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## **A word from the Societies Officer**

Societies had an exceptional year this year with increased membership, number of events and support structures. Achieving sponsorship from the AIB for the SocsBox the societies support, information and ticket desk in the Hub was very exciting and a testament to the importance of societies to campus life. The sponsorship also included a new award for events of excellence which provided a bursary of €3000 which was divided among the six winning societies. There are 71 societies included in this report who submitted end of year reports, there are an additional small number of societies who have not become dormant yet but who became inactive during the year. This year also saw the formation of a number of new societies with a few more hoping to start in September.

The Societies organised and promoted cultural events, which broadened the university experience. They provided learning opportunities and enlightened lives by inviting thought provoking guest speakers and organising a wide array of workshops and classes. They created communities by organising social events, team building opportunities and away trips. The societies were also organised numerous intervarsity events and attended and participated in intervarsities and competition at national and international level winning a number of major awards. The Choral Society had an exceptional year winning numerous awards culminating in the national choir of the year at Navan. According to the societies end of year reports they organised a total of 1357 events this year. This number may not include all events as the calendar system only came on line in semester two and not all events may have been added.

The Society awards this year moved to the Galway Bay Hotel for a gala ball and night of celebration which proved to be a fitting end to a very productive and active year. The winning societies then went to represent the college at the national Awards in Cork, hosted by Cork IT. NUI Galway had a fantastic night winning three of the top awards, Best Society for Juggling Society, Best new Society for Business society and best society individual for Donna Cummins of the Literary and Debating Society and the new Sláinte Society. NUI Galway will be hosting the national awards next year in April.

This year the societies website has been upgraded with many new facilities. The new on line secretaries report gathers all the events from the new on line calendar and allows for the easy creation of a comprehensive and detailed report. As you read the reports you will notice that the list of events are described mostly in the future tense and this is because the report generator picks up the events as posted on the calendar. One of the questions on the secretaries report was to estimate the number of members based on attendance at least two or more of their events. A figure of 18,343 emerges which does include duplications as members can belong to a number of societies. The current 'what's happening guide' has over 10,000 original e-mails on it so it is safe to say that a large proportion of the campus are involved in societies on some level.

All the accounts are now done on line from funding requests through to producing comprehensive balance sheets. Completed society accounts are archived ready to start a new year, note unreconciled cheques are not included in this years expenditure but remain live for the following year. The societies have had another busy year financially with expenditure of €561,420, of which €141000 came from university grants the remainder from other sources. Societies largest expenditure this year was on charity with €184,274 being donated to various charities which represents 32.82% of their total expenditure. This brings the total which societies have given to charity in the last four years to €613,160. The old adage that all societies do is 'drink their money' was again disproved with a meagre 3.04% spent on receptions which the societies organised in conjunction with guest speakers and other special events.

Societies also participated in the ALIVE programme with 82 committee members receiving certificates, next year we hope to incorporate the ALIVE module into the website and allow members to create their own reports on line. Society training is very important and on going training is provided for the societies in all aspects of running a society. Next year we will be also holding one day long session on the second last Saturday in September.

Thanks is also due to the University Societies Committee for their support throughout the year. I would also like to thank David Geary and all the staff of the Socsbox for their hard work and dedication which they brought to supporting the societies throughout the year. The SocsBox in addition to overseeing the clubs and societies computer suite in the Hub also compile the weekly Societies 'what's happening guide' which is e-mailed to between 10,000 - 12,000 members each weekend with a full list of all up coming events for the following week. (the figure fluctuates as all new signups for all societies' days are added after both societies days and members can subscribe and unsubscribe themselves throughout the year on the website.

As you read through the societies individual reports, in their own words, you will get a sense of the many triumphs and the sheer variety and scope of the events which they organised throughout the year. You should also get a flavour of the commitment and joy which the hard working committee members bring to the difficult task of running a society and the incredible contribution which they make to campus life and to the wider community.

Ríona Hughes, Societies Officer.

## Archaeology Society

The Archaeology Society provides students with the opportunity to explore archaeology outside of university lectures. We organise guided field trips including an annual trip abroad. We also invite guest speakers to talk on their particular field of research from outside this University which presents those interested in the subject with different ideas and approaches to archaeology. Another recent development in the society is our discussion and involvement in heritage awareness and other topics of debate relating to archaeology. Last but not least, we give students with similar interests the opportunity to meet up and have great craic - sure what more could you want than that!!

### Arch Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

**Burren Trip** » *Burren, Co. Clare on Friday, 21st of October.*

**Niall Brady on Medieval Rural Settlement** » *Colm O'hEocha theatre on Thursday, 17th of November.*

Niall Brady addressed the society on Medieval Rural Settlement.

**Archaeology Society** » *Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

We're looking for someone to fill the position of secretary, as well as some volunteers to help with the Muscailt project and other events. Anyone with any queries or ideas should also tag along. Afterwards, we'll retire to The Kings Head for a bit of craic, both old and new faces are welcome so come along.

**Visiting Speaker** » *Colm O hEocha on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

Christine Grant, Expert on Burren Archaeology

**Archaeology Relic Project Launch** » *Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

Explore artifacts and relics - participate and watch the exhibition grow

**Visiting Speaker** » *Colm O hEocha on Wednesday, 8th of March.*

Dr Graeme Warren, UCD, Mesolithic Archaeology

**Visiting Speaker** » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 21st of March.*

Dr Stephen Harrison

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Tara Graham

**Vice-Auditor:** Clare Hennigar

**Treasurer:** Lasairfhiona Swift

**Secretary:** Russell O Regan

**GCM:** Siobhan McDermott

**PRO:** Bride Greene

**GCM:** Amanda Balfe

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Brid Greene

**Secretary:** Russell O Regan

**PRO:** Tara Graham

**GCM:** Amanda Balfe

### Archaeology Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |         | Expenditure          |         |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Income Category       | Amount  | Expenditure Category | Amount  |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 126.27  | Bank charge          | €10.75  |
| Fundraising           | €100    | Dinner               | €124.95 |
| Members Contributions | €390    | Equipment misc       | €100    |
| Muscailt              | €20.53  | Fundraising/charity  | €100    |
| Socs box              | €90     | Gifts                | €40     |
| Societies day         | €49.77  | Reception            | €90     |
| USC Grant             | €583.68 | Returned Money       | €240    |

|              |          |                                  |          |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
|              |          | Society transport                | €30      |
|              |          | Speaker accommodation            | €350     |
|              |          | Speaker travel                   | €32      |
|              |          | Teacher fees                     | €120     |
|              |          | <b>Expenditure Total</b>         | €1237.7  |
|              |          | <b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | €0       |
|              |          | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>      | €122.55  |
| <b>Total</b> | €1360.25 | <b>Total</b>                     | €1360.25 |

## Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 130 members.

## Art Society

The Art Society's main aim is to include as many people as possible in its meetings and classes. We emphasise our motto 'Beginners are Welcome', so as not to exclude anyone who feels they aren't 'good' enough to attend art classes.

By providing classes in as many different artistic styles as we can, we aim to further develop the artistic skills of our members. We attempt to do this in a fun and friendly atmosphere so our members feel welcome enough to relax and enjoy themselves enough to develop their artistic confidence, as well as to make new friends.

A new aim for this year was to set up a second weekly class to deal with the demand for the classes, and to provide even more variety in artistic skills to our members. We held classes twice a week, which produced our annual exhibition 'Stranger Than Paradise' and our first comic book 'Lunatic Fringe'. The exhibition was dedicated to our friend Tommy Cox, ArtSoc P.R.O. 04-05. The Art Society feels that it has had an extremely successful and exciting year!

## Art Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 34 events that took place.

### Regular Events

This year we held 4 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

**Drawing Group** ran for 7 weeks in AM109, beginning on Wednesday, 12/10/2005.

**Life Drawing** ran for 2 weeks in IT203, beginning on Monday, 7/11/2005.

**Exhibition Class** ran for 4 weeks in Art Gallery, beginning on Monday, 16/1/2006.

**Comic Book Class** ran for 3 weeks in AM107, beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

### Special Events

This year we held 18 special events. These events were as follows:

**Intro Meeting** » Art Gallery on Monday, 26/9/2005.

**Drawing Class** » Art Gallery on Monday, 3/10/2005.

**Still Life Drawing Class** » Art Gallery on Monday, 10/10/2005.

**'Spirited Away'** » AM150 on Thursday, 13/10/2005.

**Life Drawing & Party** » Art Gallery & Bar 903 on Monday, 17/10/2005.

**Life Drawing** » Art Gallery on Monday, 24/10/2005.

**Comic Book Drawing Workshop** » AM109 on Wednesday, 9/11/2005.

**Comic Book Drawing Class** » IT203 on Monday, 21/11/2005.

**Deadline Comic Book!** » AM107 on Wednesday, 8/2/2006.

**Deadline Exhibition** » Quad Art Gallery on Monday, 13/2/2006.

**Drawing Group** » AM107 on Wednesday, 15/2/2006.

**Exhibition and Comic Book Launch** » *Orbsen Building on Monday, 20/2/2006.*

The Art Society's Annual Exhibition will open at 5PM in the Orbsen Building. The exhibition is entitled 'Stranger Than Paradise' and includes work by the students of NUIG. It is dedicated to Tommy Cox. The first ArtSoc comic book, 'Lunatic Fringe', will be launched at the same time. With special guests The Contempo Quartet followed by a reception. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Exhibition 'Stranger Than Paradise'** » *Orbsen Building on Monday, 20/2/2006.*

**Stranger Than Paradise** » *Orbsen Building Foyer on Monday, 20/2/2006.*

Launch of Art Soc exhibition and comic book "Lunatic Fringe" with Galway's Contempo String Quartet

**Cancelled** » *Quad Art Gallery on Monday, 6/3/2006.*

**Drawing Group** » *AM107 on Wednesday, 8/3/2006.*

**Caricature Class** » *IT204 on Monday, 13/3/2006.*

Caricature Class, 2euro on the door. Learn to draw caricatures with the help of our teacher! All materials provided

**AGM & reception** » *IT204 on Monday, 20/3/2006.*

**Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Jessica Tuohy

**Vice-Auditor:** Emma Finn

**Treasurer:** Roisin Ni Chonghaile

**Secretary:** Jenny Coleman

**O.C.M.:** Gerard Coady

**O.C.M.:** Ivan Landy

**Vice-Auditor:** Eibhlin Ni Fhallaigh

**O.C.M.:** Kate Bluett

**Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Emma Finn

**Vice-Auditor:** Roisin Ni Chonghaile

**Treasurer:** Roisin Ni Chonghaile

**Secretary:** David Reilly

**O.C.M.:** Gerard Coady

**O.C.M.:** Anna Kenny

**Art Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |               | <b>Expenditure</b>                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|---|---------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Expenditure Category</b>               | <b>Amount</b> |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 151.75        | Bank charge                               | €3.75         |
| Greenform              | €148.03       | Equipment misc                            | €153.56       |
| Members Contributions  | €183.75       | Materials                                 | €152.53       |
| Muscailt               | €169          | Printing                                  | €364.8        |
| Socs box               | €318.5        | Prizes                                    | €60           |
| Societies day          | €132          | Reception                                 | €281.29       |
| Ticket Sales           | €201.71       | Teacher fees                              | €1089.19      |
| USC Grant              | €1710         |   |               |
|                        |               | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                  | €2105.12      |
|                        |               | <b>Not included uncashed Cheque Total</b> | (€440)        |
|                        |               | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>               | €909.62       |
| <b>Total</b>           | €3014.74      | <b>Total</b>                              | €3014.74      |

**Other Information**

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 426 members.

## Biotechnology Society

The Biotechnology society has been fortunate to have had a spectacular academic year. Its message board was a stellar success and in the first four months it accumulated over 1,800 posts. That equates to an initial individual posting rate of several hundred a month making it the most active society message board. What's more, the message board allows communication and people networks to be maintained, outside the academic and curricular regiments of student life and facilitates a global network, not bound by geography time zones, or the individual schedules of students. In addition, our website has been continually improved over the course of the year and now a photo album feature has been added, which contains many photos of our events. The photo album may be accessed via the message board.

The society has also engaged in promoting science, biotechnology and cultural activities on campus. Our table quiz in the Aula Maxima certainly stands as one of the most successful events of the year. Over 40 Biotechnology students spread across all four years of the course attended and participated in what was an excellent event. An impressive set of prizes was awarded the winning team of Gerald Coyne, Sarah Power, Cara Lane and Conor O Hara.

The society also has organised a variety of other outstanding events such as trips to the racing track, party's nights out and club nights out which have reliably and consistently attracted a large crowd of students. Our membership number for this year is over 85 students. This is a number which we hope to grow over the coming years and with it the events and services we provide to our members.

The committee would very much like to thank the U.S.C, the Dept of Biochemistry for its continual support and encouragement. The society has the capability to develop skills which are not part of the conventional academic environment, notably but not limited to entrepreneurship leadership and organisational skills. These skills are of increasing importance to Europe and are recognised now world wide as a European challenges, in the words of India's wealthiest women, founder of Biocon, Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw "Europe needs more scientific entrepreneurs". We believe that entrepreneurship can be fostered at university level through societies.

### Biotech Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

**Table Quiz** » *Aula Maxima on Tuesday, 4th of October.*

Table Quiz - make up a table of four and join us for a night of questions and great prizes.

**Christmas party-night at the dogs** » *Greyhound Track & Fibbers McGees on Wednesday, 30th of November.*

Join us for a night at the dogs followed by a party in fibber mcGees. All welcome.

**Race Night & Party** » *Dog Track & Cuba on Thursday, 26th of January.*

All welcome to a night at the races followed by a party in Bar Cuba with passes to the night club. Entry fee €3 at the track. See you there.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Martin Melvin

**Vice-Auditor:** Anthony Guinan

**Treasurer:** Lisa Flynn

**Secretary:** Eoin Murphy

**Public Relations Office:** Deborha Waters

**General Committee Members:** Pauline Conroy

### Bio-Technology Society Balance Sheet

| Income          |        | Expenditure          |        |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| Income Category | Amount | Expenditure Category | Amount |

|                      |      |                             |      |
|----------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| Opening Bank Balance | 0    | Dinner                      | €50  |
| Fundraising          | €70  | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €40  |
| Societies day        | €60  | Prizes                      | €100 |
| Sponsorship          | €200 | Promotions                  | €250 |
| USC Grant            | €180 | Reception                   | €10  |
|                      |      | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €450 |
|                      |      | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €60  |
| <b>Total</b>         | €510 | <b>Total</b>                | €510 |

### Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 85 members.

## Botany Society

The Botany Society is run in the Botany Department by 3rd and 4th year Botany and Environmental students. It aims to present botanical issues through a number of talks. Speakers attend from universities and organisations around Ireland bringing their own knowledge and expertise. It is hoped that this will increase interest in the area of Botany and also to enlighten national issues to visiting students who are integral to the society's events.

### Botany Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

**EGM** » *Mairin De Valera room, Aras de Brun on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

**Irelands Birdlife & Habitat Conservation** » *Mairin De Valera room, Aras de Brun on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

**Gunnera-Nostoc an Ancient Association** » *Mairin De Valera room, Aras de Brun on Tuesday, 8th of November.*

**A Natural History of Connemara** » *Mairin De Valera room, Aras de Brun on Thursday, 17th of November.*

**"A World of Botanic Gardens"** » *Mairin De Valera room, Aras de Brun on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

**Habitat Mapping - Deborah Tiernan** » *Mairin de Valera, Botany Dept. Block C on Thursday, 9th of February.*

**People and Nature: Galway Biodiversity** » *Seminar Room, Botany Dept., Aras de Brun on Wednesday, 15th of February.*

**The Botanical Ecology of Stone Walls** » *Mairin deValera, Botany Dept. Aras de Brun on Tuesday, 21st of February.*

**Desmid-diversity in Connemara-a hot spot** » *Botany dept seminar room on Wednesday, 1st of March.*

**Flora & Fauna of Uganda** » *Mairin De Valera room, Aras de Brun on Tuesday, 14th of March.*

**Bot Soc trip!** » *Aran Islands on Saturday, 18th of March.*

**AGM** » *Mairin De Valera room, Aras de Brun on Wednesday, 29th of March.*

**Evolution & Composition of Cell Walls** » *Mairin De Valera room, Aras de Brun on Wednesday, 29th of March.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Helen Carty

**Treasurer:** Anne Patten

**PRO:** Caitriona Maher

**Vice-Auditor:** George Percival

**Secretary:** Sally Marshall

**Staff liasion:** Dr. Dagmar Stengel

**Zoosoc Liaison Officer:** Marie Duffy

## **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Kieran Hall

**Vice-Auditor:** Niall Higgins

**Treasurer:** Mark Loughnane

**Secretary:** Rory Hodd

**Aine Bird:** 0877829866

## **Botany Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |                 | <b>Expenditure</b>                            |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Expenditure Category</b>                   | <b>Amount</b>   |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 0               | Bank charge                                   | €6.28           |
| Members Contributions  | €240            | Dinner  | €333.72         |
| Societies day          | €3.02           | Reception                                     | €529.89         |
| Sponsorship            | €45             | Society accommodation                         | €338            |
| USC Grant              | €2365.85        | Society transport                             | €480            |
|                        |                 | Speaker accommodation                         | €50             |
|                        |                 | Speaker travel                                | €120            |
|                        |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                      | <b>€1857.89</b> |
|                        |                 | <b>Does not include uncashed Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€71.85)</b> |
|                        |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                   | <b>€795.98</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€2653.87</b> | <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>€2653.87</b> |

## **Other Information**

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 185

## **Business Society**

Our society aims to get more students thinking about business and opening their mind to new ideas. It is really there to help any student that wants to get involved in Business in any form in the future. It's also there to simply educate those of us that have an interest in any form of commerce and want to hear from people outside the lecture hall, people that have had real life experiences in the workplace. We also feel that it is a very important social society and we are proud to say that if societies are there to bring people of similar minds together, it accomplishes this.

The society was also proud to win Best New Society at both the NUI Galway Society Awards and then in BICS in April.

### **Business Society Events**

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

**First Meeting** » *Concourse on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

**John Lawlor Talk** » *Concourse on Wednesday, 5th of October.*

Mr. John Lawlor Chief sales rep for Roadstone Ireland spoke about his experiences in Negotiations and informed us how we have to think and focus in order to get what we want in not just a business situation but also in life.

**Michael Keane Talk** » *Concourse on Wednesday, 12th of October.*

Mr. Michael Keane, the newly appointed Dean of Commerce and President of our society gave his first address to the students at Business Soc. He spoke about the need for students to get involved in societies like this and how delighted



he was to see that the university now had a group of students that were willing to promote commerce in the university. We also had our EGM to elect first year rep.

**Mcdara Hosty Talk** » *Concourse on Wednesday, 19th of October.*

Mr. Mcdara Hosty, one of the most well known marketing gurus in Ireland came to the society. It was on this night that we realised that we would have to move from the 100 seater Larmour Theatre as for the 3rd night in a row we had students queuing outside and having to sit in the isles. Mcdaras speech was entitled "How to Sell yourself successfully" and was honestly one of the most entertaining 90 minutes of my life. With massive crowd involvement he showed us how to step out into the world with confidence, not just in business but in life in general.

**Imelda Joyce Talk** » *Concourse on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

Mrs. Imelda Joyce, was an amazing speaker on Business psychology. She told us about how to control the mind and showed us footage of her getting a very serious operation without using any anesthetic but her mind-power. She now runs a large amount of successful gyms throughout Dublin city. It was strange to meet a short woman in her late 50s, that looked like she couldn't hurt a fly and the discovering that she was also one of Irelands top Karate Fighters and runs a marathon every month. She spoke about how she used the same psychology she uses in sport to run a successful business.

**Student Mentoring Programme** » *Bowling on Tuesday, 8th of November.*

The JCI LINK Student Mentoring Programme had a bowling night. Here students got the chance to team up with a person in the industry that they wished to get involved in and get to know them on a personal basis. Business Soc had been promoting the mentoring programme throughout the year and had helped out the JCI and Student Services in organising it. Many Business Soc members learned more about industries they would like to get involved in and also had the chance to talk to these people in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Val J. Murray Talk** » *Concourse on Wednesday, 16th of November.*

Val J. Murray, of Goodbodies Stockbrokers came to launch our Stockbroking competition and also to give us a small walk through the markets. Many of the members (myself included) have a large amount of interest in the markets and finally got a chance to ask a real stockbroker questions that we had but could never find an answer to.

**'Invest the best' Talk** » *Concourse on Wednesday, 18th of January.*

Invest Like The Best came to Business society. This group, started by Rory Gillen, one of Irelands richest men and stock market guru, told us how to invest in the markets wisely. Attendance was very good for a midday event. It was interesting to hear this mans own experiences on the markets. He spoke about investing in shares when you think they are at their worst and other secrets like that. Since then some society members have been in contact with Rory and one member now works for this company.

**Commerce Ball** » *Salthill Hotel on Thursday, 26th of January.*

**Business Soc :: Mr. Nick Leeson** » *Cairnes Theatre (Concourse) on Wednesday, 1st of February.*

The collapse of Barings Bank (personal bank to HM The Queen) in 1995 and Nick Leeson's role in it, is one of the most spectacular debacles in modern financial history. How could one trader bring down the banking empire that had funded the Napoleonic Wars? Curiosity, intrigue and sympathy have been the various reactions to this man's incredible life story. Following Barings' collapse, Nick Leeson was sentenced to six and half years in a gang-ridden Singaporean jail, in conditions that defy belief, while at the same time, his wife left him and he was diagnosed with colon cancer. He wrote the book "Rogue Trader" based on these events, which was then made into a film starring Ewan McGregor. This will be followed by a reception in The Cellar.

**Trip to Berlin** » *Berlin on Tuesday, 7th of February.*

**The Globalization Discussion** » *Concourse on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

**Publication of The Cairnes Review** » *Concourse on Tuesday, 28th of February.*

"The Cairnes Review" is the first Business Soc Publication, named after the brilliant economist which attended our university. This has submissions from students, staff and minister for Trade, Enterprise and Employment, Micheal Martins expressing his admiration of the Business Soc and what he believes students must do in order to maintain economic growth. We hope to give an issue to every interested student as well as to businesses throughout Ireland to promote the society and NUI Galway. Financed by external sponsors and USC.

**AGM** » *Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of March.*

**Mr. O Ceide Talk** » *Concourse on Wednesday, 15th of March.*

CEO Aer Arann. Mr. O Ceide gave an excellent speech about entrepreneurship and how the Irish economy needs students that will not just go to university to learn how to become a doctor, an accountant or a scientist but students

that get involved in societies and create ideas and have fun. With a large amount of people below him he feels he would hire people with more society experience than people with just high grades. He acknowledged the need for the "Business Soceity" and was delighted to see that students are ready to think for themselves and shape their own education. He wished that when he was a student that a society like this existed as it would have given him prepared him a lot for the difficulties one encounters in the business world.

**Rag Week Intersoc Football** » *NUI,G on Monday, 27th of March.*

**Commerce Faculty Party** » *Publication Launch, NUI,G on Friday, 31st of March.*

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## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** David Keane

**Vice-Auditor:** Darren Glynn

**Treasurer:** Joe Duggan

**Secretary:** David lynch

**Membership Officer:** Lorraine Hosty

**SDO:** Shane Ryan

**PRO:** Bryan Connolly

**Communication Officer:** Shane Duffy

**First Year Rep:** Sinéad Barry

## Business Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |                  | Expenditure                                   |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| Income Category       | Amount           | Expenditure Category                          | Amount           |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 20.53            | Ball  | €17675           |
| Balls                 | €18829.22        | Bank charge                                   | €18.38           |
| Members Contributions | €880             | Dinner  | €107.8           |
| Sponsorship           | €750             | Entertainment                                 | €624.15          |
| USC Grant             | €3252.9          | Non Alcoholic Refresh                         | €35.15           |
|                       |                  | Reception                                     | €935.25          |
|                       |                  | Society transport                             | €3389            |
|                       |                  | Stationary                                    | €25              |
|                       |                  | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                      | <b>€22809.73</b> |
|                       |                  | <b>Does not include uncashed Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€18.5)</b>   |
|                       |                  | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                   | <b>€922.92</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>€23732.65</b> | <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>€23732.65</b> |

## Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 700 members.

## Chemistry Society

The chemistry society for the 2005/2006, has run a series of lectures aimed at postgraduate and staff levels , but 4th year undergraduates were encouraged to attend also. These lectures detailed research work carried out at different universities in Ireland, United Kingdom and America by the visiting lecturer. Some lectures were also carried out by the staff of NUIG.

A reception was held after all the lectures and the visiting lecturer was brought to Dinner after the reception.

A number of gatherings were organised for the postgraduates of the chemistry department, including a welcome night for the new 1st year post grads, Christmas party and weekend away. A 4th year undergraduate party was

also held for the current 4th years , with the aim of introducing the postgraduate students and answering any questions on postgraduate studies in the college they may have had.

## Chemistry Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

**Prof. Desmond Cunningham** » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 13th of October.*

**Prof. Tony Barrett** » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 20th of October.*

**Dr. Andrew McCarthy** » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 27th of October.*

**Prof. Joseph Bozzelli** » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 3rd of November.*

**Dr. Niclaus Karlsson** » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 29th of November.*

**Prof. Tadhg Begley** » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 1st of December.*

**Prof. Robert Woods** » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 15th of December.*

**Prof. Thorfinnur Gunnlaugsson** » *Dillon Theatre on Sunday, 1st of January.*

**Trip to Ballybunion** » *Ballybunion on Sunday, 26th of March.*

**Prof A.L. de Silva** » *Dillon Theatre on Sunday, 26th of March.*

**Its a Gas Life** » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 28th of March.*

**Dr. Maria Navarro** » *Dillon Theatre on Monday, 3rd of April.*

**Professor Mann** » *Dillon theatre on Monday, 10th of April.*

**Dr. Stephen E.J Bell** » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 20th of April.*

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Steven Dooley

**Treasurer:** Laverne Mullen

**Secretary:** Chiara Mc Donagh

**P.R.O:** Orla Gibbons

**Corresponding Secretary:** Neil Maguire

## Chemistry Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                                   |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category                          | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 2310.33         | Bank charge                                   | €44.25          |
| Fundraising          | €297.97         | Dinner  | €303.05         |
| Societies day        | €104.5          | Entertainment                                 | €550            |
| Sponsorship          | €2651.58        | Fundraising/charity                           | €400            |
| USC Grant            | €3974.35        | Materials                                     | €121            |
|                      |                 | Non Alcoholic Refresh                         | €500            |
|                      |                 | Printing                                      | €54.75          |
|                      |                 | Promotions                                    | €35.46          |
|                      |                 | Reception                                     | €1082.44        |
|                      |                 | Society accommodation                         | €932.96         |
|                      |                 | Speaker accommodation                         | €618.1          |
|                      |                 | Speaker travel                                | €373.7          |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                      | <b>€5015.71</b> |
|                      |                 | <b>Does not include Uncashed Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€420)</b>   |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                   | <b>€4323.02</b> |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€9338.73</b> | <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>€9338.73</b> |

## Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 92 members.

## Chess Society

Describing our society this year? Right, well, we played chess. Total members - somewhere around 150. Active members - around 30 regulars. What did we do? Besides playing chess? Well not much. We sent a team to intervarsities, but there again, all we did was play chess...

And we organised a charity event for RAG week. But, due to our complete lack of imagination, yet again, I'm afraid we played chess. Yes, we played some highly successful chess this year...

### Chess Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 18 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

#### Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks. This event was as follows:

**Chess** ran for 13 weeks in AC214, beginning on Thursday, 2/2/2006.

#### Special Events

This year we held 5 special events. These events were as follows:

**Meeting** » AC 214 on Thursday, 12/1/2006.

**Chess** » AC214 on Thursday, 19/1/2006.

**Extra Long Chess** » Smokey Joes on Monday, 27/2/2006.

**Rag Week Chess Tournament** » Smokeys on Monday, 27/2/2006.

**AGM** » AC214 initially... on Thursday, 30/3/2006.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Fintan Hegarty

**Treasurer:** Barry Curran

**P.R.O.:** Claire Roche

**GCM:** Chris Green

**Vice-Auditor:** James Lovett

**Secretary:** Beartla de Búrca

**GCM:** Sorcha Schnittger

**GCM:** Joe Hall-Reppen

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Zaidan Zulkpli

**Treasurer:** Mark Jennings

**Vice-Auditor:** Fintan Hegarty

**Secretary:** Chris Green

### Chess Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |        | Expenditure          |        |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| Income Category       | Amount | Expenditure Category | Amount |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 10     | Affill/Mem fees      | €300   |
| Fundraising           | €800   | Entry fees           | €209   |
| Members Contributions | €80    | Fundraising/charity  | €800   |
| USC Grant             | €839   | Prizes               | €100   |
|                       |        | Reception            | €100   |

|              |       |                             |       |
|--------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
|              |       | Society accomodation        | €210  |
|              |       | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €1719 |
|              |       | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €10   |
| <b>Total</b> | €1729 | <b>Total</b>                | €1729 |

### Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 150 members.

## Chocolate Society

The chocolate society was established as a provisional society in the summer of 2004. In September of 2005 the society was allowed to become a society with full recognition in the university. The purpose of the society is to cater for the proportion of the student population with a passion for fin chocolate, creating a social space where these individuals can meet. Society's day was a success with an amazing 700 members signing up. Following a committee of 10 members was set up at an EGM. The society was off to a slow start this year due to an entirely new committee, made up of mostly first years and study abroad students. The committee got its bearings by showing films to the students while having a chocolate intermission for each. The turnout at each event was phenomenal and ended up being much higher than any of the previous year's events. There are still many obstacles to overcome, although it seems that getting the word out about the society has been more of a success this year, possibly due to this being its second year. A new committee was elected at the AGM, made up of some former members of the committee with many new ideas for the next year.

### Chocolate Society Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

**EGM** » *AC204 on Thursday, 22nd of September.*

**Film: Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Fact** » *AM150 O'Thuthall on Thursday, 1st of December.*

**Charlie+the Chocolate Factory** » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

**AGM** » *IT202 on Thursday, 30th of March.*

**Film: Chocolat (also EGM)** » *McMunn Theatre on Tuesday, 18th of April.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Grace Flannery

**Treasurer:** Ross Lydon

**Events Officer:** Jennifer Gouailhardon

**Events Officer:** Jessica Keber

**Press Officer:** Chloe Farkas

**Vice-Auditor:** Domhnall OShuaghnessy

**Secretary:** Erica Gillingham

**Events Officer:** Stephanie Perry

**Events Officer:** Brian Toft

**Events Officer:** Ashley Maguire

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Domhnall OShaughnessy

**Treasurer:** Ross Lydon

**Vice-Auditor:** Jessica OShaughnessy

### Chocolate Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |        | Expenditure           |        |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| Income Category      | Amount | Expenditure Category  | Amount |
| Opening Bank Balance | 1001.6 | Bank charge           | €7.5   |
| Greenform            | €420   | Fundraising/charity   | €681   |
| Societies day        | €453   | Non Alcoholic Refresh | €290   |

|              |         |                             |         |
|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| USC Grant    | €200    | Returned Money              | €420    |
|              |         | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €1398.5 |
|              |         | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €676.1  |
| <b>Total</b> | €2074.6 | <b>Total</b>                | €2074.6 |

### Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 881 members.

## Choral Society

The Choral society enjoyed yet another successful year. Overall the numbers of visiting students in the choir rose as did the number of post grad. Students. Peter Mannion continued to conduct the choir and the male voice section whilst Fiona Kenny and Mairead Crushell directed the ladies ensemble.

'Ever Free' the choral society new CD was released in semester II but was recorded at the Winter Concert, held in November. It was the second release from the group, and arguably a much better recording thanks to Mr. Fergal Tuohy. 'Ever Free' contained tracks that were previously unrecorded such as 'Ar nAthair' by David Hamilton, which the choir commissioned, and 'Here in Cool Grott' by Rihards Dubra. The CD also featured beautiful photography from Emma Brennan from the Alto line.

Competition wise the year was again successful with the male voice ensemble winning the two male voice categories at the Sligo Choral Festival whilst the mixed choir took second place in competition C (light choral music)-just 0.5% behind Madrigal 75-the chamber choir who are current 'Choir of the Year' winners. Judge Greg Beardsell commented on the performances by saying how exceptional our leader was and on the quality of the singing, saying that the spirited performance did not come from the mouth but the body and that the excesses of African style music was well preserved by the youth choir. He also wished he had access to our repertoire while he was in college.

In February the group traveled to Limerick for the annual church music festival, of which the group were reigning champions in two of the four categories. Mr. Paul McKee, adjudicator, lavished praise on the choir and in particular the creation of space and stillness in the piece 'O Nûit', in his opinion the interpretation was both arrogant and sensational, our command of the audiences attention was stunning! Despite this praise the group finished third!.

In April the choir competed in Italy and in Cork (for the first time in 20+ years) and in May we traveled to Navan for the choir of the year competition. We came second at the International choral competition in Riva del Garda. In Navan at the National chori of the year competition we won best chamber choir, best ladies choir and best choir of the year.

A new development for the choir has been the use of new line cd's that are made by Louise Malone, Wexford, who emails them as mp3 files which are then downloaded by the choir members who can listen and learn new material. We have found this to be a most efficient way of learning music quickly. Rehearsals are now every Monday night and every second Tuesday night and again this has benefited the choir immensely. We also emailed music and newsletters to choir members as this was the most efficient way to give out both. Our bulletin boards and ChoralSoc announce emails were used extensively during the year to keep members informed of what was going on.

We premiered the piece 'Tri Seanfhocail' during our AIB event of Excellence-Spring concert in March, the piece, by Douglas Gunn, was commissioned by the choir. We will compete with this 5minute long work in Italy, Cork and Navan. UCC Choral Society also joined us in the concert as did the new French Choir from NUIG.

Both Brendan O'Connor and Anne Michel Durham gave the choir workshops on how to breathe properly, pronunciation and all things choral during the year. The choir also sang at events for the Foundation Office (gala banquet), Societies Office (Society Awards) and ALIVE programme (Award ceremony) and performed a recital during the Muscailt festival. We've also performed in the Burren and gone busking during the year.

Musically the year was very diverse with many styles of music being performed. Indeed more money than ever was used to purchase new musical material from Canada and Iceland for example.

## Choral Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 37 events that took place.

### Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks. This event was as follows:

**Practice** ran for 30 weeks in Chapel, beginning on Monday, 5/9/2005.

Weekly rehearsal new members welcome. If you have a voice and want to sing join us. We have concerts and trips away planned.

### Special Events

This year we held 7 special events. These events were as follows:

**Limerick Church Music Fest.** » *Limerick City on Tuesday, 3/1/2006.*

Choral Society will attempt to retain their titles from the Limerick Church Music Festival.

**Choral Soc Sing-a-thon** » *All over Campus on Thursday, 23/2/2006.*

**Sean Fhocail** » *Aula Maxima on Thursday, 23/2/2006.*

**Choral Soc: Spring Concert** » *St. Nicholas Church on Saturday, 11/3/2006.*

Choral Society presents its 3rd annual springtime concert. Our visiting choir for this concert is the UCC Choral Society. Colin Mawby, a famed composer, will conduct the choirs in his setting of 'Ave Verum Corpus'. The concert is 10/5 euro and doors will open at 8.30pm Choral Society's CD "Ever Free" is still available to purchase from the socs box

**Choral Soc: Riva del Garda Choral Comps** » *Riva del Garda, Italy on Sunday, 9/4/2006.*

**Choral Soc: Cork International Choral Festival** » *Cork City Hall, May 2006.*

**Choral Soc: Navan Chori of the Year competition** » *Navan May 2006.*

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Peter Mannion

**Treasurer:** Laverne Mullen

## Choral Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |           | Expenditure              |                  |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Income Category       | Amount    | Expenditure Category     | Amount           |
| Opening Bank Balance  | -463.27   | Affill/Mem fees          | €150             |
| Fundraising           | €958      | Bank charge              | €61.47           |
| Members Contributions | €11130    | Costumes                 | €231             |
| Socs box              | €230      | Entry fees               | €1200            |
| Societies day         | €220      | Equipment misc           | €317             |
| Sponsorship           | €1885     | Hall hire                | €300             |
| USC Grant             | €17465.68 | Materials                | €2313.22         |
|                       |           | Performing rights        | €1305            |
|                       |           | Printing                 | €1600            |
|                       |           | Society accomodation     | €9803            |
|                       |           | Society transport        | €9277            |
|                       |           | <b>Expenditure Total</b> | <b>€26557.69</b> |

|              |           |   |           |
|--------------|-----------|---|-----------|
|              |           | <b>Does not include Uncashed Cheque Total</b> | (€1140)   |
|              |           | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                   | €4867.72  |
| <b>Total</b> | €31425.41 | <b>Total</b>                                  | €31425.41 |

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 93 members.

