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Slinky

Limerick's very own Slinky are set for some tour bus antics in the next month or so as they head out across Germany and France. The four and sometimes five piece are showcasing their new original material and hope to have a single release by the time they come back.

Crusty heroes the Levellers make a welcome return to Limerick this Christmas with a gig at the Theatre Royal. See next issue for interview and further details.

Changes are afoot down at the Gallery with manager Colm O'Brien stepping down. Whether this will mean major changes for the newly renovated and newly succesful club remains to be seen. Other nightlife moves see Baker Places Deccie Dillon take up residency in Schooners as their new General Manager.

WIRED 103FM back on the air

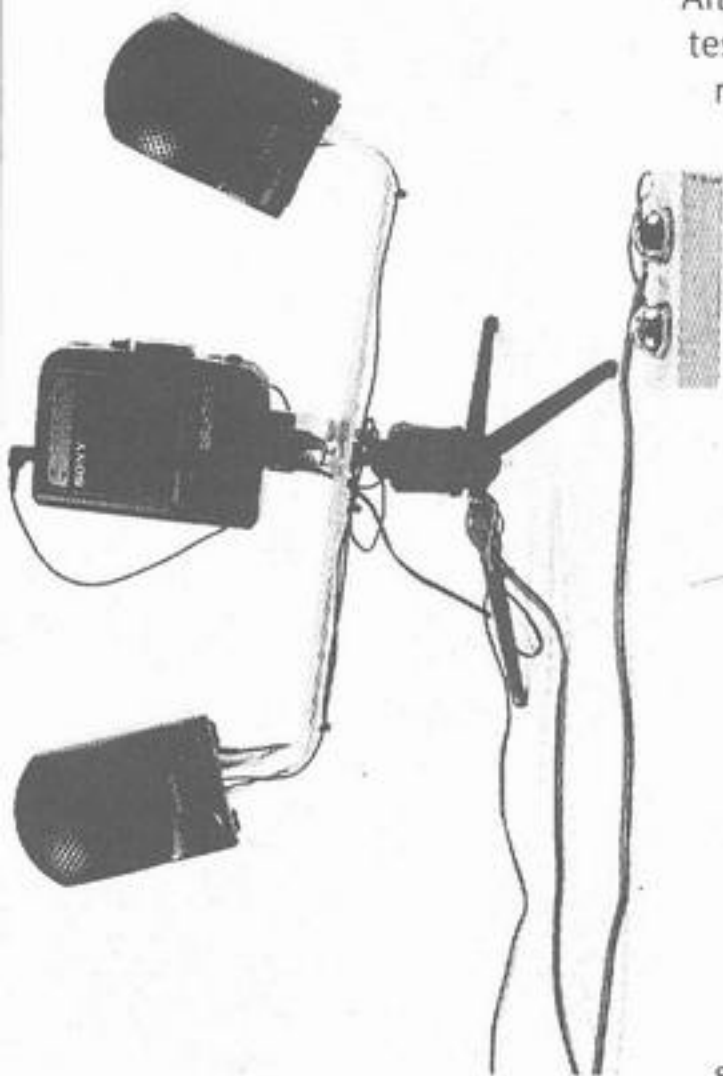
After spending the last two weeks working on test braodcasts, WIRED 103FM Limerick student radio is back on air. DROP spoke to them about their progress over the last year, what they did over the summer break and how they felt returning as Limerick's only "official" local radio station.

It appears as if the lads and lassies in WIRED 103FM have kept themselves busy over the summer- the station emerges this week with two new studios and plans to expand its broadcasting to accommodate the hundreds of students applying to work voluntarily at the station. In the last year WIRED has experienced a major tunaround under the stewardship of station manager Duncan O'Toole, "The station has risen in profile and in content since last year. We have established our music policy and format with specialised shows such as Thursday nights Vortex which features cutting edge Hip Hop fast gaining audiences from all over the city". With RLO moving up and down the airwaves and no sign of our new station just yet, WIRED is set to gain major ground in the

The quality of production at the station is excellent due to the ready source of media lecturers voluntering their seVICES to the stations volunteer staff. A lot of the stations workers have gone on to jobs in radio and TV all over the country. This has given the station a far more professional edge than would be expected from a volunteer station.

With a studio opening soon in the University of Limerick main canteen to complement the studio in Mary Immaculate College the station hopes to expand its broadcast hours. There is no shortage of people looking to work in the station the problem is the space to do it in however the studio in UL should provide WIRED with more space to develop.

Broadcasting Monday to Thursday from 4pm - 10pm on 103 FM all over the city, a quick yune in is highly recommended.



next few months. However this doesn't seem to concern the station management. " We don't see ourselves in competition with anyone because we just play the music students want to hear, I mean after all they're funding the station. We're here to play music that isn't being played on mainstream stations - if you like what they're playing listen to them but if there's something you want to hear that's not on the main stations the chances are we're playing it."