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GRAVE has returned home from eek stay in St Vincent's Nursing y, who severely wrenched her ll from a horse, may seek the Fine ation in Dublin-West where she tchel could take two seats for the e new five-seater constituency r John O'Connell is refusing to

them Mr Mitchel and Mary would appeal to the two disparate the constituency with Mr Mitchel Ballyfermot working class vote Cosgrave going for the hinterland mmunity.

ce on the head rebel priests

IPPINES Defence Ministry has offered about £1,700 each for the capture, ve, of two Filipino "rebel" priests who to have defected to Communist guer- ing government forces. One priest is have 37 armed followers under his while the other is alleged to have par- an ambush of government troopers.

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around the country are awaiting the nent of a large pay bonus as Jack Mar- eral secretary of the Garda Represent- ciation, forecast final agreement on wage ns shortly. Gardai are expecting in- up to 30% after the Ryan Commis- uiry into their pay and conditions.

ail peace move

N in Dublin's Central Sorting Office meet consider proposals aimed at ending their rule. The dispute, which started earlier k. centres around supervisory procedures held up considerable amounts of Dublin re mail.

Gay Society accuses UCC

UCC College authorities have been accused of discrimination and prejudice following the refusal of the Joint-board to recognise a newly established Gay Society in the college.

The application to the board, which governs relations between the students' union and the college authorities, was defeated by a single vote. The refusal means that the 30-member society will not be eligible for grants and it will be unable to rent rooms in the college in its own name.

The Gay Society was established after a debate attended by David Norris, Chairman of the National Gay Association of Ireland.

There has been speedy reaction from students to the controversial refusal. Many societies within the college have passed motions of censure on the joint board, while the students' union association and executive has offered financial support and the use of facilities to the gays.

Charles Kerrigan, General Secretary of the Students' Union and himself a gay, feels that it is very important that the society be recognised in College. "You would imagine that in a third level institution of education there would be a high level of tolerance towards gay people and an awareness of the need of gay students but this is not so. The fear of being labelled gay is great and while there may be some level of tolerance the concept is still unacceptable."

A spokesman for college authorities said that they do not always give recognition to applicants from societies, and the joing-board did not consider it necessary to grant the application at this time.



Members of the UCC Gay Society photographed at the Students Union office

THURSDAY next i Galway between the supermarket giant multi-national to bui acre site bought last for £167,000.

An oral planning he into the dispute will be he February 19th. The hea demanded last Septemb retailers, was grante December by Minister fo Environment Ray Burke ordered Bord Pleana officiate over a settleme the ten month row.

Meanwhile a private ba being fought out betwee consumers and retailers trying to block the project, the other fighti have planning approval shopping complex gr The row has now intensi such a degree that Tesc leading party in the di has been reduced to the of an interested bystand

One of the organisers consumer campaign is J Brick, who claims that re are making Galway their ground in a bid to set a na precident by blockin multi-national.

"This issue is serious, town in the West of Irel watching its progress. know of any other area country where people responded to an issue i dramatic fashion as the here in Galway. The determined to fight this i

Arson claim in disco tragedy

Four of these took place in the past month—the culprits are believed to have been ejected drunks or under-age youths refused admission.

"Bouncers" were hired to man the fire exit doors to prevent paying customers from secretly admitting friends. These emergency doors, on both sides of the club, converted warehouse, cannot be opened from outside.

What is not clear is how five unlocked doors manned by attendants proved insufficient to clear the dancehall without great loss of life. Accounts of the numbers at the disco-dancing competition were between 800 and 1,000.

The proprietor, Eamonn Butterley, who also has interests in the food trade, told reporters yesterday that he would make a statement to Coolock gardai at noon, and that he would discuss the tragedy afterwards. However, Mr Butterley was not contactable at the station at that time.

Staff at the club have insisted that only patrons who appeared to be 21 or over were admitted, but the first three dead positively identified by Gardai were girls

Some survivors of the disaster claimed that windows were barred, that doors were locked, and that grief-stricken disco dancers attempting to save partners by fighting their way back into the hall all contributed to the appalling death toll. Eye witnesses saw firemen attempt to wrench bars from downstairs windows in a desperate effort to save the screaming patrons trapped inside.

Survivors have also described how blazing polystyrene from the ceiling tiles spread the fire rapidly to every quarter of the tiered dancehall. Foam-filled seats exploded and spewed out choking gas, creating agony for those desperately trying to escape.

Allegations that water pressure in the area was weak were denied by Corporation spokesman Noel Carroll. He said that the great number of fire engines at the scene may have drawn so much water as to have given the impression of low pressure elsewhere.

The Taoiseach, in whose "native parish" the disaster took place, was at the scene at 8.30 a.m. when he got brief reports from supervising gardai. Later Mr Haughey cancelled the Ard Fheis at the RDS, he called

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