## Christian Union Society

We are an inter-denominational, informal society for anyone interested in exploring the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere through praise, worship and bible studies. We also organise weekends away, guest speakers and a Ball at the end of the year. We meet every Wednesday at 7pm in the common room of the college chapel.

### Christian Union Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 24 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

#### Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

**Weekly Meeting** ran for 11 weeks in Chapel, beginning on Wednesday, 21/9/2005.

**Meeting** ran for 10 weeks in Common room in the Chapel, beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

Weekly get together, guest speakers, social events and watch out for our trips away. All welcome of all faiths and none to explore relevant themes from the bible.

#### Special Events

This year we held 3 special events. These events were as follows:

**Irish Conference** » *Kilkenny on Thursday, 3/11/2005.*

Conference ran by IFES Ireland. Its a coming together of all Christian student societies around Ireland. Guest speakers and seminars throughout the weekend.

**Joint Colleges** » *Avoca, Wicklow on Wednesday, 8/2/2006.*

Weekend away ran by IFES Ireland. Its a gathering of all Christian Student Societies in the republic of Ireland. Guest Speaker for the weekend.

**Econ** » *Wesley College on Friday, 7/4/2006.*

Leadership training weekend.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Helen Lane

**Vice-Auditor:** Naomi Black

**Treasurer:** Declan Kelly

**Secretary:** Muireann O Loughlin

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Naomi Black

**Vice-Auditor:** Muireann O

**Treasurer:** Helen Lane

**Secretary:** Alice Dawson

**Music coordinator:** Declan Kelly



## Christian Union Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 53.96           | Bank charge                 | €16.44          |
| USC Grant            | €1782           | Gifts                       | €54.61          |
|                      |                 | Reception                   | €73             |
|                      |                 | Society accommodation       | €660            |
|                      |                 | Society transport           | €550            |
|                      |                 | Speaker accommodation       | €65             |
|                      |                 | Speaker travel              | €265            |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€1684.05</b> |
|                      |                 | <b>Cash In Hand</b>         | <b>€27.39</b>   |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€124.52</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€1835.96</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€1835.96</b> |

### Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 90 members.

## Classics Society

The Classics Society aims to provide a means for students (and others) to further their knowledge of Classical Greece and Rome. Each semester we present a number of talks by visiting lecturers from both Irish and foreign institutes of learning. We also hold social events where people who are interested in the classical world may meet and discuss their common interests. The highlight of the year was our trip to Rome.

### Classics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

**Catullan Love Poetry** » *Mairtin O Thnuthail Theatre, AMB on Thursday, 15th of September.*

**Greek Tyrants of Sicily** » *Dillon Theatre, Concourse. on Tuesday, 25th of October.*

**Coinage and the Roman Historian** » *College Campus on Wednesday, 16th of November.*

**A G M** » *The Hub on Thursday, 24th of November.*

**Christmas Fancy Dress (with Arch Soc)** » *The Hub on Thursday, 24th of November.*

**Roman Classical Evening** » *Colm OhEocha theatre AMB on Tuesday, 17th of January.*

This was the re-inauguration of the Margaret Heavey Lecture by special guest speaker, Professor Tim Cornell. Professor Cornell is one of the leading authorities on Archaic Rome and one of the world's greatest English-speaking Classical scholars. The title of his lecture is History, Biography & Memoirs of Ancient Rome. This event was followed by a special reception and dinner.

**A Talk on Lucretius** » *Mairtin O Thnuthail Theatre, AMB on Tuesday, 7th of February.*

**Spartacus & fall of Roman Republic** » *Mairtin O Thnuthail Theatre, AMB on Tuesday, 7th of March.*

Dr Theresa Urbainczyk, Dept of Classics, University College Dublin "Spartacus and fall of the Roman Republic"  
Theresa Urbainczyk is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Classics at University College Dublin. Her research interests lie in the fields of historiography, slavery and social and economic history. The author of three books, her most recent, entitled Spartacus, was published by Bristol Classical Press in 2004.

**Classics Soc AGM** » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 28th of March.*

**Cultural trip to Rome** » *Rome on Saturday, 1st of April.*

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Suzanne Young

**Treasurer:** Patricia Bergan

**P.R.O.:** Juile-Anne Meaney

**Vice-Auditor:** Linda Jardine

**Secretary:** Jane O'Dwyer

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Anthony Daly

## Classics Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |                 | Expenditure                      |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category       | Amount          | Expenditure Category             | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 510.37          | Affill/Mem fees                  | €42.94          |
| Members Contributions | €2945.19        | Bank charge                      | €5.32           |
| Societies day         | €26.26          | Dinner                           | €466.5          |
| Ticket Sales          | €460            | Materials                        | €12.55          |
| USC Grant             | €3732.57        | Reception                        | €365.59         |
|                       |                 | Society transport                | €4033           |
|                       |                 | Speaker accomodation             | €441.75         |
|                       |                 | Speaker travel                   | €304.38         |
|                       |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>         | <b>€5672.03</b> |
|                       |                 | <b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>€0</b>       |
|                       |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>      | <b>€2002.36</b> |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>€7674.39</b> | <b>Total</b>                     | <b>€7674.39</b> |

## Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 141 members.

## Comedy Society

The purpose of our society is to promote comedy and encourage new comedy talent within the university. We did this by putting on a series of shows, two in early October, one in January and one during Muscaillt. During these shows we performed stand-up comedy and sketches, written and performed by the members of the society. We also had our first ever guest comedian, David O'Doherty, who performed for us on the 13th of Feb. Also we arrange for our members to perform stand-up at the two main comedy clubs in Galway, if any member should wish to do so.

## Comedy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

**Comedy Show** » *BOI theatre on Thursday, 6th of October.*

**Sketch comedy** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 26th of January.*

**David O'Doherty** » *Larmor Theatre on Monday, 13th of February.*

**Stand-up & Sketches** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Kieran Lawless

**Treasurer:** Eoin Shaughnessy

**PRO:** Karen Walsh

**Vice-Auditor:** Giles Brody

**Secretary:** Darren Nestor

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Kieran Lawless

**Vice-Auditor:** Giles Brody

**P.R.O:** Karen Walsh

## Comedy Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |        | Expenditure                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Income Category      | Amount | Expenditure Category             | Amount |
| Opening Bank Balance | 0      | Equipment misc                   | €95    |
| Greenform            | €190   | Reception                        | €70    |
| Socs box             | €199   | Teacher fees                     | €555   |
| Ticket Sales         | €425   |                                  |        |
|                      |        | <b>Expenditure Total</b>         | €720   |
|                      |        | <b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | €0     |
|                      |        | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>      | €94    |
| <b>Total</b>         | €814   | <b>Total</b>                     | €814   |

## Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at members.

## Complementary Therapy Society

The complementary society had a very fruitful year. We had experts coming in to give talks on such varied subjects as *Prana Healing* and *Cleaning yourself to Death*. Work began on an Organic Herb Garden which is located at the rear of the General Practitioner's Unit on the Distillery Road. All Welcome to peruse and enjoy! Dance Therapy courses organised by the society in semester one was so successful it ran again in semester two. At the end of the year we reached our apotheosis with a large Holistic Fair, which had 20 market stalls, therapists and various workshops including tribal drumming, Tai Chi and Yoga.

## Complementary Therapy Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 10 events that took place.

## Complementary Therapy Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 10 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

**Modern Dance Class** ran for 3 weeks in Week 1 Bank of Ireland theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.

**Cleaning yourself to death** » Common Room, Chapel on Tuesday, 7/3/2006.

The real truth behind chemical toxicity in personal care products. Speaker is Barry O'Brien

**Holistic Peace Day Fayre** » Foyer Aras na Macléinn on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.

Market stalls with tasty foods, jewellery and crystals, music and a host of complementary therapies. Workshops & talks on meditation, dance therapy, taichi, yoga & a drumming circle.

**Meditation Introductory Talk&Class** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.

**Dance Therapy Workshop** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.

Get the balance right, a dance movement therapy exploration enjoying our differences. With Bernie Divilly

**Tai Chi Talk & Demo** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.

**Yoga Talk & Demo** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.*

Find out about yogas many aspects, the postures(asanas) & breathing exercises(pranayama). Excellent for reducing stress &increasing wellbeing. With Aisling (an seomra yoga)

**Drumming Circle** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.*

## **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Ciara Brady,Andi

**Vice-Auditor:** Eoin.M. Rabbitt -Bowles

**Treasurer:** Louise Gleeson

**Secretary:** Andi Ludden Reilly

**OCM:** Jimmy Butler

**PRO:** Conor Graham

## **Complementary Therapy Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |                 | <b>Expenditure</b>               |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Expenditure Category</b>      | <b>Amount</b>   |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 296.43          | Dinner                           | €250            |
| Fundraising            | €40             | Fundraising/charity              | €40             |
| Greenform              | €624.75         | Materials                        | €75             |
| USC Grant              | €690.4          | Printing                         | €101.75         |
|                        |                 | Reception                        | €100            |
|                        |                 | Speaker accommodation            | €75             |
|                        |                 | Speaker travel                   | €11.9           |
|                        |                 | Teacher fees                     | €561.1          |
|                        |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>         | <b>€1214.75</b> |
|                        |                 | <b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>€0</b>       |
|                        |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>      | <b>€436.83</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€1651.58</b> | <b>Total</b>                     | <b>€1651.58</b> |

## **Other Information**

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 30 members.

## **Computer Society**

This year proved a very successful one for the society as we continued our workshop series on web development and alternative operating systems with tutorials on html, css and linux.

Out new techtalk event, the annual Christmas party and a number of movie nights kept ensured that new members were made as welcome as possible and guest speakers from ICHEC, DERI, and HEANET provided something to interest everyone during the year.

In February, we ran our IT and Motorsport Day for the third time and it once again proved very successful, drawing a crowd in excess of 100 people to the evening driver forum which was hosted by journalist Brian Patterson and attended by Tarmac Champions Eugene Donnelly & Paul Kiely and their fellow competitors and rivals Dermot O'Gorman, Derek McGarrity, Tim McNulty and Anthony Nestor.

The highlight of the year came in April when we held the Youth Outreach Programme, sponsored by the AIB as part of their Event of Excellence Awards. 17 Students from 4 schools. During the day the students animated their own clay movie, composed music, setup a video conference, broadcast their own version of the news and weather live on the Internet, built a lego robot, designed a 3D room for a game, built both a wired and wireless

lab network, and put together a flash movie for the Internet. The society are very greatfull to Tom Callanan and Alan Fitzpatrick from Galmac, Sean O'Brien from HEAnet, Brendan Smith from DERI, Fergal Costello and Darren Doherty from the IT Department in NUI, Galway who all helped out on the day by giving talks, demos and tutorials.

## **Compsoc Events**

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

**Revolution OS** » *McMunn Theatre on Thursday, 20th of October.*

Hackers, Programmers & Rebels Unite! This Thursday, 20th October we will be showing Revolution OS in the McMunn Theatre at 8pm. This award winning documentary tells the inside story of the hackers who rebelled against the proprietary software model to create GNU/Linux and the Open Source movement. Featuring interviews with Linus Torvalds and Richard Stallman, Revolution OS is the best way to get the inside story on what drove programmers into the idea of freely available source code. We hope to see you all there!

**HTML Workshop** » *Arts Suite on Tuesday, 25th of October.*

**The Pirates of Silicon Valley** » *McMunn Theatre on Thursday, 3rd of November.*

This engaging look at the story of the rivalry of Apple founder Steve Jobs and Microsoft head Bill Gates in the early years of both their respective companies from their garage startups to industry dominance.

**TechTalk** » *AC215 on Friday, 11th of November.*

**Christmas Party!** » *City Limits and De Burgos on Thursday, 24th of November.*

**LaTeX document preparation** » *Arts Faculty Suite - Concourse on Tuesday, 24th of January.*

Document preparation using LaTeX. All welcome to attend!

**Day of IT & Motorsport** » *Aras na MacLeinn / O'Flaherty on Thursday, 2nd of February.*

**Semantic Web 2.0** » *IT125G on Thursday, 9th of February.*

**ICHEC talk** » *Fottrell Theatre (AM200) on Wednesday, 8th of March.*

**Sign Up session** » *Arts Faculty Suite on Tuesday, 14th of March.*

**Cascading Style Sheets Tutorial** » *Arts Faculty Suite (Concourse) on Tuesday, 14th of March.*

**AGM** » *IT125G on Thursday, 30th of March.*

**Youth Outreach Day 2006** » *IT Building on Saturday, 8th of April.*

The NUI, Galway Computer Society are offering a chance to secondary school students around Galway to participate in a series of free technology-based workshops.

The programme will provide students with a hands-on introduction to some of the most exciting and cutting-edge technologies in use today.

Students enrolled in the programme are invited into NUI, Galway next Saturday 8th April to participate in workshops on:

- Alternative Operating Systems e.g. Linux, Mac OS
- Lego Robotics and Beginners Programming
- Video Conferencing and Streaming
- Game Design
- Networking
- Computer Hardware

## **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Patrick O Flaherty

**Treasurer:** Shane Duffy

**OCM:** Gabriel Garret

**OCM:** Rory Donohue

**Vice-Auditor:** David Gilmore

**Secretary:** Fionnuala Gibney

**OCM:** Nicholas Geoghan

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** David Gilmore

**Treasurer:** Nicholas Geoghan

**Vice-Auditor:** Patrick O'Flaherty

**Secretary:** Colm McLean

## Compsoc Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |              | Expenditure                                       |                  |
|----------------------|--------------|---|------------------|
| Income Category      | Amount       | Expenditure Category                              | Amount           |
| Opening Bank Balance | 2053         | Bank charge                                       | €3.75            |
| Greenform            | €400         | Dinner  | €307.6           |
| Societies day        | €410         | Equipment misc                                    | €1027.61         |
| USC Grant            | €1130        | Gifts   | €149.9           |
|                      |              | Reception   | €683             |
|                      |              | Speaker accommodation                             | €180.55          |
|                      |              | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€2352.41</b>  |
|                      |              | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€312.13)</b> |
|                      |              | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€1640.59</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€3993</b> | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>€3993</b>     |

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 632 members.

## Cumann de Barra (Fianna Fail) Society

**Cumann de Barra**, Fianna Fáil, is the largest, and most active, political society on the campus on NUI Galway. The Cumann is named after Kevin Barry, the eighteen year old who was executed in 1920, by the British, for his part in the War of Independence. Cumann de Barra is the oldest political cumann to exist on any campus in the entire country, having been established in 1954.

This year, Cumann de Barra has a membership exceeding 300. The Cumann excelled under the guidance of Chairman Darragh McShea, not only expanded its membership, but also actively engaging in Student life. Cumann de Barra also developed a position on the National stage over the course of the last 12 months. In October a delegation of 20 travelled to the party's Árd Fheis in Killarney, Co. Kerry. In December, the Cumann hosted a Christmas Party in The Cellar Bar, Eglinton Street, Galway. Representatives from across the country were in attendance for what can only be described as a great social occasion. The Cumann host guest speakers on a regular basis. This affords our membership the opportunity to actively engage with politicians of every level, including Ministers, TDs, Senators and Councillors.

In February the Cumann hosted the De Valera Debating semi-finals in NUI Galway. The Cumann also sent a delegation just short of 40 to the National Youth Conference which took place in The West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare. The weekend was particularly important for Cumann de Barra as it had members in the final of the public speaking competition, the De Valera Debating Finals and four Cumann members were contesting the elections for the Ógra National Youth Committee. Furthermore, the Cumann put itself forward for the Gobnait O'Connell Award.

The Weekend can be deemed as a huge success for Cumann de Barra. **Of the four members contesting the elections, all were returned.** Darragh McShea, Chairman of Cumann de Barra, was returned as

Connacht/Ulster Árd Chomhairle Representative, Lorcan Price as 3rd Level Árd Chomhairle Representative, Enda Heslin as Connacht/Ulster 3rd Level Representative and Emma Brennan as Galway West/ Galway East and Roscommon Representative. The Árd Chomhairle is the National Executive of the Fianna Fáil Party and, therefore, the Governing body of that party. This is the largest number of representatives Cumann de Barra have ever had sitting on the National Youth Committee or Árd Chomhairle of Fianna Fáil. In addition to that, Susan Treacy won the **National Public Speaking Competition** for the Cumann. The Cumann was also presented with the **Gobnait O'Connell Award**. The Gobnait O'Connell Award commemorates Gobnait, who was the National Youth Officer for Ógra, up until her tragic death in 1999. The Award is presented to the best Ógra unit in the country each year.

The Annual General Meeting took place at the end of March and elected their officer board for the upcoming academic year. This Officer Board has already started organising its events for next year, with two major ones already scheduled. In October, the Cumann will be launching its booklet commemorating 50 years of Cumann de Barra in NUI Galway. Furthermore, the largest event which Ógra holds every year, the National Youth Conference, will be held in the Ardilaun House Hotel, Taylors Hill, Galway, next February. Undoubtedly these are two events to mark into your diary.

## **Cumann de Barra Events**

This year the society held a total of 29 events.

**Senator Margaret Cox meeting** » *AC204 on Monday, 26th of September.*

Galway Senator, Margaret Cox, will visit the Cumann to talk about the growth of the economy since the 1980s. She then will take answers from those present. Everyone is welcome!

**Ordinary General Meeting** » *AC204 on Monday, 3rd of October.*

Cumann de Barra will hold an Ordinary General Meeting on Monday, October 3rd. It will commence at 8pm and conclude by 9pm. It affords all those who attend the opportunity to discuss anything they consider to be of relevance. We will also be discussing the upcoming Dáil trip.

**Ordinary General Meeting** » *AC204 on Monday, 10th of October.*

Cumann de Barra will hold an Ordinary General Meeting on Monday, October 3rd. It will commence at 8pm and conclude by 9pm. It affords all those who attend the opportunity to discuss anything they consider to be of relevance. Also on the Agenda is the upcoming Dáil Trip!

**Dáil Trip** » *Leinster House on Wednesday, 12th of October.*

A delegation from Cumann de Barra will travel to the Dáil on Wednesday, October 12th. The Cumann will meet the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern TD, at midday. At 12.30 Minister for Agriculture and Food, Mary Coughlan TD, will meet us, followed by Minister of State, Frank Fahey TD, at 1pm. The Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, John O'Donoghue TD, is scheduled to meet the Cumann at 1.30pm. We will then go for lunch with Minister for Community, Rural and Gaelteacht affairs, Eamon O'Cuív TD, in the Private Members restaurant, at 2pm. From 3pm-4pm the Cumann will be given a tour of the Dáil. At 4pm the Minister for Education and Science, Mary Hanafin TD, will meet us, followed by Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Noel Dempsey TD. We will finish the day off with Minister of State, Pat 'The Cope' Gallagher TD in the Dáil bar for an evening drink.

**Ordinary General Meeting** » *AC204 on Monday, 17th of October.*

**Árd Fheis** » *Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on Friday, 21st of October.*

The Árd Fheis for Fianna Fáil is taking place during the weekend of 21st-23rd of October 2005. It will take place in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry. This is the second time that the organisation will be travelling to Kerry for an Árd Fheis. Cumann de Barra is sending a delegation of 20 to the event. This is a great opportunity for people to actively engage with politicians from every level, including An Uachtarán of Fhianna Fáil, An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern TD. All Ministers, and Ministers of State, will be present over the weekend. Everyone is welcome to attend this major event. Further information is available from the Chairman of Cumann de Barra, Darragh McShea

**Senator Geraldine Feeney** » *AC204 on Monday, 24th of October.*

Senator Geraldine Feeney will attend Cumann as a guest speaker. Senator Feeney was elected to the Seanad in 2002 on the Labour panel. She will talk about social issues and review the Árd Fheis which takes place in The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry, from Friday October 21st- Sunday October 23rd. She will also be happy to answer any questions from those present. Everyone is welcome!

**Councillor Tiernan Brady** » AC204 on Monday, 7th of November.

Councillor Tiernan Brady is an elected public representative close to the border in Donegal. He is also elected onto the Árd Chomhairle (National Executive) of Fianna Fáil. Cllr Brady is co-opted from the Árd Chomhairle onto the sub-committee which deals with Northern Ireland. At the upcoming meeting he will discuss his experience of the North-South divide. He will also take questions from those present. Everyone is welcome!

**Cllr John Connolly** » AC204 on Monday, 21st of November.

Cllr John Connolly serves on the Galway City Council. John topped the poll in 2004 in his ward. He is a member of Ógra, a former Cathaoirleach of Cumann De Barra, and an Honorary Life Member. Everyone is Welcome!

**Cumann de Barra- Christmas Party** » The Cellar Bar on Friday, 16th of December.

**Ordinary General Meeting** » AC204 on Monday, 9th of January.

**Ordinary General Meeting** » AC204 on Monday, 16th of January.

**Convention Candidates** » AC204 on Monday, 23rd of January.

On Sunday January 30th Fianna Fáil are holding their convention in Galway West. The convention will select candidates to go forward and contest the next General Election in Galway West on behalf of Fianna Fáil. There have been six people nominated to contest the convention and they are; Ministers Eamon O'Cuív and Frank Fahey, Councillors John Connolly, Seamus Walsh, and Mary Hoade and Údaras na Gaeltachta Representative, Val Hanly. Each of the candidates have been invited to attend Cumann de Barra to talk about themselves and why they have gone forward for this nomination. Everyone is welcome!

**John Paul Feeley** » AC204 on Monday, 30th of January.

Connacht Ulster Árd Chomhairle Representative, John Paul Feeley, is running for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of Ógra Fianna Fáil at the upcoming National Youth Conference. He will attend our meeting to talk about the role of Ógra and seek our support for Ennis.

**Michael Shovlin** » AC215 on Thursday, 2nd of February.

Michael Shovlin is the current Leas Cathaoirleach of Ógra Fianna Fáil. He was elected at the National Youth Conference in November 2004. His term is coming to an end and Michael will discuss the successes Ógra have enjoyed over the last 15 months. He will also be happy to answer any questions.

**De Valera Debating Finals** » Cairnes Theatre on Monday, 6th of February.

The De Valera Debating competition is hosted every year by Ógra Fianna Fáil. The finals take place at the National Youth Conference. This year Cumann de Barra, NUI, Galway has the honour of hosting the semi-finals!

**Colin Joyce meeting** » AC204 on Monday, 13th of February.

Colin Joyce was re-elected to the Árd Chomhairle (National Executive) of Fianna Fáil at the Árd Fheis in Killarney last October. He will talk about "Grassroots versus Central Organisation." Everyone is welcome!

**National Youth Conference** » Ennis, Co. Clare on Friday, 17th of February.

**Cllr Bhrian O'Domhnaill** » AC204 on Thursday, 23rd of February.

Donegal Councillor, and Udaras na Gaeltachta representative, Bhrian O'Domhnaill, will visit Cumann de Barra as a guest speaker. He will be happy to answer any questions.

**Séan Dorgan Meeting** » IT205 on Tuesday, 7th of March.

The General Secretary of Fianna Fáil, Mr Séan Dorgan, will visit Cumann de Barra on Tuesday March 7th. Séan is the most senior administrator in Fianna Fáil and is charged with full responsibility for the organisation of Fianna Fáil and any of its events. Séan will talk about his, and Ógra's, role in the organisation, and the upcoming General Election. He will be happy to answer questions. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Ordinary General Meeting** » AC204 on Monday, 13th of March.

**Cllr Shane P. O'Reilly** » AC204 on Monday, 20th of March.

Cavan County Councillor Shane P. O'Reilly is one of Ireland's youngest elected public representatives. Shane was also elected to the Árd Chomhairle (National Executive) of Fianna Fáil at the Árd Fheis in Killarney last October. He will attend the meeting, talk about the role of the youth in politics, and then take any questions from the floor. Everyone is welcome!

**Annual General Meeting** » AC214 on Thursday, 30th of March.

## **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Darragh McShea

**Vice-Auditor:** Liam Ó hAisibéil

**Treasurer:** Emma Brennan

**Secretary:** Kate Feeney



**Membership Officer:** Andrea Gilligan  
**Assistant Secretary:** Diarmuid McIntyre  
**Events Officer:** Enda Heslin

**First Year Rep.:** Philip Griffin  
**Joint Treasurer:** Eoin O'Niallain  
**PRO:** Vincent Lacey

### **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Darragh McShea  
**Treasurer:** Sean Scally  
**PRO:** Diarmuid McIntyre  
**Membership Officer:** Keith Browne

**Vice-Auditor:** Andrea Gilligan  
**Secretary:** Eoin O'Niallain  
**Joint Treasurer:** Joe O'Neill  
**Events Officer:** Susan Treacy

### **Cumann de Barra Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |                  | <b>Expenditure</b>                                |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>    | <b>Expenditure Category</b>                       | <b>Amount</b>    |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 326.17           | Affill/Mem fees                                   | €50              |
| Members Contributions  | €3553.75         | Ball  | €60              |
| Sponsorship            | €1345            | Bank charge                                       | €11.25           |
| USC Grant              | €5393.5          | Dinner  | €1331.23         |
|                        |                  | Entertainment                                     | €2208.05         |
|                        |                  | Entry fees  | €2780            |
|                        |                  | Non Alcoholic Refresh                             | €10              |
|                        |                  | Promotions  | €79.15           |
|                        |                  | Society accommodation                             | €1980            |
|                        |                  | Society transport                                 | €523.5           |
|                        |                  | Speaker accommodation                             | €550             |
|                        |                  | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€9583.18</b>  |
|                        |                  | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€90)</b>     |
|                        |                  | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€1035.24</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€10618.42</b> | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>€10618.42</b> |

### **Other Information**

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 304 members.

### **Cumann Dramaíochta Society**

Is iontach an deis í feabhas a chur ar do chuid Ghaeilge agus bualadh le cairde nua trí modh na dramaíochta ná bheith i do bhall den Cumann D! Ní gá duit bheith i do aisteoir chun páirt a ghlacadh in sna drámaí ach suim agat sa teanga sin an méid. Bíonn ceardlanna ar súil go rialta chun leideanna aisteoireacht a nochtadh agus do mhuinín a mhéadu. Leanann an craic ar aghaidh do dtí Club Aras na Gael ina dhiaidh. I mbliana, bhí Féile na gColáistí ar siúl anseo in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe. Chuir an Cumann D isteach ar trí cinn agus d'éirigh thar barr leo. Tháinig na cumann dramaíochta ó cholaístití eile ar fud na tíre mar shampla Chorcaigh, Baile Atha Claith agus Beal Feirste. Bhí an deireadh seachtaine ar fheabhas!

The Cumann D is an excellent way to improve your Irish and meet with people who speak Irish. All you need is an interest in the language and a smile, not amazing acting skills!! The society host workshops on a regular basis in which we receive hints for acting and confidence boosters on stage. The craic continues then to Club Aras na Gael. This year NUI Galway hosted the national college's festival. The Cumann D entered three dramas

in the festival and they all succeeded very well. There were colleges from all over Ireland present including, UCC, UCD, St. Pats Drumcondra and Belfast University. It was an excellent weekend.

## Cumann Dramaíochta Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

**Cearclann dramaíochta** » *Teatar, Aras na Gael on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

**An Ghaeilgeoir dheireanach** » *An Taibhdhearc on Tuesday, 4th of October.*

**Cearclann dramaíochta** » *Teatar, Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 19th of October.*

**Cearclann Dramaíochta** » *Teatar, Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

**Eisteachtaí** » *teatar arus na gaeilge on Wednesday, 18th of January.*

**ceardlann dramaíochta** » *teatar, arus na gaeilge on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

**feile na gcolaisti-muscailt 2006** » *teatar arus na gaeilge and BOI theatar on Friday, 24th of February.*

beidh feile dramaíochta na gcolaisti ar siúl i ngaillimh i mbliana sa teatar in arus na gaeilge agus sa BOI theatar. ma ta suim agat a bheith pairteach chuir ríomhphoist chuig an cumann dramaíochta. the irish drama intervarsities will be held in galway this year over the weekend of the 24th and 25th. the festival will take place in the theater in arus na gaeilge and in the BOI theater. if you are interested in taking part please email the cumann dramaíochta.

**Oiliúnt skinny spew & na Cloigne** » *Amharclann Áras na nGael on Friday, 24th of February.*

**Féile na gColáistí** » *BOI Theatre & Amharclann Áras na nGael on Saturday, 25th of February.*

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Bairbre Ni Mhaille

**Vice-Auditor:** Bairbre Ni Fhlatharta

**Treasurer:** John Mullarkey

**Secretary:** Blaitthin Seoige

**PRO:** Peadar o Muircheartaigh

**OCM:** Aisling Dee

**Webmaster:** Dualta Mac Lochlainn

**Irish officer:** Maitiu de hAl

## Cumann Dramaíochta Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 772.86          | Bank charge                 | €10.91          |
| Socs box             | €350            | Costumes                    | €1599           |
| Sponsorship          | €1860           | Dinner                      | €640            |
| Ticket Sales         | €560            | Entertainment               | €157            |
| USC Grant            | €2675           | Equipment misc              | €109            |
|                      |                 | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €60             |
|                      |                 | Society accomodation        | €1020           |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€3595.91</b> |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€2621.95</b> |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€6217.86</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€6217.86</b> |

## Other Information

We held 19 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 36 members.

## Cumann Eigse Society

Ba é an bhliain 2006 an bhliain is rathúil le haghaidh cúpla bliain anuas. D'obair Beartla de Búrca mar iniúchóir ar son an cumann agus fuair sé cabhair ó Máirtín Ó Fátharta, an runaí, Pádraigín Ní Ghailchoir, an OCP agus leas reachtaire, Fintan Hegarty a bhí mar cisteoir comh maith leis an chuid eile don choiste. Bhuail an cumann le cheile sa téatar i Aras na Gaeilge agus i rith na bhliaba bhí ocht crinniú ginearalta ann. I Mean Fomhair bhí an Cumann i dteagmhail leis an gCumann Dramaíochta. Le cheile d'eagraigh muid turas go Corcaigh le haghaidh an Oireachtas. I ndiadh sin i mí Éanair d'eagraigh muid díospoireacht mhór idir Enda Kenny agus an tAire Eamón Ó Ciuv comh maith le dhaoine eile. Freastail níos mó ná 250 dhaoine ag an gcrinniú. Freisin bhí cuig óiche sóisralta ann i Aras na Gael, cúpla óiche dansa, óiche seanchais le an tathair Eddie Bheartla agus óraid le Donncha Ó hEalaithe. Mar sin seo an bhliain is fearr agus an bhliain is gnóthach le tamall fada

### Cumann Éigse Events

This year the society had a total of 15 events that took place.

**Óiche Sóisialta** ran for 4 weeks in Aras na Gael, beginning on Tuesday, 18/10/2005.

**Oíche Soisialta** ran for 7 weeks in Aras na Gaeilge, beginning on Tuesday, 17/1/2006.

**Óiche Dansa** » *Téatar Áras na Gaeilge on Sunday, 11/9/2005.*

**Óiche Dansa** » *Téatar Áras na Gaeilge on Tuesday, 25/10/2005.*

Teacht le cheile le haghaidh dansa gaelach a dhéanamh.

**Plé Poiblí** » *Téatar Uí Chearbhalláin, Áras na Gaeilge on Friday, 20/1/2006.*

Beidh an tAire Éamon Ó Cuív, Éanna Ó Cionnaith, Ceannasaí Fhine Gael, Peadar Mac an Iomaire ó Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge agus Dáithí Mac Cárthaigh, Uachtarán Chonradh na Gaeilge ag labhairt ar an rún "An bhfuil Maoiniú na Gaeilge á chur amú?". Beidh an lucht éisteachta in ann a gcuid tuairimí a chuir i láthair agus ceisteanna a chuir ar na cainteoirí más mian leo. Beidh an fáilte fíona ag tosnú ag 7:30i.n agus beidh an plé poiblí ag tosnú ag a 8:00i.n

**Ceardlann i nGaidhlig na hAlban** » *Seomra 106, Áras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 9/2/2006.*

Beidh an ceardlann seo á múineadh ag Ruairidh Maciver ón Oileán Leodhais na hAlban, agus tá sé feiliúnach do thosnaitheoirí ar fad, cibé caighdeán Gaeilge atá acu. Tá fáilte roimh chách!

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Beartla de Búrca

**Vice-Auditor:** Pádraigín Ní Ghailchoir

**Treasurer:** Fintan Hegarty

**Secretary:** Máirtín Ó Fátharta

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Ronan MacDiarmada

**OCM:** Beartla de Búrca

### Cumann Éigse Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                | Expenditure                 |                |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount         | Expenditure Category        | Amount         |
| Opening Bank Balance | 46.99          | Bank charge                 | €1.68          |
| USC Grant            | €680           | Prizes                      | €100           |
|                      |                | Reception                   | €92            |
|                      |                | Society transport           | €400           |
|                      |                | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€593.68</b> |
|                      |                | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€133.31</b> |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€726.99</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€726.99</b> |

### Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 354 members.

## Dance Society

Dansoc is one of the largest societies on campus and it provides a variety of dance classes each week. These range from ballet to salsa to hip hop and we provide a great way to get some exercise, meet new people and just have fun. We do several performances each year and we have also hosted the second annual intervarsities

### Dansoc Events

This year the society had a total of 58 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

**Modern Jazz** ran for 4 weeks in Raquet ball Court, beginning on Monday, 23/1/2006.

Weekly class using music from shows such as Chicago and also some Hip Hop styles were incorporated in the routines

**ballet** ran for 10 weeks in Racquetball courts, beginning on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.

Ballet dancing for beginners to the musical stylings of Dido and Enya, to name but a few.

**Beginners Irish Dancing** ran for 10 weeks in Racquetball Court, beginning on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.

Irish dancing class geared toward those with little or no experience with Irish Dancing

**Advanced Irish Dancing** ran for 9 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.

Irish dancing for those with experience beyond the beginners level

**Salsa Dancing** ran for 10 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.

**Hip Hop** ran for 9 weeks in Racquetball court, beginning on Thursday, 26/1/2006.

**Rhythm, Performance** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 14/11/2005.

Performance of varied types of dance including ballet, salsa, Hip Hop and advanced and beginners Irish dancing. Lighting was used to enhance the performance

**Rhythm** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

DanSoc performance. It was another great show! Open to all staff and students, sold out in minutes!!!

**Rhythm** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

Performance by DanSoc. Evening Performance-a repeat of the show earlier, due to popular demand

**Intervarsities** » Aras na Mac Leinn on Friday, 10/3/2006.

Students from Cork and Maynooth will be arriving to take part in workshops and a showcase performance will take place at the end. There will also be an after-party.

**AGM** » The Hub on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.

**Rhythm** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Jennifer Coleman

**Vice-Auditor:** Sarah-Jayne MacLavery

**Treasurer:** Clare Graham

**Secretary:** Catherine Carey

**PRO:** Selina McCarthy

**PRO:** Andrea Byrne

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Andrea Byrne

**Vice-Auditor:** Siobhain McMorro

**Treasurer:** Gillian Healy

**PRO:** Alison McGreevy

## Dance Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |                 | Expenditure                 |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category       | Amount          | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 222.4           | Bank charge                 | €7.5            |
| Greenform             | €79             | Dinner                      | €231.28         |
| Members Contributions | €811.5          | Equipment misc              | €150            |
| Societies day         | €1289           | Materials                   | €1060           |
| Ticket Sales          | €385.8          | Promotions                  | €40             |
| USC Grant             | €1802.25        | Reception                   | €361.22         |
|                       |                 | Society transport           | €30             |
|                       |                 | Speaker accommodation       | €79             |
|                       |                 | Speaker travel              | €451            |
|                       |                 | Teacher fees                | €865            |
|                       |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€3275</b>    |
|                       |                 | <b>Cash In Hand</b>         | <b>€2.5</b>     |
|                       |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€1312.45</b> |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>€4589.95</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€4589.95</b> |

### Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 450 members.

