

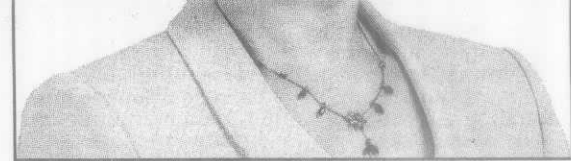
called for a full national breast screening service which does not "discriminate based on geographic boundaries" and said she will continue to put pressure on the Minister for Health to ensure the successful roll-out of the full BreastCheck programme.

the first phase of screening in the south is expected to last up to 27 months. However, the National Cancer Screening Service could not confirm when a mobile screening unit will be made available in Limerick.

Limerick, we wish to provide assurance again that clear plans are underway and that BreastCheck is committed to the earliest possible provision of quality assured screening in the Southern area as quickly as possible." The spokesperson

69. At present, the breast check programme provides a screening service for women aged between 50 and 64 years. Since its inception there has been an 80 per cent uptake by women offered the service. In its annual report

"we need this service, BreastCheck, and we need it now. Preventative medicine is the way forward. BreastCheck could prevent the type of anguish we have seen in the media [in recent weeks]," said Cllr Jackman.



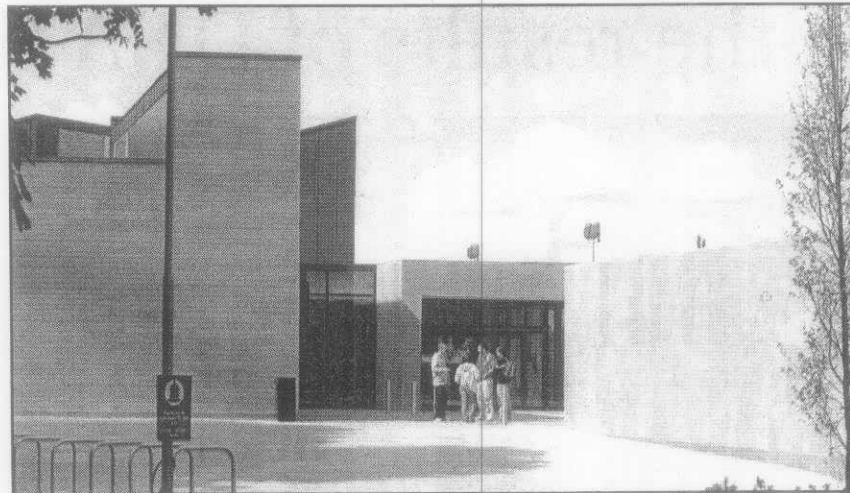
Deputy Jan O'Sullivan: calls for an end to discrimination in breast screening of women

# Mary I gets another €24m for two new buildings

THE physical transformation of Mary Immaculate College is set to continue into 2008, as funding worth €24m has been awarded to the college for the construction of two new buildings, writes Anne Sheridan.

The Minister for Education and Science, Mary Hanafin, announced this week that she has given the green light towards the continuation of the campus development project for Mary Immaculate College, which saw the first new building built on campus this year since development begun in the 1970s.

Dr Peadar Cremin, President of Mary Immaculate College, said he was delighted and relieved to hear that Minister Hanafin



Tailteann, above, the multi-purpose sports hall which was opened earlier this year at Mary Immaculate College. It was the first new building built on the college's grounds since the 1970s and, above right, the familiar 19th century building



had finally given the project the go-ahead. He said in recent years, the college has come through a period of extraordinary

growth and development, with an increase in student numbers from 297 in 1991 to 2744 today. "This growth has

left the college with significant development challenges such as lack of physical space and sufficient resources as well as

posing serious health and safety problems for the college," said Dr Cremin. This new project will involve the construction of two new buildings to accommodate lecture theatres, teaching areas, seminar rooms and various laboratories

together with offices and accommodation for Mary Immaculate College Students' Union and Student Services. This development will also comprise of a 500 seat auditorium which will be used as the college's largest lecture theatre and an auditorium for drama and music. The first phase of the three phase master plan for campus development came to fruition this February when a multi-purpose sports hall, Tailteann, was opened. Dr Cremins said they are also anxious that funding is made available for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of this project. Work on the two new buildings will begin next month and is expected to be completed at the beginning of 2009.

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