final and Deciding International Test just hours after being conferred with an Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Cork Institute of Technology.

The Final Test commences in the MCG in Melbourne before an expected audience of up to 80,000 frantic fans at 11.45am (Irish time) on Friday October 31st. Captain Graham is to be conferred (in absentia) with an Honours Mechanical Engineering Degree at Cork Institute of Technology at 3.30pm on Thursday October 30th.

The first test between Australia and Captain Graham's Irish side takes place Tomorrow, Friday October 24th, in the Subiaco Oval in Perth and the 43,000 capacity stadium is already sold out.

Both International Tests are to be televised live on RTE1. Television coverage commences at 11.30am and Bounce-up is at 11.45am.

Tony Fitzpatrick, Head of the Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at Cork Institute, has expressed his delight that Graham has been selected as Ireland's Captain - "Whilst we are sad that Graham cannot personally attend at his Degree conferring after five years of intensive study at CIT, nevertheless we recognise the great honour being conferred on Graham on selection as Captain for both International matches. Graham has had to cope with huge demands in terms of College, Club, County and International Football, while studying Mechanical Engineering at Cork Institute of Technology. His achievement of an honours degree in a highly demanding professionally accredited Degree course is testament to his exceptional academic commitment and ability."

The students and staff at the Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, Cork Institute of Technology, are very proud of Graham's Captaincy of the Irish International Football Team and are extremely confident that Graham will be celebrating on two counts after the Final and Deciding Test - A CIT Honours Mechanical Engineering Degree and a Famous Victory for Ireland.

Demonstrations Tralee Students Warn Minister Dempsey Over Registration Fees

Demonstrating students in Tralee warned Minister Dempsey: "Increase the college registration fee and introduce further cutbacks at your peril". The Union of Students in Ireland (USI) organised protest was attended by students from both campuses of Tralee Institute of Technology in October.

John Vahey, President, IT Tralee said: "Students demonstrated in their thousands last year at the threatened return of tuition fees and reaped the rewards. However, this was merely one battle in the war against cutbacks that students must continue to fight in. As USI revealed last week, there is a strong risk that the Government will try and increase the student registration fee payable by each student.

The recent OECD report "Education At A Glance" showed that while students and teachers are excelling compared to their international counterparts, they are doing so despite significantly less Government investment than these other countries.

Just 4.6% of national income is spent on education in Ireland, compared with the OECD average of 5%. We are

sending out a clear message to Minister Dempsey today. Students will not allow the Government to make them the subject of callous cutbacks."

JP McArdle, Southern Area Campaigns Officer, USI said: "The great numbers that turned out showed that student activism is alive and well in Ireland.

Recent revelations on the registration fee are completely opposite in nature to the sentiments conveyed by Minister Dempsey when he often expresses his desires to increase the numbers of students from disadvantaged backgrounds attending Irish colleges.

Any move to further increase the college registration fee would cancel out the beneficial effects of the free fees system for third level students. The fact that the Department has not yet clarified its position on the matter has added further fuel to the fire that this decision has already been made. For a family with two or three children in college, the move will present an unprecedented strain on household finances.

Today's event is the latest in a series of regional gatherings by students that will galvanise student unity on preventing further cutbacks in third level education."

CIT Library Wins Prestigious Design Award



The President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, on Thursday, 30th October presented the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland's (RIAI) Gold Medal to the architectural practice de Blacam and Meagher, in association with Boyd Barrett, Murphy O'Connor. The project for which the Medal was presented was the extension to the Cork Institute of Technology, the last phase of which was completed in 1997.

The RIAI Gold Medal is the highest honour in Irish architecture and is awarded every three years for the design of a building of exceptional merit completed within a three-year period (the period in question for this year's Gold Medal is 1995-97).

The extension comprises two building phases, the Library wing, completed in 1994 and the Information Technology wing completed in 1997. The jury was impressed by the powerful architectural expression of the completed facility, its dramatic fusion of spatial and structural form and the rational organisation of its planning concept.

The architectural language employed in the new building is highly impressive with an imaginative use of detail and subtle references to local masonry traditions. Although some finishes used in the early constructional phase appeared to have suffered from hard use, the jury felt that the architects had achieved remarkable results within the constraints of a tight Department of Education building budget. Two other architectural practices received commendations from the judging panel, namely Group 91/Shane O'Toole and Michael Kelly and Group 91/O'Donnell and Tuomey Architects for The Ark, Temple Bar and The National Photographic Archive and Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) School of Photography respectively.

Student CD piracy lawsuit dropped

A software company has dropped a threat to sue a US student who published details on how to get around anti-piracy technology on a new music CD. The company behind the software, SunnComm Technologies, said it did not want to hamper academic research.

Last week computer science graduate John Halderman showed how to defeat the copy-protection software by pressing a single computer key. Mr Halderman found that SunnComm's MediaMax CD-3 software could be bypassed by holding down the shift key on a Windows PC when a copy-protected CD was inserted. This temporarily disables the autorun function on Windows, stopping an anti-piracy program from installing itself on the computer.

SunnComm has originally said it was going to sue Mr Halderman for revealing the secrets of the anti-piracy measures. But following publicity surrounding the case, the company's boss has backed away from the threat of legal action. "It wasn't our intention to strike a blow against research," Peter Jacobs told the news agency Reuters.

"We sincerely thought that the research was not founded on the premise for which the technology was invented in the first place."

"(The research) doesn't dilute our technology at all, nor does it nullify our technology." The music industry blames falling CD sales on digital piracy and file-sharing online. It is looking at new technologies to stop what it sees as rampant copying of compact discs and the sharing of those files online. But so far, most technologies developed to protect music against copying have fallen short.

UCC Students' Union President Resigns

Current UCC Students' Union President Cait Mehigan has taken the decision to resign due to the position of the Executive Committee regarding outside commitments. The position of President was re-opened to all UCC students, however at the close of nominations on Tuesday 4th November no nominations were put forward. The current Officers of the Students' Union are determined that this situation will not affect the running of the student representative body.

The decision taken by Cait Mehigan was by no means an easy one and was a shock announcement to the Executive Committee of the UCC Students' Union. The Officers are committed to restructuring their individual roles to cope in a more than satisfactory manner with this situation.

More Choice, Better Value!

Cork Institute of Technology Students' Union has launched a new USIT travel office for students to organise all their international travel needs. The office is located in the Students' Union prefab, and is open between 11am to 3pm Monday thru Thursday with USIT staff available for travel information or to book your trip. This office will be running in competition to the SAYIT travel service, which is also operated from the main Students' Union office. Students can also avail of SAYIT discounted student travel programmes from the Students' Union shop each day.

CITSU President, James Maher stated "this increased competition on campus will create more choice for students and hopefully better value".