## DJ Society

DJ Society aims to develop and promote the art of DJing amongst its members and provide members with an outlet to enjoy themselves through music, performance, and interaction with other members. It's about people coming together, having fun, enjoying good music, and developing a talent for DJing. DJ Society currently has 252 members - an increase of 110 from 2004/2005. A live set was performed on both Societies Days with turntables, CD decks, PA and speakers to attract new members. Previous year's members on the mailing-list were invited to join again. New members are always welcome to attend open-deck sessions in the Ruby Room, which are promoted twice weekly via town and campus posterage.

We also entertained in Aras na MacLeinn during the University Open Day in December. As we run regular gigs in the Blue Note, the King's Head and Arus na nGael, we were able to get high quality glossy color posters and flyers sponsored. Posters for all events were put up and flyers handed out twice weekly both on campus and in town. DJ Soc DJs promoted DJ Soc events on Flirt FM regularly. DJs playing a particular night spread the word massively amongst friends. As the year progressed, more and more people heard of DJ Soc events through word of mouth. Text messages were sent out to members for almost all events. 62 emails were sent to the 'DJ Society-announce' mailing-list during the year. All events were submitted to the Socs Calendar Website also. As many of our events are located off campus and open to the public, outside promotion is essential. Getting professional DJs from the GPO, Halo and OASIS to attend the Ruby Room sessions, as well as judging internal competitions, helps spread the word outside the college and build links with clubs in town. Again, the glossy color posters were put up and flyers handed out in most bars and clubs in town. Many DJ Soc DJs promote DJ Society events during their regular slots on Flirt FM, which broadcasts off-campus.

### DJ Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 54 events that took place.

#### Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

**DJSoc @ Blue Note** ran for 11 weeks in *The Blue Note*, beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

**Student Night** ran for 11 weeks in *The Blue Note*, beginning on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.

**NightVision** ran for 8 weeks in *The Blue Note*, beginning on Wednesday, 12/4/2006.

### Special Events

This year we held 24 special events. These events were as follows:

**Socs Day 1** » *Aras na MacLeinn* on Thursday, 22/9/2005.

**Open Day** » *Aras na MacLeinn* on Thursday, 1/12/2005.

**ABU** » *Arus na nGael* on Thursday, 12/1/2006.

**NUIG DJ Battle** » *Aula Maxima* on Saturday, 14/1/2006.

**Socs Day 2** » *Aras na MacLeinn* on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

**Girls' Night Out** » *The Blue Note* on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.

**DJ Lessons & Practice Session** » *The Ruby Room, King's Head* on Tuesday, 31/1/2006.

**Classes & Practice Session** » *Ruby Room, King's Head* on Tuesday, 31/1/2006.

**NURSES' BALL** » *Salthill Hotel* on Friday, 3/2/2006.

**Weekly Gig** » *The Blue Note* on Wednesday, 8/2/2006.

**ABU** » *Arus na nGael - Dominick St* on Thursday, 9/2/2006.

**Practice Session** » *The Ruby Room, King's Head* on Tuesday, 14/2/2006.

**Student Night** » *The Blue Note* on Wednesday, 15/2/2006.

**NUIG DJ Battle** » *Aula Maxima* on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

**Battle of the Decks** » *Aula Maxima Lower* on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

**Girls' Night Out** » *The Oasis* on Friday, 24/2/2006.

**DramSoc Party** » *BOI Theatre* on Friday, 24/2/2006.

DJ Soc DJs man the decks at DramSoc end of Muscailt Party.

**RAG Week** » *Kings Head* on Monday, 27/2/2006.

**Ruby Room Sessions - LIVE** » *King's Head* on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.

**RAG Week - DJSOC** » *College Bar* on Thursday, 2/3/2006.

**ABÚ** » *Arus na nGael* on Wednesday, 8/3/2006.

**AGM + PARTY** » *DeBurgho's* on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.

**Intersivity DJ Battle** » *Pod, Dublin* on Thursday, 6/4/2006.

First ever Intersivity DJ Battle. Winner receives loads of cool gear and a spot at Global Gathering.

**Intersivity DJ Battle** » *the POD, Dublin* on Thursday, 6/4/2006.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Cormac Staunton

**Treasurer:** Eoghan OBrien

**Vice-Auditor:** Rory Donohue

**Secretary:** Liam Griffin

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Cormac Staunton

**Treasurer:** Eoghan OBrien

**Vice-Auditor:** Rory Donohue

**Secretary:** Liam Griffin

### DJ Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |        | Expenditure          |        |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| Income Category      | Amount | Expenditure Category | Amount |
| Opening Bank Balance | 146.96 | Equipment misc       | €760   |

|                       |          |                             |          |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Members Contributions | €150     | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €430     |
| Sponsorship           | €295     | Society accommodation       | €150     |
| USC Grant             | €1570    | Society transport           | €100     |
|                       |          | Socs day expenses           | €120     |
|                       |          | Teacher fees                | €400     |
|                       |          | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €1960    |
|                       |          | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €201.96  |
| <b>Total</b>          | €2161.96 | <b>Total</b>                | €2161.96 |

## Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 252 members.

## Drama Society

Dramsoc is the college dramatic society.

The society aims as stated in the Constitution are; to provide productions experience for the members of the society, support the development of all forms of drama and dramatic production in the college, support new writing, involve all interested members of the University to the fullest extent possible so as to create a richer and more diverse Dramsoc and finally in all other ways to further the performance and enjoyment of drama at the University!

This year Dramsoc put on nine productions; 'Castles for People', 'I cant remember anything', 'Love or Blood', 'Adrian Writer', 'Stupid Universe', 'Georges Baby', 'Red Roses and Petrol', 'Signals' and 'Big Maggie'. This not to mention the 11 one act plays we put on during Muscailt. We have never gotten so many people involved in the production side of Dramsoc before. We got seven nominations and one award at ISDA the Irish Student Drama Awards which just shows how high a standard these were. We also sent two acts down to the fringe festival at ISDA. Every Wednesday we continued to run our weekly session, Staged and Confused, improv, games, sketches etc. We held our 100 years celebration in November.

We feel that Dramsoc has never been better; with the amount of people we involved this year in all aspects of what we do, the high standard of what we produced and most importantly the craic we all had while doing it. It was a good year!

## Dramsoc Events

This year the society had a total of 35 events that took place.

**Staged and Confused** ran for 10 weeks in BOI theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 21/9/2005.

our weekly night of improv, games, sketches and general madness. The night provides a chance to show off your theatrical ability in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and even if you prefer to sit back and watch proceedings the evening always promises plenty of laughs and entertainment! So to experience the evening we'd like to invite all those who have as of yet not made it to Staged and Confused - we can promise great craic! We hope to see all the usual faces back needless to say also

**Dramsoc 100 years** » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 1/11/2005.

This was a celebration of our 100th birthday! It took place on the first night of the first Dramsoc production for the year. It was a mini reunion with some past Dramsoc members attending such as Paraic Breathnach. We had a wine reception with a further reception in the College Bar after the production. We searched through the archives, found many old programmes, photographs etc from which we got three large boards made up, depicting the last one hundred years of the society, these are still hanging in the theatre foyer.

**Dramsoc Double Bill** » *BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.*

'Love or Blood' a play written and directed by Conall O Riain. 'I can't remember anything' by Arthur Miller, directed by Rebecca Ryan This double bill of plays takes place for the week in the BOI theatre. It is part of centenary celebrations. This sees Dramsoc members performing works written by themselves and also directing for the first time.

**'Adrian Writer' and 'Stupid Universe'** » *BOI Theatre on Wednesday, 16/11/2005.*

Two short play written by Caoimh McCarthy, a Dramsoc member. These were the last week of our centenary celebrations.

**Stupid Universe & Adrian Writer** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 24/11/2005.*

**Castles for People by Henry Martin** » *BOI Theatre on Friday, 2/12/2005.*

A play written and directed by Henry Martin, a student of NUIG, took place for four nights in the BOI Theatre. It had a cast of seven and was the first play of the year for Dramsoc.

**Auditions - Red Roses and Petrol** » *Bank Of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 16/1/2006.*

Auditions for Dramsocs - Red Roses and Petrol Written by Joseph O'Connor and directed by Rob Mc Feely take place this week. 4 males and 4 females needed. Mondays Auditions 13:00-14:30 and 18:00-19:30 will take place in the Bank of Ireland Theatre beside the College Bar. Further auditions held Tuesday and Wednesday Audition pieces available in the Socs Box in the Hub or in the Dramsoc Pigeon hole in the Hub. Check theatre door for further info or visit <http://dramsoc.nuigalway.ie>. All welcome. call Rob 0861734074 for more info

**Staged and Confused** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.*

Dramsoc's weekly night of Improv, Theatre Games and all-round madness!

**Staged & Confused** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.*

Staged & Confused will be on this Wednesday (25th January) at 7pm in the Bank of Ireland Theatre (beside the college bar). Staged and Confused is a improvisation/fun and games night. Come along for the craic and don't worry about getting involved is totally voluntary. Its just a lot of craic really. After the night we usually head off to the Open Mic Night downstairs in the Cellar Bar. There is often free passes to Cuba handed out. We're looking forward to seeing everyone from last semester but as always we would love to see fresh faces. Spread the word! It's never too late to come along for the laugh.

**Dramsoc: Staged & Confused** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 1/2/2006.*

**Staged & Confused** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 8/2/2006.*

**Staged and Confused** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 15/2/2006.*

**One-Act Play Series** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/2/2006. Mary Hegarty's Last Mass* by Shona McCarthy, *Basin of Myself* by Henry Martin, *Strings* by Danny Golden

**Checkers** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.*

*Checkers* directed by Lauren Mikov

**One-Act Play Series** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 23/2/2006.*

*Empty* by Candace Driskill, *More Dears Than Tears* by Cliona deBri, *Tell Tale Tattlers* by Naomi Moran

**One-Act Play Series** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 24/2/2006.*

*The Ache* by Bridget Deevey, *Earthed* by Deirdre Sullivan, *Frozen* by Terry Dineen

**One Act Omnibus Edition** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 24/2/2006.*

DramSoc performances of all one-act plays performed during the week. Tonight will feature the inaugural presentation of the Jerome Hynes Memorial Award sponsored by the Alumni Office.

**Alternative Staged & Confused** » *on Wednesday, 8/3/2006.*

For the same theatre games, Improv and all-round fun be sure to come to Staged and Confused this week - in an alternative venue...still a secret ssshhh...Keep an eye out on the website at <http://dramsoc.nuigalway.ie/> for final confirmation of the venue and also keep those eyes peeled for posters around college. Be sure to come along and sure bring a friend - the more the merrier!

**Spring Play Series - "Signals"** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 13/3/2006.*

"Signals" is an adaptation of "The Jeweller's Shop", a play by Karol Josef Wojtyla (i.e Pope JP II). Joe Quinn directs this Polish set drama dealing poetically with relationships.

**Spring Play Series - Red Roses & Petrol** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 13/3/2006.*

"Red Roses and Petrol" by Joseph O'Connor, directed by Rob Mc Feely. Red Roses and Petrol is a domestic Drama set in suburban Dublin. Enda Doyle's death brings about a family reunion. An autobiographical video collection of Enda's is found and it releases, in a whirlwind, years of familial tension. Bubbling below the surface of the Doyle family



is a lifetime of love, hurt, joy and hate and an audience can't but find introspection as the ghost of the Doyle Family emerges. Tickets are available in the Hub and on the door - 3euro for students and 5euro for non-students For more information visit <http://dramsoc.nuigalway.ie/>

**Staged and Confused** » on Wednesday, 15/3/2006.

**ISDA** » UCC on Sunday, 19/3/2006.

Dramsoc heads to Cork with three productions to take on the other colleges at the Irish Student Drama Awards. Big Maggie, Red Roses and Petrol and I can't Remember Anything were our three plays sent down. They did us proud and we came away with no fewer than.....7 nominations and 1 award!!! We got nominated for; best director (Rob McFeely), best set, best supporting actor (Fiachra O Dubhghaill) and best supporting actress (Lucia Smith) all for Red Roses and Petrol and best actor and actress for Dan Colley and Aimee Leevy from I can't remember anything. It was Rebecca Ryan for I can't remember anything that took away the judges discretionary award for Best New Director! Go on UCG Dramsoc!

**George's Baby** » BOI Theatre on Sunday, 19/3/2006.

**Big Maggie** » Bank Of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 20/3/2006.

By John B Keane. Fresh from representing the University at ISDA.

**AGM** » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Thursday, 30/3/2006.

**End-of-Year Party** » Richardsons, Eyre Square on Thursday, 30/3/2006.

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Rob McFeely

**Vice-Auditor:** Caitriona Mulhall

**Treasurer:** Ciara Norman

**Secretary:** Caitriona Mulhall

**Webmaster:** Andy Regan

**Production Coordinator:** Ronan McMahon

**Society Development Officer:** Deirdre O Doherty

**PRO:** Aileen Bradley

**Voice of Reason:** Tracy Bruen

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Caitriona Mulhall

**Vice-Auditor:** Rebecca Ryan

**Treasurer:** Darragh Finn

**Secretary:** Stella Keary

**SDO:** Rob McFeely

**PRO:** Kate Conneeley

**Tech Manager:** Liam Harkin

**Production Co-ordinator:** Emma Flaherty

## Drama Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |         | Expenditure           |          |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------|
| Income Category       | Amount  | Expenditure Category  | Amount   |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 2833.59 | Affill/Mem fees       | €350     |
| Members Contributions | €610.07 | Bank charge           | €3.75    |
| Socs box              | €739    | Dinner                | €1255    |
| Societies day         | €114.23 | Entertainment         | €810     |
| Sponsorship           | €105.87 | Entry fees            | €1350    |
| Ticket Sales          | €1316   | Equipment misc        | €45      |
| USC Grant             | €5305   | Gifts                 | €120     |
|                       |         | Hire Bus              | €1046.45 |
|                       |         | Makeup/Props          | €340.06  |
|                       |         | Materials             | €894.55  |
|                       |         | Non Alcoholic Refresh | €166.7   |
|                       |         | Performing rights     | €1045    |

|              |                  |                                  |                  |
|--------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
|              |                  | Phone                            | €420             |
|              |                  | Printing                         | €195             |
|              |                  | Reception                        | €515             |
|              |                  | Set                              | €586.8           |
|              |                  | Society accomm                   | €687             |
|              |                  | Teacher fees                     | €200             |
|              |                  | <b>Expenditure Total</b>         | <b>€10765.85</b> |
|              |                  | <b>Unreconciled cheque Total</b> | <b>€156.3</b>    |
|              |                  | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>      | <b>€257.91</b>   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>€11023.76</b> | <b>Total</b>                     | <b>€11023.76</b> |

## Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 600 members.

## Ecology Society

Ecosoc has been very involved in a number of campaigns over the last year. We have organised talks, film screenings, meetings, media campaigns and street theatre activism for a number of ecological issues. These included the Pit Stop Ploughares campaign, the Shell to Sea Campaign and Buy Nothing Day.

### Ecology Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

**Benefit Gig** » *Richardson's, Eyre Square on Thursday, 13th of October.*

Benefit gig for the Rossport Solidarity Camp, with noise provided by Cub Scout Disco, Captain Spaulding, Riastradh, Summer Disease and Council of Ten. Costing 4 yoyo's before 9pm, 5 thereafter.

**Pit Stop Ploughshares meeting** » *Fottrell Theater, AMB on Thursday, 20th of October.*

Meeting with Ciaran O'Reilly of the Pit Stop Ploughshares, Tim Hourigan who helped uncover renditions through Shannon and Farrah, from Voices in the Wilderness.

**Launch of 'Ireland from Below'** » *North Star Hotel, Amiens St, Galway on Wednesday, 23rd of November.*

The launch of IRELAND FROM BELOW, a new monthly newspaper reporting community struggles.

**Buy Nothing Day film screenings** » *The Hub on Saturday, 26th of November.*

Films being screened in the Hub for Buy Nothing Day. Consumer Zombies also available on shop street, trade/barter fair in the One World Centre, anti-commercial awareness around town.

**Meeting** » *The HUB on Friday, 13th of January.*

**ECOSOC: Rossport Camp Meeting** » *Smokies on Saturday, 28th of January.*

**Two Talks** » *Human Rights Centre on Thursday, 2nd of February.*

Sr. Majella McCarron who worked with the Ogoni people and Ken Sara Wiwa in Nigeria against the environmental destruction wrought by Shell is speaking at 3 pm. She also works with on the Rossport campaign is an amazing woman. There's also a lunchtime seminar in the Human Rights centre the same day re. the Palestinian elections.

**Shell to Sea picket** » *Clare on Saturday, 18th of February.*

**Galway Alliance Against War Meeting** » *Town Hall on Monday, 20th of February.*

**Shell to Sea workshop (GRÁ week event)** » *Bank of Ireland theatre on Thursday, 9th of March.*

**Critical Mass** » *Spanish Arch on Friday, 31st of March.*

**AGM - Ecosoc** » *The Hub on Wednesday, 5th of April.*

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** David Jack Hallinan

**Vice-Auditor:** Maeve O Connor

**Secretary:** Pauhla McGrane

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Pauhla McGrane

**Vice-Auditor:** David Jack Hallinan

### Ecology Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |          | Expenditure                                       |          |
|----------------------|----------|---|----------|
| Income Category      | Amount   | Expenditure Category                              | Amount   |
| Opening Bank Balance | 2863.27  | Bank charge                                       | €3.75    |
| Greenform            | €120     | Society accommodation                             | €120     |
| Societies day        | €100     | Speaker travel                                    | €221.85  |
| USC Grant            | €842     |   |          |
|                      |          | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | €345.6   |
|                      |          | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | (€425)   |
|                      |          | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | €3579.67 |
| <b>Total</b>         | €3925.27 | <b>Total</b>                                      | €3925.27 |

### Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 42 members.

## Engineering Society

### Eng Soc Events

**Engineering Ball** » Galway Bay Hotel, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Engineering Ball took place in the Great Southern Hotel. Tickets went on Sale on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 05. The evening was a great success.

The Society raised €840 for charity events throughout the year and organised a number of class parties bringing students in the department together and providing a social forum where students could mix.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Eng Ball Committee:** Hopkins, Caroline

**Eng Ball Committee:** Tierney, Joanne

**Eng Ball Committee:** ODwyer, John

**Eng Ball Committee:** Gillespie, Ciara

**Eng Ball Committee:** McRedmond, Grainne

**Eng Ball Committee:** NiChroinin, Niamh

**Eng Ball Committee:** Atcheson, Mairead

### Engineering Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |        | Expenditure              |           |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Income Category      | Amount | Expenditure Category     | Amount    |
| Opening Bank Balance | 173.01 | Ball                     | €15604    |
| Balls                | €19055 | Bank charge              | €10.47    |
| USC Grant            | €30    | Dinner                   | €840      |
|                      |        | Entertainment            | €1680     |
|                      |        | Fundraising/charity      | €820      |
|                      |        | Returned Money           | €30       |
|                      |        | <b>Expenditure Total</b> | €18984.47 |

|              |           |                                  |           |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|              |           | <b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | €0        |
|              |           | <b>Cash In Hand</b>              | €90       |
|              |           | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>      | €183.54   |
| <b>Total</b> | €19258.01 | <b>Total</b>                     | €19258.01 |

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 117 members.

## Fantasy & Science Fiction Society

Fansci is NUI Galway's Fantasy and Science Fiction society. The main focus of the society is in bringing people together for the purposes of role-playing as well as board and card gaming. Fansci meets each week for the purposes of gaming and discussion. As well as holding these meetings throughout the year, Fansci organised a number of once-off events, including the second year of our gaming convention, Itzacon. As well as this, we organised a society trip to the cinema in October, a society trip to Warpcon in Cork in January and our own convention, a stage play and a radio play in March. As well as this, we also took part in two of the Access Programs children's camp projects, organising games primary and secondary school children. All in all, Fansci had a very busy year in 2006!

### FanSci Events

This year the society had a total of 14 events that took place.

#### Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks. This event was as follows:

**Games Night** ran for 10 weeks in AC201, beginning on Wednesday, 28/9/2005.

#### Special Events

This year we held 4 special events. These events were as follows:

**Men At Arms & Guard Guard** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 20/2/2006.*

Performed by FanSci Society

**Sandman** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.*

*Sandman* by Neil Gaiman, adapted and performed by FanSci Society

**Itzacon** » *The Aula Maxmia on Friday, 10/3/2006.*

Itzacon Eire is Galway's only gaming convention, now in its second year. It shall be running from Friday the 10th of March until Sunday the 13th. The event shall be taking place in the Aula Maxmia, and will involve lots of activities during the day, ranging from roleplaying games to card games to a giant snakes and ladders tournament! After the convention, we'll be heading to the town for fun and frolics for all. For more information, head on over to [www.itzaconeire.com](http://www.itzaconeire.com). Friday 10th: 6pm – 9pm GURPS Horror, Werewolf, Eberron – D&D 7pm to 9pm Open Demos Saturday 11th RPGS, Legend of the five rings, Harry Potter, Team Synergy 1.5 LARPS: Erasure: Time Travel Other: Chez Geek Tournament 10am – 1pm Harry Potter Erasure: Time Travel 11am to 1pm, Team Synergy 1.5 Open Demos from 1pm 2pm – 5pm RPGS: Paranoia in the Great Library, Hellboy, Spelljammer, LARPS: In Nomine 3-5pm Munchkin Tournament 6-9pm: RPGS: Abyssals, Call of Cthulhu, Classic D & D Others: Zombies / Frag – 6pm to 8pm LARPS: Requiem Other: Zombies / Frag – 6pm to 8pm Open Demos from 8pm Sunday 12th 10-1pm RPGS: Game of Thrones, Serenity, Mage, LARPS: Changeling Others: Open Demos from 11am Pirates – 12pm to 2pm 2pm-5pm: Discworld, Masque of the Red Death, Godlike. LARPS: Memories of Justice Others: Carcassone – 3pm to 5pm Monopoly 3-5pm.

**A.G.M.** » *AC204 on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Padraig Murphy

**Vice-Auditor:** Brian Dolan

**Treasurer:** Keiren McGee

**Entertainments Officer:** Niamh Dolan

**Librarian:** Pól MacFhionngaille

**PRO:** Yolande O'Brien

**Secretary:** Karl Kavanagh

**Entertainments Officer:** Edel Crowley

**Games Convenor:** Patrick Ryan

## FanSci Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                | Expenditure                                       |                  |
|----------------------|----------------|---|------------------|
| Income Category      | Amount         | Expenditure Category                              | Amount           |
| Opening Bank Balance | 3352.84        | Affill/Mem fees                                   | €828.55          |
| Fundraising          | €230           | Ball  | €1.96            |
| Muscailt             | €47.86         | Bank charge                                       | €3.75            |
| Ticket Sales         | €1661          | Dinner  | €100             |
| USC Grant            | €2655          | Entry fees  | €1568            |
|                      |                | Equipment misc                                    | €250             |
|                      |                | Promotions  | €280.85          |
|                      |                | Society accommodation                             | €259             |
|                      |                | Society transport                                 | €800.32          |
|                      |                | Speaker accommodation                             | €194             |
|                      |                | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€4286.43</b>  |
|                      |                | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€947.25)</b> |
|                      |                | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€3660.27</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€7946.7</b> | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>€7946.7</b>   |

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 168 members.

## Film Society

The main aim of Filmsoc is to encourage and develop Film making and viewing on campus. We achieve these aims through two methods. The first is the regular film screenings we put on Thursday evenings. The second through workshops given by professional individuals in the filmmaking business. Besides this we try to encourage a social environment where people can meet and discuss film and work and critique the work of others with fellow students.

## Film Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

**Societies Day** » *Aras na Macleinn on Wednesday, 21st of September.*

**E.G.M** » *AM150 on Thursday, 29th of September.*

**Lost in Translation** » *AM150 on Monday, 10th of October.*

**Intermission** » *AM 150 on Thursday, 20th of October.*

**Rocky Horror Picture Show** » *AM250 on Monday, 24th of October.*

**Kill Bill 1** » *AM 150 on Thursday, 27th of October.*

**Gerry Stembridge Directors** » *Siobhian McKenna on Tuesday, 1st of November.*

**Terry McMahon Screenwriters** » *AM107 on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

**A Night of Irish Film Shorts** » *Aras Na Gaelige on Thursday, 3rd of November.*

**Taxi Driver** » *AM 150 on Thursday, 17th of November.*

**Pre-production meeting, script workshop** » AM 107 on Thursday, 12th of January.

**Martin Mc Gagh Workshops** » Siobhan Mc Kenna Theatre on Tuesday, 17th of January.

**Societies Day 2** » Aras na Macleinn on Wednesday, 18th of January.

**The Nightmare Before Christmas** » AM 150 on Thursday, 19th of January.

**Inside I'm Dancing** » AM 150 on Thursday, 26th of January.

**Crash** » AM150 on Thursday, 2nd of February.

**Rosemary's Baby** » AM 150 on Thursday, 9th of February.

**Film Festival** » Cinema Mobile on Monday, 20th of February.

Showing: ~ The Banshee lives in the handball alley. ~Darklight Film shorts. ~Le Grande Voyage. ~ Goldfish Memory. ~

Dead Meat ~Mad Hot Ballroom ~ Howl's Moving Castle ~Darklight Filmshorts ~A History of Violence

There were 9 films shown in the mobile cinema which included our own films produced by the society.

**Short & Bitter Sweet** » Mobile Cinema near to Aras na mac leinn on Tuesday, 21st of February.

FILM: Short and Bitter Sweet - Premiere of five film shorts from Film Soc.- Wednesday by Danny Golden directed

Daniel McGill Fait Accompli written and directed by Jack Stenson Empty Glass Full written and directed by James

McWalter Body Stories by Mariel Whelan directed by Daniel McGill Clown Project written and directed by Henry Martin.

(Mobile Cinema)

**Directors & Producers Workshop** » Arts Millenium Building Room 107 on Thursday, 23rd of February.

**Film-soc Shorts: Post-Discussion** » AM 150 on Thursday, 9th of March.

**The Shawshank Redemption** » Kirwin on Tuesday, 14th of March.

**Goodfellas** » AM 150 on Thursday, 16th of March.

**"THE BIG LEBOWSKI"** » KIRWAN on Tuesday, 21st of March.

**AGM and Reservoir Dogs** » AM 150 on Thursday, 23rd of March.

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** James McWalter

**Vice-Auditor:** Cian Carney

**Treasurer:** Shaun Murray

**Secretary:** Henry Martin

**PRO Website:** Meabh Haiceid

**EQUIPMENT OFFICER:** Robert Dodey

**SDO:** Aimee Levey

**OCM:** Jack Stenson

**PRO:** David Burke

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Jack Stenson

**Vice-Auditor:** Daniel Regan

**Secretary:** John Burke

**Equipment Officer:** Robert Dooley

**PRO:** Garry Henry

## Film Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |         | Expenditure          |         |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Income Category      | Amount  | Expenditure Category | Amount  |
| Opening Bank Balance | 596.61  | Bank charge          | €3.75   |
| Greenform            | €100    | Dinner               | €19.8   |
| Muscailt             | €184.46 | Entertainment        | €176.9  |
| Socs box             | €15     | Equipment misc       | €225.7  |
| Societies day        | €260.78 | Materials            | €97.5   |
| Sponsorship          | €0.65   | Reception            | €193.71 |
| USC Grant            | €391.04 | Socs day expenses    | €24.13  |
|                      |         | Speaker accomodation | €100    |
|                      |         | Speaker travel       | €79     |
|                      |         | Stationary           | €9.5    |
|                      |         | Teacher fees         | €369    |

|              |          |                             |          |
|--------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
|              |          | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €1298.99 |
|              |          | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €249.55  |
| <b>Total</b> | €1548.54 | <b>Total</b>                | €1548.54 |

## Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 503 members.

## French Society

French Soc aims to promote the French language in a fun and diverse way and allow NUIG students to interact with Erasmus students in the college, thereby enhancing cultural awareness about other French speaking countries whilst also making our visiting students feel welcome around our campus, allowing them also to experience Irish culture and meet Irish people interested in their homelands. It also aims to establish links with French universities and their English speaking societies in order to begin exchanges and allow NUI,G students to experience the fruits of their college life by traveling abroad and putting their studies into practice and to provide diverse mediums for learning French to cater for as many students as possible - through organizing activities on different days of the week and by exploring many ways of introducing French and French culture; through cinema, drama, crepe evenings, workshops, regular get-togethers through French and trips abroad. At the moment, we currently have 222 members on our mailing list. We won best Departmental Society at the Society Awards in March for the secondly year running. Vous dites «Pourquoi?», on dit «Pourquoi pas?»!! For a bit more than your usual "grammaire", why not pop along to the ever-growing and exuberant French Society...we've got the wine, we've got the French!!!!!! Je viens,tu viens,il vient,elle vient....tout le monde vient!

## French Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 65 events that took place

### Regular Events

This year we held 5 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

**Soiree Francaise** ran for 9 weeks in DeBurgo's, beginning on Wednesday, 28/9/2005.

Join us to chat in French and enjoy a cosy atmosphere with live music!

**Breton Dancing Classes** ran for 3 weeks in AM205, beginning on Monday, 7/11/2005.

Learn Breton dancing with an experienced teacher!

**French Choir** ran for 5 weeks in AM205, beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

Next Wednesday our French choir will be starting up again. Newcomers welcome. No previous experience/huge talent required! Flavie Bondaz, our choir director, is going to introduce us to some really great contemporary French music and this will hopefully culminate in a short lunchtime performance during the Múscaillt arts festival on campus.

**Soiree Francaise** ran for 1 week in DeBurgo's, Augustine St., beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

**FrenchSoc Choir** ran for 3 weeks in AM205, beginning on Wednesday, 8/3/2006.

After a successful performance during Muscaillt, the French Choir are back and are open to new members!

### Special Events

This year we held 44 special events. These events were as follows:

**AGM + Opening Reception** » O Tnuthail Theatre+ The Hub on Monday, 26/9/2005.

Join FrenchSoc for our AGM and reception with wine, food and breton specialities!

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 4/10/2005.

'La vie est un long fleuve tranquille'

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 11/10/2005.

'Un long dimanche de fiancailles'

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 18/10/2005.

'Les rivieres pourpres: les anges de l'apocalypse'

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 25/10/2005.

'La 317e Section'

**Lorient Jazz Duo** » *DeBurgo's on Thursday, 27/10/2005.*

Jazz duo all the way from Lorient, Brittany!

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.*

'La Bataille d'Alger'

**La Cantatrice Chauve** » *Town Hall Theatre on Wednesday, 9/11/2005.*

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 15/11/2005.*

'Jeux d' Enfants'

**FrenchSoc Choir** » *Teatar Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 16/11/2005.*

Learn modern French songs!

**French Film** » *Town Hall Theatre on Sunday, 20/11/2005.*

'the Last Mitterand'

**French Film** » *Larmor theatre on Monday, 21/11/2005.*

'Le pere Noel est une ordure'

**Auditions** » *AM205 on Tuesday, 22/11/2005.*

Auditions for French play 'le pere Noel est une ordure'

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 22/11/2005.*

'Harry, he's here to help'

**FrenchSoc Choir** » *AM205 on Wednesday, 23/11/2005.*

Learn modern French songs!

**5 Course Meal** » *The HUB on Thursday, 24/11/2005.*

**French Meal** » *The Hub on Thursday, 24/11/2005.*

5-course French meal!

**Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 17/1/2006.*

Film: *Etre et Avoir* (2002). Director: Nicolas Philibert A documentary portrait of a one-room school in rural France, where the students ranging in age from 4 to 11 are educated by a single dedicated teacher. Official selection Cannes 2002. Winner of the Prix Louis Delluc: best French film of 2002.

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 17/1/2006.*

**Societies Day** » *Aras na Mac Leinn on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.*

If you know any friends that would like to sign up to FrenchSoc, Societies Day is next Wednesday all day in Aras na Mac Leinn. We'll be happy to chat to you about any any queries or more importantly any ideas that you may have!

**Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.*

Film: *L'auberge espagnole* (2002) Director: Cedric Klapisch A great film about going on Erasmus to Barcelona!

**Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre (AMB) on Tuesday, 31/1/2006.*

*Le Dîner de cons* (1998) Directed by Francis Veber Synopsis: Each week, Pierre and his friends organize what is called as "un dîner de cons". Everyone brings the dumbest guy he could find as a guest...

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 7/2/2006.*

*Les Choristes* (2004) Huge hit last year in France and a great soundtrack! Directed by Christophe Barratier Synopsis: The new teacher at a severely administered boys' boarding school works to positively affect the students' lives through music.

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 14/2/2006.*

**French Film** » *Town Hall Theatre on Sunday, 19/2/2006.*

**French Film in a travelling cinema!** » *Mobile Cinema near to Aras na mac leinn on Monday, 20/2/2006.*

**French Film in a travelling cinema!** » *Cinemobile outside IT building on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.*

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.*

**Wine Tasting** » *The Hub on Thursday, 23/2/2006.*

**FrenchSoc Choir Performance** » *Aula Maxima on Friday, 24/2/2006.*

**Choir Performance** » *Upper Aula Maxima on Friday, 24/2/2006.*

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.*

**Pétanque Tournament** » *BKs wine bar, Spanish Parade on Wednesday, 1/3/2006.*

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 7/3/2006.*

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 14/3/2006.*



La Bete Humaine (1938) Directed by Jean Renoir Based on a novel by Emile Zola Plot Summary: Séverine and her husband Roubaud kill their former employer in a train. Engineer Jacques watches them...

**FrenchSoc Eve of St. Patrick Parade** » *Outside Tigh Choili's Pub on Thursday, 16/3/2006.*

A unique parade involving the coming together of all the Celtic nations in music. The parade will start at the Spanish Arch and continue up Shop Street to Courthouse Square. There there will be a pyrotechnics display with a St. Patrick's theme! There will be a FrenchSoc contingent to welcome the Bretons in the parade meeting outside Tigh Coili's pub. We will follow the parade up and then meet them in the Town Hall Theatre after the display. All FrenchSoc members welcome!

