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COLLEGE Week is in full swing at the moment. Tonight is a fancy dress Rock 'n Roll night at Leisureland with John Keogh and Full Circle.

Achromon are a progressive rock group who in recent years have built up a large following in the Limerick region. On Friday 28th they attempt to take Galway by storm. At 4pm they play in UCG and at 6pm they are in O'Reilly's, Salthill, and the same night they play The Cellar. Their style encompasses the old rock sound of Hendrix and Led Zeppelin. Some of their original compositions remind one of the great new wave bands. It will not be Achromon's first time to play in Galway, they played in Smokey Joe's about three years ago. Achromon are Eric Daly on vocals, Paul O'Connor on guitar, Conor Gleeson on bass and Eoin Quill on drums.

Stockton's Wing have been together since 1979. Kieran Hanrahan (banjo mandolin), Paul Roche (flute, whistles, saxophone) and Maurice Lennon (fiddle) were all winners of All-Ireland instrumental championships. They were joined by Mike Hanrahan, an accomplished songwriter. What were they doing caught on and three albums later with band mates John Walsh on bass, Peter Keenan on keyboards and Fran Breen on drums they are a highly praised international touring group that possesses several chart hits and a loyal following in Europe, Canada and the US. They have a tour of Australia lined up in March and they return to the US in April. On Saturday night at Leisureland



STOCKTON'S WING at Leisureland on Saturday night for the Tramps Ball.

they provide the sound for the Tramps Ball. Tickets available at usual outlets.

There will be a special recovery day at the Castle on Sunday, courtesy of McAle Promotions. Spare a thought for Noel McHale and Tony Killeen of UCG Ents., while most of you were staggering home from Salthill late on Saturday night, Noel and Tony were hard at work in the freezing cold putting up posters and I can assure you they were not on overtime. Star attraction on Sunday are Scullion, who will have Eoin O'Neill on bass. Support groups are Mystic Opera, Rival Co., The Elastic Band, Manic Depression and jazz supergroup Spiral, who consist of Eugene Kelly, Mickey Belton, Tony Maher, Gerry Kennedy, Jimmy Higgins and Joe Bernie. Tickets at record shops and students union.

John Martyn

John Martyn returns to Galway on Friday, 7th March at 8.30pm. He played at The Castle in January of last year but the venue this year is Leisureland. Martyn was born in Glasgow in 1949, an only child. At an early age his mother introduced him to the work of Debussy. Much later he was introduced to the folk scene by Hamish Imlach. He moved to London, was signed to Island Records after being spotted by Chris Blackwell. His debut album was not a commercial success, but it did give him considerably more presence on the club circuit. *The Tumbler* showed the growing maturity of Martyn's music and his fascination for jazz. Next he recorded *Stormbringer*, followed by *The Road To Ruin* album. Four other albums were to follow on the Island label, then he

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recorded *Live at Leeds* on an independent label in 1976. Island released a further three albums and then he joined WEA in 1981, only to return again to the Island stable in 1984. His latest release is *Piece By Piece*. All of John Martyn's albums have comprised of blues, rock, folk and jazz. As an artist he is eccentric, unpredictable and unique. He is a talented vocalist, musician and songwriter. After 20 years on the road and almost as many albums, Martyn has become a key figure in British music. But despite the successes, the bouts of legendary wildness and cult following John Martyn has changed little. Unaffected by the hype and the ephemerality of the music business, he remains at heart a Gaelic folkie, a romantic rock poet and a music professional. Tickets for the Leisureland gig are on sale at all record shops and the UCG Students Union.

Marc Folan

October Nine are an English group with very strong Galway connections. Lead vocalist and bass guitarist Marc Folan lived here for a number of years and was moderately successful with the rock group Nightrider (remember their famous black transit?). They left for London in 1981 but only Marc stuck it out, so that was the end of Nightrider. October Nine have just released a single called *The Siren* with Folan as one of its co-writers. The Siren is quite good and indeed Folan's bass guitar sound also stands out. The record is released on their own record label, Gold Direction Records. October Nine are Marc Folan (lead vocals, bass and acoustic guitars), Richie Wermerling (keyboards), Neil Walton (drums), Mike Lim and Paul Plant (guitars).

How does the shopper feel? is the title of the rather unusual single on release from Sligo based group Those Nervous Animals. Last year they enjoyed success with *My Friend*

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THE repeated accidents/incidents at the British nuclear power station, now known as Sellafield, are becoming a tiny bit terrifying. Apart from the fact that radioactive emissions are known to have carcinogenic effects, there is worry that these emissions also can have the effect of causing Downes Syndrome. All of these ideas are culled from researches comparing people in the vicinity of Sellafield with normal people (that is, people who do not live beside a power plant). We do not have to worry too much about the effects over here in Galway, but as a nation, the Irish are being inflicted with the waste produce from other countries' power production. Unless the British can clear up their act, there could be no major objection to our getting our own power from the atom. We might as well poison our children with Irish radioactivity, rather than let other countries do it for us.

National service was suggested last week as an alternative to all the ideas for reducing unemployment and crime. Gay Mitchell, a Fine Gael TD, proposed that a scheme for 'voluntary national service' be examined. It is interesting to wonder how many people would participate in such a scheme, without actually joining the Army. The scheme is unlikely to ever see the light of day. Just an interesting bit of information (we never got a chance to burn the draft card).

Poor, poor Mrs. Hussey must be turning in her Social Welfare post as she realises the trouble she has caused with her hardline attitude to the teachers. The three day strikes are to go ahead. However, they will not disrupt the oral exams, as that would be a very nasty step and the unions want to save disruption of exams as the final threat. The strikes will take place before Easter, unless the new minister relents.

Peter Arnold
If you have a point to make on any subject of general interest - please write it to this column...

John and the mini LP *Hyperspace* also did extremely well. They have just started a Thursday night residency at The Baggot Inn. There will also be an Irish tour in March. Those Nervous Animals are: Barry Brennan (vocals), Padraig Meehan (guitar), Eddie Lee (bass), Dennis Woods (synth.) and John Donnelly (drums).

Finally, please note that if you want to have something included in Sound Scene do try and have it with us by Friday. Messages may be left at this office on Saturday, but 11pm Monday is the very latest I can accept music items. Due to the volume of correspondence, Sound Scene receives it is not always possible to print everything but we do try, so please be early. The hotline is 67077/8/9.

PS — A feast of traditional music, song and dance will be held in The Mellows Clubhouse on Friday night next. Kevin Rohan on fiddle, Tommy Cussen, banjo, 'Le Chiule' from Tirellan Heights, Lackagh Ceili Band, will provide the music. The famed Joe McDonagh will be MC and a great night's entertainment is promised.