Both SAYIT and USIT will be releasing details of their USA J1 summer 2004, European Inter Railing, and Australia programmes shortly, and more details will be available from CITSU online or from www.sayit.ie and www.usit.ie



WAP Service Launched for CITSU Online

CITSU Online has launched a new WAP service for students with WAP enabled mobile telephones. Students will be able to access news and meeting times from <http://wap.citsu.ie> and other services will be expanded on demand. Students will also be able to download free polyphonic ringtones for their handsets and find contact details for the officers.

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Grant Delays and Administrative Bungling Prevents Registration for Many Students

Delays in payment of student maintenance grants by county councils and VECs are preventing many students from attending lectures, the college library or even officially registering with their college, the Union of Students in Ireland (USI) revealed.

Students who receive a grant do not have to pay the college registration fee of EUR670. However, they have to present proof to college administrators that they are in receipt of the grant, and many county councils and VECs have yet to provide students with letters verifying that they are entitled to the payment.

Brigid Breathnach, Education Officer, USI said: "Thousands of students around the country have yet to receive their grant payments, a tough situation which is forcing many to borrow further from their families and from banks.

However, many county councils and VECs have even failed to provide these students with proof that they are entitled to the grant. Such proof is necessary to ensure that students are not liable to pay the EUR670 registration fee, which is payable by students who do not receive the grant.

Many students have not been issued with a college identification card because of the situation, which prevents them from using the library and other college facilities, severely hampering their studies. We have even heard from some students who have not been allowed to participate in lectures because of the registration confusion.

Some colleges have already issued students with bills of EUR150 for late payment of the charge, despite the fact that they are not liable to pay the charge in the first place.

This ludicrous situation has developed because of the slowness of the county councils and VECs in issuing letters of verification in lieu of the already late payment of the grant.

The college authorities are not blameless in this situation. Some colleges are refusing to distribute grant cheques that have arrived until all county councils and VECs have submitted all payments. While we understand the failure of the county councils and VECs to issue cheques on time is frustrating for all concerned, we feel that students are being further punished by some colleges for this failure."

Will Priestley, President, USI said: "Delays in payment of the student maintenance grant are getting progressively worse every year, and the system of payment is long overdue an overhaul. Minister Dempsey has promised that his Department would waive the fee for students eligible for grants. However, because delays in payment of grants some students are forced into paying a charge which they should not have to pay, with no guarantee of a refund at a later stage. It has been long recommended that responsibility for means testing and payments functions relating to the student grant scheme be transferred to the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. This recommendation has yet to be implemented. In the meantime, students are forced to make do with an antiquated system that guarantees them nothing."

IF YOU ARE AWAITING CONFIRMATION THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A GRANT OR ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY PAYING YOUR FEES, PLEASE CALL INTO THE DONNA, STUDENTS' UNION VICE-PRESIDENT WELFARE WHO INFORM YOU OF THE SUPPORTS AVAILABLE TO YOU.

Welfare Week 2003



Welfare Week 2003 ran on Tuesday and Wednesday the 14th and 15th of October. Many groups and organisations came to CIT for these two days to share a wealth of health and welfare information with the students of this Institute. Some of these groups included; The Samaritans, Threshold, Cura, Specsavers, and The Irish Blood Transfusion Service.

Donna Foley, CITSU Vice President Welfare said, "I would really like to thank all those that gave up their valuable time and came to CIT to give students advice on matters that may affect them sometime in their lives. It was great to see Students take such an interest in Welfare Week this year and I hope they have all learned something from it. Welfare Week is important for students, as it introduces them to local organisations and services that are available to lend a helping hand or ear to anyone should a time of crisis appear in their lives." For information on any of the local organisations and services please call to the Students Union Welfare Office.

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1st Prize: €3,000
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3rd Prize: € 500

Best Stand on Innovation Day: € 250
Best Business Plan: € 250

You may participate if you are a registered student or a staff member at CIT during the 2003-2004 academic year. Working in teams or individually you can attend free workshops that guide you in putting a business plan together and how to set-up your own business.

The first step for entry is to complete a one-page application form. This will give us contact details for you and will ensure that you are on our list to receive further information about the competition and workshops that will be held throughout the year.

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Important Dates:

Milestone	Date	Requirement
Entries Open	Now!	n/a
Deadline for Entry	21st Nov 2003	1 page completed application form to be submitted to the development Office
Final Project Reports Due	30th Jan 2004	Set out your business idea, following the guidelines attached (15 pages max) and 4 copies to be submitted to the Development Office.
Prototypes Due	30th Jan 2004	Prototype (if applicable)
Shortlist of Candidates announced for Innovation Day	4th Feb 2004	n/a
Innovation Day (Prizes Awarded)	13th feb 2004	Attendance & Demonstration (if applicable)

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CIT Students' Union President

Well I hope everyone enjoyed the midterm break. The year seems to be flying by. Christmas day is almost upon us and 2004 is nearly here. A question a lot of people are asking me is, are the fees coming back and are the registration fees going to be increased? The honest answer is I don't know. Rumour and conjecture seem to be all that are coming from certain organisations, the Minister and Department of Education have made no comment in contrast to the last time when they extolled the virtue of fees before trying to bring them back. All I can say is that C.I.T. Students' will do all we can to maintain our position of no fees and a reform of the grants system.

There has been a lot of work done in regard to the School of Music situation. The credit for that must go to the students themselves who played their hearts out on Friday the 17th of October outside brown Thomas on Patrick Street. Hopefully there will be an announcement on the new building soon.

Congratulations to all who received parchments at the conferring ceremonies. I hope you all enjoyed the balls and other celebrations and well done on your achievements.

James



CIT Students' Union Vice President Welfare

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those who were conferred recently, well done to all. For those who have ventured out into the working world, I'm sure your academic experiences here in the CIT will stand to you, in addition, the Careers & Counselling Service is still available to you if you are in need of any assistance. Also, be sure to make good use of the Graduates Association. For those who have continued their education here in the CIT, welcome back and I'm sure by now you know the drill. I hope the Graduation Ball lived up to it's hype, I certainly had a great night and hats off to the lads in entertainments in the SU.

Welfare Week was a great success. I would like to thank all those who participated during the week and made it what it was. There was a great response from the student population.

We also had the 10K Walk which is the largest student charity event in Ireland. The purpose of the walk is to raise money for the Children of Chernobyl charity, a noble cause. As of yet, no official tally has been announced but things are looking good. I'd like to thank all those who give up their valuable time in stewarding the event. Of course, the 10K Walk wouldn't be much of a walk without the walkers. Well done to all who participated in the event for a great cause.

Yet again this year is flying and we are now well into November. Christmas is just round the corner (& so are the exams!). But before the onset of the panic buying, madness of exams and general Christmas chaos that is December make sure you make the most of Christmas Day (Nov 26th). Christmas Day has quickly become the social and entertainment highlight of this term. Mickey has been working hard on this year's events and I'm sure it will be a memorable as always.