**FrenchSoc Ceili Fest-Noz** » *Black Box Theatre on Friday, 17/3/2006.*

St. Patrick's Night at the Black Box in Galway will see a great celebration of the Breton-Irish connection, bringing together the craic of an Irish ceili with power and spectacle of a Breton Fest Noz. This special event was tried for the first time ever last May when a large group from Galway's twin city of Lorient came to Galway for a weekend and the cultural fusion proved to be a huge success. For St. Patrick's weekend 2006 another large group from Brittany is visiting our city and from locals and visitors alike there was an immediate demand for another Ceili- Fest Noz. A Fest Noz (literally "festival of the night") is probably the most important and distinctive aspect of Breton culture, a great coming together of the whole community in a series of large scale participatory dances. Be part of the human chain in motion, which constitutes the core of Breton dancing! From the Irish side, there will be plenty of seasoned dancers in attendance who will be happy to take a learner on the floor for a step or two. Music for the evening will be provided by the Bagad de Lorient and a special Ceili band put together for the occasion by Mick Crehan. A special wooden dance floor is being installed for the occasion, but there will be a pub type atmosphere as well with tables and seats arranged around the dance floor and, of course, the "secret weapon" Galway's own in-house creperie, serving up delicious Breton crepes and cider throughout the evening. Proceedings will kick off at 9pm and don't come late, because the serious dancing will start soon afterwards. Admission is €7 and capacity is limited – so book in advance at the Town Hall Box Office 091-569777

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 21/3/2006.*

**International Farewell Party** » *Bazaar on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.*

**Play by Lorient students** » *Siobhán Mc Kenna Theatre on Thursday, 23/3/2006.*

**French Film** » *Town Hall Theatre on Sunday, 26/3/2006.*

**Le Pere Noel Est Une Ordure** » *BOI theatre on Monday, 27/3/2006.*

**FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema** » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.*

**trip to Lorient** » *Lorient, Brittany on Saturday, 1/4/2006.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Chloé Diskin

**Treasurer:** Caitriona Joyce

**OCM:** Nicola Doyle

**PostGrad Rep.:** Maura Stewart

**PRO:** Adam White

**Vice-Auditor:** Eoin Ó Cuilinn

**Secretary:** Rory Spellman

**OCM:** Sheenaz Ahmadnia

**T.O.:** Louise Derrien

**OCM:** Edel Carrigy

### Committee 2006/2007

**GCM:** Catriona Joyce

**GCM:** Adam Whyte

### French Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |        | Expenditure          |         |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|
| Income Category       | Amount | Expenditure Category | Amount  |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 761.08 | Affill/Mem fees      | €313.56 |
| Fundraising           | €560   | Bank charge          | €6.27   |
| Members Contributions | €1600  | Dinner               | €223.81 |

|              |          |                             |          |
|--------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Ticket Sales | €19.9    | Entertainment               | €152.63  |
| USC Grant    | €2410    | Equipment misc              | €18.05   |
|              |          | Society transport           | €4138.2  |
|              |          | Stationary                  | €11.99   |
|              |          | Teacher fees                | €60      |
|              |          | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €4924.51 |
|              |          | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €426.47  |
| <b>Total</b> | €5350.98 | <b>Total</b>                | €5350.98 |

### Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 466 members.

## Geology Society

**RocSoc-** We host a lecture series throughout the year covering topics from Dinosaurs to mountain building. This year we had several guest speakers including Prof. Ian Sanders and Prof. Patrick Orr and we also managed to squeeze in a few movie nights and a weekend away in Bundoran, Co. Donegal. (It may have been dubbed "tacky" by the lonely planet guidebook but we loved it!)

### Geology Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

**stone, bones axes and collapses** » AC206 Geology dept. *The Quad on Thursday, 6th of October.*

A virtual excursion to the Gregory Rift East Africa

**Committee meeting** » AC206 on Thursday, 10th of November.

Finalising details for the fieldtrip ie. Travel times, accomodation and researching information on various localities in the area

**Snowball Earth** » AC206, Geology dept in the Quad on Thursday, 17th of November.

Quartz welding and a late snowball earth phenomenon in Scandanavia

**Weekend away (field study)** » Bundoran, Co Donegal on Friday, 18th of November.

The first day will be an early-ish rise to utilise the little light and head off for a day's activities along the Sligo coast and Leitrim. We'll be stopping at Streedagh point (world famous fossil site), Mullaghmore head (Carboniferous Deltaic Sandstones), quick peek at Ben Bulbin and a trip and tour around Arigna mine and museum (heritage coal mine). Then its back to Bundoran for more evening socialising. The second day its off to The Marble Arch Caves (one of Europes leading showcaves) Ailwee caves style but better so I hear. The caves are now closed for winter but the caves' Geologist will open it specifically for us and give us a tour, including sections navigable only in a boat. She has also agreed to lead us on a tour of the surrounding areas Geology for the rest of the day. Then its back to Galway in the evening time.

**Committee meeting** » AC206 Geology dept in the Quad on Wednesday, 23rd of November.

**The how where + when of the solar system** » Main teaching lab AC213, Geology dept on Saturday, 26th of November.

Dr. Ian Sanders from Trinity College Dublin explains the mysteries of the birth of the solar system.

**Committee meeting** » AC206 Geology dept in the Quad on Wednesday, 18th of January.

To discuss what events will be held in semester 2

**Movie Night** » AC206 Geology dept in the Quad on Tuesday, 7th of February.

Watching Jurassic Park from a palaeontological and geological approach. Dinosaurs are no longer extinct!!!

**committee meeting** » AC203 Geology dept In the Quad on Thursday, 16th of March.

Passing information to incoming committee members.

**'The ecology of the Cambrian Radiation'** » A206 - Geology Dept., Quadrangle on Thursday, 23rd of March.

Dr. Patrick Orr from UCD will present a humorous and informative discussion on the sudden and widespread diversification of complex life at the base of the Cambrian (some 543 Million years ago).

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Milo Barham

**Secretary:** Rachel griffin

**Vice P.R.O.:** Niamh McMahon

**Public Relations Officer:** Anna Bunyan

**Treasurer:** Aoife Brady

**WEB CONSULTANT:** Aileen Fitzgerald

**WEB CONSULTANT:** Rachel Griffin

### **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Edward Lynch

**Treasurer:** Warren Beattie

**Vice-Auditor:** Daithí MacGearailt

**Secretary:** Rachel Griffin

### **Geology Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |                 | <b>Expenditure</b>          |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 43.29           | Dinner                      | €120            |
| Members Contributions  | €350            | Entertainment               | €25             |
| USC Grant              | €929            | Entry fees                  | €76             |
|                        |                 | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €13.15          |
|                        |                 | Reception                   | €15             |
|                        |                 | Society accommodation       | €500            |
|                        |                 | Society transport           | €200            |
|                        |                 | Speaker accommodation       | €124            |
|                        |                 | Speaker travel              | €117.5          |
|                        |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€1190.65</b> |
|                        |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€131.64</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€1322.29</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€1322.29</b> |

### **Other Information**

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 212 members.

## **German Society**

Germansoc aimed to promote aspects of German, Austrian and Swiss life in NUI, Galway. Through running various events we hoped to establish and encourage an international environment on campus.

## German Soc Events

**Bar Abend** ran for 12 weeks in Bierhaus, beginning on Tuesday, 4/10/2005.

**Weekly indoor soccer!** ran for 11 weeks in Sportshall, beginning on Thursday, 12/1/2006.

**Bar Abend** ran for 8 weeks in The Living room, beginning on Tuesday, 31/1/2006.

**Boat trip** » Corrib Princess on Friday, 30/9/2005.

**Oktoberfest** » De Burgos on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.

**Christmas Party** » De Burgos on Tuesday, 27/12/2005.

**kick-off party 2006!** » De Burgos on Tuesday, 17/1/2006.

Germansoc would like to invite all members and friends to our big kick-off party for 2006! We are hoping to attract as many people as possible! There is always plenty of international students and its a great chance to get a slice of international culture! Specifically, there will be plenty from Germany and some from France but we hope to see all nationalities on the night! All are welcome! Its on in De Burgos and there is alot of drink promotions on offer as well as much much more! I will email all subscribers with details and posters will be pinned up! I hope to see you there!

**1st Barabend of 2006** » DeBurgos on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.

**The Burren Weekend** » The Burren, Co. Clare on Friday, 17/2/2006.

The Germansoc Burren Weekend is a long lasting annual tradition dating back some 15 years. Its open to members to spend a german speaking weekend away at the Burren. Tickets cost e20 and that includes 2 nights accomodation, transport to and from NUIG, and meals. Its always proved thoroughly enjoyable!

**INTERSOC 7 ASIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT** » Dangan Sports Complex on Monday, 27/2/2006.

**The German Play** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 7/3/2006.

'Was kostet das Eisen' and 'Die Kleinbuergerhochzeit' by Bertolt Brecht Two one act plays presented by the German Society. We hope to see you all there to support all involved. Runs from march 7th - 9th 8pm in the Bank Of Ireland Theatre.

**Irishe Fussball Meisterschaften 2006** » Dublin on Saturday, 11/3/2006.

10 German societies from universities and institutes in Ireland will be participating in a 6-a-side soccer tournament in Dublin!

**International Farewell Party!** » Bazaar on Wednesday, 22/3/2006.

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Eoin Kelly

**Vice-Auditor:** Breda Kelly

**Treasurer:** Cliona Murray

**Hon. Treasurer & Departmental Liason Officer:** Vincent O Connell

**P.R.O:** Brian O Connell

## German Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 6.92            | Costumes                    | €270            |
| Fundraising          | €990            | Entertainment               | €2614.4         |
| Socs box             | €995            | Makeup/Props                | €230            |
| Sponsorship          | €0.09           | Materials                   | €572.2          |
| Ticket Sales         | €1079.83        | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €168            |
| USC Grant            | €965            |                             |                 |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€3854.6</b>  |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€182.24</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€4036.84</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€4036.84</b> |

## Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 250 members.

## **GiGSoc (Gay in Galway)**

GiGSoc (Gay in Galway) strives to create a safe environment for lgbt staff and students on campus. By hosting various social and educational events throughout the year and contributing to the regional development as well as national USI LGBT policy, GiGSoc (Gay in Galway) facilitates the development of a real community spirit. Working with people at all levels of the coming out process, GiGSoc (Gay in Galway) provides a conduit through which lgbt people can communicate, learn about relevant issues and have fun. This year GiGSoc (Gay in Galway) have produced numerous events ranging from serious to completely informal. Highlights of the year included the first gay wedding ceremony (GiGSoc accepted no responsibility for the participants accidentally getting married), GiGSoc Idol, Smells Like Queen Spirit and a production of The Birdcage.

### **GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Events**

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

**Societies Day** » *Áras na Mac Léinn on Wednesday, 21st of September.*

**First meeting** » *IT204 on Tuesday, 27th of September.*

**DJ Dance-off** » *Strano on Thursday, 6th of October.*

**Smells Like Queen Spirit** » *Eden nightclub, Warwick Hotel, Salthill on Wednesday, 19th of October.*

**EGM & 'The Hours'** » *IT204 on Tuesday, 25th of October.*

**Pink Pages** » *IT204 on Tuesday, 1st of November.*

**Bowling** » *Meet outside IT204 on Tuesday, 8th of November.*

**GiGSoc Idol** » *The Stage Door, Woodquay on Tuesday, 15th of November.*

**Complementary Therapy Night** » *IT202 on Wednesday, 23rd of November.*

**Christmas Party** » *Club deBurgos, Augustine Street on Tuesday, 29th of November.*

**Mind, Body, Soul** » *Cindy Dring's Office, The Hub on Monday, 23rd of January.*

**First Meeting :: Who Are We?** » *IT204 on Tuesday, 24th of January.*

**GIG Soc: Smells Like Queen Spirit** » *An Pucán (upstairs) on Thursday, 2nd of February.*

**USI Discussion Group** » *IT204 on Tuesday, 7th of February.*

**Auditions for 'The Birdcage'** » *IT202 on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

**Gay Acceptance Week** » *NUI, Galway on Sunday, 12th of February.*

Weekly Events Monday : Stall in Aras na Mac Leinn 9-5 Tuesday : Wedding Day! Aula Max, upstairs @ 8.30pm.

Wednesday : Stall in Aras na Mac Leinn 9-5 Thursday : AidsWest Meeting. A meeting will be held in the Harbour Hotel, Lough Atalia road, Galway on Thursday 16th February from 2pm until 5pm (tea & coffee provided). The plan is to discuss an LGBT community project for Galway city & to help promote the LGBT presence in the West.

**Gay Wedding Invitation** » *Aula Maxima, NUI, Galway on Tuesday, 14th of February.*

GiGSoc Cordially invites you to join in celebrating NUI, Galway's first Gay Wedding Ceremony on St Valentine's Day @ 8.30pm in Aula Maxima, NUI, Galway. The reception/afters will be in The Stage Door, Woodquay. Please Note: No recording equipment at grooms' request.

**Film Night :: The Bird Cage** » *IT 204 on Tuesday, 21st of February.*

**Charity Slave Auction** » *Club Áras na nGael on Tuesday, 28th of February.*

**GiGSoc Unplugged** » *Buskers Browns on Tuesday, 7th of March.*

**Blind Date** » *Stranos on Tuesday, 14th of March.*

**The Birdcage** » *Town Hall Theatre Studio on Wednesday, 22nd of March.*

**AGM** » *IT 204 on Tuesday, 28th of March.*

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Jo

**Secretary:** Liam

**Education Officer:** Jeff

**Treasurer:** Sean

**Auditor:** Alan

**Extraordinary Committee Member:** Liz

**New Members Liason Officer:** Daire

### **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Jeffrey

**Treasurer:** Raymond

**Secretary:** John

**New Members Liason Officer:** David

**Co-Auditor:** Rachel

**Public Relations Officer:** Amy

**Extraordinary Committee Member:** James

**Education Officer:** Kiran

### **GIG Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |               | <b>Expenditure</b>          |               |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 494.9         | Affill/Mem fees             | €784.16       |
| Fundraising            | €176          | Bank charge                 | €8.38         |
| Greenform              | €600          | Costumes                    | €304.89       |
| Ticket Sales           | €694          | Dinner                      | €70           |
| USC Grant              | €1663.17      | Entry fees                  | €111.3        |
|                        |               | Equipment misc              | €490          |
|                        |               | Makeup/Props                | €81           |
|                        |               | Materials                   | €70           |
|                        |               | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €38.7         |
|                        |               | Printing                    | €50           |
|                        |               | Prizes                      | €40           |
|                        |               | Promotions                  | €55           |
|                        |               | Reception                   | €271.7        |
|                        |               | Society accommodation       | €14.8         |
|                        |               | Society transport           | €225          |
|                        |               | Socs day expenses           | €100          |
|                        |               | Teacher fees                |               |

### **Other Information**

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 75 members.

### **Goal Society**

Throughout the year we helped to raise funds for GOAL projects abroad and helped to raise awareness of those projects on campus. The year was a very successful one with the society handing over €3,000 to GOAL in April.

### **Goal Soc Events**

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

**Table Quiz** » *College Bar on Monday, 24th of October.*

**Leg Waxing** » *College Bar on Thursday, 17th of November.*

Goal Soc put on a very original night for collecting for charity. Students came from near and far. Some willing and eager others petrified and nervous. A great night was had by all.

**Speed Dating** » *College Bar on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Alan Dunne

**Vice-Auditor:** Colin Lyons

**Treasurer:** Laverne Mullen

**Secretary:** Crona Glynn

## **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Colin Lyons

### **Goal Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |                 | <b>Expenditure</b>          |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 493.08          | Bank charge                 | €1.12           |
| Fundraising            | €2424.53        | Fundraising/charity         | €3200           |
| Sponsorship            | €400            | Prizes                      | €100            |
| USC Grant              | €300            | Reception                   | €140            |
|                        |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€3441.12</b> |
|                        |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€176.49</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€3617.61</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€3617.61</b> |

### **Other Information**

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 210 members.

## **The Green Party Society**

The NUIG Young Greens aim to provide a forum for debate on social, environmental, economic and international issues. We aim to campaign for a just, sustainable and free society with decision making in the hands of the people. We fight against racism and the exploitation of countries and people by corporations, and government inaction on key issues. We give young people the best opportunity to partake in politics and activism with our organisation run from the members up. We are linked to the Green Party/ Comhaontas glas, who we see as the best party to achieve change in Ireland.

### **Green Party Soc Events**

This year the society held a total of 39 events.

**Guest speaker, Trevor Sargent** » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 20th of September.*

Green Party Leader Trevor Sargent will address the society to talk about the Greens in government, the role younger members have to play in the party, the present and future of the Greens in Irish politics, all welcome, a reception will follow.

**Guest speaker, Trevor Sargent** » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 20th of September.*

Green Party Leader Trevor Sargent will address the society to talk about the Greens in government, the role younger members have to play in the party, the present and future of the Greens in Irish politics, all welcome, a reception will follow.

**EGM** » *AM108 on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

**Weekly Meeting** » *AM108 on Wednesday, 5th of October.*

**Weekly meeting** » *AM108 on Wednesday, 12th of October.*

**Weekly Meeting** » *AM108 on Wednesday, 19th of October.*

**Regular meeting** » *AM108 on Wednesday, 26th of October.*

**Weekly meeting** » *AM108 on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

**Regular meeting** » *AM108 on Wednesday, 9th of November.*

**Waste/Energy week, event1** » *Larmor Theatre on Monday, 14th of November.*

A Panel discussion on energy, Lars Tutterson from Scanhomes, Grattan Healy an energy consultant and Larry Stuart from the Centre for Renewable Energy in Dundalk IT will be on the panel.

**Waste/Energy week, "The End of Suburbia" » Dillon theatre on Tuesday, 15th of November.**

A documentary film on oil depletion and the future of America and the world in a world without cheap oil.

**Regular meeting » AM108 on Wednesday, 16th of November.**

**Waste/Energy week, waste discussion » McMunn Theatre on Wednesday, 16th of November.**

Green City Councillor Niall O'Brolchain, Prof. John Simmie from the NUI, Galway combustion group, Prof Emer Colloran from the Environmental Change Institute will be on the panel.

**Trip to National convention » Eire square on Friday, 18th of November.**

**Regular meeting » AM108 on Wednesday, 23rd of November.**

**Fairtrade Fr. Ted » IT125 on Wednesday, 30th of November.**

A chance for students to relax for a while at this stressful time of year, we will be showing classic episodes of Fr. Ted and Fairtrade and fairly traded tea and coffee will be available. All welcome.

**Meeting » AM108 on Wednesday, 11th of January.**

**Society meeting » AM108 on Wednesday, 18th of January.**

**Young Greens Meeting » AM108 on Wednesday, 25th of January.**

**Slow Food Week » Aras Na Mac Léinn on Tuesday, 31st of January.**

A series of events highlighting the subject of "Slowfood", which encompasses subjects such as; organic food, sustainable agriculture, sustainable local food etc. An information stall will be in Aras na Mac Léinn all week.

**Slowfood Week; "What is Slowfood?" » Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 31st of January.**

Seamus Sheridan from Slow food Ireland and former governor of "Slow Food international" will give a talk on the subject of slow food. A reception will be held afterwards, all welcome.

**Weekly meeting and open forum » AM108 on Wednesday, 1st of February.**

**Film; "The Future of Food" » IT125 on Thursday, 2nd of February.**

The film is a documentary on GM food and where our food will come from in the future, won among other awards the 2005 Ashland Independent Film Festival's "Audience Award for Best Documentary." The director, writer and producer of The Future of Food is Deborah Koons Garcia, widow of the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia. A reception will follow.

**Weekly meeting » AM108 on Wednesday, 8th of February.**

**Weekly Meeting » College Bar on Wednesday, 15th of February.**

**Film Fleadh » IT125, AM250, IT125G on Monday, 20th of February.**

The First annual Young Greens @ NUI, Galway International Independent Film Fleadh. A week long series of films on various issues.

**Film; The Corporation » IT 125 on Monday, 20th of February.**

**Film; Empire of Juramidam » AM250: Colm Ó hEocha Theatre on Tuesday, 21st of February.**

**Film; Chavez: Inside the Coup » AM250: Colm Ó hEocha Theatre on Wednesday, 22nd of February.**

**Film; The kidnapping Of Ingrid Betancour » IT125G on Thursday, 23rd of February.**

**Film; Life and Debt » IT125G on Friday, 24th of February.**

**Young Greens Spring Convention » Siobhán McCenna Theatre on Saturday, 25th of February.**

Deligates from Young Greens groups around the country will be attending a day of events, including workshops on canvassing and the work of the Galway Rape crisis centre. Environmentalist and presenter Duncan Stewart will be addressing the convention on energy. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

**Weekly meeting » AM108 on Wednesday, 8th of March.**

**Regular Meeting » AM108 on Wednesday, 15th of March.**

**AGM » AM108 on Wednesday, 22nd of March.**

**Trip to the Green Party Convention » Eire Square on Friday, 24th of March.**

A group of our society members will be attending the Green Party convention in Kilkenny from Friday to Sunday.

**Fairtrade Fr. Ted. II » IT125 on Tuesday, 18th of April.**

## **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Joanne Coffey

**Treasurer:** Micheal Mac Donnchadha

**OCM:** Rachel Sukeforth

**Liaisons Officer:** Jean Hamilton

**Vice-Auditor:** Andrew Murphy

**Secretary:** Shane Connolly

**OCM:** James Hope

**PRO [Press]:** Niamh Mulvey



**Green Party Society Balance Sheet**

| Income               |                | Expenditure                 |                |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount         | Expenditure Category        | Amount         |
| Opening Bank Balance | 0              | Affill/Mem fees             | €120           |
| Balls                | €122.5         | Reception                   | €102.3         |
| Sponsorship          | €120           | Returned Money              | €122.2         |
| USC Grant            | €1311.3        | Society accommodation       | €383           |
|                      |                | Society transport           | €120           |
|                      |                | Speaker accommodation       | €250           |
|                      |                | Speaker travel              | €295           |
|                      |                | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€1392.5</b> |
|                      |                | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€161.3</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€1553.8</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€1553.8</b> |

**Other Information**

We held 18 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 116 members.

**History Society**

An Cumann Staire / The History Society is one of the most well established societies on campus and enjoys consistent support from **Roinn na Staire**. The society welcomes speakers and aims to aid in our mission to indoctrinate a love of history, and secure world domination. The society annually is responsible for the smooth running of everyone's favourite dress ball, The Arts Ball. Is Cumann dhá-theangach é an Cumann Staire agus is aobheann linn gach deis chun ár dteanga álainn a chur chun cinn.

This year we continued to provide Students with lecture both on and off campus, we continued with the Ruby Room Lecture series began last year in the Kingshead. This year we had interesting lectures on topics from "Vietnam and Iraq and the American collective attitude to War by Dr. David Ryan" to "Travelers: people persecuted Historical In Ireland north and South?" on Campus. While in the Ruby Room we had a Lecture by Maura Walsh of our Own Department on Early Medieval Music which was followed by an impromptu seisiú Cheoil.

The Society also traveled to Dun Eidin/ Edinburgh in January in an attempt to create a link between the History Soc Here at NUIG and the one at the University of Edinburgh unfortunately we are sill in discussion about this and noting has been arranged fully. But luckily for us and those who joined us on our weekend in Edinburgh there is plenty of Historical monuments in the City and we did manage to visit a few, including the beautiful Castle and we were treated to a private guided tour of The House of Parliament by the Scottish Nationalist Party and we also showed the residents some Irish Craic.

Also thanks to the help of the Department who encouraged links with Edinburgh, Prof. Steven Ellis and a counterpart from the University of Mainz, Germany, Prof Ludolf Palizaeus the society is forging links with the University of Mainz, History society and we hope to visit them and return visit from them to Galway in the next academic year. This link is supported and encouraged by the Departments in both universities. Both these are attempts to aid those who wish to pursue post grad work but with the possibility

The Society also sent five post grad speakers to the Annual (Irish History Societies Conference) in Limerick, these were supported by three members of the Committee and the Head of The Department Steven Ellis.

And how could we forget the hugely successful Arts Ball at the Radisson SAS in Galway at which 900 students attended, the number was originally 700 but demand was so great we had to provide 200 more. With purchase of the ticket everybody received a booklet containing the upcoming events of the Fleadh Imboilg of Which the Ball was the Centerpiece. The evening was a fantastic success with pre-reception at Bar-903 and then Dinner and Dancing in the Radisson to the music provided by some musician from Trad Soc who organised a céilí after the meal, then the Lewd Tunes a popular local Band and final DJ Byrno played tunes for us into the small hours of the Following morning. The next a discounted breakfast was organised for those who had wristbands from the night before in Bar903 and entertainment in the Collage Bar after which the wristbands allowed free entry to the Cuba\* nightclub that night.

### **History Soc / Cumann Staire Events**

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

**Early Irish Music** » *Ruby Room, Kings Head on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

**Arts Ball Tickets Queue** » *<http://brockman.nuigalway.ie/~historysoc> on Wednesday, 1st of February.*

**Arts Ball tickets go on Sale** » *Áras na MacLéinn on Thursday, 2nd of February.*

**Arts Ball** » *Radisson SAS on Thursday, 2nd of February.*

The Arts Ball at the Radisson SAS in Galway was a tremendous success with over 900 students attending, the number was originally 700 but demand was so great we had to provide 200 more. With purchase of the ticket everybody received a booklet containing the upcoming events of the Fleadh Imboilg of Which the Ball was the Centerpiece. The evening was a fantastic success with pre-reception at Bar-903 and then Dinner and Dancing in the Radisson to the music provided by some musician from Trad Soc who organised a céilí after the meal, then the Lewd Tunes a popular local Band and final DJ Byrno played tunes for us into the small hours of the Following morning. The next a discounted breakfast was organised for those who had wristbands from the night before in Bar903 and entertainment in the Collage Bar after which the wristbands allowed free entry to the Cuba\* nightclub that night.

**"Vietnam", Victory Culture and Iraq** » *Téatar Fottrell Theatre (AM200) on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

**"Vietnam", Victory Culture and Iraq: Struggling with Lessons, Constraints and Credibility from Saigon to Falluja**

Guest lecturer: Dr. David Ryan of UCC

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Ludolf Palizaeus** » *O'Tnuthail theatre A.M. Building on Wednesday, 8th of March.*

A very interesting guest speaker is visiting NUI, Galway this Wednesday and I know you will be very dissatisfied if you missed him. The speaker in question is Dr. Ludolf Palizaeus from Mainz and his topic is on Philip II and the British Isles. All are welcome to attend.

**James VI & I and the Witches of Macbeth** » *Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 14th of March.*

**The Real Naomh Pádraig** » *Ruby Room of the Kings Head on Wednesday, 15th of March.*

**Travellers and the State 1922-70** » *IT125 on Monday, 20th of March.*

Travellers and the State (North and South) 1922-70' By Dr Aoife Bhreathnach IRCHSS Post-Doctoral Fellow Department of Modern History NUI Maynooth Dé Luain 20ú Márta 20:00 áit: IT125

**"Sensuality without responsibility"?:** » *AC214 on Wednesday, 22nd of March.*

**Reconstructing French identity, 1944-46** » *CSHSHC on Monday, 27th of March.*

**The response of the Allied Powers in Eur** » *CSHCHC on Tuesday, 28th of March.*

**CCB - AGM** » *IT207 on Thursday, 30th of March.*

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Tadhg Ó Broin

**Treasurer:** Duibhir

**Ionadaí Tríú Bliana/3 Year Rep:** Grace Ní Shealbhagh

**Rúnaí Chomhfhreagrais/Secretary:** Claire Ní Ghallchoir

**Vice-Auditor:** Tommy Ó Murchú

**Secretary:** Fiona Nic Eoghain

**Oifigeach IHSA:** Diarmuid Ó hUrthuile

**Ionadaí Íarchéime/Postgrad Rep:** Rose Anne de Faoite

**Ionadaí Chéad Bliana/1 Year Rep:** Enda Breathnach

**Ionadaí Dara Bliana/2 Year Rep:** Michael Barter

**Oifigeach Chaidreamh Poiblí/PRO:** Eoghan Mac Siurtain

**Eagraí don Arts Ball 2006:** Tonaí Ó Roduibh

**Oifigeach Seirbhísí Teicniúla:** Pait Ó Flaitheartaigh

### **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Tonaí Ó Roduibh

**Treasurer:** Sorcha Turner

**Secretary:** Tadhg Byrne

**Ionadaí Dara Bliana/2 Year Rep:** Enda Breathnach

**Ionadaí Bhliain Deirneach /Final Year Rep:**  
Claire Ní Ghallchoir

**Ionadaí Árchéime agus IHSA /Postgrad and Ihsa Rep.:**  
Rose Anne de Faoite

**Oifigeach Chaidreamh Poiblí/PRO:** Russel

**Eagraitheoir don Arts Ball 2007:** Sé Ó Duibhir

### **History Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |               | <b>Expenditure</b>                            |                 |
|------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Expenditure Category</b>                   | <b>Amount</b>   |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 177.83        | Bank charge                                   | €13.66          |
| Greenform              | €50           | Dinner  | €192.1          |
| Members Contributions  | €585.67       | Entry fees                                    | €165            |
| Sponsorship            | €200          | Equipment misc                                | €20             |
| USC Grant              | €2028.5       | Reception                                     | €356.04         |
|                        |               | Returned Money                                | €108            |
|                        |               | Society accommodation                         | €1042.16        |
|                        |               | Society transport                             | €330            |
|                        |               | Speaker accommodation                         | €95             |
|                        |               | Speaker travel                                | €145            |
|                        |               | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                      | <b>€2466.96</b> |
|                        |               | <b>Not included Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€30)</b>    |
|                        |               | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                   | <b>€575.04</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€3042</b>  | <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>€3042</b>    |

### **Other Information**

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 596 members.

The Horse Racing Society is delighted to report yet another year of outstanding success, cementing our position as one of the Colleges' leading societies in terms of Charity Fundraising.

Our main event, as ever, was our Cheltenham Preview night, held this year on the 6th of March in the Salthill Hotel. The night was a record breaking success, with a crowd of approximately 550 attending. In the region of €20,000 was raised for Direct Aid For Africa on the Night, and the Society would like to thank all those who contributed time and money to this worthy cause, especially our many sponsors. All this was achieved solely through the work of society members.

In terms of other society activity, we also held a trip to Limerick races on March 2nd, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

### **Horse Racing Society Events**

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

**Committee Trip to Punchestown** » *Punchestown Racecourse on Thursday, 27th of October.*

**Meeting** » *The Hub on Wednesday, 11th of January.*

**Limerick Races** » *Limerick Racecourse on Thursday, 2nd of March.*

**Cheltenham Preview** » *Salthill Hotel on Monday, 6th of March.*

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** William Morris

**Vice-Auditor:** David McElroy

**Treasurer:** Bobby Glavin

**Secretary:** Brian Morris

**PRO:** Ronan Byrnes

### **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** William Morris

**Vice-Auditor:** David McElroy

**Treasurer:** Brian Morris

**Secretary:** Bobby Glavin

### **Horse Racing Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |                  | <b>Expenditure</b>          |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>    | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>    |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 1075.17          | Bank charge                 | €15              |
| Fundraising            | €500             | Fundraising/charity         | €19903           |
| Sponsorship            | €19903           | Hire Bus                    | €605             |
|                        |                  | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€20523</b>    |
|                        |                  | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€955.17</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€21478.17</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€21478.17</b> |

### **Other Information**

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 150 members.

The Human Rights Society this year had a quieter year than last. Support was high as it always is however participation was lower. The year started off with an Introduction to Human Rights Law from Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh a lecturer from the Human Rights Centre here in college. The campus unfortunately then had to wait until March for the next Human Rights Soc event which was the running for the second time of the hugely popular and successful GRÁ (Global Rights Awareness) Week. The week this year remained in the same format as the award winning event last year and featured many notable speakers including Michael D Higgins T.D. . The week covered various topics including the AIDS crisis in Africa, the Rossport Five campaign, and Women's rights, and attracted more than two hundred people in total to the events over the four days. Although a quiet year for the Human Rights Society there is support in the college and the issues involved in the protection of international Human Rights are going to be always available for future committees to tackle.

## Human Rights Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

**Introduction to Human Rights Law » McMunn on Thursday, 1st of December.**

Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh giving a brief introduction to the legal aspects of the protection of human rights around the world.

**Grá week » McMunn theatre on Saturday, 4th of March.**

**Grá Opening Ceremony » Siobhán McKenna on Monday, 6th of March.**

The opening Ceremony for this year's Grá (Global Rights Awareness) week, which in its second year is only getting bigger and better. The week is being launched this year by Michael D Higgins, and other speakers will include Donnacha O'Connell Dean of the Law Faculty, Sam Butt of Amen fathers rights group, Ciara Smith who will speak on the troubles in Cambodia, Luke McDonagh who will speak on cultural rights, Stephen Ngángá who will give us an insight into AIDS in Kenya and immigration rights along with a speaker from the Irish centre for Human Rights. Entertainment will be incorporate Irish, African, Roots music with some poetry and juggling thrown in for good measure. A reception after will also allow discussion.

**Grá » Accross Campus on Monday, 6th of March.**

**Grá week » AC215 on Tuesday, 7th of March.**

**Grá week » Art gallery in the Quad on Wednesday, 8th of March.**

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**Grá Week: Film: Yasmin » McMunn Theatre, Concourse. on Wednesday, 8th of March.**

UK Film for International Women's Day tell the story of Yasmin, a midlands woman of Pakastani extraction who's life is changed by the events of September 11th. 'The first casualty of war may not be truth but trust'

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Laura Heneghan

**Vice-Auditor:** Patricia Descambes

**Treasurer:** Joanne Coffey

**Secretary:** Thomas Meehan

## Human Rights Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |        | Expenditure              |             |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Income Category      | Amount | Expenditure Category     | Amount      |
| Opening Bank Balance | 0      | Dinner                   | €97.21      |
| USC Grant            | €550   | Makeup/Props             | €9.4        |
|                      |        | Non Alcoholic Refresh    | €81.35      |
|                      |        | Printing                 | €60         |
|                      |        | Reception                | €167.89     |
|                      |        | Society transport        | €40         |
|                      |        | Speaker travel           | €46         |
|                      |        | Stationary               | €48.15      |
|                      |        | <b>Expenditure Total</b> | <b>€550</b> |

|              |      |                             |      |
|--------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
|              |      | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €0   |
| <b>Total</b> | €550 | <b>Total</b>                | €550 |

### Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 375 members.

## International Students Society

The International Student's Society is open to all visiting and Irish students. We encourage multicultural activities and the sharing of diverse cultures. We do this through planning trips, social events and our famous 'Dincert' which celebrates food, culture and music of the world. Our committee meets every Thursday at 5pm in the Hub. We are always looking for new ideas and members. We meet socially every Wednesday at 9pm at the Kings Head. All are welcome.

### International Students Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

**Trip to the Cliffs of Moher** » *Cliffs of Moher on Saturday, 1st of October.*

**Trip to Belfast** » *Belfast on Friday, 4th of November.*

**Trip to Burren** » *Burren on Thursday, 10th of November.*

**Trip through Connemara** » *County Galway on Monday, 21st of November.*

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**Trip to the Cliffs of Moher** » *Cliffs on Friday, 27th of January.*

**AGM** » *Aula Maxima on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

**international student society dincert** » *Aula maxima on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Gamuledu Nthaba

**Vice-Auditor:** Ashfaaq Maher

**Treasurer:** Lisani Ntoni

**Secretary:** Faridah

**Additional Members:** Ali Al-Sharek

**Mentor:** Saud Al

### International Students Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |          | Expenditure                                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|---|----------|
| Income Category       | Amount   | Expenditure Category                              | Amount   |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 726.43   | Bank charge                                       | €7.5     |
| Members Contributions | €2500    | Dinner  | €200     |
| Socs box              | €1250    | Society accomodation                              | €3354.55 |
| Ticket Sales          | €725.48  | Society transport                                 | €480     |
| USC Grant             | €1325    |   |          |
|                       |          | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | €4042.05 |
|                       |          | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | (€1650)  |
|                       |          | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | €2484.86 |
| <b>Total</b>          | €6526.91 | <b>Total</b>                                      | €6526.91 |

### Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 500 members and we have submitted our list of members to the Societies Office.

## Italian Society

The Italian Society has this year succeeded in creating awareness throughout the college of presence and activities. With a committee composed mainly of returned Erasmus students, we felt it was highly important to bring some of the culture we experienced last year to the university, as well as to promote greater links with the Italian community at NUIG.

The society focused on social events such as meetings in Massimo's, a Carnivale masquerade ball, and a table quiz. It was felt that we needed to emphasise the social aspect of the society, as it is in this way that connections can best be made between Italian and Irish students. Whether between Irish people, or with Italians involved, everyone made an effort on these evenings to make some practical use of the language we study in college.

The Carnivale event was perhaps our best event focused on culture. Italians in Galway seemed delighted that they didn't miss out on what in Italy is one of the biggest events of the year. Arus na nGael proved a highly successful venue, allowing us to ask along a group of Neapolitan musicians who made sure we were all dancing by the end of the night.

Our Italian History lecture drew a large crowd, comprising of Italians, Irish students, and a surprising number of non-students who came along out of interest. It proved that good advertising can go a long way! It was followed by a wonderful, spontaneous debate on the nature of Italian identity, and a wine reception.

This year we also organized for third year students taking orals to visit Italy and meet up in Turin for a few days before the orals to improve their Italian conversational skills.

