

**MID-WEST REPORT**

# Options at Third Level

STUDENTS in the Mid West region now have a vast number of third level courses open to them on their own doorstep.

Such has been the growth in colleges and courses in recent years that there is now net "migration" of students to the region from outside and that even includes students from Dublin, Cork and Galway who make up a sizeable proportion of the student body in the region.

The third level establishments (all situated in and around Limerick City) include:

- University of Limerick
- CoACT
- Thomond College of Education
- Mary Immaculate College
- Shannon College of Hotel Management
- High School Secretarial International College
- Mid West Business Institute

**UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK**

The University, the NIHE, was first established in 1972. After a number of developments it was finally established as an independent university in June 1989.

It became, with Dublin City University, the first university to be established in the history of the State — a truly remarkable achievement in under twenty years by Dr. Edward Walshe and his team

The University lies in the heart of 500 acre Plassey Technological Park and accommodates some 5,000 students. It is expected to expand this figure to 6,000 in the coming year.

The University offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses to Degree and Doctorate level in its three constituent colleges: the College of Business, the College of Engineering and Science and the College of Humanities. In addition to the courses specified below a range of other courses are in the process of development. All the Degree courses are of 4 years duration and include industrial experience as part of the course.

**The College of Business:**

This College offers three Degree programmes in Business Studies; Business Studies and a modern language (French, German, Spanish or Japanese) and Computer Systems.

**The College of Engineering and Science**

By far the largest College. It offers thirteen different Degree programmes in such diverse areas as Applied Mathematics, Industrial Chemistry, Materials Science, Production Management, Engineering (6 different courses), Industrial Design, Electronic

Production and Manufacturing Technology.

**The College of Humanities:**

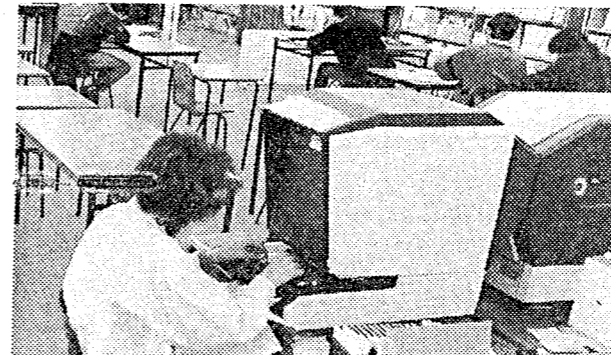
This College offers 2 different (B.A.) Degree programmes. These are in European Studies and in Public Administration and again there are a number of options open to the student within each programme.

**CoACT**

Tracing its origins back to 1852 when a School of Arts and Crafts was established, Limerick College of Art, Commerce and Technology has a multi-location campus in the City of Limerick and operates under the statutory authority of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee. It has three schools: the School of Art and Design, the School of Engineering and the School of Professional and Management Studies.

**The College of Art and Design:**

Located at George's Quay, Limerick, this is the largest Art/Design faculty outside the capital, with 360 full-time students. This College offers three diploma courses in Fine Art — painting, sculpture and print-making — and three diploma courses in Design — ceramics, fashion and graphics. These are full-time three year courses. In addition, for those who



● The Engineering Library at CoACT — the Limerick College of Art, Commerce and Technology

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wish to pursue a teaching career in Art and Design, there is a one year diploma for Art and Design teachers.

**The School of Engineering:**

Located at Moylish, this school offers Certificate (2 year) and Diploma (3 year) courses in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Communications (Marine electronics and radar), Applied Science and Information Technology (Science and Computers), the Built Environment (Construction Studies, Civil Engineering, Site Management and Chartered Surveying). In addition to these courses which are awarded by City and Guilds or NCEA there are a number of apprenticeship courses.

**The School of Professional and Management Studies:**

Located in O'Connell Avenue, this School offers a wide range of courses in Certified Accountancy (4 years), Accounting Technician (2 years), Industrial Engineering/Training Management (3 years), Marketing Management (3 years).

**THOMOND COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Established in 1973, then as the National College of

evening courses for non-graduates.

**SHANNON COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT**

Located in Shannon Airport this school was first established in 1951. The course which originally lasted for two years is now a full-time four year diploma course.

The students obtain a lot of practical experience both at home and abroad (in Switzerland and the United Kingdom) during their course and are almost invariably offered full-time employment during their fourth year. Normally, 40 students (35 Irish and 5 overseas) are accepted each year

**HIGH SCHOOL SECRETARIAL**

Located in the Crescent, Limerick, this private College was established in 1952. It offers a variety of courses ranging from one year full-time course (Advanced Bilingual Secretarial Diploma) to a six-week crash course (Crash Secretarial Day Course). It is now also offering a Certificate in Computer Programming (a new 50 week course) commencing in September 1990.

**MID WEST BUSINESS INSTITUTE**

Established in 1989, this new private College offers a range of Courses. Certified Accounting (4 year Course); Accounting Technician (2 year Course); Diploma in Business Studies (2 year Course); Computer Applications Programming (2 year Course); Secretarial Course (1 year course including work experience for four weeks) and a Marketing Course (2 years).

**MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE**

One of the oldest Colleges in the region, Mary Immaculate College is one of the national centres for the education of teachers for national and primary schools. All students do a 3-year B.Ed. degree which is awarded by The National University of Ireland.

As well as the B.Ed. programme, Mary Immaculate now offers a range of post-graduate diploma courses for teachers and

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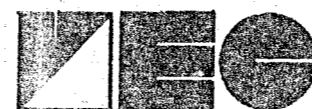
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