Keep a look out on the notice boards and expliCIT for future welfare events. If you have any ideas for future events please don't hesitate to contact us. Our doors are always open (literally) and we would welcome any suggestions. If any of you have any concerns about you're health or welfare please feel free to call into my office which is located in the SU prefab.

Donna

Confidential Advice:
For confidential advice please call 021 4933123 or email suwelfare@cit.ie. You can also use the online form on CITSU online to obtain information from me



CIT Students' Union Vice President Education

Hello and welcome back to another edition of our wonderful magazine.

Anyone who has any problems with their course or otherwise are urged to call in to the office in PF 42.

Firstly I would like to congratulate all those who were conferred during the past few weeks. It was a fantastic few days enjoyed by all those who attended. It is a great achievement to receive an award and is what everyone here is aiming for at the end of the day.

With the Chernobyl 10k walk coming up I would like to urge as many of you as possible to get involved in this worthwhile event. Please feel free to call into Donna or myself for information about it.

Which brings us to the fact that we are into the second term of the year. Yes guys Christmas exams are fast approaching and its time to pull your socks up and get studying. Get those missing notes, get to the library and get into it.

Enjoy the magazine folks and take care.

Colin Noonan



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26th November 2003

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CIT Students' Union Entertainments Officer

Where are the months going its November already? Ahh well! I hope you enjoyed the acts we had in college this month past such as "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "Azzuro". November has a lot to look forward to, Christmas day live acts in college and much much more.

Rep training was held in Tralee this year and it certainly went down a treat. I'd personally like to thank everyone one for his or her suggestions for entertainments throughout the year. Some of which have already been put into action. "The crew" is being mobilised so be prepared for a meeting which will be held shortly. I can't remember anything from Wednesday night so I can't tell you anything, plus "What happens in Tralee stays in Tralee".

Here comes Santa Claus here comes Santa Claus, yes yes we know Christmas is coming to CIT, Christmas day itself will be held on Wed

Nov 26th. We are currently trying to finalise arrangements with the band. The reindeer and authentic Lapland snow have been flown in. Festivities will begin in the morning and run then stagger into the wee hours of Thursday morning. This year the mystery tour is not being held on Wednesday night so instead we are throwing a Christmas/New years party in town but don't worry we have a mystery tour planned for after Christmas.

Night times are still powering on Rhythm@Redz is going from strength to strength and Lusst has yet to loose its allure to the hot blooded patrons of CIT, watch out for live music and theme parties at both our venues on the run up to December.

That's all folks

Mikey



CITSU Equality Officer

Midterm is over now and we prepare for another Christmas. Congratulations to all those who graduated. Well done!

As always if ye have any problems I am contactable in the usual ways, by e-mail or phone no matter how small the problem is.

Bye for now

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Dear expliCIT,

I am writing on behalf of all the students in fourth year Multimedia, regarding the continued implementation and apparent strengthening of the Websense Internet filtration system currently in use throughout the entire college.

I cannot even begin to fully express our outrage and frustration with this Draconian method of censorship. We are students in a course that inherently requires continual and extensive research of the Internet as a communicatory medium, and yet, the vast majority of sites which we try to access are deemed unsuitable for our use. This includes such categories as music, video, cinema, DVD etc, the very areas in which we ourselves are being trained to work and develop in the future. Is the very experience of college itself not based on the exploration of possibilities and the development of skills and opinions? And isn't the basic premise of that experience negated entirely by the stifling and repression of certain media content?

This mindlessly hypocritical regime is still being imposed on us, in spite of voices of reason and common sense having denounced it at every step. We are grown men and women in a third-level educational institute, and certainly responsible enough to decide for ourselves what we deem fit for our own consumption.

What makes the Internet such a unique medium is the fact that it is the perfect vehicle for free speech; it is rarely, if ever, subject to repression or destruction of information. I think I speak for many of my fellow students when I say that this is one of the reasons a prospective career in Multimedia attracted me to the course in the first place.

But for the actual educational institute which runs such a course to impose a highly restrictive system of censorship upon all Internet access within its own walls is not only unconscionable, it is incomprehensible.

I realise that the system was actually implemented in order to curb the bandwidth consumption that was being taken up by the downloading of mp3s etc. However, the act of handing over the filtration of Internet access to a third party (Websense themselves) in order to manage this problem, in my opinion, shows either incompetence or laziness on the part of those who made the decision to do so – and every student in the college is now forced to deal with the resultant effects.

A perfect example of one of these effects was visible in our course during a recent lecture, in which we were given a list of websites whose layout we were told to examine. Incredibly, however, because of the Websense filter, we were not able to access three of these sites because they were entertainment-related. How exactly is this meant to facilitate our education?

In addition to the obvious problems with the above, there seem to be glaring problems with the Websense software itself. The following is taken from www.peacefire.org :

Websense does not claim that the sites on its block list have necessarily been reviewed by employees before being added to the list. Their Database FAQ states that in 2000, "more than 25% of the database" was posted "without human interaction". So, a computer reviews the keywords and content of many of these sites, and makes the decision of whether or not to allow access to it. As a result, many harmless sites are erroneously censored. For example; KinderGarten.org -- an organization funding free vaccinations for children in India is blocked as Sex. The Navarra, Spain chapter of the Red Cross -- in Spanish is blocked as Sex.

Autism Behavioural Intervention Queensland -- an Australian organization promoting treatment of children suffering from autism is blocked as Gambling. The Shoah Project -- in German. A Holocaust remembrance page that includes criticism of various "revisionist" historians who deny the Holocaust is blocked as Racism/Hate, probably because the page contains the names of several Holocaust deniers, even though the site itself is attacking Holocaust denial.

Dignity of Victims Everywhere -- a crime victims' organization is blocked as Sex, possibly because of the presence of some words such as "Rape" and "Incest" on the pages. Arizona Council on Compulsive Gambling -- a site providing information treatment for compulsive gamblers is blocked as Gambling.

The Red Letter Project -- a "forum for Christians and non-Christians alike" to discuss religious issues is blocked as Sex. The Poster Project -- an organization that makes posters promoting liberal political causes, including views on the death penalty and abortion is blocked as Sex.

The Pro-Choice Resource Center -- a site listing resources for pro-choice political activism is blocked as Sex. DisabilityGuide.org -- an online information resource about disability issues, based in Washington, DC. is blocked as Gambling.

For all of the reasons outlined above, we feel that it is absolutely necessary to remove this ridiculous system of censorship from CIT. We feel that the very implementation of Websense will, in a few yearstime, be looked back on as having been a huge mistake. The sooner it is removed, the better. If the management of the college feel its necessary to monitor the amount of bandwidth being used by individual classes, and even individual students, that's fine. Just stop doing it at the expense of our individual freedom.