### Italian Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

**AGM/Welcome Party** » *Arus na nGael on Saturday, 15th of October.*

**Table Quiz** » *Massimos on Saturday, 5th of November.*

**Get Together** » *massimos on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

**History Talk** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre (first floor AM) on Thursday, 26th of January.*

**Carnevale** » *Arus na nGael on Thursday, 16th of February.*

**Italian Trip** » *Turin, May 2006.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Éanna Conneely

**Vice-Auditor:** Sinéad Geoghan

**Treasurer:** Lisa Leahy

**Secretary:** Éillis Ryan

**P.R.O:** Michael Nolan

**Honorary Treasurer:** Maeve Egan

### Italian Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |        | Expenditure          |         |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|
| Income Category       | Amount | Expenditure Category | Amount  |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 50.84  | Affill/Mem fees      | €30.85  |
| Members Contributions | €861   | Bank charge          | €3.75   |
| Ticket Sales          | €40    | Entertainment        | €327.15 |
| USC Grant             | €1132  | Gifts                | €21     |

|              |          |                             |          |
|--------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
|              |          | Society accomodation        | €232     |
|              |          | Society transport           | €1192    |
|              |          | Socs day expenses           | €16      |
|              |          | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €1822.75 |
|              |          | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €261.09  |
| <b>Total</b> | €2083.84 | <b>Total</b>                | €2083.84 |

### Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 160 members.

## Juggling Society

The main aim of the Juggling society is to encourage and develop juggling, other circus skills and physical performance in NUI, Galway. In particular, we seek to provide a space for practice, socializing, skill sharing and performance. Also, we organise trips to Juggling events and host our own. In doing this, we hope to provide an alternative means of recreation which is physically and mentally active, productive, progressive, yet non-competitive.

The juggling society juggles things, spins things, throws things, and swings things. We teach and learn juggling, diablo, poi, acrobalance, spinning plates, devil sticks, staff, cigareboxes, hacky sack, Yo-Yo, Rola-bola, Frisbee and anything else we can think of.

It is one of the few performing arts societies in the college. We provide a medium for the expression of visual and skills based performance on a non-competitive level. We encourage active participation from students from all departments and walks of life.

The social aspect of the society is especially fostered in the skills sharing sessions. We have attracted numerous foreign students to the sessions to learn diverse skills and make new friends while visiting our country and university.

We are very proud and delighted for our members to have won best society in NUI Galway and to have gone on to win best Society at the national awards hosted by Cork IT on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Juggling Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 95 events that took place.

**Ball-Passing Workshop** ran for 5 weeks in Circus Culture, beginning on Wednesday, 7/9/2005.

Ball-passing Workshop with Circus Culture

**Cup of Tea and Relax in the college bar** ran for 12 weeks in College Bar, beginning on Tuesday, 10/1/2006.

**Acrobalance classes** ran for 3 weeks in Art Gallery in the Quad, beginning on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.

Acrobalance in association with Mind body soul program and circus culture in the Art Gallery

**Open Session of Juggling** ran for 9 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Thursday, 2/2/2006.

**Open Session of Juggling** ran for 2 weeks in Arás Na Mac Leinn Sports Hall, beginning on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.

**Open Session of Juggling** ran for 2 weeks in BOI Theatre or Aras na Mac Léinn Atrium, beginning on Thursday, 30/3/2006.

**Ball-Making Workshop** » The Hub on Sunday, 4/9/2005.

Anyone who still doesn't own 3 balls has a chance to make their own: Ingredients provided.

**Socs open day** » Aras na Mac Leinn on Wednesday, 21/9/2005.

**Introduction to 3 Ball Juggling** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 26/9/2005.

An invitation to all new members of the society to take the first steps in learning to juggle 3 balls.

**Workshops: 3 Ball and Acro-balance.** » Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 27/9/2005.

A further workshop on juggling 3 balls for beginners as well as in introduction to acro-balance. Open juggling session for those not involved in the above.

**Clonakilty Juggling Convention** » Clonakilty on Friday, 30/9/2005.

**Clonakilty Juggling Convention** » Clonakilty on Saturday, 1/10/2005.



**Open Session of Juggling » BOI Theatre on Monday, 3/10/2005.**

An open session for all members to share skills and have fun.

**Workshops: Acro-Balance and Poi » Arás na Mac Leinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 4/10/2005.**

A workshop hosted by the experienced Kiki who is from a circus school in Berlin. Open session of juggling for all those not involved.

**Open Session of Juggling » BOI Theatre on Monday, 10/10/2005.**

**Workshop: Devil Stick and Advanced Poi » Arás na MacLeinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 11/10/2005.**

CircusCulture will give a beginners workshop in this discipline. We only have enough sticks for 20 people so come on time if you want to participate. Also this week we are joined by Ronan, Ireland's premier poi swinger, who will be teaching at an advanced poi workshop.

**Open Session of Juggling » Arás na Mac Leinn Racquetball Courts on Monday, 17/10/2005.**

**Workshop: Beginners' Poi » Arás na Mac Leinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 18/10/2005.**

Beginners' Poi workshop. Bring your own if you can. Open session of juggling for those not involved.

**Society Party! » Bar903 on Tuesday, 18/10/2005.**

There will be a JugglingSoc Party in Bar 903 (under Cuba). There will be free food and passes to Cuba afterwards. Everyone is welcome & it should be great craic!!

**Cluain Mhuire Fundraising in the Warwick » Warwick Hotel on Thursday, 27/10/2005.**

**Open Session Of Juggling » BOI Theatre on Monday, 31/10/2005.**

**Workshop: Beginners's Staff » Arás na Mac Leinn Racquetball Courts on Tuesday, 1/11/2005.**

Bring your own Staffs, mop and broom handles or whatever else and we'll supply the rest! Open session of juggling for those not involved.

**Tralee Juggling Convention » Tralee on Friday, 4/11/2005.**

This will take place from Friday November 4th 'til Sunday November 6th. We are arranging transport, accomodation and convention registration. Tune into further emails or talk to Nick or Colm at meetings for more info on price and convention details

**Toby Walker: World's Greatest Juggler » Siobhán McKenna Theatre on Monday, 7/11/2005.**

Juggling Performance from the LEGENDARY TOBY WALKER, the world's finest club juggler and friends in RENEGADE SHOW.

**Workshop: Advanced 3 Club » Arás na Mac Leinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.**

Club Juggling workshop given by Toby Walker. Places will be limited to 25 so make sure to be there early and bring your equipment.

**ABU with DJ Soc » Aras na Gael on Thursday, 10/11/2005.**

Fire performance in Aras Na Gael.

**Open Session of Juggling » BOI Theatre on Monday, 14/11/2005.**

**Workshop: Acro-Balance » Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 15/11/2005.**

This week CircusCulture, featuring Ronan from Paris, will run an Acrobalance workshop.

**Open Session of Juggling » Arás na MacLeinn Racquetball Courts on Monday, 21/11/2005.**

**Skill Sharing Session and Workshop » Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 22/11/2005.**

**Open Session Of Juggling » Arás na Mac Leinn Racquetball Courts on Monday, 28/11/2005.**

**Open Session Of Juggling » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 29/11/2005.**

**University Open Day Performance » Aras na Mac Leinn Atrium on Thursday, 1/12/2005.**

Juggling for future prospective members of the university!

**Open Session Of Juggling » Arás Na Mac Leinn Sports Hall on Monday, 5/12/2005.**

**Open Session of Juggling » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 6/12/2005.**

**Night out in Roisin Dubh » Roisin Dubh on Wednesday, 7/12/2005.**

**Open Juggling Session » BOI theatre on Monday, 12/12/2005.**

**Christmas Party! » Kayak Shed in Fisheries Field on Friday, 16/12/2005.**

This year again, Juggling Soc are joining the Kayak club for a Christmas Party to round off the year and put an end to the exams. All are welcome!! Remember to bring your own nutrition and as it's a shed, to dress for warmth. It promises to be a great night so come along!!!

**Juggling equipment arrival & distribution » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 4/1/2006.**

Juggling equipment order arrival and distribution from passepasse retailers

**Open Session of Juggling** » *Arás na Mac Leinn Racquetball Courts on Monday, 9/1/2006.*

**Society Party (New members welcome!!)** » *5 New Avenue Wood on Monday, 9/1/2006.*

Juggling Party Our first party of the year. All are welcome.

**Workshops: Beginners' 3 Ball and 3 Club.** » *Arás na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 10/1/2006.*

A chance for newbies to learn the basics and dive heads-first into the wonderful world of juggling! Open Skills Sharing Session for those not involved.

**Teddy Bear Hospital Juggling Performance** » *Arás na Mac Leinn Sports Hall on Friday, 13/1/2006.*

A new society, DocSoc, are looking for us jugglers to entertain kids aged from 3-7 at their Teddy Bear's Hospital. The day involves children having their teddy bears examined by nursing and med students. They'll then get a "prescription" which they'll take to the "Pharmacy" to get fruit to make their teddies better. 365 children are expected to attend. The kids don't expect world class jugglers so everybody is welcome to come and perform. They will be an appreciative audience! (i.e. easy to impress) It would be great if society members would give one hour to entertain some children! It should be a great day.

**Intermediate Poi workshop** » *Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 17/1/2006.*

**Societies' Day 2 Floor Show** » *Arás Na Mac Leinn Atrium on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.*

Come along for a juggle. We'll have a stand setup & all the equipment will be there. Remember to bring any friends or random strangers that may be interested in signing their lives away to the juggling society.

**Workshops & an Open Session of Juggling** » *Aras Na Mac Leinn on Monday, 23/1/2006.*

**W'shops in HulaHooping & 3-ball Juggling** » *Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.*

Workshops in Hula-hooping and Beginners 3-ball: This week we will host an Introduction to 3-ball juggling alongside a beginners Hula-hoop workshop. Marion from Sicily will be joining us to teach the Hula-hooping. As always feel free to come along and practice whatever else you like and don't be afraid to ask others for help.

**Devil-stick Workshop** » *Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 31/1/2006.*

This week, in association with Circus Culture we will host a beginners Devil-stick workshop. We only have enough sticks for 20 people so come on time if you wanna participate. Following juggling we will be heading to the bar for Tea/minerals! Come along!!

**Muscailt Launch & Photoshoot** » *The Quadrangle on Monday, 6/2/2006.*

Muscailt Arts week is being launched this Monday. Come along for a Juggle. A professional photographer will be present to shoot for the upcoming brochures. Its a great photo opportunity for the society and will be a fun day out. New members are welcome to come along! Wear: Ideally Juggling hoodies or Bright coloured T-shirts and black / dark coloured trousers (not essential!!)

**Beginners Diabolo Workshop** » *Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 7/2/2006.*

This week we will host a beginners Diabolo ( <http://www.diabolotricks.com/>) workshop. Again please bring your own diabolos if you have any!!

**Belfast Juggling Convention** » *Belfast on Friday, 10/2/2006.*

**Intermediate Diabolo Workshop** » *Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 14/2/2006.*

This week we will be joined by Eimhin; a professional juggler who will teach an Intermediate Diabolo Workshop. Again please bring your own diabolos if you have any!!

**Beginners/Intermediate Poi Workshop** » *Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.*

This week we will host a beginners/intermediate Poi (<http://www.homeofpoi.com/>) workshop. We'll supply the equipment but bring your own if you have it.

**Muscailt Impromptu performance on campus** » *All over Campus on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.*

**Outdoor Extravaganza & Fire Show** » *Outside Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.*

Juggling Soc Outdoor Extravaganza & Fire Show

**Soccer - Juggling soc v. NCBES p'grads** » *St. Anthony's Soccer Pitch on Friday, 24/2/2006.*

**Chinese State Circus** » *Black Box on Friday, 24/2/2006.*

If you have paid for your Circus ticket, we will be meeting at the Black Box @ 7:30 . Following the show, we will be going to Salthill for a Society Party. Everybody welcome!

**Competed in Intersoc soccer tournament** » *Daingean sports complex on Monday, 27/2/2006.*

**Ball-passing workshop** » *Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.*

This week we will host a ball-passing workshop. We'll supply the balls but bring your own if you have any so that we have enough.

**Open Session of Juggling** » *Arts Millenium Building Atrium on Monday, 6/3/2006.*

**Intermediate Ball-passing workshop** » *Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 7/3/2006.*

**Open session of juggling** » *Aras na MacLeinn Atrium on Thursday, 9/3/2006.*

**Dublin Juggling Convention** » *Dublin on Friday, 10/3/2006.*

Dublin Juggling Convention: Fire show on Friday night 8-10 in Market Square, Temple Bar. Workshops and open session of juggling in Larkin Hall, Cathal Brugha Street, 10a.m. - 6p.m., juggling show in Ambassador Theatre 7:30-9:30, then games and workshops from 11-5 in Larkin Hall on Sunday.

**3-Club Workshop** » *Arás na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 14/3/2006.*

This week we will host a beginners and intermediate 3-club juggling workshop. Bring your own if you have any.

**Open session of Juggling** » *BOI Theatre on Thursday, 16/3/2006.*

**St. Patrick's Day Parade** » *Galway and Westport on Friday, 17/3/2006.*

Members participated in parades in Galway with Macnas and also in Westport.

**Contact-Staff workshop.** » *Aras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 21/3/2006.*

This week we will host a Contact-Staff workshop. We'll supply the staff but bring your own (broomstick even!) if you have any.

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Richare Lyons

**Treasurer:** Colm Pattwell

**Events/SocietyDevelopment:** Anna

**Events/SocietyDevelopment:** Katie

**Equipment Team member:** Stephen Rourke

**New Members Liaison:** Liza

**Equipment Team member:** Luke Dillon

**Health & Safety Officer:** Orla Curry

**Events/SocietyDevelopment:** Eimhin Shortt

**OCM:** Fiona

**Vice-Auditor:** Brendan Fahy

**Secretary:** Lousie

**Events/SocietyDevelopment:** Rachael Mahon

**Equipment Team member:** Philip McVeigh

**New Members Liaison:** Conor

**Event Co-Ordinator:** Nich Dolan

**Secretary/ Web master:** Daniel McGill

**Photographic Officer:** Stevie Boyd

**OCM:** Liz

**OCM:** Dave

### **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Brian Mc Ginley

**Treasurer:** Richie Lyons

**Equipment Officer/P.R.O:** Stephen Rourke

**Equipment Officer/P.R.O:** Luke Dillon

**Equipment Officer/P.R.O:** John Heavey

**New Members Liaison:** Laura Heneghan

**Co-Secretary:** Rachael Mahon

**Vice-Auditor:** Nick Dolan

**Secretary:** Seamus Cawley

**Photographic Officer:** Stevie Boyd

**Event Co-Ordinator:** Colm Pattwell

**Safety Office:** Orla Curry

**Co-Secretary:** Daniel McGill

**Co-Secretary:** Brendan Fahy

### **Juggling Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |               | <b>Expenditure</b>          |               |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 20.17         | Bank charge                 | €6.84         |
| Members Contributions  | €1199         | Costumes                    | €1293.73      |
| Socs box               | €825          | Dinner                      | €60           |
| Societies day          | €180          | Entertainment               | €885          |
| Sponsorship            | €250          | Entry fees                  | €480          |
| USC Grant              | €5073         | Materials                   | €66           |
|                        |               | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €120          |
|                        |               | Society accommodation       | €930          |

|              |   |                       |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|
|              | Society transport                                 | €144                  |
|              | Speaker accommodation                             | €105                  |
|              | Speaker travel                                    | €105                  |
|              | Teacher fees                                      | €600                  |
|              | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€4795.57</b>       |
|              | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€2698.77)</b>     |
|              | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€2751.6</b>        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>€7547.17</b>                                   | <b>Total €7547.17</b> |

### Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 528 members.

## Karting Society

**The Karting Society** was started up and run by enthusiasts of the sport of Go-Karting and motor sport in general. During the societies first full year of activity we provided opportunities for people to get involved with motor sport in both recreational and competitive settings. In the future however, we see that it may be necessary to include a broader spectrum of people in the society. The focus of next year will be to maintain and expand the sporting activity, while also providing a social and educational aspect for people who are interested in the artistic and intellectual spheres so abundant in the world of competitive motor sport and throughout the diverse automotive world.

### Karting Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

**E.G.M.** » *AC203 on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

An introduction to the karting society and a run-down of events that will be taking place over the next semester. Also we will be looking for competitors interested in trying out for one of two teams to go the Intervarsities.

**Trip to Pallas Karting** » *Pallas Karting, Tynagh on Monday, 13th of February.*

A thrilling afternoon of high speed, high action go-karting at Irelands and Europes largest Go-Kart track! Spending our entire budget means the cost is only €26 and the bus is free!!! A must for anyone interested in ksrtng.

**Playstation Competition** » *Back room, college bar on Tuesday, 28th of February.*

This event, in support of rag week, was held in the college bar on the Tuesday evening of rag week. We held a Playstation competition with the Formula One 2005 game. Two contestants at a time competed against each other in front of the big screen with points earned for placed finish and a winner stays on format. Contestants could then re-enter and increase their overall points tally with the chance at the end of the night of winning one of 6 amazing prizes which included: 200 euro sponsored by Eagle Star Life; dinner for two at Milano; 65 euro voucher for Charlie Byrnes; 50 euro voucher for Ryan Man; wash and cut at MRHC and wash and cut at Savoy Barbers. There were also spot prizes available on the night from Hanley Menswear, John Deeley Menswear, Hairy Legs and Zhivago Music Store. We'd like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity and everyone who showed up on the night and took part.

**Karting Intervarsity** » *Edgewothstown, Co. Longford on Saturday, 4th of March.*

All-Ireland competition against some of the very best amature karters in the country including the current Irish national Karting champion Adrian Fallon. One of three individual events run throughout Semester Two. A team event with four per team in a grand prix style race preceded by 8 timed heat laps.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** David McDonagh

**Vice-Auditor:** Enda OConnor

**Secretary:** Sean Healy

**Health & Safety Officer:** Jason McNamara

**Public Relations Officer:** Colum Charlton

## Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: David McDonagh

### Karting Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |        | Expenditure                 |        |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Income Category       | Amount | Expenditure Category        | Amount |
| Opening Bank Balance  |        | Affill/Mem fees             | €610   |
| Members Contributions | €154   | Prizes                      | €200   |
| Socs box              | €260   | Stationary                  | €4     |
| Sponsorship           | €200   |                             |        |
| USC Grant             | €200   |                             |        |
|                       |        | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €814   |
|                       |        | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €0     |
| <b>Total</b>          | €814   | <b>Total</b>                | €814   |

### Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 502 members.

### Labour Youth Society

The Labour Youth society has striven to increase engagement with the political process amongst the student body. We have firmly believed that such engagement is a fundamental element of a Democratic state. Throughout the year our campaigns, meetings, forums, discussion groups and conferences have been as open as possible to facilitate such interaction and we have been extremely pleased with the high level of input from students.

This year we felt rewarded at the positive response to the different campaigns we highlighted. The Breast cancer awareness campaign which saw Deputy Liz McManus, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and its spokesperson on Health address a meeting in conjunction with several other societies. The Workers Rights Awareness Week, a winner of a society's award of excellence proved immensely informative and provided a safe and knowledgeable forum for students to explore their employment rights with representatives from all the major Trade Unions in Ireland.

### Labour Youth Events

This year the society held a total of 19 events.

**Colombia - The Untold Story** » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 15th of September.*

The current situation in Colombia from the Irish delegation that visited the country this summer. David Geary Chair of the Branch who went on the delegation will give a short talk followed by Augustine O Donoghue of the Socialist Workers in NCAI. A video of the delegations trip and a report will also be covered. Please note that some elements of the video are quite emotional and it would be remiss of the society not to warn sensitive people. All welcome to attend. Cellar Bar reception afterwards.

**Societies Day Meeting** » *The Hub on Thursday, 22nd of September.*

**Annual Campaign Meeting** » *AM105 on Thursday, 29th of September.*

**The Dail visit** » *Leinster House, Dublin on Thursday, 6th of October.*

**General Meeting** » *Am105 on Thursday, 20th of October.*

**Liz McManus, Labour Health Spokesperson** » *Am250 on Tuesday, 25th of October.*

Launching Breast Cancer awareness week in conjunction with the Political Discussion Society. A discussion on Breast Cancer care in Ireland, BreastCheck and the Marie Keating Foundation. Speakers include Liz McManus TD, Senator Margaret Cox and a representative from the Marie Keating Foundation. All Welcome to attend.

**Conference Planning** » *Am105 on Thursday, 3rd of November.*

**National Conference** » *The Arts Millenium Building on Saturday, 5th of November.*

Labour Youth's National Conference hosted by the Noel Browne (NUIG) branch of Labour. A high standard of debating and policy formation is expected. For a programme please log onto [www.labouryouth.ie](http://www.labouryouth.ie). Delegates must be registered by October 31st. People wishing to attend ( no voting entitlements) must register between 9am and 11:30am each day.

**Workers Rights Awareness Week** » *AM Building on Tuesday, 8th of November.*

A workers rights fair featurung union reps from accross the board in the Arts Millenium Building and Aras na Mac Leinn. In the evenings we will have meetings in the Siobhan McKenna Theatre. For a programme of events please check out our posters around the campus.

**General Meeting** » *AM105 on Thursday, 17th of November.*

**General Meeting** » *venue to be confirmed on Wednesday, 11th of January.*

**Meeting** » *AM105 on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

**Labour Youth** » *AM105 - Arts Building on Wednesday, 1st of February.*

**Film Night & Meeting** » *AM105 on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

**EGM & General Meeting** » *AM105 on Wednesday, 15th of February.*

**General Meeting** » *AM105 (Arts Mill Building) on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

**General Meeting** » *AM105 (Arts Millenium Building) on Friday, 10th of March.*

**The Future of the left in Ireland** » *TBC on Thursday, 30th of March.*

**National Conference** » *The Helix, DCU on Friday, 31st of March.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** David Geary

**Vice-Auditor:** Eilis Fallon

**Treasurer:** Fiona Coyle

**Secretary:** Sinead Magee

**Staff Treasurer:** Dr. Brendan Flynn

**Press Secretary:** Ronan Moyles

**Equality Officer:** Jenny Hickey

**OCM:** Nicola McGarry

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** David Geary

**Vice-Auditor:** Fiona Coyle

**Staff Treasurer:** Dr. Brendan Flynn

### Labour Youth Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 216.38          | Bank charge                 | €14.66          |
| Sponsorship          | €900            | Dinner                      | €159.8          |
| USC Grant            | €1525.2         | Equipment misc              | €495.2          |
|                      |                 | Reception                   | €1294.45        |
|                      |                 | Returned Money              | €455            |
|                      |                 | Speaker accomodation        | €170            |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€2589.11</b> |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€52.47</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€2641.58</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€2641.58</b> |

### Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 210 members.

## Law Society

Although one of the oldest Societies in the University, the Law Society of NUI, Galway continues to remain one of the most progressive and vibrant on campus. The society promotes learning and interaction among law students through a range of academic and social events. Meeting on Wednesdays in the Cairns Theatre, the Law Society provides a forum for discussion of day to day national and worldwide issues and hears speakers on both the more academic and practical sides of law and the legal system.

This year the Society hosted *Gerald Kean*, Solicitor, The Honourable *Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness*, President of the Law Reform Commission, *John Lonigan*, Governor of Mountjoy Prison, and speakers from Kings' Inns and Blackhall Place to advise members on career opportunities. The Society also co-hosts a Debating Intervarsity, the *National Law Debates*, with the Literary and Debating Society.

The Law Society organises purely social events as well. A Faculty Party was held in September and the hugely successful *Law Ball* in January.

The Society is proudly sponsored by *Matheson Ormsby Prentice*.

### Law Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 19 events.

**Maiden Speakers' Competition** » *Cairns Theatre on Thursday, 29th of September.*

**Gerald Kean** » *Cairns Theatre on Wednesday, 5th of October.*

Gerald Kean is a famous celebrity lawyer from Dublin and is head of Kean & Co Solicitors. He will address the Law Society on Media Law.

**How to Study Law** » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 18th of October.*

**King's Inns Information Lecture** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 18th of October.*

Presentation by Sarah McDonald Dean of Education and Marcella Higgins, Director of Education at the Honorable Society of the King's Inns.

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**Author Cox** » *Held on Tuesday, 18th of October.*

Presentation by partners and trainee solicitors at one of Ireland's leading law firm.

**Author Cox** » *Held on Wednesday, 19th of October.*

**A & L Goodbody** » *TBA on Thursday, 20th of October.*

Presentation by partners and trainee solicitors at one of Ireland's leading law firm.

**William Fry** » *IT Building on Tuesday, 25th of October.*

**Patrick King** » *Cairns Theatre on Wednesday, 9th of November.*

**Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness** » *Cairns Theatre on Wednesday, 16th of November.*

Law Society in conjunction with the Law faculty presents Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness, Supreme Court Justice and President of the Law Reform Commission.

**Law Ball** » *Bar903 and the Galway Bay Hotel on Tuesday, 24th of January.*

Tickets on sale for the Law Ball at Smokies on the Concourse 10AM- 6PM and 6-7PM 24th-27th January. Law Ball takes place in the Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday the 2nd February. Full tickets - €60.00 Afters Tickets - €25.00

**Donal Toolin and Grainne Archer** » *IT202 on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

**Nuala Kelly from the ICCL** » *AC214 on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

**National Law Debates** » *Arts Concourse on Friday, 10th of February.*

Debating Intervarsity. This event was run in conjunction with the Literary and Debating Society and won Best Intervarsity in the NUIG Society Awards.

**John Lonergan** » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of March.

**Gerard Quinn** » Cairns Theatre on Wednesday, 15th of March.

**Gerard Quinn** » TBA on Wednesday, 22nd of March.

**A.G.M.** » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 22nd of March.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Laura Cunningham

**Treasurer:** Eoghan Kenny

**Education Officer:** Daniel Curran

**Marshall of the House:** Amy Kelly

**PRO:** Cathal MacDonncha

**Communications Officer:** Orla Molloy

**Vice-Auditor:** Patrick Lloyd

**Secretary:** Michael Walsh

**Speakers Convenor:** Cathal Grennan

**Social Secretary:** Aisling Whelan

**Assistant Social Officer:** Caoimhe Mullins

**Debates Convenor:** Sharon Dillion-Lyons

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Orlaith Molloy

**Treasurer:** Sarah Bruen

**Social Secretary:** Michael Clancy

**PRO:** Christopher Lynch

**Debates Convenor:** John Moriarty

**Vice-Auditor:** Cathy Egan

**Secretary:** Christopher Campbell

**Education Officer:** Michelle Daly

**Speakers Convenor:** Cathal Grennan

**Marshall of the House:** Lisa Flood

### Law Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |                 | Expenditure              |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category       | Amount          | Expenditure Category     | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 628.77          | Affill/Mem fees          | €1464.1         |
| Balls                 | €21070          | Ball                     | €12949.8        |
| Members Contributions | €300            | Bank charge              | €32.21          |
| Socs box              | €125            | Dinner                   | €1676           |
| Sponsorship           | €7085.35        | Entertainment            | €142.2          |
| USC Grant             | €2163           | Entry fees               | €213.06         |
|                       |                 | Fundraising/charity      | €3000           |
|                       |                 | Gifts                    | €315            |
|                       |                 | Hire Bus                 | €360            |
|                       |                 | Prizes                   | €350            |
|                       |                 | Promotions               | €3400           |
|                       |                 | Reception                | €1021.61        |
|                       |                 | Society transport        | €454            |
|                       |                 | Speaker accommodation    | €176            |
|                       |                 | Speaker travel           | €140.42         |
| <b>Income Total</b>   | <b>€25694.4</b> | <b>Expenditure Total</b> | <b>€25694.4</b> |

### Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1,487 members.



## Life Society

The 2005/06 academic year was a somewhat quieter one than recent years for the society. On the whole, the year was made up of small meetings with a greater emphasis on charity fundraising events. In all, the society raised around 1200 euros in three events: two fundraising collections outside Arás na Mac Léinn, one in aid of AWARE and the other going towards the Samaritans as part of Rag Week. The latter raised around 630 euros alone. A table quiz, with the proceeds going to Special Olympics Ireland was a success with around 160 euros raised.

The society sent a delegation of seven to the Life Issues Conference in NUI, Maynooth in late February where journalists Ronan Mullen, David Quinn, Dr. Berry Kiely of the Pro-Life Campaign and British pro-life activist Peter Mallon discussed various current topics relevant to the pro-life cause. In October, the society was well represented at a public information meeting at the Ardilaun House Hotel on the topic of Stem cell research hosted by the REMEDI Institute based in NUI, Galway. A range of speakers gave a variety of informative presentations on this contentious issue. The society also re-forged links with the World Youth Alliance (WYA), an international voluntary body based on theme of the dignity of human life. Society members received training packs as well as the chance to work on the WYA's "Habitat" project in Romania next August, involving the building and orphanage.

In November, the society successfully disassociated in "SIN" from the controversial Ultrasound-organised (a Youth Defence linked body) tour of pro-life meetings where two American speakers, one of whom was Gianna Jasson, discussed their experiences of surviving abortion. The meeting, which flagrantly breached university societies regulations, was successfully prevented from taking place. Despite this incident, the Life society will continue to strive to highlight the pro-life cause in a compassionate and rational manner without religious and political bias.

### Life Society Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

**Society Day social gathering** » Galway on Wednesday, 21st of September.

**Collection for Aware** » On campus on Friday, 30th of September.

**Stem cell conference** » Ardilaun House Hotel on Friday, 11th of November.

**Table Quiz in aid of Special Olympics** » Collage Bar on Wednesday, 8th of February.

**Rag Week Collection For the Samaritans** » On Campus on Thursday, 23rd of February.

**Life issues conference** » NUI Maynooth on Tuesday, 28th of February.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Seán Clancy

**Treasurer:** Myles Monaghan

**HLM:** Paul Smith

**O.C.M.:** Seán Small

**HLM:** Sarah O Driscoll

**HLM:** Eilis Donohue

**Vice-Auditor:** Katie O Driscoll

**Secretary:** Maria O hAodha

**P.R.O.:** Anthony Doherty

**O.C.M.:** Colin Smith

**O.C.M.:** Sarah Pickering

### Life Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |          | Expenditure          |          |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Income Category       | Amount   | Expenditure Category | Amount   |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 216.55   | Bank charge          | €1.4     |
| Fundraising           | €860     | Fundraising/charity  | €2144.33 |
| Members Contributions | €1327.73 | Printing             | €35      |

|              |                 |                             |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| USC Grant    | €740            | Prizes                      | €100            |
|              |                 | Returned Money              | €300            |
|              |                 | Society accommodation       | €198            |
|              |                 | Socs day expenses           | €15.75          |
|              |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€2794.48</b> |
|              |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€349.8</b>   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>€3144.28</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€3144.28</b> |

### Other Information

We held 40 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 180 members.

## Literary & Debating Society

The 159th Session of the Literary & Debating Society was all in all a quite successful year. The society exists in two parts, the external competitive element, and the internal meetings we run. We have taken on new schools competitions, and re-invigorated our workshop training programme for novice debaters, ensuring that Committee Members always had something to do.

From a competitive side several Galway has had notable success, particularly at the UCD and TCD intervarsity competitions, where teams reached the semi-final stages, at the UCC IV, where a fresher team reached the final of the Novice Competition, and at the UL IV, where another fresher team made it to the final of the main competition. We have also have participants in break rounds at the World University Debating Championships, in the semi finals of the Irish Times and Irish Mace Competition, and more recently, in both the Final of the London School of Economics Intervarsity, and the Inner Temple Intervarsity. The Vice Auditor is the Irish Representative on Worlds Council, and the Connaught Rep on the Irish World Schools Council.

The internal organisation of the society is the other half of our activities. Several high profile, and well received events were organised most notably The Irish Times Final, chaired by Senator David Norris, and a huge undertaking for the society and The Republicanism Debate, which pitted Michael McDowell against representatives from both branches of Sinn Fein. We also had meetings on issues such as Immigration policy, with Patrick Eston, leader of Veritas, and Philip Watt, chair of the National Consultative Council on Racism, Abortion, with Frank Crummey of the Marie Stopes Foundation, and Ronan Mullen of the Irish examiner, as well as a host of internal competitions, and student led debates, on topics such as US Foreign Policy, Educational Policy in Ireland and Censorship of the Media.

### Lit & Deb Events

This year the society held a total of 24 events.

**GIB's Night** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 22nd of September.*

Our annual competition for First Year speakers will be held on the Thursday of Freshers Week. First Prize, a PSP.

**Colors Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 29th of September.*

**Oxford Run-Off's Final** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 6th of October.*

**George Bush Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 13th of October.*

Internal student debate on the topic, This House Believes George Bush Is Unfit To Rule.

**Staff Vs Students** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 20th of October.*

**Halloween Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 27th of October.*

**Iran Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 3rd of November.*

**Inter Socs** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 10th of November.*

**Literary Evening** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 17th of November.*

**Christmas Meeting** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 24th of November.*  
**TP O'Connor Competition** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 12th of January.*  
**The Republicanism Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 19th of January.*  
**Maiden Speakers Final** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 26th of January.*  
**Immigration Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 2nd of February.*  
**Richard E Kirwan Final** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 9th of February.*  
**Inter Facs** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 16th of February.*  
**Criterion Launch** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of February.*  
**Irish Times Debate Final** » *Kirwan Theatre on Friday, 24th of February.*  
**Debating Workshops** » *IT Building on Tuesday, 7th of March.*  
**Schools Final** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 9th of March.*  
**Denny West Of Ireland Schools Final** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 9th of March.*  
**Abortion debate** » *Kirwan 8 p.m. on Thursday, 16th of March.*

"THIS HOUSE WOULD LEGALISE ABORTION." Speaking pro-life is Irish Examier Journalist, Ronan Mullen. Mullen is a high profile memeber of the pro-life movement who is anti-abortion. He has also won the prestigious Irish Times Final debating competition. Eoghan Casey also joins the pro-life side fresh after his win at the National Law Debates 2005 where he gave a passionate and emotional speech against abortion in all its forms, convincing 80% of those in attendance that abortion is wrong. Speaking on the pro-choice side is Frank Crumey who is currently director general of the Marry Stopes foundation, an organisation that gives pre and post abortion conselling. Owen Feehan is speaking on the pro choice side of this debate. He is a student of NUIG and a member of the labour party.

**Speaker Of The Year** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of March.*

This annual competiton is to decide on the best speaker in the society for a given year. The motion will be announced on the Night.

**AGM** » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 30th of March.*

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Steven Nolan

**Treasurer:** Seán Butler

**Public Relations Officer:** Jeffrey Rockett

**Corresponding Secretary:** Robert Rooney

**Literary Officer:** Anthony Doherty

**Promotions Officer:** Steven Lydon

**External Convenor:** John Moriarity

**Vice-Auditor:** Sharon Dillon Lyons

**Secretary:** Patrick B. Cluskey IV

**Schools Convenor:** Roisin McGrogan

**Society Development Officer:** Cathy Egan

**Clerk of the House:** Vincent Lacey

**Internal Convenor:** Donna Cummins

### **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Donna Cummins

**Treasurer:** Vincent Lacey

**Vice-Auditor:** Patrick Cluskey

**Secretary:** John Moriarty

## Literary and Debating Society Balance Sheet

| <b>Income</b>          |                  | <b>Expenditure</b>               |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>    | <b>Expenditure Category</b>      | <b>Amount</b>    |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 262.92           | Bank charge                      | €22.89           |
| Fundraising            | €1250            | Costumes                         | €484             |
| Greenform              | €3368            | Dinner                           | €5116.91         |
| Members Contributions  | €360             | Entertainment                    | €904             |
| Muscalt                | €992             | Entry fees                       | €8582            |
| Sponsorship            | €2200            | Equipment misc                   | €240             |
| USC Grant              | €16878.59        | Fundraising/charity              | €50              |
|                        |                  | Materials                        | €202.2           |
|                        |                  | Printing                         | €992             |
|                        |                  | Prizes                           | €375             |
|                        |                  | Reception                        | €2142.45         |
|                        |                  | Society transport                | €4373.67         |
|                        |                  | Speaker accommodation            | €956.42          |
|                        |                  | Speaker travel                   | €313.5           |
|                        |                  | Stationary                       | €30              |
|                        |                  | <b>Expenditure Total</b>         | <b>€24785.04</b> |
|                        |                  | <b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>€419</b>      |
|                        |                  |                                  | <b>€526.47</b>   |
|                        |                  | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>      |                  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€25311.51</b> | <b>Total</b>                     | <b>€25311.51</b> |

### **Other Information**

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 300 members.

