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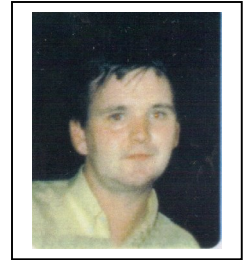


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## Education Under Attack

### Fight £€€\$

- Education is a right, not a privilege!
- Don't allow your rights to be trampled!
- Get in Touch with the Students Union and play your part!

The 32 County Sovereignty Movement is absolutely opposed to the introduction of fees for students. Education should not come with a price tag and everyone should have the right to pursue their education regardless of their financial situation.

The current recession will not be solved by depriving the country of college graduates who typically pay more taxes and create better job opportunities and attract foreign investment. The government has stated that it will withdraw funding from Universities for the same amount that re-introducing fees will generate. Fees will not bring more money into universities it will merely change the source of revenue.

When one considers the selling off of our natural resources for a pittance against their actual value to multi nationals like Shell, the governments intentions to rip off our most valuable resource, our youth and our future, are placed in a very clear and unambiguous context.

# Cooking The Figures



## Minister of State at Education Batt O'Keeffe

has told the Mahon Tribunal that £9,000 he received as a political donation from a developer was lodged into a personal account. But Mr O'Keeffe said all the money he received from developer Owen O'Callaghan went on political expenses. Batt O'Keeffe said he received a cheque for £10,000 from Mr O'Callaghan during the 1992 General Election campaign. £1,000 was lodged to an account set aside for election expenses, while the bulk of the money went into a high interest personal account. But Mr O'Keeffe said he had already spent personal money on that election campaign where he was fighting for his political life.

Patricia Dillon SC for the inquiry asked if the £9,000 lodgement was a mental reimbursement for this personal expenditure. Mr O'Keeffe replied that he faced on-going expenses after the election and is satisfied that all the money went on political expenses.

Minister O'Keeffe's "One Man Crusade" to reintroduce third level fees has come to a shuddering halt as it was revealed the calculations used to support his position were "Seriously Flawed", a point that has been consistently made by the Union of Students in Ireland. The recent report, commissioned by the minister, to support his campaign for the return of fees had suggested that the reintroduction of third-level fees would boost State revenue by €30m. In this report calculations revealed that the State would collect €30m, if families earning over €20,000 a year had to pay third-level fees. However, these numbers have now been contradicted.

Dr Noel Woods, the UCC economist who supplied these figures to the minister has admitted his calculations were wrong. Instead of the initial €30m announced by the minister, the reintroduction would generate less than €35m per year, and this would fall further with the 40% tax relief. This latest revelation further illustrates as to how out of touch and misinformed the Minister is on the financial management of the fees issue.



# Garda Harassment

Republicans Must Stand With POW's Families.

The 32 County Sovereignty Movement are urging ALL republicans to support the families of Republican POW's and to stand with them in the face of an ongoing campaign of harassment and criminalisation by the Free State Gardai and Special Branch.

On Monday evening, the 15th September Orla and Ronan Connolly, the Brother and sister of Republican POW Sean Connolly, were travelling in Dublin to a cash machine when they were pulled over by a Garda Squad car, when Ronan questioned the Garda as to why he was being pulled over they became aggressive and stated that they were going to charge him with being drunk and disorderly (not drunk driving). His sister Orla then told the Garda that she was going to phone a solicitor at which point she was struck across the chest with a baton and told she was going nowhere. At this point the Special Branch then arrived.

Orla and Ronan were then arrested for assault and being drunk and disorderly respectively and taken to a nearby police station. Both were then assaulted further with Orla receiving severe bruising to her upper body despite the fact that she has just give birth, a fact that those who assaulted her were well aware of.

Orla was taunted about an assault by the RUC/PSNI on her partner POW Gary Donnelly in which his arm was broken in 3 places and told the same was going to happen to her.

Ronan was released at 5am yesterday morning and despite being the victim of a serious assault, Orla was herself charged with assault and remained in custody until bail of 600 euro was posted.

It is clear to the 32 County Sovereignty Movement that this attack was pre planned in an effort to exert pressure on the Republican POW's by victimising their families.

The policy of victimisation has taken many forms in recent months from refusing POW's temporary release and compassionate parole for major family events such as births, deaths , communions and confirmations to the strip searching of newborn children in Portlaoise gaol.

The 32 County Sovereignty Movement are urging all republicans to join together in condemning these barbaric practices and to initiate a campaign to highlight the fact that the Free State administration, like everyone since the creation of the state, are still torturing Republicans and their families in order to defend the two illegal political entities in our nation