Shaun O'Connor
on behalf of Multimedia Year 4

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Welfare Guide to:
Sexual
Assault

Sexual assault occurs if a person is forced to participate in a sexual act without his/her consent. It may include rape or other forms of sexual assault.

The force involved may take the form of threats, coercion or physical violence. Sexual assault is an act of violence. It is an invasion of the individual's physical and personal integrity. Careful clinical studies show that rape serves primarily non-sexual needs.

It is the sexual expression of anger and power, and it is motivated by retaliatory and compensatory motives. However, the persistence of false beliefs about rape and sexual assault continue to make it difficult for victims of these crimes to seek help or to report the attack.

Victims of sexual assault often agonise over aspects of their behaviour that they feel may have contributed to the attack, yet statistics show that anybody, regardless of behaviour, age or circumstances may be the victim of sexual attack. Although the majority of victims are women, men are also subject to attack.

A person who has been raped or physically assaulted needs to see a doctor as soon as possible. Although the idea of a physical examination may be distressing to the victim it may be important for his/her personal health. Friends or relatives can show their support by accompanying the person to the doctor. If the victim wishes to report to the Gardaí, medical forensic evidence will be gathered which will be used to support the case.

If a person has been sexually assaulted or raped, and decides to report the crime, s/he should contact her local Garda Station. The Gardaí will carry out an interview to find out exactly what happened. Usually, the complainant will have the option of being interviewed by a female police officer.

The type of questions s/he will be asked includes:

- The identity of the assailant, if known.

- A description of the assailant.
- Where the incident happened.
- Precise details of the attack.
- Where the person had been before the assault and what s/he had been doing.
- If there were any witnesses.

When the statement is completed, the complainant will be asked to sign it. While it can be distressing and embarrassing for the victim to speak about his/her experiences, the Gardaí have to get as detailed a statement as possible, in order to build up a case. If the victim remembers other details about the assault at a later stage, s/he can contact the Gardaí to make a supplementary statement. The victim is entitled to receive a copy of the statement as soon as possible, and should ask the Gardaí to send it to him/her.

The Gardaí will arrange for the victim to undergo a forensic medical examination. If the identity of the accused is known the Gardaí will interview him/her.

The Gardaí will prepare a Book of Evidence, comprising of the alleged perpetrator's statement, the victim's statement, and any forensic evidence, which was collected at the medical examination or at the scene of the assault.

This is sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), who will decide if there is sufficient evidence to proceed to court with the case.

Because rape and sexual assault are criminal offences, the State prosecutes the accused assailant, and the victim is simply a witness for the prosecution.

Cork Rape Crisis Centre: 5 Camden Place, Cork. 1800 496496

Sexual Assault Unit: South Infirmiry Hospital. Nurse On Call – 021 4926100

If anybody affected by this would like counselling please call to the Students' Union Welfare Office.

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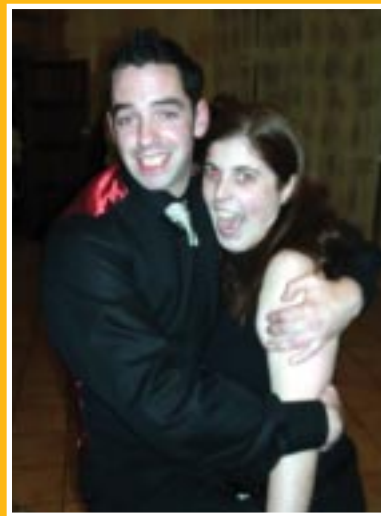
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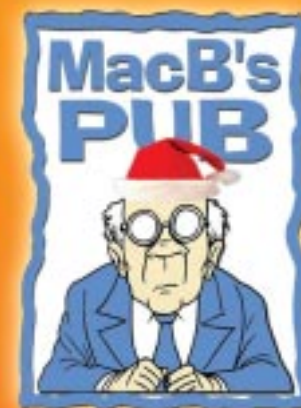
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CIE – Let's Be Honest

By Shaun O'Connor

“This state of affairs encompasses every facet of Irish public transport. If you’ve been using any of CIE’s services recently, you’ll know that all passengers are subject to any given amount of overcharging, discomfort and general mistreatment. It’s almost exciting; like, “I wonder what’s going to happen to me on the bus / train today?!”

Are you one of the many students who must utilise the bus service from town to CIT – and back – every day? If so, then you’ll be able to relate to my frustration. Because I think that the following simply has to be said, considering that no one else seems to want to declare it. Ok, here goes. Ready?

Bus Eireann are an absolute, unmitigated disgrace. The buses are never on time. The drivers are often lunatics. Their prices are extortionate. They have a monopoly on the important routes and abuse this advantage with great aplomb. They don’t give a rat’s ass about their passengers. Half of the time, though you pay full price, you end up standing for the entire bloody trip - And that’s just the No. 5.

This state of affairs encompasses every facet of Irish public transport. If you’ve been using any of CIE’s services recently, you’ll know that all passengers are subject to any given amount of overcharging, discomfort and general mistreatment. It’s almost exciting; like, “I wonder what’s going to happen to me on the bus / train today?!”

I’m sure you know what I’m talking about. Everyone’s got their horror stories about something that’s happened to them on a CIE bus or train. So, dear reader, for your entertainment, I’ve decided to compile some of favourite anecdotes from the last three years of using the No. 5 route to college every day; my own personal collection of CIE’s greatest hits:

I got on the bus one day, and handed the driver 2 Euros. As he gave me the change, he didn’t look in my direction, completely missing my hand and dropping my 90 cents of change all over the floor of the bus. He didn’t apologise. He didn’t bat an eyelid. And as I knelt to pick up my change, he actually pulled out and drove the bus away. Somehow, I managed to keep my balance and get my change together. I’m fairly sure that my safety wasn’t the driver’s number one priority.

The day that the ticket prices went up to 1.10, there were absolutely no signs on the buses indicating the change. A guy in front of me was a little shocked when the driver demanded more money from him. “Since when is it a Euro ten for a ticket?” he asked. “Since NOW!” the driver shrieked at him in from the whole bus, basking in what was almost certainly the highlight of his day.

Periodically, there are inspectors on the bus. What the HELL is the point of having somebody come onto the bus and inspect the tickets? You buy the ticket when you get on the bus, don’t you? You hand the driver your money, don’t you? And yet, some decrepit old man strides aboard, hoping to God that someone has dropped their ticket, so he can exercise whatever remnant of youthful power he once had. On one occasion I had actually dropped my ticket into the bus bin when one of these walking jokes boarded the bus. I explained to him what had happened. He said, derisively, “Well, that was intelligent, was-

n’t it?” A CIE employee mocking my intelligence. I’ll never live it down.