## Malaysian Society

Malaysian Society (MSNUIG) is a fully registered society under NUI, Galway and the Malaysian Student Department (MSD). This society was formed recently, on the 17th of October 2005. Malaysian Society is formed mainly for the Malaysian students in NUIG. Our primary aim is to bring all the Malaysians in Galway together, including all races, cultures and religions. This includes the promotion of mutual helpfulness and recreation between the Malaysian students and to provide a support base for newly arrived Malaysian students. As it was apparent that the Malaysian students in Galway did not have a society under the university, a few Malaysians came up with the idea of forming one, where all the students will unite, and thus, providing a place for everyone to gather. The Malaysian Society also aims to liaise with the Malaysian Students Department in Dublin (MSD) and relay information on the latest events and inform members about relevant issues. In other words, Malaysian Society will be acting as an intermediary; should the students themselves have any concerns that would like to be enlightened to the MSD, we will be happy to convey it for the students. Not many people may realize this, but Malaysia is actually a multi-cultural country. Not every Malaysian is of Malay heritage. There are about 30% of Chinese and 8% of Indians that make up the 25 million population of Malaysia. Though of different cultures, we are happy to announce that our country is very much integrated and united. Thus, this society aims to add the integration towards the Malaysian students in Galway, the same way it felt back home. The Malaysian Government has sent students all over the world in hopes that each and every individual did not segregate from the Malaysian community. Of course, this does not mean that the Malaysian Society completely ignores the Irish students. This society has joyfully gathered 60 Irish students to join. Because of this, we are very pleased to introduce this type of integration towards the Irish students.

### Malaysian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

**Eid Mubarak, Deepavali and Launching of** » *Aula Maxima, Lower on Saturday, 12th of November.*

**Visit of Deputy Health Minister and dele** » *Large Lecture Theatre, CSI on Monday, 30th of January.*

**Meeting of the MSNUIG Committee Members** » *Stephanie's place, Dunaras on Tuesday, 31st of January.*

**International Student Supper and Concert** » *Aula Maxima, Upper and Lower on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

**MSNUIG's Survey Form -Malaysian Students** » *<http://www.malaysian.nuigalway.ie> on Saturday, 1st of April.*

**Malaysian Society Website Construction** » *<http://www.malaysian.nuigalway.ie> on Sunday, 2nd of April.*

**MSNUIG's Survey Form -Malaysian Students** » *UK and Ireland on Friday, 21st of April.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Zool Raimy Abdul Ghaffar

**Treasurer:** Chee Peng Hor

**General Committee Member:** Sarinah Hamidon

**Events Coordinator:** Noor Farahnadiah

**General Committee Member:** Nasrul Hadi Omar

**Public Relations Officer:** Stacey Tan

**General Committee Member:** Stephanie Cinthu

**Vice-Auditor:** Adilla Nur Halim

**Secretary:** Izzatul Aini Mohamad Idris

**Events Coordinator:** Sheila Bingkasan

**General Committee Member:** Esther Sumi Anak Lis

**Public Relations Officer:** Nurafza Ahmad Hisham

**Webmaster:** Ahmad Fairuz Abdul Shokri

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Zool Raimy Abdul Ghaffar

**Secretary:** Izzatul Aini Mohamad Idris

**Vice-Auditor:** Adilla Nur Halim

## Malaysian Society Balance Sheet

| <b>Income</b>          |                 | <b>Expenditure</b>          |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 0               | Bank charge                 | €6.55           |
| Members Contributions  | €230            | Reception                   | €300            |
| Sponsorship            | €935.86         | Socs day expenses           | €200            |
| USC Grant              | €200            |                             |                 |
|                        |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€506.55</b>  |
|                        |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€859.31</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€1365.86</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€1365.86</b> |

### Other Information

We held 19 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 160 members.

## Marine Society

The NUI Galway Marine Society was established in order to highlight marine related issues on campus and indeed around Galway. Although it is a relatively small society it is full of ambition as it seeks to attract students to the wonderful world of marine life. Dolphins, Sharks, Jellyfish, Squid, Octopuses and many more. Learn more about their life, threats to their existence and insanely interesting facts about marine life.

Although we had a quiet year this year we did have a table on Societies day and we organised a Halloween party in the Cellar Bar. We donated €500 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution which the society felt strived to promote and protect that which the society dedicates itself to as well as actively saving lives at sea. The Society was thrilled to be a position to support this noble organisation and looks forward to forging closer links with the group in the future.

### Marine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

**Halloween Party** » *The Cellar Bar on Thursday, 27th of October.*

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### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Michael Devaney

**Treasurer:** Deirdre Duggan

**Post. Grad. Rep.:** Lonneke Goddijn

**Third Year Rep:** Mark Quinn

**Webmaster:** Hazel Farrell

**P.R.O:** Darragh Moran

**Staff Treasurer:** Martin White

**Vice-Auditor:** Rory O Connell

**Secretary:** Celine Mangan

**Second Year Rep.:** Micheal Devaney

**Ass. P.R.O.:** Margaret O Callaghan

**First Year Rep:** Caroline Heaney

**Fourth Year Rep:** Naomi Soffer

### Marine Society Balance Sheet

| <b>Income</b>          |               | <b>Expenditure</b>          |               |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 603.52        | Fundraising/charity         | €500          |

|              |         |                             |         |
|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| USC Grant    | €80     | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €500    |
|              |         | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €183.52 |
| <b>Total</b> | €683.52 | <b>Total</b>                | €683.52 |

### Other Information

We held 1 committee meeting during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 15 members.

## Math's Society

The newly reformed Math's Society got going this year in semester two when we were granted provisional recognition as a society. Our aim is to provide a social forum for all interested in all thing mathamatic and to further debate in our subject.

### Math's Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

**Guest Speaker** » *Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of March.*

The Invisible Interpreter: Sir William Rowan Hamilton as Poet and Philosopher. Guest Speaker Dr Thomas Duddy on the life of Ireland's greatest mathematician.

**Guest Speaker** » *Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 15th of March.*

Why Philosophy can't afford to ignore Mathematics. Guest speaker Prof Pashcal O'Gorman on the influence of mathematics on philosophy.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Jennifer Cruise

**Vice-Auditor:** Ciara Phelan

**Treasurer:** Jim Lovett

**Secretary:** Liam Naughton

**OCM:** Aine Houlihan

**OCM:** Patrick Farrell

**OCM:** Antje Luebke

**Webmaster:** Ciara Fitzgerald

**OCM:** Darragh Ryan

**OCM:** Dave Higgins

**OCM:** Erica Bolo

### Math's Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |         | Expenditure                 |         |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Income Category      | Amount  | Expenditure Category        | Amount  |
| Opening Bank Balance | -3.75   | Gifts                       | €25     |
| USC Grant            | €150    | Reception                   | €121    |
|                      |         | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €146    |
|                      |         | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €0.25   |
| <b>Total</b>         | €146.25 | <b>Total</b>                | €146.25 |

### Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 30 members.

## Mature Student Society

The aim of this society is to provide a peer network to support mature students and to also offer advice on coping with the stress of college life. This was a good year for mature students as there was an information evening on 24th January and there was a good attendance of about 30 people it was giving advice on exams and post grad courses and fees and grants which was very beneficial to all students. Then in March 15th there was a race night in the college bar this was a huge success with very good attendance and there was also good spot prizes. Then the highlight of the year was the trip to Paris this took place on April it was from the 2nd to the 5th. It was a wonderful and very enjoyable experience. 13 mature student including myself went. We got to see the Eiffel Tower, a boat cruise on the Seine and also the Louvre and other interesting historic sites. So being part of the mature students committee has been a very beneficial experience from an academic and social one.

### Mature Students Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

**Information Meeting** » AM250 on Tuesday, 24th of January.

**Race Night** » College Bar on Wednesday, 15th of March.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Martin Power

**Treasurer:** Eugene Jordan

**Committee:** P. O Flatharta

**Committee:** B. ní Loidgain

**Committee:** Michelle McCormack

**PRO:** Eugene Jordan

**Committee:** John Rafferty

**Committee:** Fiona Gavin

**Vice-Auditor:** Ann Marie Leonard

**Secretary:** Anna Cunningham

**Committee:** Annette Neary

**Committee:** Eoin Dillon

**Committee:** Geraldine

**Committee:** Pat Hynes

**Committee:** Marie Lavin

**Committee:** Brendan Fahy

### Mature Students Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 16.36           | Printing                    | €50             |
| USC Grant            | €1493           | Prizes                      | €50             |
|                      |                 | Promotions                  | €100            |
|                      |                 | Reception                   | €50             |
|                      |                 | Society transport           | €1259           |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€1509</b>    |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€0.36</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€1509.36</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€1509.36</b> |

### Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 160 members.



## Medicine Society

Our main role as a society is to plan the med ball, our official role is to let students know what they are up against for the year and act as an intermediary between the dean and students. If students have any complaints we pass the information on and hopefully find a solution. The various class reps organize the class trips and let the class know about cancelled lectures, tutorials and events etc.

### Medicine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

**First and second year introduction night** » *CSI on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

**Third and fourth year introduction night** » *CSI Large lecture theatre on Wednesday, 5th of October.*

**Final year introduction talk** » *CSI large lecture theatre on Wednesday, 12th of October.*

**Fifth year introduction talk** » *CSI large lecture theatre on Thursday, 13th of October.*

**Medball** » *Radisson SAS hotel on Tuesday, 13th of December.*

**Research meeting** » *CSI large lecture theatre on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Ruth Martin

**Vice-Auditor:** John Morley

**Treasurer:** Anne Marie Ni Chualáin

**Secretary:** Adrienne Rogers

**IMSA rep:** Paul Sexton

**Entertainment Officer:** Emily O Halloran

**International Students Officer:** Kheshwant Gill

**Press Officer:** David Coyle

**International Students Officer:** Mohd Farris Mohd Roslan

**Sports Rep:** Niall Kelly

### Medicine Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |                  | Expenditure                                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| Income Category       | Amount           | Expenditure Category                              | Amount           |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 1875.33          | Ball  | €28419.98        |
| Balls                 | €24408.72        | Bank charge                                       | €3.75            |
| Members Contributions | €2645            | Dinner  | €122             |
| Societies day         | €302.6           | Entertainment                                     | €1331            |
| Sponsorship           | €6150            | Printing  | €1415            |
| USC Grant             | €1700            | Society accommodation                             | €2620            |
|                       |                  | Society transport                                 | €800             |
|                       |                  | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€34711.73</b> |
|                       |                  | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€460)</b>    |
|                       |                  | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€2369.92</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>€37081.65</b> | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>€37081.65</b> |

### Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 600 members.

## Microbiology Society

The Microbiology society is basically a community of students within the microbiology department that share a keen interest in microbiology. The society acts by bringing all its members together, to engage in various activities both leisure and academic. Throughout the year micro soc has organised many events, all of which have seen great attendance. The Annual Fancy Dress Christmas Party was once again well attended with most people dressing up and getting into the Christmas spirit. For the first time this year Micro soc organised a bingo night in the college bar which was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. Also in collaboration with 4th year Microbiology, a trip to the Aran Islands was organised. Of course the fortnightly microbiology seminars continue to attract large crowds and attendance from micro soc is always strong. All in all this year micro soc has been busy trying to integrate the whole of the microbiology department while trying to have a bit of craic in doing so.

### Microbiology Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 17 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

#### Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks. This event was as follows:

**Seminars** ran for 14 weeks in Dunican Lecture Hall, beginning on Friday, 21/10/2005.

#### Events

This year we held 3 special events. These events were as follows:

**Micro Christmas Party** » Kings Head on Thursday, 8/12/2005.

Micro Soc Fancy Dress Christmas Party. Theme this year is Cartoons. Come along as anyone from Mickey Mouse to Spiderman, finger food and prize for best costume. Great night in store.

**Bingo** » College Bar on Thursday, 16/2/2006.

Microbiology Bingo Night, spot prizes for both lines and full houses. Plenty of craic and entertainment guaranteed.

**Aran Trip** » Aran Islands on Friday, 10/3/2006.

Microsoc together with 4th year Microbiology are organising a trip to the wild and wonderful Aran Islands. Chance to meet up with all the members and also explore the island. A must for everyone.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Pamela Ryan

**Vice-Auditor:** John Fox

**Treasurer:** Siobhan Heanue

**Secretary:** James McGarrigle

**Website coordinator:** Paul McCay

**Public Relations Officer:** Carina Hosty

**Society Development Officer:** Christina Forbes

**Public Relations Officer:** Ruth Hanrahan

### Micro Biology Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 349.3           | Dinner                      | €230            |
| Fundraising          | €579.2          | Entry fees                  | €50             |
| USC Grant            | €1415.41        | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €76.13          |
|                      |                 | Society transport           | €1417           |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€1773.13</b> |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€570.78</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€2343.91</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€2343.91</b> |

### Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 70 members.

## Musical Society

This year, began with a positive start in that our society G.U.M.S. was recognised as an official society in the college. The main event organised by the musical society, was a performance of one of the longest-running Broadway musicals of all time "The Little Shop of Horrors". This ran in the Black Box theatre from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. This musical was a great success thanks to a huge team effort. In March 2005 our AGM was held where committee representatives were elected and a plan for the year ahead was set into action.

Meetings were held every Tuesday at 6pm. With a whole committee on board many more fresh, new vibrant ideas became available. Due to the success of hiring a professional director last year we decided to do the same again by hiring Fiona Kelly. This proved to be very helpful and was a great idea. Our musical director, Mairead Crushell, played a huge part in the success of this show. There were also a team of choreographers on board, so the styles of dance varied. The topics for discussion at the meetings were mainly relating to promotion, funding, sponsorship, set design, costume design, and the plant. Closer to the show itself, items on the agenda included band, patrons, props, light and sound etc.

It was evident from the onset of the academic year 2004/2005 that GUMS generated huge interest amongst the student body. This was highlighted by the abundance of students who signed up for the musical on society's day. From there, auditions were held and fifty students were selected as cast. Rehearsals began immediately. Singing took place in Aras Ui Chathail most Tuesdays. Dancing took place most Wednesday's in the Aula Maxima, and acting took place on Thursday evenings in a range of different venues. Many friendships were quickly cultivated during these rehearsals between cast members from all over the country and indeed the world.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of October and again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February a fundraising show was put on in the Bank of Ireland Theatre. Nicola Coughlan, our societies liaison officer contacted Dramsoc to see if they were interested in a joint performance. They agreed, and the show was a success. It was called "GUMS vs. Dramsoc". The audience was small, mainly consisting of friends and families of society members that could make it. The price at the door was €2 per person. The money rose from this allowed us to begin work on sets and costumes. A table quiz was also held in the college bar on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, as part of this fundraising initiative. This was great fun with a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of €100.

In the weeks leading up to the show, the committee, under the leadership of Yvonne Jacob, Jennifer Keane and Liam Hennelly concentrated on promoting the show. Posters were put up all over campus and around town. The cast dressed up and did a run through town singing songs from the show. This proved successful as we sold a number of tickets on the street, it was also great fun. The week of the show came around very quickly, but thanks to the hard work of the cast, director, musical director and choreographers we were well prepared. Our matinee show, on the Tuesday, did not sell as well as hoped but it was a great experience to get a full run through the show with an audience, even if small. Pat O'Reilly and Mike Dervan provided lighting and sound respectively. The band was organised by Jen Sheahan and incorporated a range of musicians both from the college and locally. The band had a number of rehearsals before the beginning of the show.

The musical was a great success. However, we did experience a slight debt at the end of term. This was rectified by patronage money and also the implementation of a quiz. Great friendships were formed during the time of the show through set building weekends, cast trips out and promotional events, and also those many nights out on the town. This has hopefully created lasting memories. We had a musical ball on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March in the Galway Bay Hotel where we watched a DVD recording of the musical, ate to our hearts content, and then danced the night away. It was a fantastic year for the official GUMS, and hopefully it will continue that way well into the future.

### Musical Society (GUMS) Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

**Ticket on Sale for Musical** » *The Black Box Theatre on Tuesday, 24th of January.*

**Little Shop of Horrors!** » *Black Box Theatre on Tuesday, 7th of February.*

This year GUMS present Little Shop of Horrors, the classic story of boy meets girl, plant eats world... The show will begin on Tuesday 7th of February and continue until Saturday the 11th. There are two 11pm matinees (for all you early

birds!) and the rest are evening shows which begin at 8pm sharp! Student tickets are only €7 and are available from the SocsBox, the Town Hall Theatre or on the door.

**Variety Show: GUMS vs. Dramsoc** » *BOI Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of February.*

Dramsoc turn into all-singing all dancing Broadway wannabes? GUMS take on straight acting? This year for Muscaillt two of the biggest Performing Arts societies on campus go head to head in a battle of talents! Where the main point is generally to take the mickey out of one another! Its worth coming along if not only to see Musiclees grapple with Shakespeare, but until you've seen Dramsoc try to dance, you've seen nothing. Tickets for this event are only €3 and are available from the SocsBox.

**Fundraising Quiz** » *College Bar on Tuesday, 21st of March.*

Quiz takes place in the College Bar to help raise funds for GUMS. the Musical Society who recently brought us The Little Shop of Horrors. Fun guaranteed!

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Jenneifer Sheahan

**Treasurer:** Elaine Flynn

**PRO:** Yvonne Jacob

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Conor Feehily

**Promotions Assistant:** Liam Hennelly

**Staff Treasurer:** Sean O Leancháin

**Vice-Auditor:** Katie McAnena

**Secretary:** Ciara Murphy

**Socs Liason Officer:** Nicola Coughlan

**Mistress of Costumes:** Maeve Gormley

**Promotions Assistant:** Jennifer Keane

**Sets:** Delia Lowery

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Conor Feehily

**Secretary:** Alison McGreevy

**PRO:** Kelly McDermott

**Staff Treasurer:** Sean O Leancháin

**Treasurer:** Cara Walsh

**Socs Liaison Officer:** Jennifer Bannon

**PRO Assistant:** Kathleen Garrity

## Musical Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                  | Expenditure                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Income Category      | Amount           | Expenditure Category             | Amount           |
| Opening Bank Balance | 355.33           | Affill/Mem fees                  | €65              |
| Fundraising          | €1216.1          | Bank charge                      | €33.56           |
| Greenform            | €4983.1          | Costumes                         | €1170            |
| Muscaillt            | €3900            | Equipment misc                   | €80              |
| Socs box             | €2115            | Gifts                            | €100             |
| Sponsorship          | €1005            | Hall hire                        | €4000            |
| Ticket Sales         | €3470            | Lights                           | €713.6           |
| USC Grant            | €1000            | Makeup/Props                     | €553             |
|                      |                  | Materials                        | €350             |
|                      |                  | Performing rights                | €1813.46         |
|                      |                  | Printing                         | €1028            |
|                      |                  | Reception                        | €130             |
|                      |                  | Set                              | €1739.81         |
|                      |                  | Sound                            | €2383.5          |
|                      |                  | Teacher fees                     | €3158            |
|                      |                  | <b>Expenditure Total</b>         | <b>€17317.93</b> |
|                      |                  | <b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>€0</b>        |
|                      |                  | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>      | <b>€726.6</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€18044.53</b> | <b>Total</b>                     | <b>€18044.53</b> |

## Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 300 members.

## Music Society

Music soc is a society that hopes to promote music in college. Throughout the year this has been achieved by the organising of gigs, table's quizzes, trips and our main battle of the bands type of competition, Witless.

### MusicSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

**Meeting** » *Smokey Joes on Tuesday, 10th of January.*

We will be discussing plans for the coming semester and of course witless

**Witless Launch** » *College Bar on Monday, 16th of January.*

Launch of Witless! Bands performing include - Zero Moda, Aula Maxima and the Quads and Tahitis Dream. MC - Fintan Murphy

**Witless- Heat 2** » *College Bar on Monday, 23rd of January.*

**Witless Solo Heat** » *Róisín Dubh, Dominick St. on Tuesday, 24th of January.*

**Witless** » *College Bar on Monday, 30th of January.*

**Witless- Heat 4** » *College Bar on Monday, 6th of February.*

**Ghostwood Project** » *College Bar on Monday, 20th of February.*

Galway band provide the music for the opening night of the Múscait festival, the Monster Mosh. Prizes for fancy dress too plus Zombie DJ and classic horror movies!!!!

**Acoustic Gig** » *The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn on Tuesday, 21st of February.*

**Witless Solo Competition Acoustic Gig** » *The Hub Áras na Mac Léinn on Tuesday, 21st of February.*

**Original Music Showcase** » *De Burgos, Augustinian St. on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

**Acoustic Gig** » *De Burgos, Augustinian Street on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

**Busking** » *Campus wide on Thursday, 23rd of February.*

**Witless Final** » *College Bar on Thursday, 23rd of February.*

**Witless Showcase** » *Róisín Dubh on Monday, 13th of March.*

**AGM** » *The Cellar bar on Thursday, 30th of March.*

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Brid Ryan

**Treasurer:** Ciara Clancy

**Society Development Officer:** Kevin Bergin

**Webmaster:** Niall Farrell

**OCM:** Peadar Mac Donncha

**P.R.O.:** Rosa Ladner

**Vice-Auditor:** Ronan Moyles

**Secretary:** Edel McCormack

**Radio Show:** Jenny De Lacy, John Moriarty

**Event Managers:** James Keaveney, Dermot Moran

**OCM:** David O Leary

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Ronan Moyles

**Treasurer:** Ciara Clancy

**Vice-Auditor:** Dave O' Leary

## Music Society Balance Sheet

| <b>Income</b>          |                 | <b>Expenditure</b>                                |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Expenditure Category</b>                       | <b>Amount</b>   |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 1320.58         | Dinner  | €116.24         |
| Fundraising            | €188.6          | Equipment misc                                    | €248.2          |
| Greenform              | €166.98         | Fundraising/charity                               | €188.6          |
| Muscailt               | €1295           | Reception   | €361            |
| Societies day          | €106.71         | Society accommodation                             | €1000           |
| Ticket Sales           | €600            | Society transport                                 | €425            |
| USC Grant              | €625            | Socs day expenses                                 | €20             |
|                        |                 | Sound   | €680            |
|                        |                 | Stationary  | €182.13         |
|                        |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€3221.17</b> |
|                        |                 | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€80)</b>    |
|                        |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€1081.7</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€4302.87</b> | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>€4302.87</b> |

### Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 200 members.

## Muslim Youth Society

Our mission is to unify, foster brotherhood and represent Muslim students of NUJ Galway. We also work to promote better understanding of Islam and Muslims in the university and society. We have 111 members, of which are Muslims and non-Muslims students of NUIG. As a means to develop Islamic knowledge, character and skills of Muslim students, we organize a weekly meeting with the local Islamic Leader in the Clinical Science Institute, as well as a weekly Arabic Class for our members. We are also involved in giving a warm welcome to the Muslim fresher in NUIG last September and organized a freshers' trip to the Cliffs of Moher. MYS acts as a medium for communication between Muslim students and the university staff, the press as well as other societies, both inside and outside the university.

We are also actively involved in collecting charity for the victims of natural disasters around the world and other needy groups of people. This year, for the first time ever, MYS organized a trip to Spain, bringing 21 students to re-live and understand the history of Muslims of Andalucia, Spain and their impact they left on today's world civilization.

### Muslim Youth Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 130 events that took place.

**Seerah Class** ran for 60 weeks in CSI, beginning on Wednesday, 13/4/2005.

This Seerah Class is conducted by the Imam of Galway (Syeikh Khalid) who teaches us about the life of the prophet Muhammad, his family and companions.

**Arabic Language Class** ran for 59 weeks in CSI, beginning on Friday, 22/4/2005.

Arabic Language Class with Brother Saud Al-Azmi

**Booksale** » Sports Centre on Sunday, 1/5/2005.

This event was done in conjunction with the Malaysian Food Fair which was held in the sports hall foyer on 1st May 2005. Since we had a lot of books left from the ICW event, we took this opportunity to sell them during this occasion. MYS was given a booth which mainly sold books and a few other things such as the "End the Occupation" t-shirts, the holy Quran, and hijabs.

**MYS Introductory session to the freshers** » *CSI on Saturday, 17/9/2005.*

introductory session

**Freshers trip to Cliffs of Moher** » *Cliffs of Moher on Saturday, 1/10/2005.*

As a show of our warm welcome to the new students who arrived in Galway in September 2005, we organised a trip to the Cliffs of Moher to show them the wonderful views of Ireland. We prepared lunch for the freshies, had a breaking the ice session and within a short time, we managed to tighten the bond between the old and new members. It was a successful trip and we plan to organize more successful trips in the near future.

**One Day Fast Programme** » *CSI on Wednesday, 19/10/2005.*

During this event, we invited everyone regardless of their religion to fast with us on this day while collecting charity money for the victims of Kashmir Earthquake. For those who agreed to fast, we provided them with the guidelines on fasting during the day and at what time they are able to break their fast. We held a small reception in the CSI on 19 October 2005 to show our appreciation towards those who had participated. We worked in collaboration with VSA and Human Appeal International, as well as a few of the students from GMIT who had contributed their time and energy for the success of the One Day Fast event. This year we managed to collect a total of ~6000 euros and hope to collect more in 2006.

**Trip to Spain** » *Andalucia, Spain on Saturday, 17/12/2005.*

Trip to Andalucia, Spain... to re-live and understand the history of Muslims of Andalucia, Spain and their impact on the world civilization. This trip was a 1 week trip. One of the most memorable trips that all of us have ever had. We took back a lot of knowledge with us. Our initial intention about going to Spain was to find materials for the ICW in January, since our ICW theme for this year was Islamic Civilization. At the end of the trip, we not only found the materials we were looking for, but we found and realised the importance of history in everyone's life. A lot can be learnt from history, no matter how good or bad the history is, as long as a lesson can be learnt from it to prevent future downfalls. We managed to convey our knowledge and materials we brought back from Spain during the ICW and not only it was a successful event, but it was our most memorable one since tons of effort were put into it. It was a grand trip and if time and budget allow, we'll definitely organize another trip somewhere else in the coming future.

**Islamic Cultural Week** » *Aras Na Mac Leinn Foyer on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.*

**FINAL JOURNEY PROGRAMME** » *IT 125 on Saturday, 28/1/2006.*

**Muslims Role in the West : ZiaUllah Khan** » *CSI on Thursday, 16/2/2006.*

**ICW Appreciation Ceremony** » *Hub, Sports Centre on Friday, 3/3/2006.*

After all the hard work for the ICW, the MYS committee agreed to hold a ceremony just to forward our gratitude and appreciation towards the MYS members who had contributed so much for the grand event of the year. A food reception was held in the Hub in the sports centre. At the end of the food reception, we had a discussion and evaluation on all the activities that we had done throughout the year. Weaknesses and strenghts were pointed out, and we discussed about how we could make next year a better year for all of us. A short photography session was done at the end of the whole ceremony.

**AGM** » *CSI on Friday, 10/3/2006.*

**MINDA programme** » *Cong, County Mayo on Friday, 7/4/2006.*

## **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Mohd Adzreil Bakri

**Treasurer:** Mohd Rafiq Mohd Taib

**Sports & Recreation Officer:** Mohd Zaquan Arif

**Dawah and Tarbiyyah Officer:** Sharifah Najwa Syed Mohamad

**Events Officer:** Mohd Qamarul Azzam Razali

**Webmaster/FOSIS Rep:** Shahzad Javid

**Vice-Auditor:** Mardiah Masharuddin

**Secretary:** Fadzilah Hahim Rahim

**Public Relations Officer 2:** Wan Noor Aida Mohd Idris

**Public Relations Officer 1:** Adilla Nur Halim

**Campaigns Officer:** Md Syazwan Md Amin

**Publication Officer:** Adzleen Mohmood

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Mohd Rafiq Mohd Taib

**Treasurer:** Qamarul Azam Razali

**Tarbiyyah Officer:** Amira Amir

**Webmaster:** Rushd Bajwa

**Public Relations Officer:** Liyana Yasmin Mohd Razi

**Vice-Auditor:** Adzleen Mohmood

**Secretary:** Sharifah Najwa Syed Mohamad

**Student Affairs Officer:** Siti Hazrina Mohamed Hanafi

**Campaigns Officer:** Adilla Nur Halim

**Publication Officer:** Aman Akbar Adam

## Muslim Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |                  | Expenditure                 |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Income Category       | Amount           | Expenditure Category        | Amount           |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 1797.16          | Bank charge                 | €2.2             |
| Fundraising           | €6280.01         | Dinner                      | €482.4           |
| Members Contributions | €750.19          | Fundraising/charity         | €6370.01         |
| Sponsorship           | €651.09          | Gifts                       | €7.26            |
| USC Grant             | €5381            | Prizes                      | €388.72          |
|                       |                  | Society transport           | €3019            |
|                       |                  | Speaker accomodation        | €265             |
|                       |                  | Speaker travel              | €615             |
|                       |                  | Stationary                  | €229.64          |
|                       |                  | Teacher fees                | €400             |
|                       |                  | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€11779.23</b> |
|                       |                  | <b>Cash In Hand</b>         | <b>€170.51</b>   |
|                       |                  | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€2909.71</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>€14859.45</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€14859.45</b> |

## Other Information

We held 11 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 111 members.

## Orchestra Society

The Orchestra Society has had a very successful year. We are continuing to expand and this year had a woodwind and brass section for the first time. This enabled us to perform a symphony, by Haydn, which was our ultimate goal from the beginning. We performed three Irish premieres and hope to continue this trend of finding new and old unheard music and bringing it to Galway. We had a trip to Clifden and played a concert there. We also had a very educational workshop with the Con Tempo quartet.

## Orchestra Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

**Open Day** » *Aras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 1st of December.*

**Orchestra Múscailt Concert** » *Orbsen Building Foyer on Tuesday, 21st of February.*

**End of Year Concert** » *Church of Ireland, Clifden on Sunday, 26th of March.*

**End of year Concert** » *Aula maxima, Upper on Monday, 27th of March.*



## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Johnny Berrill

**Treasurer:** Hazel Fahy

**Secretary:** Conor Hurley

## Orchestra Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 1777.21         | Affil/Mem fees              | €1700           |
| Fundraising          | €250            | Dinner                      | €468            |
| Muscailt             | €200            | Equipment misc              | €625.35         |
| Sponsorship          | €350            | Hall hire                   | €200            |
| Ticket Sales         | €1040           | Materials                   | €148.5          |
| USC Grant            | €3105           | Printing                    | €59.58          |
|                      |                 | Society accommodation       | €1807           |
|                      |                 | Teacher fees                | €1500           |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€6508.43</b> |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€213.78</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€6722.21</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€6722.21</b> |

## Other Information

We held 3 committee meeting during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 43 members.

## Philosophy Society

The Philosophy Society had a fun and successful year, starting as we did from scratch. Weekly talks were given on philosophical themes by experts, such as The Phenomenology of Technology, Adventure, and Illusion, followed by discussions. There was an emphasis on simplicity, getting not just students of philosophy, but philosophical students involved. With that sentiment, we had a fortnightly discussion forum on topics of universal interest: love, truth, and freedom. We were the first Irish philosophical organisation to get the showing rights of the new movie on Heidegger. Students enjoyed a trip to a Zen *dojo*. Feedback was positive on the talks, and the objective was achieved: a substantial amount of non-philosophy students were thrilled with the talks, getting thoroughly involved and subsequently interested in reading and living philosophy.

## Philosophy Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 10 events that took place.

**Informal Discussion forum** ran for 2 weeks in AM204, beginning on Monday, 21/11/2005.

We meet to discuss topics of universal interest..love..truth..freedom..... All welcome.

**Informal Discussion Forum** ran for 5 weeks in AM204, beginning on Monday, 30/1/2006.

We meet to discuss topics of universal interest..love..truth..freedom..... All welcome.

**Dan Bradley: Illusions** » *Philosophy Dep, Seminar room on Thursday, 2/2/2006.*

Dan Bradley of the Philosophy department will convince us that everything is an illusion..... Join us.

**Phenomonology of Technology** » *Philosophy Dept. Seminar Room on Monday, 6/3/2006.*

There will be a post graduate talk on how the technology of any given age reflects on the culture and morality of the people.

**Phenomonology of Adventure** » *Philosophy Seminar Room on Thursday, 16/3/2006.*

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Conor Graham  
**Treasurer:** Lee Hughes  
**Liaison Officer:** Shane Connolly

**Vice-Auditor:** Austin Dwyer  
**Secretary:** Rachelle McCaney  
**Public Relations Officer:** Daniel Leufer

## Philosophy Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                | Expenditure                 |                |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount         | Expenditure Category        | Amount         |
| Opening Bank Balance | 0.13           | Bank charge                 | €0.28          |
| Societies day        | €32            | Costumes                    | €0.56          |
| USC Grant            | €440.4         | Dinner                      | €100           |
|                      |                | Materials                   | €130           |
|                      |                | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €30            |
|                      |                | Reception                   | €60            |
|                      |                | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€320.84</b> |
|                      |                | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€151.69</b> |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€472.53</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€472.53</b> |

## Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 20 members.

## Photo Society

This year we ran black and white photography tutorials as well as holding talks giving tips on how to take better photographs. A day trip to Ballinasloe horse fair last autumn was also organised. Members had some of their work published in SIN newspaper as well as the alumni magazine. We also took part in the 'What Is Ireland?' exhibition as part of the Washington Ireland Initiative. The highlight of our year was when students got the chance to display some of their work in the 'Focus '06' exhibition held as part of the Muscailt Festival.

## Photography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

**Meeting** » IT 202 on Wednesday, 28th of September.

**Guest Speaker** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 5th of October.

**Guest Speaker** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 12th of October.

**Meeting** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 19th of October.

**Meeting** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 26th of October.

**Meeting** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 2nd of November.

**Meeting** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 9th of November.

**Meeting** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 16th of November.

**First Photosoc Meeting Of The Semester** » AM 214 on Wednesday, 25th of January.

**Meeting** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 1st of February.

**Meeting** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 8th of February.

**What Is Ireland Exhibition** » NUI Galway and Galway City on Friday, 10th of February.

**Meeting** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 15th of February.

**Focus '06 Exhibition** » Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer on Monday, 20th of February.

**'Focus '06'** » Aras Na MacLeinn Foyer Area on Tuesday, 21st of February. To February 25th

**Meeting** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 8th of March.

**AGM** » *IT250 on Wednesday, 15th of March.*

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Catherine Carey

**Treasurer:** Elizabeth Helliesen

**Darkroom Tutor:** Ben Ruddy

**Darkroom Tutor:** Cylene Padley

**Vice-Auditor:** Lee Hughes

**Secretary:** Mihai Basa

**Darkroom Tutor:** Charity Shumaker

**Darkroom Manager:** Nat Cafolla

### **Photography Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |               | <b>Expenditure</b>          |               |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 513.41        | Affill/Mem fees             | €874.5        |
| Members Contributions  | €165          | Bank charge                 | €13.39        |
| Muscailt               | €130          | Materials                   | €213.15       |
| Socs box               | €110          | Speaker travel              | €110          |
| USC Grant              | €650          |                             |               |
|                        |               | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €1211.04      |
|                        |               | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €357.37       |
| <b>Total</b>           | €1568.41      | <b>Total</b>                | €1568.41      |

### **Other Information**

We held 13 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1224 members.

## **Physics Society**

The Physics Society, NUI Galway hosts meetings and talks on this exciting area of Science.

### **Physics Soc Events**

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

**Science Ball** » *Galway Bay Hotel on Monday, 3rd of October.*

Pre drinks starts at 6pm. Dinner at 8pm. Piano by Sacha and Band 'Blue Moose' and Alan Quinn DJ from Cuba.

**Science Ball** » *Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday, 3rd of November.*

**Christmas Party** » *McSwiggans on Tuesday, 13th of December.*

Join us for festive fun! All welcome.

**New Years Get Together** » *Massimos on Monday, 9th of January.*

What better way to start of the year than joining us in Massimos. All welcome.

**Speaker: Matt Redmond** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Thursday, 16th of March.*

Topic: 'How to make a star'. Join us afterwards in Massimos for a St paddys Day Party. All Welcome.

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Don Phelan

**Treasurer:** Andrew Cronin

**Vice-Auditor:** Larry Murray

**Secretary:** Mark Foley

## Physics Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |           | Expenditure                 |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Income Category      | Amount    | Expenditure Category        | Amount    |
| Opening Bank Balance | 16328.52  | Ball                        | €17112.24 |
| Socs box             | €840      | Dinner                      | €325.55   |
| Ticket Sales         | €4177     | Reception                   | €1663.6   |
|                      |           | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €19101.39 |
|                      |           | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €2244.13  |
| <b>Total</b>         | €21345.52 | <b>Total</b>                | €21345.52 |

## Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 55 members.

## Poker Society

The aim of the Poker Society is to promote the increasing popularity of Texas Hold Em Poker in NUIG, and to organise friendly and low cost poker tournaments, during our first year we have run weekly poker tournaments in the Hub. They have been well attended and the proceeds for the evenings have been divided each week as winnings.

### Poker Events

This year the society had a total of 15 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

#### Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

**Poker Tournament** ran for 9 weeks in The HUB, beginning on Monday, 19/9/2005.

**Poker Tournament** ran for 6 weeks in The HUB, beginning on Monday, 30/1/2006.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** John Daly

**Vice-Auditor:** Oisín Murray

**Treasurer:** Neill Kennedy

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** John Daly

**Vice-Auditor:** Neil Kennedy

**Treasurer:** Cathal Grennan

**Secretary:** Caitriona DePaor

## Poker Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |        | Expenditure              |          |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------|
| Income Category      | Amount | Expenditure Category     | Amount   |
| Opening Bank Balance | 0      | Bank charge              | €3.75    |
| Fundraising          | €7035  | Equipment misc           | €112     |
| Societies day        | €112   | Prizes                   | €6760    |
|                      |        | <b>Expenditure Total</b> | €6875.75 |

|              |       |                                  |         |
|--------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------|
|              |       | <b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | €0      |
|              |       | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>      | €271.25 |
| <b>Total</b> | €7147 | <b>Total</b>                     | €7147   |

## Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 360 members.

## Political Discussion Society

This year we had a specific aim to improve student involvement and participation. To this end we insured that all meetings had events had a question and answer period at the end when the floor was open to ant member to ask or discuss a topic with those participating in the event. We felt that this would help students feel more involved in the event and engage them more with the discussion We also tried and move away from the past forms of meeting where a politician would speak on a topic of their choice when finished them leave without any student involvement or participation.

### Political Discussion Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 20 events.

**Country V City** » *O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 26th of September.*

**Eyre Square Meeting** » *O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 3rd of October.*

**Ann Summers Party** » *Cellar Bar, Eglinton Street on Monday, 10th of October.*

**Breat Cancer Awareness Meeting** » *O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 17th of October.*

Senator Magaret Cox , Liz Mc Manus T.D. and Phil Keating from the Marie Keating Foundation discussion the situation of Breast Cancer in Ireland.

**Trip to Question and Answers** » *RTE Studios on Monday, 24th of October.*

**Ringu Tulku Rinpoche** » *O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 7th of November.*

**Political Awareness Week** » *All over Campus on Monday, 14th of November.*

**InterParty Debate** » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 23rd of January.*

**Inter-Party Debate** » *O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 23rd of January.*

**Speaker Competition** » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 6th of February.*

**Public Speaking Competition** » *O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 6th of February.*

**Haughey the DVD** » *O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 13th of February.*

**Trip to Westminster Abbey** » *London on Wednesday, 1st of March.*

**HM Ambassador to Ireland** » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 6th of March.*

British Ambassador Mr Stewart Eldon will address the Society on the role of embassies, the role of the United Kingdom in Northern Ireland as well as taking questions on areas of interest from the student body. Reception afterwards in the Cellar Bar.

**SU Hustings** » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of March.*

**Lunch Time Meeting with Tanaiste Mary Ha** » *Siobhan Mc Kenna Theatre on Monday, 20th of March.*

**Mark Little** » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 20th of March.*

Prime Time presenter Mark Little will address the second last meeting of the Political Discussion Society tonight. All welcome to attend. Reception afterwards in the Cellar Bar.

**Schools programme** » *Siobhan mckenna Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of March.*

The PDS schools programme in which juniour certificate schools are invited on to campus to meet political figures and interact with the society to gain a deeper understanding of Civic Socail and Political Education. The event won first place in the AIB NUI Galway Society Event of Excellence Award.

**Annual General Meeting** » *O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 27th of March.*

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Pamela Prendiville

**Treasurer:** Jeffrey Rockkett

**PRO:** Steven Lydon

**Vice-Auditor:** David Geary

**Schools Conveyner:** Claire Mc Gowan

**Promotions Officer:** Stephanie Joyce

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Claire Mc Gowan

**Vice-Auditor:** Jack Evans

**Treasurer:** Niall O Tuairisg

## Political Discussion Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                                       |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category                              | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 490.52          | Bank charge                                       | €3.75           |
| USC Grant            | €2472.55        | Dinner  | €327.2          |
|                      |                 | Gifts   | €1174.77        |
|                      |                 | Prizes  | €100            |
|                      |                 | Reception   | €477.65         |
|                      |                 | Society accommodation                             | €400            |
|                      |                 | Society transport                                 | €40             |
|                      |                 | Speaker travel                                    | €87             |
|                      |                 | Teacher fees                                      | €342            |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€2952.37</b> |
|                      |                 | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€97)</b>    |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€10.7</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€2963.07</b> | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>€2963.07</b> |

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 347 members.

## Presidents Award Society (Gaiscesoc)

The President's Award (Gaisce) Society aims to help students and staff attain their goals towards receiving the Bronze/Silver/Gold President's Award. The Presidents Award is the only state award of excellence available to Irish people. Our hope this year is to bring 8 students to Estonia to literally "build bridges". The President's Award (Gaisce) Society encourages young people to set and achieve a demanding challenge for themselves in each of four different areas -

1. Community involvement (eg. helping the elderly),
2. Skill (eg learning to play a new instrument),
3. Physical (e.g. swimming)
4. An adventure project.

Each member is assigned a PAL to help them along their journey. Through society events such as trips to Petersberg and Estonia we encourage personal development, teambuilding, and self confidence.

## Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

**Petersberg** » Mayo on Saturday, 18th of February.

**AGM** » IT 202 on Wednesday, 22nd of March.

### **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Aoife Kernan

**Vice-Auditor:** Jill Masterson

**Treasurer:** Ann Browne

**Secretary:** Una Duffy

**OCM:** Caitriona Callanan

**Public Relations Officer:** Nick Geoghegan

**OCM:** Gearóid Ó Treasaigh

### **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Aoife Kernan

**Vice-Auditor:** Elizabeth Reidy

**Treasurer:** conor Burns

**Secretary:** ann Browne

**OCM:** Marian Slattery

**PRO:** Gearoid O Treasaigh

### **Presidents Award (Gaisce) Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |               | <b>Expenditure</b>          |               |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 56.97         | Affill/Mem fees             | €2636         |
| Fundraising            | €906.45       | Entertainment               | €65           |
| Members Contributions  | €640          | Fundraising/charity         | €464          |
| USC Grant              | €1585         |                             |               |
|                        |               | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €3165         |
|                        |               | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €23.42        |
| <b>Total</b>           | €3188.42      | <b>Total</b>                | €3188.42      |

### **Other Information**

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 56 members and we have submitted our list of members to the Societies Office.

## **Psychological Society**

The Psychological Society was set up to promote the study and understanding of Psychological issues on campus, to host meetings on topics related to the study of the discipline and to maintain close links with the Psychological Department.

### **Psychological Soc Events**

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

**EGM** » AM250 on Sunday, 2nd of October.

Emergency General meeting to elect new committee, Followed by reception. all members welcome.

**Psychopathy: The mean side of the Dark T** » AM 250 on Monday, 10th of October.

A lecture by Prof Robert Hare on the ongoing research into Psychopathy. A rection to follow in the foyer of the building all welcome.

**General Knowledge Table Quiz.** » Students Bar. on Monday, 17th of October.

A Table Quiz in order to raise funds for the Society. Prizes for the winning team and Best Name of team, teams of four required.

**Talk on Sri Lanka.** » Lecture Theather 1, St Anthonys. on Monday, 24th of October.

A talk on the situation in Sri Lanka by Graduates who spent some time working there. Reception after in foyer, all welcome.

**Fancy Dress Halloween Party** » *The Living Room on Thursday, 27th of October.*

A fancy dress party in the Living Room, prizes given for the best costumes. All welcome.

**Emergency General Meeting** » *AM 250. on Monday, 23rd of January.*

Emergency General Meeting, called to elect new members of the committee. Reception after, all welcome.

**Suicide: all you want to know.** » *AM250. on Monday, 6th of March.*

Prof Kevin Malloy will give a lecture on the latest studies on suicide. Reception afterward in foyer, all welcome.

**End of Year Party.** » *The Living Room. on Thursday, 23rd of March.*

Time to unwind after a hard year. Free finger food and prizes. All wellcome.

**Psychological Students of Ireland Congre** » *NUI Maynooth on Friday, 7th of April.*

PSI Congress 2006, held in NUI Maynooth. Leaving by bus at 11.00, staying at the Glen Royal Hotel, Maynooth. Prize giving Dinner on Saturday night at 20.00. Return by bus on Sunday morning.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Kevin Hogan

**Vice-Auditor:** Remona Roper-Hurst

**Treasurer:** Cormac Duffy

**Sharon McHugh:** PRO

**Niall Lally:** Web Administrator

**Peter Collins:** PRO

**Remona Roper-Hurst:** Safety Officer

**Caoimhe Speakman:** Event photographer

**Eimear Lee:** PRO

### Psychological Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |          | Expenditure                                       |          |
|----------------------|----------|---|----------|
| Income Category      | Amount   | Expenditure Category                              | Amount   |
| Opening Bank Balance | 316.54   | Bank charge                                       | €7.5     |
| Fundraising          | €470     | Entertainment                                     | €61      |
| Socs box             | €3180    | Entry fees  | €830     |
| Societies day        | €165     | Society accommodation                             | €500     |
| USC Grant            | €1630    | Society transport                                 | €300     |
|                      |          | Speaker accommodation                             | €3248    |
|                      |          | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | €4946.5  |
|                      |          | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | (€225)   |
|                      |          | <b>Cash In Hand</b>                               | €120     |
|                      |          | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | €695.04  |
| <b>Total</b>         | €5761.54 | <b>Total</b>                                      | €5761.54 |

### Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 20 members.

### Quiz Society

Quizsoc are the finest purveyors of interesting trivia and thought-provoking questions this side of the Atlantic seaboard, we're a young society (only our third year in college) but we've a strong and loyal group of supporters. We've been known for our various challenging quiz features in the past, and this year was no exception: We planned on having a big event every month and has succeeded in doing so, with new and innovative events like the Quizsoc Gameshow and Weakest Link theatre quizzes proving a huge success, as well as our old favourite, the pub table quiz.



As proud as we were of hosting such events that thankfully went down very well, we're equally proud of our contributions to charity this year. So far we've raised just under €1,000 for various charitable organisations, like Enable Ireland, Console, Special Olympics and the Irish Wheelchair Association, at different events over the course of the year. But we're not ones to rest on our laurels at Quizsoc, and we've already got some great plans set up for next year!

## Quiz Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

**Inter-County Table Quiz** » *College Bar on Tuesday, 27th of September.*

Represent your county, state, province or principality with pride in an intense bout of territorial quizzing action, and win some big money prizes! All proceeds go to Enable Ireland.

**Quizsoc Gameshow** » *IT 125 on Monday, 24th of October.*

Paying homage to such classics as Fifteen to One, Countdown, Going for Gold and Blockbusters, the inaugural Quizsoc Gameshow is a brand new innovation this year in our series of Theatre Quizzes. For this event, a large and plucky group of Galway's finest quizzers battle it out in an attempt to win the most prestigious prize of the year: The Richard Whiteley Memorial Trophy...

**Weakest Link, Galway Style!** » *McMunn Theatre on Wednesday, 30th of November.*

The Weakest Link, but without the narky gingers! Twelve students go down, only one shall come up, but who will be the Strongest Link? Come along to find out!

**Disability Awareness Week Table Quiz** » *College Bar on Thursday, 26th of January.*

QuizSoc's first event of the year takes place in aid of Disability Awareness Week (starting 23rd January). € 20 per table of four with big money prizes at stake! All proceeds going to Enable Ireland and Irish Wheelchair Association.

**Múscailt Performance Table Quiz** » *College Bar on Tuesday, 21st of February.*

It's that time of year again, and to celebrate the wonderful week that is Múscailt we are putting on the jewel in Quizsoc's crown: The Performance Table Quiz! Now in it's third glorious year, the Performance Quiz is always entertaining, pleaseantly suprising and just a little bit mental...So come along to join in the craic!

**Now That's What I Call Quizsoc!** » *College Bar on Monday, 27th of March.*

To culminate what has been a busy but thoroughly enjoyable year, we're joining forces with MUSIC SOC to create an end of year extravaganza: 'Now That's What I Call Quizsoc!' will be ten rounds of musicky mayhem, with special rounds, performances and lovely, lovely, prizes on the night. All proceeds going to charity, so come along and shake off those study blues, quiz stylee!

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Paddy Duffy

**Treasurer:** Duffy/Gibbons

**Superman:** Patrick Mulrennan

**Vice-Auditor:** Andrew Gibbons

**Secretary:** Liam Harkin

**President for Life:** Michael Coyne

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Ruth McNally

**Treasurer:** Liam Harkin

**Quizmaster General:** Paddy Duffy

**President for Life:** Michael Coyne

**Vice-Auditor:** Emma Conway

**Secretary:** Nora McMahan

**Executive Supervisor:** Liam Harkin

**Quizsoc Enforcer:** Andrew Gibbons

## Quiz Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |        | Expenditure          |        |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| Income Category      | Amount | Expenditure Category | Amount |
| Opening Bank Balance | 601.12 | Fundraising/charity  | €800   |
| Fundraising          | €620   | Prizes               | €90    |

|              |          |   |          |
|--------------|----------|---|----------|
| USC Grant    | €160     | Society transport                                 | €30      |
|              |          | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | €920     |
|              |          | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | (€80)    |
|              |          | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | €461.12  |
| <b>Total</b> | €1381.12 | <b>Total</b>                                      | €1381.12 |

## Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 200 members.

## Radio Society

This year we wanted to give our members the chance to learn new skills in radio broadcasting and production. Also to obtain the knowledge of the wider media marketplace.

For example our speakers, Maria McGonagall (Media Law Lecturer, NUI Galway), Alison Curtis (The Last Splash, Today FM) and Andrew O' Baoill (1st Flirt FM Manager) gave an insight into what it takes to be a presenter and producer on Irish radio and how radio in Ireland is changing rapidly.

As a society we aimed to facilitate the development of student journalism and to promote radio in the University as it is a substantial part of media in Ireland.

This society has been successful in forming a stronger bond with Flirt FM and its members. This has helped us give our members an opportunity to be involved and to learn about radio broadcasting and production first hand. Be it through training or taking part in our live broadcasts during Rag Week.

In addition to our objectives we are a society which promoted involvement at all levels with the development of skills and friendships. Hopefully this society has helped many to see their true potential and help them to work in radio in the future.

## Radio Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 29 events that took place.

**Acoustic Wednesdays** ran for 4 weeks in De Burgos, beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

The Radio Society presents: Acoustic Wednesdays at De Burgos. This week we give you papercupsongs and Big Danny Gallagher, two great acts in an intimate setting. Doors at 9pm and entry is free.

**EGM** » AC214 on Monday, 26/9/2005.

**Media Law Lecture** » Dillon Theatre on Wednesday, 28/9/2005.

This is a lecture given by Marie McGonagle, a media law lecturer. This was obligatory for anyone who wants to go on air. This lecturer will distinguish between slander and libel and how many ways you can get sued if you don't know what to say. This was followed by a reception in De Burgos for the 10th Anniversary of Flirt FM.

**Alison Curtis** » Aras Ui Cathail on Friday, 21/10/2005.

**Presentation and Interview Training** » Flirt FM on Wednesday, 26/10/2005.

**Presentation and Interview Training** » Flirt FM on Wednesday, 26/10/2005.

**Halloween Party** » De Burgos on Wednesday, 26/10/2005.

**Desk Training** » Flirt FM on Thursday, 27/10/2005.

**Desk Training** » Flirt FM on Tuesday, 1/11/2005.

**Cool Edit Training** » Flirt FM on Wednesday, 2/11/2005.

**Presentation and Interview Training** » Flirt FM on Monday, 7/11/2005.

**Minidisk Training** » Flirt FM on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.

**Minidisk Training** » Flirt FM on Monday, 14/11/2005.

**Cool Edit Training** » Flirt FM on Tuesday, 15/11/2005.

Cool Edit is a computer programme which is designed to edit mainly minidisks. You will mainly be using this programme to edit interviews, vocs pops, pre-recorded shows, promos and jingles. Given by Aidan McEvelly

**Christmas Party** » Leisureworld on Wednesday, 23/11/2005.

**Andrew O'Baoill** » IT Building on Wednesday, 11/1/2006.

**EGM and Introduction** » SC200A (near Smokies) on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

**Desk Training & Presentation Skills** » Flirt FM on Monday, 20/2/2006.

**Mini Disk & Cool Edit Training** » Flirt FM on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

**Irish Radio Production Training** » Flirt FM on Thursday, 23/2/2006.

**Irish Radio Production Training** » Flirt FM on Thursday, 23/2/2006.

**Presentation & Desk Training** » Flirt FM on Thursday, 23/2/2006.

**Rag Week Special** » Flirt FM on Monday, 27/2/2006.

**RAG WEEK: Acoustic Wednesday** » DeBurgos on Wednesday, 1/3/2006.

**AGM** » IT125G on Thursday, 30/3/2006.

**End of Year Party** » The Bierhaus on Thursday, 30/3/2006.

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Emma Doyle

**Treasurer:** Patrick O Flaherty

**Vice-Auditor:** Aidan McEvelly

**Secretary:** Corina Duggan

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Corina Duggan

**Treasurer:** Patrick O'Flaherty

**Vice-Auditor:** Aidan McEvelly

## Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                                       |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category                              | Amount           |
| Opening Bank Balance | 482.17          | Dinner  | €95              |
| Greenform            | €129            | Entertainment                                     | €198.65          |
| USC Grant            | €974.06         | Equipment misc                                    | €376.99          |
|                      |                 | Reception   | €214.3           |
|                      |                 | Returned Money                                    | €182.93          |
|                      |                 | Society transport                                 | €20              |
|                      |                 | Speaker accommodation                             | €129             |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€1216.87</b>  |
|                      |                 | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€134.56)</b> |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€368.36</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€1585.23</b> | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>€1585.23</b>  |

## Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 270 members.

## Ogra Sinn Fein Society

Over the past year Sinn Féin has been extremely active around college and the city. This year we have managed to build on the solid base of last year by acquiring a large number of new and committed activists, we immediately solidified our membership by throwing the full resources of the Cumann into both the 'RosSPORT 5' and 'Shell to Sea' campaigns, soon we became the driving force behind both campaigns. Over the period of R5's incarceration we took part in a number of well supported pickets at the Newcastle Staitoil Station. Our protests culminated with our members marching in protests in both Dublin and Galway, soon after the leader of the RosSPORTs, Miceál O'Seighin, addressed supporters in college as Gaeilge, although not our first speaker of the year he proved by far the most popular.

While Sinn Féin remained at the centre of this cause we also immersed ourselves in other just causes around Ireland, on the 24th of September members took part in the Irish Unity March on the streets of Dublin. Soon after our members went to Belfast to take part in political and cultural tours of the city and the surrounding area. Over the past year our cumann took part in many events around the country, these included, the Bloody Sunday Commemoration March in Free Derry and the Ógra Shinn Féin National Congress on the 3rd and 4th of February.

One very important event the society played an active role in was the Frank Stagg 50th Anniversary Commemoration, the cumann provided both party members and marchers for this event, which was very well received by both the Stagg family and the local community in Ballina Co. Mayo. By our support we helped, along with Republicans from all over Ireland, to mark a very special man who died on Hunger Strike for his country.

Only one week after the Ballina Commemoration our cumann supplied three delegates and a number of visitors to the Sinn Féin Árd Feis, at this hugely important event members helped to decide future party policy on the possibility of coalitions in the 26 counties and policing issues in the occupied 6 counties.

Over the last year Sinn Féin has worked tirelessly to both politicise and radicalise the student body of the college, most of our work has centred around the 25th Anniversary of the 1981 H-Block Hunger Strikes. On this issue we hosted the National Hunger Strike Exhibition which is touring Ireland as well as respected journalist and political commentator Danny Morrison. However there is no doubt that our greatest success of the past year has been the 1981 Hunger Strike Commemoration held in Richardson's Bar. This event was organised solely by the college cumann and featured speakers from our cumann as well as entertainment provided by Free Derry's own rebel band 'Póg Mo Thóin'. This event was extraordinarily well attended and raised a great deal of awareness of the Hunger Strikers.

What we have achieved by our efforts over the last year is too great to list, what we have still to achieve is much greater. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the D'Arcy/Hurson Sinn Féin Cumann to thank all who have helped to make this year, the 100th Anniversary of Sinn Féin, the best year in the history of our college cumann. I would like to extend a special thanks to our activists in the college who have worked tirelessly for our cause, as well as the college itself who have supported us in all of our endeavours.

### Sinn Féin Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 34 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

#### Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

**Weekly Meeting Open to members** ran for 10 weeks in AC203, beginning on Tuesday, 27/9/2005.

**Weekly Meeting for members** ran for 12 weeks in IT250, beginning on Tuesday, 10/1/2006.

**Frank McBrearty** » AM250 on Sunday, 11/9/2005.

Speech by Frank McBrearty on his incarceration by a corrupt Dublin government

**Make Partition History March** » Baile Áth Claith on Wednesday, 19/10/2005.

**Cead Blaine, 100yr Exhibition** » Áras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 1/12/2005.

**Céad Blaine: 100yr Exhibition** » Áras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 1/12/2005.

**Ógra Shinn Féin National Congress** » Áth Claith on Friday, 3/2/2006.

**Bloody Sunday March** » Free Derry on Sunday, 5/2/2006.

**Frank Stagg Commemoration** » Ballina Co. Mayo on Sunday, 12/2/2006.

50th Anniversary of the death of Hunger Striker Frank Stagg, murdered by British policy. Imprisoned in death by the Fine Gael/Labour Coalition.

**Sinn Féin Árd Feis** » Áth Claith on Friday, 17/2/2006.

**Hunger Strike Commemoration** » Richardson's Bar #1 Eyre Sq. on Saturday, 25/2/2006.

**National Hunger Strike Exhibition** » Áras na Mac Leinn on Monday, 27/2/2006.

**Danny Morrison Lecture** » Richardson's Bar on Wednesday, 1/3/2006.

Lecture to educate on the impact of the 1981 Hunger Strikes

**AGM** » IT203 on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.

## **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Aengus O'Dochartaigh

**Vice-Auditor:** Conor McGuinness

**Treasurer:** Jarlath Tourish

**Secretary:** Daniel Delargy

## **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Eamon Mac an Rí

**Vice-Auditor:** Diane Nolan

**Treasurer:** Jarlath Tourish

**Secretary:** Fiona Moran

**PRO:** Amanda Donnellan

**Ass. PRO:** Andrew Hayes

**Ass. Treasurer:** Amanda Burke

**Irish Officer:** Tomás O'Caidhain

**Ógra Officer:** Conor McGuinness

**Recruitment Officer:** Daniel Delargy

**Social Officer:** Aengus o'Dochartaigh

**IT Officer:** David Thornton

**Final financial details not available at time of print.**

## **Other Information**

We held 52 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 65 members.

## **Sáinte Society**

The society this year was a very busy one. We began with fundraising for various charities, for example the Marie Keating Foundation. As well as this, a lot of time and hard work went into the organisation of our largest project of the year, the Teddy Bear Hospital. This was held in January and was a great success. After this, we focused on recruiting new members and raising awareness, especially in the area of organ donation just before RAG Week.

Throughout the year we were kept going with many small projects, such as fundraising, and involving as many interested students as possible from the college.

We won best event for our Teddy Bear hospital at the NUI Galway Society Awards and our co-founder, Donna Cummins won best society individual and went on to win national society individual at the BICS awards in Cork.

## Slainte Society Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

**Breast Cancer Talk** » *Campus on Monday, 10th of October.*

**Teddy Bear Hospital** » *Áras na MacLéinn on Friday, 13th of January.*

**Organ Donation Week** » *Campus on Monday, 13th of February.*

In conjunction with the Irish Donor Network, Sláinte Soc will be promoting Organ Donation throughout the week by distributing Organ Donation Cards and providing information on the subject.

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Liz Concannon

**Vice-Auditor:** Claire Reynolds

**Treasurer:** Caroline Cowley

**Internal Officer:** Gerard Healy

**PRO:** Nuala Kane

**External Officer:** Donna Cummins

## Slainte Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |              | Expenditure                 |                 |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount       | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance | 0            | Equipment misc              | €625            |
| Sponsorship          | €1500        | Gifts                       | €50             |
|                      |              | Materials                   | €478.36         |
|                      |              | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €200            |
|                      |              | Stationary                  | €30             |
|                      |              | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€1383.36</b> |
|                      |              | <b>Cash In Hand</b>         | <b>€21.64</b>   |
|                      |              | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€95</b>      |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€1500</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€1500</b>    |

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 350.

## Socialist Workers Student Society

The Socialist Workers Student Society is an affiliate of the Socialist Workers Party. We are a left wing political society, with a belief that revolution is needed to overthrow the current capitalist system. On campus this year we held a variety of meetings. We had speakers, showed films and participated in a debate with the Business society. We participated in protests against the war in Iraq, in support of the Irish Ferries workers. We worked together with a number of other societies on the anti-war and shell to sea campaigns. We also attended the annual national SWSS conference in Dublin. This years committee consisted of four members, compared to three last year. We worked together very closely, all making vital contributions, which helped the society grow in size and presence on campus.

## Socialist Worker Student Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

**Anti-war Protest** » *Shannon on Saturday, 24th of September.*

SWSS has organised a bus to the anti-war protest in Shannon. The march will start in Shannon town centre and walk to the airport. There there will be a rally with local and national activists speaking followed by musical performances by a number of Irish bands including The Revs.

**New Orleans and Iraq** » *AC214 on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

Dan Buckley, member of the Dublin SWP, will speak about the situation in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and the connection between the damage there and the war in Iraq. As it is our first meeting of the year it will also be a chance for new members to meet the other members. Meeting will be followed by a wine reception.

**Film Showing** » *SC200a on Wednesday, 12th of October.*

Showing the Charlie Chaplin film 'Modern Times'. The film details the dehumanisation of factory workers.

**Coffee Morning** » *The Hub on Tuesday, 18th of October.*

A coffee morning with a twist. New members or prospective members are encouraged to come along and find out about the parties politics in an informal setting.

**Stop Global Warming** » *The Hub on Friday, 28th of October.*

Johnathan Neale, an American environmental activist will speak on the effects of global warming and what we can do about it.

**Film Showing** » *AC214 on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

Showing The Battle of Algiers. A powerful film about the struggle against imperialism in Algeria.

**Socialist Day school** » *AC201 on Saturday, 5th of November.*

Kieran Allen, member of the Dublin branch, and head of sociology department in UCD, will talk about four issues related to the Socialist Workers Party, revolution, marxism today, need for a new left and left parties and movements.

**Benefit Gig** » *DeBurgos on Thursday, 10th of November.*

Benefit gig in support of the shell to sea campaign. Also commemorating the 10th anniversary of Nigerian protester and prize winning poet Ken Saro-Wiwa. A mix of Irish and African music.

**People Before Profit** » *AC214 on Wednesday, 23rd of November.*

Rory Hearne, member of the Dublin branch of SWP, will speak on the issue of People Before Profit and the need for a new left in Ireland.

**Irish Ferries Demonstration** » *Cathedral on Friday, 9th of December.*

A demonstration will take place in support of the workers of Irish Ferries. The demo will start at the Cathedral and will go down shop street to a rally beside the Spanish arch. This demonstration is one of many happening around the country. All members should attend as we must stand up for workers rights.

**Meeting** » *Smokies on Thursday, 12th of January.*

SWSS Soc Organisational meeting to plan for societies day and the weeks ahead

**Anti-War meeting** » *Smokies on Tuesday, 17th of January.*

A meeting between different societies to discuss the anti-war cause and the forthcoming demo on March 18th.

**Video on palestine** » *McMunn Theatre on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

Socialist Workers student Society show video Jenin, detailing the Israeli attack on the refugee camp of Jenin.

**SWSS SOC: Anti-war meeting** » *Room E212(civil engineering building) on Wednesday, 1st of February.*

Inter-society meeting aiming to set up a broad college alliance against the war.

**SWSS Soc: White Phosphorous in Fallujah** » *IT250 on Thursday, 9th of February.*

The SWSS in conjunction with the Galway Alliance Against War and other college societies will be showing the documentary White Phosphorous in Fallujah. This will be followed by a talk by retired Irish army commandant Ed Horgan, who has been vocal in his opposition to the occupation of Iraq, and has been arrested on a number of occasions for plane spotting in Shannon.

**Socialism in Latin America** » *AC215 on Thursday, 16th of February.*

A discussion led by Rory Hearne on Socialism in Latin America. The meeting will include a report back from the World Social Forum.

**Globalisation** » *Larmor theatre on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

Discussion with the Business Society on the issue of globalisation. Speakers for SWSS are Dr. Su-Ming Khoo (Soc+Pol lecturer at NUIG) and Rory Hearne (Member of geography dept. at Trinity College and member of the SWP). Speakers for the Business society are Brian O'Boyle(Economics dept) and David Keane(Auditor of Biz Soc).

**Marxism Conference** » *Dublin on Friday, 3rd of March.*

We will be organising to attend the annual marxism conference in Dublin. This conference is made up of a number of talks by prominent speakers on issues affecting our world today.

**American War Veterans** » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 7th of March.*

Two American war veterans from the Vietnam war and first Gulf war speak against the current war in Iraq. Organised by the NUIG Against War group.

**Marxism Report** » *Room E212(in civil engineering building) on Wednesday, 8th of March.*

Members who attended the Marxism conference will be giving a report back on the issues discussed there. We will also be planning for the international day of protest on March 18th.

**Anti-war organisational Meeting** » *The Hub on Monday, 13th of March.*

**Film Showing** » *Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 15th of March.*

Showing a documentary on Fallujah and the Iraq war. Also planning for the Global Day of Protest on Saturday.

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Kiran Emrich

**Vice-Auditor:** Daniel Burdett

**Treasurer:** Kate-marie Hearne

**Secretary:** Mary McGuinness

## Socialist Workers Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                 | Expenditure                                       |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|
| Income Category      | Amount          | Expenditure Category                              | Amount           |
| Opening Bank Balance | 274.97          | Affill/Mem fees                                   | €20              |
| USC Grant            | €1414.75        | Dinner  | €50              |
|                      |                 | Hire Bus  | €300             |
|                      |                 | Society transport                                 | €229             |
|                      |                 | Speaker travel                                    | €258.8           |
|                      |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€857.8</b>    |
|                      |                 | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€436.45)</b> |
|                      |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€831.92</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€1689.72</b> | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>€1689.72</b>  |

## Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 130 members.

## Spanish Society

What a year for the Spanish Society! It began in Morgan's bar where glasses of sangria were toasted as both Spanish and Irish students chatted to the sounds of Latino tunes. This was to become quite the regular occurrence, as we met up several more times during the year thanks to the hospitality of the staff in Morgans. The year moved swiftly along with the showing of Spanish language movies every second week in the college, such as *María plena de gracia*, *Como agua para chocolate* and *Abre los ojos*.

Creative expression was nurtured in February as both Spanish department members and students collaborated on the writing, production and performance of a unique comedy about the trials and tribulations of young, modern love *Por amor al arte*, with special thanks to Pilar Alderete and Sara Alvarez.

Another fun night out was had by all in February when the society hosted a bilingual table quiz in the college bar, with MC's Alberto Avezuela and Colette Burke. Prizes included gift vouchers, bottles of wine and chocolates, with even a consolation prize for the losers.



## Spanish Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

**Get Together** » *Morgans, Forster Court hotel, Forster St. on Tuesday, 24th of January.*

Social evening all welcome with finger food and a chance to meet up after the new year. All welcome

**Spanish Soc: Table Quiz Night** » *THE COLLEGE BAR on Tuesday, 7th of February.*

The spanish society is throwing a table quiz with questions in both spanish and english. Everybody is welcome. it will be a bit of fun for everyone!

**Por amor al arte** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 13th of February.*

A original Spanish comedy about love produced, performed and written by the students and staff of the NUIG Spanish Dept. Runs for three nights from 13th, 15th and 17th February. Be sure to see this novel obra del arte. Price: €2 euros All Welcome!!

**Por amor al arte** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 15th of February.*

A spanish comedy about love produced by the students and staff of the NUIG Spanish Dept. Price: 2euros All Welcome!!

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Colette Burke

**Vice-Auditor:** Claire Murphy

**Treasurer:** Iona Sweeney

**Secretary:** Tony Creavin

## Spanish Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                | Expenditure                 |                |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount         | Expenditure Category        | Amount         |
| Opening Bank Balance | -0.84          | Affill/Mem fees             | €190           |
| Fundraising          | €120           | Bank charge                 | €0.56          |
| USC Grant            | €290           | Prizes                      | €210           |
|                      |                | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€400.56</b> |
|                      |                | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€8.6</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€409.16</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€409.16</b> |

## Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 80 members.

## Suas Society

Suas society hopes to highlight the importance of education to the creation of a just and fair society. Suas Nationwide is a registered N.G.O and charity which involves itself in highlighting education and providing a volunteer program for students to teach abroad. We raise money for our partner schools in India and Kenya throughout the year and also get involved with volunteering on a local basis. In addition, we run a Development Education course for students to familiarise themselves with development-related issues. Check out [http://www.suas.ie/!](http://www.suas.ie/)

## Suas Society Events

This year the society had a total of 59 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

### Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

**Weekly Meeting** ran for 29 weeks in AM107, beginning on Tuesday, 6/9/2005.

**DevEd Course** ran for 6 weeks in BS001, beginning on Tuesday, 4/10/2005.

**Suas Development Education Course** ran for 7 weeks in BS001- Cairnes Business School, beginning on Tuesday, 14/2/2006.