After waiting at my stop for a grand total of 50 minutes one morning (which caused me to miss part of a very important class meeting), a bus arrived, brimming over with passengers. The driver shouted at them, “Maybe if ye pushed back we could fit on more people!” All I could think was, “Maybe if ye provided more than ONE bus per hour to service an entire college, you wouldn’t have to tell people that in the first place.”

On my first day back to college this year, the bus broke down ten times – yes, ten times – on the way out to the college. Just before coming up to the roundabout near CIT, it conked out one last time, and the driver shouts, “Alright – everyone out! I’m taking her to the garage.” Needless to say, we did not receive a refund.

And, on numerous occasions, the bus has driven straight past my stop, with plenty of space on the bus. I’ve seen it happen at subsequent stops, too. The driver simply puts his head down and drives, ignoring the people waiting. What’s the rush? It’s not like they’ve got a schedule to stick to. Hey, maybe it’s a little game the drivers have between themselves, like “What Crazy S**t Can We Pull Today?”

Why does all this happen? Simply; because it can. Because the people who run our public transport system, from the management to the drivers, could not possibly care less about the passengers. Because the fewer passengers they have, the easier their job becomes. They don’t have to worry about competing bus companies that might force them to raise their standards, because our government won’t allow them in.

CIE is a perfect example of a corporate embodiment of the Irish small-town mentality. It’s full of little men with little positions of power, who know that their unchallenged monopoly on the people gives them carte blanche to act however the hell they want to the customers. The service can be as bad as possible, and no one can do a thing about it. Complaining to CIE’s management is an exercise in futility; you’re merely complaining to guys with the exact same “screw-you” attitude.

And incredibly, the company is so badly managed that in spite of all this rip-off service, they’re still managing to lose money every day! That’s the extent of these guys’ ineptitude – they can’t even make cash from a scam!

Thankfully for them, though, our government simply keep throwing money at the problem, rather than addressing it properly. So, for the moment at least, they have a nice, cosy little market monopoly, filled with cosy little jobs for bitter little men like the drivers and the inspectors.

Isn't anybody else getting just a little bit sick of these interminable bus delays, every single day of college? The longest time I've ever had to wait for a bus happened about two years ago, when a bus from CIT into town took – wait for it – an hour and forty-five minutes. Honest to God. At that stage, the bus stop looked like Woodstock. Folks, that's 105 minutes for a bus that's supposed to arrive every 20 minutes. You do the math. I'll get the gun.

For God's sake, we're not even provided with proper shelters in which we can wait to pay extortionate prices for an awful service. We must suffer the brunt of the cruel Irish weather, our toes succumbing to frostbite as we pitifully count our change and check our watches one more time.

I was on holiday in Berlin and Prague over the Summer. In those cities, you pay between 5 and 7 Euro for unlimited use of the transport system (bus, tram, metro) for 2 to 4 days. And said transport was always on time. Here in Cork, we pay 11 Euros - each week - to simply get to and from college. No student discounts, no nothing. And we must do so on a terrible service that's never on time, that manages to cut every corner possible, that actually sees fit to consistently maltreat its customers.

What really annoys me about all this is that the government are perfectly aware that this situation exists, and continue to do absolutely nothing practical to deal with it. How can they have the gall to support something as ridiculous as "No-Car Day", when their own public transport service seems to be run by a dedicated team of orang-utans?

Ok. Here's my point:

These people are stealing from us every day. They are robbing us blind. We can shop

around for most things, but our transport to college is stuck firmly in these guys' hands, and they are merrily milking us for all we're worth. I don't know about you, but I'm getting pretty goddamn sick of paying through the nose to be force-fed this crap service.

So here's what I propose we do:

Stop taking the bus. Do everything you can to organise lifts in and out of college. Find a classmate who drives, get a group together and pool for the fuel. Hell, let's organise days in which nobody – and I mean nobody - gets the bus – under threat of torture.

And if you absolutely must subject yourself to the evils of CIE, here's what to do. Write a short, strongly-worded e-mail of complaint to the government and to Bus Eireann, keep it in your inbox, and every single time the bus is late, forward it on to them again and again.

Here's the addresses you'll need.

seamusbrennand@transport.ie

info@buseireann.ie

Tell them how late the bus was today. And do it every day, every single time these bast**ds steal one more cent of your money, one more minute of your time. Wreck their heads, because they're wrecking ours. If they've got no qualms about ripping off an entire college of students, then we should have no qualms about removing a major source of their income and jamming their inboxes with endless infuriating complaints.

I know they've got government funding. I know that on our own, we may not be able to get rid of these guys completely. But we can stop accepting their crap. We can stop giving them our money. And we can do it right now.



Jarlath Killilea, RIP
Head of Catering & Tourism Department.

A Tribute to Jarlath

by: Stephen Carroll

From the land of Tribesmen big men have come
big in stature and big of heart,
So a fitting place for Jarlath
where his life he was to start.

Big of heart he surely was
and a lover of all things finer,
A passionate man was soon to show
when playing as a Galway Minor.

From St Jarlaths College to Shannon
his travels were to start,
A lifetime devoted to catering
in which he played an enormous part.

To Switzerland for further study
a turning point in his life,
For here he met Anne Morrissey
who was to become his wife.

Eventually to Cork he came
RTC department head,
Touching the lives of all he met
especially those he led.

Always remaining professional
his personality did abound,
Whilst a constant search for excellence
in his department could be found.

A reputation soon was gained
of graduates with great skill,
Positions all around the world
these graduates would fill.

Inseparable from his lovely wife
they shared so many pleasures,
With larla, Grainne, Aisling and Aine
they had so much to treasure.

For a life that was so plentiful
no justice can I do,
Writing of his achievements
in just a verse or two.

No fitting tribute can I pay
so I've one thing left to say,
May the good Lord kindly rest the soul
of Jarlath Killilea.

Cigarettes & Alcohol

By Derry Howley



These days, drinking and smoking seem to go hand-in-hand in modern society's socialising. Each weekend, people flock to the pubs in order to spend their hard earned pay enjoying themselves with a few drinks, and, for some, a social smoke. Maybe you like to sit in your local and listen to the DJ or band hired out for the night. Maybe you spend each weekend clubbing and subsisting on a diet consisting of a snack box and curry chips from Hillbilly's. Either way, it's all in good fun. Not too much to ask for is it?

Then why is the Government bringing in all sorts of laws designed to prevent this?

Thanks to certain ministers, who appear to be out of touch with the people they represent, it's becoming increasingly difficult to get into some places, let alone get a drink. Our so-called Minister for Justice, Michael McDowell seems to be introducing new drinking laws every month. At the rate he's going, alcohol will be illegal within about five years.

Here are just a few examples of what he's brought in:

Being caught "drunk" will now lead to a fine of €300. (What are they going to do? Breathalyse everyone who comes out of the pubs?)

Not leaving a premises when asked will lead to a fine of €300 (What the hell's the point of this one? When you're being "asked to leave", that's when you're being thrown out.) All discount drink deals are outlawed (I hate this one. It means that I can't even spin the wheel at the Goat anymore.)

Since September 29th, pub closing hours have been brought back to 11:30 on Thursdays. (He would have to do that on the main night pubs make any money out of colleges.)

Anyone aged between 18 and 20 will have to carry I.D. (But if you say you're over 21, you'll still have to prove that anyway.)

1500 fine for pubs caught serving drunk people (I hear they're placing undercover Gardaí in pubs to enforce this one. Great! Distracting them so all those non-drink related criminals, like vandals and druggies can get away with it more easily. Bright move Michael.)

Over 21s, 23s, 25s etc. age policies are now legal again (Oh, great, so now the Equal Status Act 2000 doesn't mean squat anymore, or was that just brought in so that travellers could sue pubs?)

Maybe some of us drink a little excessively in this country. God knows it's long ago stopped being funny being attacked by drunks who fall flat on their faces when they try to hit you. But what our Minister for Injustice is asking is basically restricting us in our rights to enjoy ourselves when we go out. Just because he may not seem to enjoy a night out doesn't mean the rest of us shouldn't. Similarly, the fact that he is demanding that the

Gardaí enforce the 1.00 am closing times on nightclubs on Sunday nights is starting to affect business, unless a club owner is lucky enough to have a theatre licence for live shows.

It seems that the government wants to push themselves into further deficit when they lose out on the revenue to be gained.

Now, as a non-smoker, I'm all for the smoking ban in pubs and other public buildings. It would be nice for once to come home from a night out not smelling like a Virginia plantation during a napalm-bombing raid. And not having to wait in the shop behind a group of apprentices looking for a box of John Player Blue to get them through lunchtime is great. But a sudden and complete ban by next January cannot and will not work (and this being Ireland, it was June before anybody panicked). It's like expecting that guy who does 96fm's (absolutely dire) Saturday night show to speak coherently.

Michael Martin needs to face facts. He isn't going to be able to stop people from killing themselves in a slow and painful manner. I doubt he actually did any real research while he was in New York (a trip, which, of course, WE paid for). Even if it does work, the country will lose so much revenue that Cutback Charlie will have to slash budgets everywhere again. And that'll give Dempsey an excuse to screw us over with those cursed fees next year. Meaning that we'll be up crap creek, some of us without a paddle, others without even a boat, metaphorically speaking.

If this ban comes in, many jobs in the drinks industry will be lost. Some pubs may go out of business, especially smaller country pubs. New York and Ireland cannot be compared to each other accurately in terms of drinking and smoking habits. For a start, New York has Cigar Bars, where smoking is legal. Perhaps that must have slipped Minister Martin's mind as he enjoyed a slap-up meal at the taxpayers' expense.

If this government seriously wants to get back into power in four years time, they need to remove their heads from whichever arse they stuck them in and see that they weren't elected just so they can lead a life of luxury and bring in laws that suit only them. But, we all know they won't. Hopefully, by then, the country will see Fianna Fail for what they really are and vote for some useful alternative that won't just squander the boom years and then screw over the people, while laughing it up in their private jet. In the meantime, all we can do is ignore McDowell's drinking laws. Well, that is, until we're thrown out....or graduate.

Questions & Answers

Q1. Do you believe that the current Government represents the interests of Irish college students?

Sinn Fein:

The Government slashed spending on 3rd level building projects and on college access programmes for the disadvantaged in last years budget and seem set to introduce more cuts this December. It has drastically increased registration fees year after year. In its six years in office, it has overseen a massive increase in student numbers without any investment in accommodation. Ireland has the lowest proportion of students living in college-owned accommodation in Europe or America. The result is huge profits for private landlords, and extortionate rents for students – who are often left with sub-standard accommodation. So how can the Government claim to be representing the interests of college students?

Fine Gael:

The Government at moment is showing contempt for the Irish students, Fees are being introduced by the back door with the increase of registration fees year on year. Rent is steadily increasing every year as well as car and bike insurance. "Young people believe that the Government are treating them with less than contempt. We are sick of taking the flack when quoted hugely inflated insurance premium. We have to wait nine months for a driving test when huge numbers of people on our roads never even sat one!" said Young Fine Gael Campaigns Director William Lavelle. 37.5% of the Irish population is under 25, this compares with a EU average of 25%. The turnout of Irish first time voters is the lowest in the EU, at 40%. This compares to a high of 97.2% in Belgium.

Q2. In a recent poll, it was shown that the popularity rating of the Government has steadily declined, while also the main opposition parties have declined. Do you agree that people believe that these parties are not providing an effective opposition?

(Source MRBI Poll September 2003 – <http://www.mrbi.ie>)

Sinn Fein:

Fine Gael and Labour are indistinguishable from Fianna Fáil. Under Pat Rabbitte, Labour have ditched any remnants of a commitment to left-wing politics and become firmly a party of the status quo. The "official" opposition shares the same agenda as Fianna Fáil – serve the needs of business at all costs; replace taxes on income with stealth taxes and charges (like the bin tax) which fall disproportionately on the less well off; neglect public services; pursue privatisation and public-private partnerships; a cringing obeisance to the least wishes of America or the E.U. People can see that far from providing an effective opposition, Labour and Fine Gael simply offer the same product with a different label. That's why they are turning to Sinn Féin in ever increasing numbers.

Fine Gael:

Fine Gaels support increased to 22%, which at the last poll was 20% this figure remained consistent since the last general election poll, unlike the government, which dropped from 42% to 30% since the poll taken in the general election. Young Fine Gael is the only vehicle for young people to seek political change in this country. As an autonomous youth organisation, it has the advantage of embodying the values of the senior Party, while maintaining the independence to express views, which are not always necessarily in harmony with those of Fine Gael. Young fine Gael provides a unique momentum in the Party by challenging and provoking its elected representatives and offering a fresh perspective. Our branch in CIT has the largest amount of members of any political party in the college

The questions below were sent to students from the CIT political society with representatives from Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Sinn Fein. The questions were open to students from every political party on the political society.

Below are the answers that I recieved from Fine Gael and Sinn Fein
Special Thanks to: Patrick Desmond (Sinn Fein) & Eamon Crowley (Fine Gael)

Q3. What is your opinion on the smoking ban which will come into effect in January 2004? Do you believe that it will be enforced effectively?

Sinn Fein:

There is much to be said for a smoking ban in principle, but the manner in which it has been introduced has been extremely clumsy. The Minister has rushed it through – perhaps to distract attention from his failure to tackle the more serious problems in the health service, while arrogantly refusing to take on board the concerns of groups such a publicans and hoteliers, who are effectively being asked to police the ban. Sinn Féin believes the ban should be phased in, with smoking being permitted in properly ventilated, non-service areas of pubs and hotels. We also believe mental hospitals and prisons should be excluded from the ban.

The Minster for Justice has said that Gardaí will not be re-deployed from their other duties to enforce the ban. The burden of enforcement will fall on the relatively small numbers of environmental health inspections. This combined with the threatened refusal of the publicans to co-operate, makes it unlikely the ban will be effectively enforced.

Fine Gael:

It will not be enforced effectively because the responsibility is being laid on the bar staff which is unfair and impossible for a couple of bar staff to police a crowd of a few hundred people as well as tending bar. The responsibility should be on the smoker to obey the law. We back the smoking ban but not the way it is being implemented. The government is arguing for both sides in this debate.

"Education Minister Noel Dempsey has today (Friday 15th August) stated that the issue of re-introducing college fees may be considered by a major OECD study on Irish 3rd level education."

"The study is to last one year which probably means that once next years local and European elections are out of the way the Government will try to re-introduce college fees," says YFG Campaigns Director William Lavelle.

Q4. Do you believe that the Government will reintroduce college tuition fees?

Sinn Fein:

Not in this budget, but I think it is an option they have kept open and may use at a later date. But it is also important that people realise the Government has already in part re introduced college fees via the back door, by the massive increases in college registration fees.

Fine Gael:

"Young Fine Gael is absolutely opposed to college fees. We believe that education is not a commodity to be bought by rich citizens. Every citizen should have an equal opportunity to access free education, by allowing maximum participation in education the Government is investing in the future economic and social well-being of the country."

"If Minister Dempsey had any vision for the future of Ireland, or indeed any concern for Irish students, then he would have told the OECD that college-fees were a no-go area. He didn't, but YFG will."

"It may soon be time for YFG to dust off the anti-fees banners and get back on the streets!"

Movie Review:

The Matrix Revolutions

Reviewed by: Emma Cogan

The third instalment has finally hit the big screen. It was released simultaneously around the world, with it premiering in Ireland at 2.00pm on Wednesday 5th November. This eagerly awaited conclusion to one of the biggest trilogies to hit our screens in years has received much hype and advertising. But has it been worth the wait?

The storyline centres mainly on the final stand of the people of Zion in the war against the machines. The sentinels finally make it down to Zion, thus threatening the remains of the human race with total and utter annihilation. As in the first two films, you will find Neo running off to do something incredibly reckless every ten minutes, and justifying it by saying "I have to do this, I can't explain". It is up to our hero to come up with a way to end the war with the machines, and also find time to do battle with his arch nemesis, Smith.

All the main characters are back – Neo, Trinity, Morpheous, Smith, Niobe, Link, Zee... The list goes on. But there are some new characters as well, such as The Train Man. The Oracle is also back, giving advice in her own ambiguous style. Due to the death of Gloria Foster, Mary Alice now plays the Oracle.

The effects are perhaps not as good as Reloaded, but they do hold their own. As for the rest... To put it one way, the dialogue leaves much to be desired, the storyline raises more questions than it answers, and it does not answer questions brought up in Reloaded. Or to put more simply, this film has most defiantly not been worth the wait.

Movie Review:

In America

Reviewed by: Emma Cogan

Jim Sheridan has created a simple but moving story in his latest film, In America. There is nothing in it that you haven't seen before, nor are the issues dealt with in an original way. Yet for all that, this is a film that will appeal to most age groups, and should satisfy most tastes.

The story is one of an Irish family who move to New York to try and make a fresh start. The father, Johnny, played by Paddy Considine, is an out of work actor. His wife, portrayed extremely well by Samantha Morton of Minority Report, is left to get a job to support Johnny and the kids. The two daughters, played by two Irish sisters, Emma and Sarah Bolger, are cute when they are meant to be, upset when they should be and whose simple outlook on life is enough to pull on the heartstrings of any audience.

Though not a complete true story, Jim Sheridan drew on aspects of his own life for this film, dedicating it to a member of his family. The truth behind the story adds to the appeal of an already highly recommended film.

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Clubs & Societies Updates

Physics and Instrumentation Society

Welcome to all Physics students new and old. The Physics Society has a number of plans for the year ahead. First and foremost we are here to help our members in any way that we can, for instance grinds are being set up for first year students of IP and DCIS. These sessions will take place after Christmas and the tuition is free. However, for any Physics students, who are experiencing difficulty on their course, please contact us and we will arrange grinds as soon as possible.

We are running a table quiz at the end of the month, the venue and time will be posted soon. The physics soccer tournament will be going ahead as planned and should your class wish to enter, there will be forms available shortly. We have recently begun to cooperate with the Physics and Astronomy society in UCC and subsequently we have been invited to a number of their talks. For those who want to attend please watch the notice board in the Physics Department for details.

As with last year we hope to send a delegation to the IPSA conference, this year it is being held in Galway, the date has yet to be decided, further updates will be given as soon as we have more information. The other major trip this year is to CERN - the places are limited to ten members, so its first come first served. CERN is the particle accelerator in Geneva, the trip will take place in February during the mid term break and will cost around 600 (this may be subsidised). If you are interested please give your name and a contact number to the societies office and we will get back to you.

I hope to see you at our next event and remember if you need any help or have any suggestions please contact us through the societies office.

What is Dyslexia?

The International Dyslexic Association and the National Institutes of health define dyslexia as a language based learning disability.

Dyslexia is also defined in many different ways, not just reading, such as writing, spelling, listening, speaking and maths.

Some people call dyslexia a gift - why? Dyslexic people are visual multi-dimensional thinkers. They are intuitive and highly creative and excel at hands on learning. Since we think in pictures, it is sometimes hard for us to understand letters, numbers, symbols and written words.

Contact: Tracey Joy,
P.R.O, Dyslexic Society.



CITRS: Who Are We?

We are made up of the 'family' of six committee members and 25+ presenters. We are all students in CIT, therefore, it is a radio station run by students for the students.

Broadcasting daily from 12.00pm – 1.00 pm (hallways) and from 1.00 am – 2.00 pm (hallways & atriums). We have a database of well over 3000 songs/jingles. If we don't have a song you want to hear, bring over a copy and we'll save it to our files and play it for you.

Most of our presenters are new and have just received their training in the past two weeks. We provide full, free training for any aspiring presenters out there! It is very well organised and easy to understand, once you pick up the basics. Anyone can do it and the door is open most days, call in and a presenter would be more than happy to show you the ropes.

As shown above we are located at the prefab behind the Students' Union Offices (pf43). We will gladly take requests and/or shout outs of a respectable nature. Check out also www.citsu.ie/boards and click on the CITRS subject to contact us.

Working in the radio station will provide you with an invaluable opportunity to be a voice on the air. It will give you a break from the hustle and bustle of college life and you can gain knowledge and experience in presentation, production and editing. We do have one strict rule: Fun must be had at all times!

Young Fine Gael – C.I.T.

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If you are in self-catering accommodation it is very important to pay attention to your diet at this most vital stage of your life. The following points will serve useful:

Buy and prepare your own food – it is much cheaper and healthier

- Plan meals and make a shopping list so you don't overspend
- While at the supermarket, stock up on the five main food groups
- Carbohydrates – bread, pasta etc.
- Dairy products
- Protein – meat, fish, eggs
- Fruit and vegetables
- Fats and oils – try to go for low cholesterol options
- Don't forget that while alcohol does not contribute to nutrient intake, it does contribute to your total calorie intake.

This month's recipe: Roast chicken and bacon roll

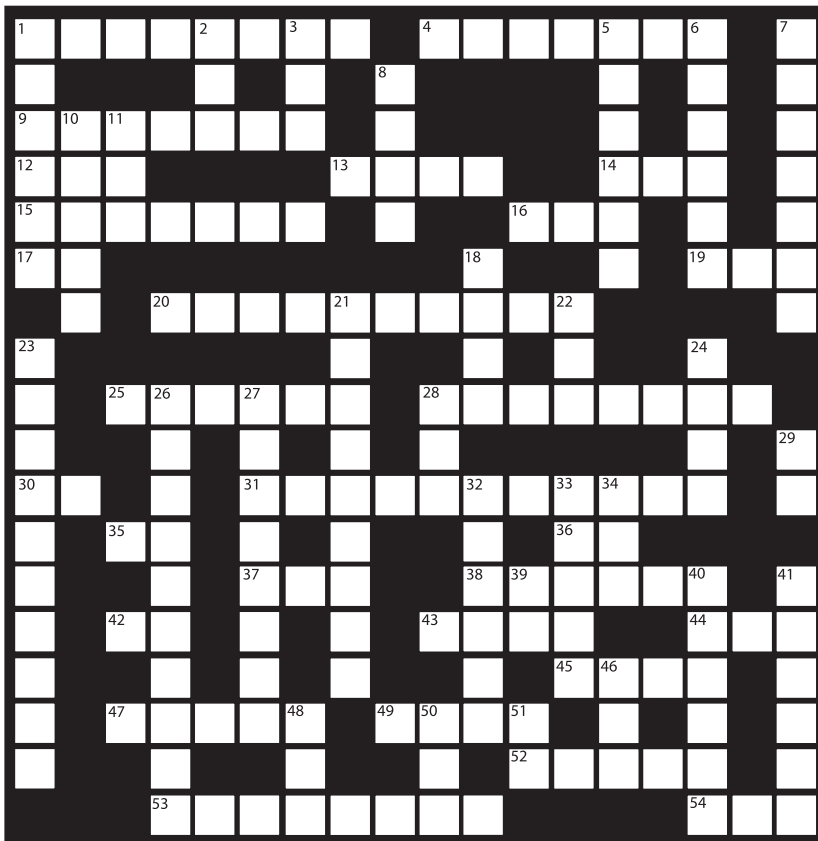
Serves 2-4

- 1 chicken joint [Adare farm fresh chicken €2.99]
- 1-2 slices of back rashers [Galtee tender cure rindless back rashers 150g €2.65]

Cook chicken in oven at 200°C for approximately 30 minutes
Add rolled rashers about 10 minutes before end of cooking
Serve with cooked carrots / peas and potatoes

Next Month's Recipe:

Pork Pitta Pockets



explicit Crossword

Designed by: Richard Forde Class:TD01

ACROSS

1. Sylvester – Rambo star (8)
4. Leaves of trees (7)
9. Few (7)
12. Nationalist terror organisation (1, 1, 1)
13. Make free passage (4)
14. Put food into mouth (3)
15. Home to the Pope (7)
16. Holy sister (3)
17. By (2)
19. Lady in ___ Chris De Burg song (3)
20. Amount in each hundred (10)
25. Easy (6)
28. Gerrard ___. Liverpool Manager (8)
30. Group for people with drink problems (1,1)
31. Star sign. The Archer (11)
35. Proof of who you are (1,1)
36. Atop (2)
37. Posses (3)
38. Tool for playing tennis (6)
42. Level of intelligence (1,1)
43. Male Hen (4)
44. Major music promotion (1,1,1)
45. Shout (4)
47. Take in arms (5)
49. Simpson's bus driver (4)
52. Long barrelled gun (5)
53. Clint _____. Star of "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly" (8)
54. Move swiftly on foot (3)

DOWN

1. Enzyme produced in the mouth (6)
2. Allow (3)
3. Shake of head (3)
5. Local pronunciation (6)
6. Spring holiday (6)
7. Defensive soccer rule (7)
8. Johnny _____. "Pirates of the Caribbean" star (4)
10. Angry (5)
11. Partial floor covering (3)
18. Alliance of Western 1st World Countries (1,1,1,1)
21. 999 (9)
22. Snake like fish (3)
23. Apocalyptic movie starring Bruce Willis and Ben Affleck (10)
24. They live in a hive (4)
26. Not good enough (10)
27. Jewish Holiday (8)
28. Warm (3)
29. Home to the Hollywood stars (1,1)
32. Part of the neck (6)
33. Boxing movie starring 1 across (5)
34. Keeps your biro working (3)
39. Power from a socket (1,1)
40. Money handler in a bank (6)
41. Mel _____. "Mad Max" star (6)
46. Santa's helper (3)
48. Not quite The Abdominal Snowman (3)
50. A pair (3)
51. Alternatively (2)

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Website of the Month

www.trojangames.com

As seen on the Network 2 television programme, The Panel, this website has some extremely funny videos to download. The website is run by the Trojan Condom manufacturers and gives some funny and unusual methods for the use of their products! Don't be worried if you are in open access as it is nothing bad but you will need speakers on your computer to appreciate the jokes.

Rating 5/5



What Makes 100%?

What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been to those meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 103%? What makes up 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$$

and

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$$

But,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$$

But look at this,

B-U-L-L-S-H-I-T

$$2+ 21+12+12+19+8+9+20 = 103\%$$

AND, look how far ass kissing will take you.

A-S-S-K-I-S-S-I-N-G

$$1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7 = 118\%$$

So, one can then conclude with mathematical certainty that while HARDWORK and KNOWLEDGE will get you close, and, ATTITUDE will get you there,

BULLSHIT and ASSKISSING will put you over the top.

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