### Special Events

This year we held 17 special events. These events were as follows:

**Fancy Dress** » Bar One, CP's on Monday, 26/9/2005.

**Human Rights Lectures** » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre on Monday, 14/11/2005.

**"Volunteer Locally" Information Evening** » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 15/11/2005.

**Make Poverty History** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 16/11/2005.

**Stop Violence Against Women** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 16/11/2005.

**"Volunteer Abroad" Information Evening** » Colm o hEocha Theatre on Thursday, 17/11/2005.

**Big Night Out** » Bar 903 on Thursday, 17/11/2005.

**Meeting** » The Hub on Thursday, 12/1/2006.

**suas meeting** » AM107 on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.

**Suas Meeting** » AM107 on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

**Suas Development Education Course** » BS001 (New Cairnes Building) on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

There are still places available in the Suas Development Education Course, you can enrol at [www.suas.ie](http://www.suas.ie). An opportunity to deal constructively with development-related issues such as Globalisation, Health, HIV/Aids, Third World Debt and more! Runs for 6 more weeks- cost €20

**Mini Rubber Duck race** » Áras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.

**Early evening fun** » College Bar on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.

**Nicaraguan Visitors** » O hEocha Theatre on Monday, 13/3/2006.

**Alivera Kiiza** » IT125 on Tuesday, 14/3/2006.

**Paddys Day Fundraiser** » All over town on Friday, 17/3/2006.

**A.G.M.** » AM107 on Tuesday, 21/3/2006.

### Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Yvonne McDermott

**Treasurer:** Patricia McHale

**Public Relations Officer:** Genevieve Joyce

**Society Liason Officer:** Laura Heneghan

**Poker Events Manager:** Thomas Meehan

**Public Relations Officer:** Sharon Conneely

**Vice-Auditor:** Clare McQuillan

**Secretary:** Niamh OLoughlin

**Public Relations Officer:** Gillian Lavelle

**Volunteer Liason Officer (local projects):** Lauren Kierans

**Volunteer Liason Officer (projects abroad):** Darina Flynn

### Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Kathryn O'Shea

**Treasurer:** Yvonne McDermott

**O.C.M.:** Clare McQuillan

**Vice-Auditor:** Anna Nic Con Iomaire

**Secretary:** Darina Flynn

**O.C.M.:** Patricia McHale

## SUAS Society Balance Sheet

| <b>Income</b>          |                 | <b>Expenditure</b>          |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 0.65            | Bank charge                 | €42.5           |
| Fundraising            | €1381.56        | Equipment misc              | €11.9           |
| Members Contributions  | €70             | Fundraising/charity         | €1267.22        |
| USC Grant              | €428            | Prizes                      | €30.49          |
|                        |                 | Reception                   | €130            |
|                        |                 | Society transport           | €106            |
|                        |                 | Speaker travel              | €89.47          |
|                        |                 | Stationary                  | €6.65           |
|                        |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€1684.23</b> |
|                        |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€195.98</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€1880.21</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€1880.21</b> |

### Other Information

We held 37 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 206 members.

## Traditional Music Society

A forum for Traditional Irish music, both learning and listening. All styles catered for. This year we ran classes and held regular sessions in the Crane Bar and a manic Ceili night in the College bar as well as daily sessions during Múscailt. We also held a number of workshops at the start of the year in various instruments.

### Trad Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 24 events that took place

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks. This event was as follows:

**Sessions** ran for 14 weeks in Crane Bar, Sea Road, beginning on Tuesday, 10/1/2006.

Ceol agus craic le do chairde ón tradsoc. Tunes to bate the band for all that show up, and everyone is welcome to take part, just bring along your instruments, or even just sing a song, and make sure to bring your friends!! make it a date in your diary!

**Tin Whistle Workshop** » with Mick Crehan, SC200A, 1/11/2005.

**Manic Ceili**» College Bar on Tuesday, 10/11/2005.

**Bodhran Workshop** » with Brian Flemming, SC200A 15/11/2005.

**Cork Trad Interversity**» Society trip, 3/2/2006.

**Trad Session** » Smokey Joe's on Monday, 20/2/2006.

**Trad session** » Smokey Joe's on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

**Trad Session** » Smokey Joe's on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.

**Trad Session** » Smokey Joe's on Thursday, 23/2/2006.

**Cavan Trad festival** » Society trip, 10/3/2006.

**AGM** » Crane Bar, downstairs on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Diarmaid Hurley

**Treasurer:** Liz Coleman

**Vice-Auditor:** Olive McTague

**Secretary:** Cáit Nic Fhionnlaioich

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** David Doocey

## Traditional Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |                | Expenditure                 |                |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Income Category      | Amount         | Expenditure Category        | Amount         |
| Opening Bank Balance | €71.29         | Bank charge                 | €1.68          |
| USC Grant            | €601.50        | Dinner                      | €50            |
|                      |                | Entertainment               | €100           |
|                      |                | Gifts                       | €20            |
|                      |                | Society transport           | €108           |
|                      |                | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€279.68</b> |
|                      |                | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€393.11</b> |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>€672.79</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€672.79</b> |

## Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 40 members.

## Voluntary Services Abroad Society

Voluntary Services Abroad (VSA) is an NUI Galway based charity which enables medical students to deliver desperately needed medical supplies and to assist in healthcare to the Third World. All of the monies raised go directly to towards development and sustained support of these services.

This year's fundraising efforts included The Naked Calendar, a Travelers Tales event, Table Quiz in the Quays, The Annual Halloween ball in the Radisson, Flag Day, Selling Santa Hats at Christmas, Carol Singing, NCHD Swing Ball in the Radisson, Bedpush to Limerick, Cycle to Sligo, bag packing, 90's night in Cuba and a Golf Classic. In addition to these fundraisers, all VSA members raised money in their hometowns throughout the year.

This summer, 32 fifth year medical students are going on self-funded trips to the Philippines, India, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi and Zambia to assist in their hospitals and provide medical aid with the money which has been raised. Going from strength to strength, next year's VSA committee is already gearing up for another year of fundraising. The 32 students are taking €98498.35 with them to donate to their various medical centers and the remaining approximate €40,000 will be accessible to them through our bank account if any of them see something worthwhile which they can actually purchase while they are there, for example a much needed piece of medical equipment or materials for a building project. The accounts below do not include additional sponsorship money which will be coming into our account throughout the summer.

## Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events in addition to the numerous fundraising events organised by individual classes and members..

**Christmas Concert** » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 24th of November.*

VSA Christmas Party

**90's Night** » *Cuba on Monday, 20th of March.*

VSA presents a 90's night in Cuba. Tickets €5 from the Socs Box

**Speed-Dating** » *Living Room on Wednesday, 5th of April.*

## **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Roisin Nee

**Vice-Auditor:** Muireann Leonard

**Treasurer:** Sarah Burke

**Secretary:** Molly MacLoughlin Row

**Press Officer:** Lisa McAnenna

**Class Reps Liason:** Eoin Storn

## **Voluntary Services Abroad Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |                   | <b>Expenditure</b>                                |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>     | <b>Expenditure Category</b>                       | <b>Amount</b>     |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 5982.82           | Bank charge                                       | €324.85           |
| Balls                  | €6070             | Dinner  | €4630             |
| Fundraising            | €122662.1         | Entertainment                                     | €2120             |
| Members Contributions  | €4909             | Equipment misc                                    | €420              |
| Socs box               | €4750             | Fundraising/charity                               | €98498.35         |
| Societies day          | €1046             | Hall hire   | €1100             |
| Sponsorship            | €8571.06          | Materials   | €3853.7           |
| USC Grant              | €1445             | Non Alcoholic Refresh                             | €210              |
|                        |                   | Printing  | €55               |
|                        |                   | Prizes  | €120              |
|                        |                   | Reception   | €1740             |
|                        |                   | Stationary  | €174.45           |
|                        |                   | <b>Expenditure Total</b>                          | <b>€113246.35</b> |
|                        |                   | <b>Does not include Unreconciled Cheque Total</b> | <b>(€15172.2)</b> |
|                        |                   | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>                       | <b>€42189.63</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€155435.98</b> | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>€155435.98</b> |

## **Other Information**

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 253 members.

## **Writers Group Society**

Over the past year 2005-2006 The Writers' Society of NUI Galway have put on many events for its members and students of the College. In Semester 1 on 21st September, Societies' day saw the launch of the September issue of The Sharp Review. The E.G.M took place the following week, on the 28th. Six general meetings took place in semester 1 on the 5th, 12th and 19th October, and 2nd, 9th and 16th of November, where members got together to read and discuss each others own writing, and offer advice on how to improve it. Two poetry readings were held in The Ruby Room, the first on the 11th October, and the second on the 23rd November. The Sharp Review was published every month, with Halloween and Christmas specials. A Haiku workshop took place on the 10th November with Gabriel Rosenstock, and a trip to the Blackbox was organised for members, who went to see 'Waiting for Godot' In Semester 2, five general meetings took place on the 18th and 25th January, 8th February, and the 8th and 15th March. One poetry reading took place in The Ruby Room on 1st

February. Muscaill dominated this semesters events with the Literary evening taking place on 20th February, which awarded the winners of the literary competition, and also saw the launch of Limited Edition Sharp Review. The 21st saw the unveiling of the poetry wall and launch of the poetry special Sharp Review. On the 22nd a prose workshop with Susan DuMars took place, and on the 24th the Writers' Society Literary Party was held in The Kings Head. On the weekend of 10th-12th March the Murder-mystery weekend was held in Achill Island. On the 20th another trip the theatre was organised. 'The Walworth Farce' was being performed in the Town Hall Theatre, and there was a pre-show talk from the playwright Enda Walsh.

## **Writers Group Soc Events**

This year the society held a total of 26 events.

**E.G.M.** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 5th of October.*

**Poetry Reading** » *The Ruby Room on Tuesday, 11th of October.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 12th of October.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 19th of October.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 9th of November.*

**Haiku Workshop** » *AM 104 on Thursday, 10th of November.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 16th of November.*

**Waiting for Godot** » *Black Box on Thursday, 17th of November.*

**Poetry Reading** » *The Ruby Room on Wednesday, 23rd of November.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 18th of January.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

**Poetry Reading** » *Ruby Room, The King's Head on Wednesday, 1st of February.*

A chance to hear the latest offerings from Society poets and a chance to share your favourite poetry with the house.

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 15th of February.*

**The Literary Evening** » *Siobhain McKenna Theatre (AMB) on Monday, 20th of February.*

Launch of the Limited Edition of the Sharp Review, Awarding of Prizes for the Literary Competition, Speeches from Guests and Wine Reception

**Launch of "Limited Edition Sharp Review"** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Monday, 20th of February.*

With readings from the winners of Writers' Soc literary competition and special guests Mike McCormack & Kevin Higgins

**Unveiling the Poetry Wall** » *The Concourse, near Smokies on Tuesday, 21st of February.*

An exhibition of students' poetry, and the launch of the 'Poetry Special' of the Sharp Review. Submissions for the Wall should be sent to [writers@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:writers@socs.nuigalway.ie) before 15th February

**Writing Workshop** » *IT 206 on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

**Prose Workshop** » *IT 206 on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

Live poetry competition with experienced judges and great prizes.

**Poetry Slam!** » *Fottrell Theatre, AMB on Thursday, 23rd of February.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 8th of March.*

**Murder-Mystery Weekend** » *Achill Island on Friday, 10th of March.*

**General Meeting** » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 15th of March.*

**The Walworth Farce** » *Town Hall Theatre on Monday, 20th of March.*

## **Committee 2005/2006**

**Auditor:** Shannon Reeves

**Treasurer:** Fiona Gillespie

**SDO:** Dara Cussen

**OCM:** Eoin Shaughnessy

**Vice-Auditor:** Ciara Banks

**Secretary:** Teresa Mooney

**PRO:** Ruth Hamilton

**OCM:** Maeve Naughton

**Vice-Auditor:** Matthew Burke

### **Committee 2006/2007**

**Auditor:** Shannon Reeves

**Treasurer:** Fiona Gillespie

**S.D.O./P.R.O.:** Liz Riedy

**Vice-Auditor:** Ruth Hamilton

**Secretary:** Dara Cussen

**Vice-Auditor:** Dave Rock

### **Writers Society Balance Sheet**

| <b>Income</b>          |                 | <b>Expenditure</b>          |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>   |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 703.58          | Bank charge                 | €26.91          |
| Fundraising            | €20             | Dinner                      | €73             |
| Muscailt               | €1050           | Entertainment               | €326.35         |
| Socs box               | €831.5          | Entry fees                  | €12             |
| Sponsorship            | €650            | Hire Bus                    | €700            |
| USC Grant              | €1540           | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €50             |
|                        |                 | Printing                    | €1380           |
|                        |                 | Prizes                      | €360            |
|                        |                 | Reception                   | €254            |
|                        |                 | Society accommodation       | €1050           |
|                        |                 | Speaker accommodation       | €50             |
|                        |                 | Speaker travel              | €33             |
|                        |                 | Teacher fees                | €500            |
|                        |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€4815.26</b> |
|                        |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€-20.18</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€4795.08</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€4795.08</b> |

### **Other Information**

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 300 members.

## **Young Fine Gael Society**

The year began in September with a successful Societies Day with a large increase in membership from the previous year. In total we signed up 184 members. We had our first meeting in our new room AC 203 with the new Committee and new members introducing themselves. Fearghal Ryan was elected onto the Committee as a 1st year rep. In October we were visited by two prominent public representatives, two Roscommon Fine Gaelers. **John Connor**, President of the Irish United Nations Association, visited us. He spoke about the "*The Importance of Irelands membership of the U.N.*" on a largely successful evening. The following week **Senator Frank Feighan** spoke about "*The state of small business in Ireland today*". At this time **Michelle Perry** and **David Mc Donagh** were co-opted onto the Committee.

Towards the end of October we had an interesting discussion on **Civil Unions** which brought great debate amongst those in attendance. The General consensus appeared to be that they should be allowed but with certain limitations on adoption and personal rights. The President and Vice President of Young Fine Gael; **Pa O'Driscoll** and **Lizzie Munnely** respectively also visited the branch.

A major event of the year was the "**Suicide Awareness Seminar**" held on Tuesday November 8th. The event was held as part of the YFG organised TALK campaign. A sub committee chaired by **Michelle Perry** made the event a great success. YFG National Panel Member **Conor Cresham** gave his personal account of the impact Suicide had on himself and his family. Carlow Senator **Fergal Browne** spoke of the efforts of the Joint Committee on Mental Health of which he was a member of. A representative of the efforts of **The Samaritans** stressed the importance of talking or even listening to someone who appears depressed. Some 80 people were in attendance.

As Christmas approached, We had our last major meeting of the calendar year. **Sean McKiernan**, member of the Fine Gael National Executive spoke on "*Fine Gael's policy regarding neutrality*". There was also a **Christmas Party** held, organised by **Keith Stevens** in late November. There was a great crowd in Murty Rabittes that night. People travelled from places such as **Limerick** and **Letterfrack** for an excellent party.

**Semester Two** commenced with **Societies Day Two** where we attracted a further 20 members.

As the **National Conference** approached, two members of the branch sought a nomination to run for the National Executive of Young Fine Gael. **Sean Filan** was proposed and seconded for the position of Connacht/Ulster Regional Organiser. **David Mc Donagh** was proposed and seconded for candidature for the national Panel. Meanwhile we discussed possible policy motions we could submit for the **National Conference**. An interesting discussion on "*Mandatory Irish for Leaving Cert*" was held. The general opinion of the people assembled was that the system of teaching Irish was failing and needed to be revised. There were mixed opinions on whether it should be compulsory for Leaving Cert or not.

Over the next two weeks, bringing us into the start of February, the **Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates** visited the branch to state their intentions. Firstly, the two presidential candidates, **John Fitzpatrick** and **Lizzie Munnely** addressed the floor and faced probing questions. The following week, the three Vice Presidential Candidates: **Maurice Fitzgerald**, **Simon Harris** and **Barry Walsh** gave their cases.

The next important event was the visit of **Gerry O' Connell**, Vice President of Fine Gael and former auditor of NUIG YFG. He spoke on "*The legacy and relevance of Michael Collins*". It was a very successful night. **Derrick Geraghty** was co-opted to the committee around this time too. The following week, party leader **Enda Kenny T.D** returned to the Branch once more. He spoke on his "*vision for Ireland*" but also answered many questions from the assembled. There were 146 people at the meeting.

The **National Conference** in the Ramada Hotel at Limerick Junction brought great success for the branch. Three of our members were elected to the National Executive; **Sean Filan** to the position of Connacht/Ulster regional organiser with **David Mc Donagh & Keith Stephens** elected to the National Panel.

In the last month or so, further speakers have addressed our branch. **Cllr. Michael Fleming** spoke about "*The Undocumented Irish in America*". **Denis Naughton T.D** spoke on "*Rural development throughout the B.M.W region*". The following day **Senator Brian Hayes** gave an account on "*How Seanad Eireann needs to be reformed*". Monday week last **Jim Higgins M.E.P** spoke about the European Parliament and "*The direction the European Union is going in*".

As the race for committee Positions was coming to the boil, a hustings was held. The then four candidates in the race to become auditor: **Lorcan Gearty**, **Emily Hughes**, **Michelle Perry** and **Fearghal Ryan** responded to questions from **Chairperson Paul Hickey** and a few other members. On the 29th of March we held our A.G.M. It was extremely successful. 14 Committee positions were filled with **Fearghal Ryan** being elected Auditor for 06/07.



## Young Fine Gael Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 26 events that took place.

**Young Fine Gael Meeting** ran for 12 weeks in AC 203, beginning on Wednesday, 11/1/2006.

**Visit of President of Young Fine Gael** » AC205 on Wednesday, 26/10/2005.

Visit of Pa O'Driscoll and Vice President Lizzie Munnely

**Suicide Awareness Meeting** » Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.

Suicide Awareness Meeting

**Visit of Sean Mc Kiernan** » AC 203 on Wednesday, 16/11/2005.

Debate on future of Irish Neutrality

**Debate on Irish Language** » AC205 on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

Debate on Irish Language

**Visit of Gerry O'Connell** » AC 203 on Monday, 6/2/2006.

Addressed us on significance of Michael Collins

**Hustings Presidential Candidates** » AC214 on Wednesday, 8/2/2006.

Lizzie Munnely and John Fitzgerald debate as the National Conference and the Presidential election draw closer

**Visit of Gerry O'Connell** » AC 203 on Wednesday, 15/2/2006.

Addressed us on significance of Michael Collins

**Hustings Vice-Presidential Candidates** » AC205 on Wednesday, 15/2/2006.

Simon Harris, Maurice Fitzgerald and Barry Walshe debate

**Enda Kenny visit** » Darcy Thompson theatre on Monday, 20/2/2006.

Fine Gael Leader Enda Kenny T.D. will discuss his vision for Irish Governance after the 2007 general election.

Questions welcomed afterwards. Reception afterwards in Murty Rabbitts (Foster Street). All Welcome to attend!

**National Conference** » Limerick Junction on Friday, 24/2/2006.

National Conference Huge Success

**Visit of Michael Fleming** » AC 203 on Wednesday, 8/3/2006.

Discussion on Irish Illegal Immigrants in America

**Visit of Senator Brian Hayes** » AC 203 on Monday, 13/3/2006.

Debate on Future of the Seanad

**Visit of Denis Naughton T.D** » AC214 on Tuesday, 14/3/2006.

Discussion on Rural Development

**Visit of Jim Higgins M.E.P** » AC214 on Monday, 20/3/2006.

Debate on Future of E.U

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Paul Hickey

**Treasurer:** Etain Finn

**First Year Rep:** Fearghal Ryan

**Membership Officer:** Lisa Maher

**O.C.M:** Derrick Geraghty

**Asst. Secretary:** Paul Stanton

**Campaigns & Events Officer:** Keith Stephens

**PRO:** David Miskell

**Organiser:** Brian Flannery

**Vice-Auditor:** Ultan Hayden

**Secretary:** Lorcan Gearty

**O.C.M:** David Mc Donagh

**Asst. PRO & Web Designer:** Emily Hughes

**Joint Treasurer:** Chris Cormican

**O.C.M:** Michelle Perry

**Connacht/Ulster Rep:** Sean Finan

**Policy Officer:** Martin Nally

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Fearghal Ryan

**Treasurer:** Gary Beirne

**O.C.M:** Killian Harrington

**O.C.M:** Cathal Masterson

**Campaigns Officer:** Emily Hughes

**Vice-Auditor:** Lorcan Gearty

**Secretary:** Pdraig Fallon

**O.C.M:** Lisa Maher

**Social Secretary:** Cian O'Neill

**Membership officer:** Maire Spillane

**Corresponding Secretary:** Michelle Perry

**P.R.O:** David Miskell

**Postering Officer:** Jonhaton Pilkington

## Young Fine Gael Society Balance Sheet

| Income                |                 | Expenditure                 |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Income Category       | Amount          | Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
| Opening Bank Balance  | 1373.55         | Affill/Mem fees             | €385            |
| Members Contributions | €597            | Dinner                      | €462            |
| Sponsorship           | €804            | Entry fees                  | €100            |
| USC Grant             | €1885           | Fundraising/charity         | €1232           |
|                       |                 | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €120            |
|                       |                 | Reception                   | €60             |
|                       |                 | Society accomodation        | €1205           |
|                       |                 | Society transport           | €700            |
|                       |                 | Speaker accomodation        | €155            |
|                       |                 | Speaker travel              | €40             |
|                       |                 | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€4459</b>    |
|                       |                 | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€200.55</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>€4659.55</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€4659.55</b> |

### Other Information

We held 21 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 184 members.

## Young PDs

This year was the inaugural year of the NUI Galway, Young Progressive Democrats. As a young society a lot of ground work was covered this year to establish the society with the help of to many people to mention. Our main focus was to raise our profile on campus by providing an opportunity for students to meet senior members of government. We also worked to provide a forum for discussion on issues which effect students and explore possibilities of raising awareness of identified issues.

### Young Progressive Democrats Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

**Inaugural Meeting of YPD's** » *The Quad on Friday, 17th of February.*

The inaugural meeting of the NUI, Galway Young Progressive Democrats, hosted by Minister for Justice, Michael McDowell.

**Coffee With An Tánaiste** » *Siobhan McKenna on Friday, 17th of March.*

Come meet An Tánaiste Mary Harney over coffee and biscuits. Informal event hosted in conjunction with the Political Discussion Society.

**National Party Conference 2006** » *Limerick - SouthCourt Hotel on Friday, 21st of April.*

We are delighted to announce the Progressive Democrat National Conference, in the SouthCourt Hotel, Limerick, from 21st - 22nd of April. Arriving on Friday evening - so you won't miss college! All travel and accomodation is FREE!! Please contact the society if you would like to attend

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Ian Jacob

**Vice-Auditor:** Conor Herlihy

**Secretary:** Martina Callanan

## Committee 2006/2007

**Auditor:** Ian Jacob

**Secretary:** Martina Callanan

## Young PD's Society Balance Sheet

| Income               |        | Expenditure                 |        |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Income Category      | Amount | Expenditure Category        | Amount |
| Opening Bank Balance | €0     | Non Alcoholic Refresh       | €66.4  |
| Greenform            | €66.4  | Travel                      | €48.0  |
| USC Grant            | €48.0  | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | €66.4  |
|                      |        | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | €0     |
| <b>Total</b>         | €114.4 | <b>Total</b>                | €114.4 |

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 42 members.

## The Zoological Society

NUI Galway's Zoological Society caters for those who have an interest in Zoology (undergraduate, postgraduate and staff) and Natural History in general. We host a variety of events each year including talks, field excursions and social events.

## Zoological Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

**Evolution Lecture** » *Seminar Room, MRI on Thursday, 2nd of March.*

**Zoosoc seminar** » *Siobhan McKenna theater on Thursday, 9th of March.*

"Can there be a science of animal welfare?" A talk by Prof Marian Dawkins, University of Oxford. Wine and nibbles afterwards

**Zoosoc seminar** » *MRI Seminar room on Thursday, 16th of March.*

**Zoosoc seminar** » *MRI Seminar room on Thursday, 23rd of March.*

**Zoosoc seminar** » *MRI Seminar room on Thursday, 30th of March.*

"Biodiscovery and sponges" A talk by Dr Grace McCormack, NUI Galway

**Dolphinwatch** » *Shannon estuary on Sunday, 9th of April.*

A fieldtrip to carrigaholt, Co. Clare to go dolphinwatching. Leaving from the quad at 8.30am. Returning at 6pm latest

## Committee 2005/2006

**Auditor:** Ricky Whelan

**Vice-Auditor:** Rebecca Iofus

**Treasurer:** Conall Hawkins

**Secretary:** Ishla Seager

**PR:** Noelle McMahon

**Postgraduate rep/web Consultant:** Alan Poole

**PR:** Joseph Cawley

**Staff Treasurer:** Dr Colin Lawton

**PR:** Caitriona Meaney

**PR:** Anna Buyan

**PR:** Niamh McMahon

## Zoological Society Balance Sheet

| <b>Income</b>          |                | <b>Expenditure</b>          |                |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Income Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>  | <b>Expenditure Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>  |
| Opening Bank Balance   | 0.07           | Affill/Mem fees             | €300           |
| Balls                  | €85            | Bank charge                 | €3.38          |
| Socs box               | €42            | Returned Money              | €42            |
| USC Grant              | €250           |                             |                |
|                        |                | <b>Expenditure Total</b>    | <b>€345.38</b> |
|                        |                | <b>Closing Bank Balance</b> | <b>€31.69</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€377.07</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€377.07</b> |

### Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 203 members.

## **USC Committee 2005-2006**

**Chairperson** Sr. Avril O'Regan

**Societies Chairperson:** Damien Corridan

**Student Reps:**

**Departmental Societies:** David Geary

**Artistic and Performing Societies:** Jessica Touhy

**Debating and Politics Societies:** Robert Rooney

**Social and Gaming Societies** Rory Donohue

**Social Action / Religious Societies:** Kieran Emrich :

### **Staff Representatives**

Gar Hartigan (Buildings Office)

Maire Aine Mannion (French dept)

Tim Higgins (Chemestry Dept)

Fionualla gallagher (Arts Officer)

**Secretary:** Riona Hughes Societies Officer

## ***NUI Galway Society Annual Awards***

The Society Awards were adjudicated by the USC with 139 applications from the societies for the fourteen possible awards received. The Societies Ball & Awards Ceremony was held in the Galway bay Hotel on Wed March 29th. A fabulous night was had by the 300 who attended, if the dancing into the small hours is anything to go by. The night started with music from Choral Society as the crowds made their way down to the Banquet Hall. Film Socs's film short 'Clown Project' by Henry Martin was shown on the big screen. Choral Soc then took to the stage and treated the enraptured audience to some beautiful harmonious singing. Then the hungry mob descended on the sumptuous buffet. During dinner the Documentary on the AIB NUI Galway Event of Excellence Award was shown. We were joined on the evening by representatives of the AIB who had so generously sponsored the Event of Excellence Award and who have also sponsored the SocsBox for the year.

Fionnuala Gallagher, Arts officer, presented the Múscailt Awards.  
Best originality went to Archaeology for Artaeology-bringing relics to life,  
Best Impact went to Trad Soc for their week-long sessions in Smokey Joes and  
Best innovation went to Film Soc for their Film Festival in a mobile cinema.

The Societies awards followed and were presented by Vice president Mary O'Riordan and Susanne from Bank of Ireland who along with CKI and ALIVE were the sponsors of the Society Awards. Thanks to both of them for making the night possible.

Best small publication went to Fansci for their ITZACON Brochure,

Best Large publication went to Art Soc for their Lunatic Fringe Comic Book,

Best Departmental went to French Soc,

Best Cultural Contribution went to Art Soc for their 'Stranger than Paradise' Exhibition,

Best Intervarsity went to Law Soc & Lit and Deb for the National law Debates.

Best Poster went to Art Soc for their Exhibition poster,

Best Charity Event went to VSA for their halloween Ball,

Best Website went to Juggling Society,

Best New Society went to Business Society,

Best Improved went to GIG Soc,

Best Fresher went to Andrew Murphy of Young Greens,

Best Event went to Sláinte Soc for the Teddy Bear Hospital,

Best Individual went to Donna Cummins of Lit & Deb and Sláinte Soc.

Best Society went to Juggling Society.

Congratulations to all the winners and to all the societies who submitted the over 120 nominations.

MC's for the evening were Riona and Damien.

Following the excitement of the Awards the Dansoc Irish Dancers took to the floor in a spectacular standing ovation inducing display of rhythmic aerobatics to rival michael Flatley and Jean Butler at their peak.

Music was then provided by The Guinness Jazz band and DJ Pete and the dancing went on uninterrupted until 2.30am.

## ***BICS National Society Awards***

BICS National Society Awards NUI Galway Societies came out on top with three major wins. Best Society went to The NUI Galway Juggling Society who exemplified all that is best in societies from passion to organization to promotion of skills and the creation of a vibrant community of members who contribute not only to campus life but to the wider community, they had an exceptional year under the leadership of auditor Brian McGinley (Phd in Engineering)

Best New Society went to Business Society who only in their first year have run an extraordinary number and variety of events and have made a significant contribution to campus life under the auditorship of David Keane (final year corporate law).

Best Society Individual went to Donna Cummins (second year medical student) who is not only incoming auditor of the Literary and Debating society, which had a very successful year including hosting the Irish Times Final. Donna was also instrumental in forming the new Sláinte Society who ran the wonderful Teddy Bear Hospital which saw students of medicine interact with local children.

The remaining NUI Galway candidates who had won at the Galway Society Awards were Best event; Teddy Bear hospital, Best improved GIG (Gay in Galway) society. Best fresher was Andrew Murphy of Young Greens Society, All of whom were complemented by their respective judges for their high standard. Best poster was from Art Soc and Best Website juggling Society. Riona Hughes, NUI Galway Societies Officer and Vice-chairperson of BICS described the Universities victory as "a recognition of the high standard of the societies in NUI Galway and the commitment of their very talented and generous members who add immeasurably to the life of the campus and to Galway city."

The remaining six BICS awards winners were Best Society in a small college: CIT International Students' Society, Best improved Society: DCU Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Best Society Event: DCU Style Society for DCU Fashion Show 2006, Society Fresher: Breege Clarke NUI Maynooth. Best Poster: DIT Artichoke Society and Best Website: DIT LGBT Society for [www.ditlgbt.com](http://www.ditlgbt.com)

The BICS (Board of Irish College Societies) National Awards, was hosted by Cork Institute of Technology on April 13th in the Rochestown Park Hotel. The gala evening celebrated the enormous contribution societies and their members make to the social, cultural and humanitarian life of their respective campuses. Societies offer their members the opportunity to acquire very valuable life skills, which complement and enhance their academic programmes and produce well rounded graduates ready to make significant contributions to the wider community.

Representatives from CIT, DCU, DIT, IT Tallaght, NUI Galway, NUI Maynooth and UCC were present on the evening. They all presented portfolios and attended interviews during the rigorous process. So important is the evening that one hundred and seventy society members from forty-one societies were present at a very busy time during their academic calendar. Mr Mervyn O'Mahony, CIT Societies Officer and awards coordinator described the evening as "the highlight of the Societies calendar and a wonderful opportunity for the best in the country to meet and share ideas"

Special guest for the evening was Mr. Pat Cox, former President of the European Parliament, who presented the nine awards to the winners. During his opening speech Mr Cox praised the members of third level societies and expressed the opinion that everyone present was a winner by virtue of engagement and that societies offered their members the opportunity to turn the knowledge they have internalised into good for their communities. He warmly welcomed BICS and said how proud Cork was to host the prestigious event. He went on to encourage the students present, whom he described as young Europeans, to avoid cynicisms in relation to what the EU has achieved and take pride in the fact that it is now the largest donors of non military assistance and encouraged those present to become engaged in an Erasmus of solidarity to use their gift of education for the greater good. Europeans should take pride in the fact that its enlargement promotes the re emerging democracies and gives a focus for transformation. It is the first time in history that the subcontinent is united and driven by the free will of free and sovereign governments. His speech was met by a resounding standing ovation.

BICS is a national organisation, constituted in 1995, dedicated to providing a national forum for the societies in Ireland's Universities, Colleges and Institutes of Education. The Board is responsible for the promotion of interest in the activities of Irish college societies and of contact and co-operation between them. Website [www.bics.nuigalway.ie](http://www.bics.nuigalway.ie).

## AIB NUI Galway Event of Excellence Awards Winners

The new ground breaking initiative between AIB and the Societies Office to promote and support the valuable work of the societies was a very exciting development for the hardworking society committee members. The aim of the award was to support the societies in organising events of social, cultural, humanitarian and educational importance which enhance the community and enrich the society experience. Twenty three societies participated with six societies receiving a bursary for their event.

- 1st place - The Political Discussion Society for it's Schools Programme (€800)
- 2nd place - The Choral Society for it's Sean Fhocail (€600)

### RUNNERS UP FOR EVENT OF EXCELLENCE: (€400 each)

- Muslim Youth - Islamic Cultural Week
- Labour Youth - Workers Rights Awareness week
- Film Society - Film Festival
- Comp Soc - Youth Outreach Programme



## Society Total Income & Expenditure

| Societies Balance Sheet – June 2005- May 2006 |                    |                                   |                    |        |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Income  |                    | Expenditure                       |                    |        |
| Income Category                               | Amount             | Expenditure Category              | Amount             |        |
| Balls   | €131,875.44        | Affill/Mem fees                   | €11,854.66         | 2.11%  |
| Fundraising                                   | €151,015.17        | Ball                              | €120,889.34        | 21.53% |
| Greenform USC direct payments                 | €11,581.26         | Bank charge                       | €902.22            | 0.16%  |
| Members Contributions                         | €40,281.38         | Costumes                          | €5,353.18          | 1.86%  |
| Muscait                                       | €7,988.85          | Dinner                            | €21,868.15         | 3.90%  |
| Socs box                                      | €17,265            | Entertainment                     | €15,586.48         | 2.78%  |
| Societies day                                 | €5,166.87          | Entry fees                        | €17,786.36         | 3.17%  |
| Sponsorship                                   | €64,183.14         | Equipment misc                    | €6,995.56          | 1.25%  |
| Ticket Sales                                  | €16,855.72         | Fundraising/charity               | €184,274.51        | 32.82% |
| USC Grant                                     | €129,437.52        | Gifts                             | €2,161.49          | 0.39%  |
|   |                    | Hall hire                         | €5,600             | 1.00%  |
|   |                    | Hire Bus                          | €3,011.45          | 0.54%  |
|   |                    | Lights                            | €713.60            | 0.13%  |
|   |                    | Makeup/Props                      | €1,213.46          | 0.22%  |
|   |                    | Materials                         | €10,810.46         | 1.93%  |
|   |                    | Non Alcoholic Refresh             | €2,705.58          | 0.48%  |
|   |                    | Performing rights                 | €4,163.46          | 0.74%  |
|   |                    | Phone                             | €420               | 0.07%  |
|   |                    | Printing                          | €10,292.31         | 1.83%  |
|   |                    | Prizes                            | €9,634.21          | 1.72%  |
|   |                    | Promotions                        | €4,340.46          | 0.77%  |
|   |                    | Reception                         | €17,046.38         | 3.04%  |
|   |                    | Set                               | €2,326.61          | 0.41%  |
|   |                    | Society accomm                    | €32,396.47         | 5.77%  |
|   |                    | Society transport                 | €41,106.23         | 7.32%  |
|   |                    | Socs day expenses                 | €495.88            | 0.09%  |
|   |                    | Sound                             | €3,063.50          | 0.55%  |
|   |                    | Speaker accomm                    | €8,592.82          | 1.53%  |
|   |                    | Speaker travel                    | €4,254.52          | 0.76%  |
|   |                    | Stationary                        | €751.51            | 0.13%  |
|   | €575,650.35        | Teacher fees                      | €10,809.29         | 1.93%  |
| <b>Income Total</b>                           | <b>€577,550.48</b> | <b>Expenditure Total</b>          | <b>€561,420.15</b> |        |
| <b>Opening Balance Total</b>                  | <b>€60,228.60</b>  | <b>Closing Bank Balance Total</b> | <b>€74,026.70</b>  |        |
|   |                    | <b>Cash In Hand Total</b>         | <b>€432.10</b>     |        |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>€635,878.95</b> | <b>Total</b>                      | <b>€635,878.95</b> |        |

# MUSCAILT NUI, GALWAY SPRING FESTIVAL

## 20-25 February 2006

### REPORT

#### Múscailt/Awakening

Report from Fionnuala Gallagher, Arts officer, NUI Galway.

#### Introduction

The 2006 Muscailt Spring Festival in NUI, Galway was financially supported by the Foundation Office, The Arts Office, NUI, Galway and The Arts Council. The SocsBox/Ticket Desk was supported by the AIB. The Artistic Directors are Fionnuala Gallagher, Arts Officer and Riona Hughes, Societies Officer assisted by Andrea Fitzpatrick, Arts office and the Socs Box Staff. The programme represents a strong vibrant mix of professional artists/musicians/writers alongside the original and exciting societies events that highlight the creativity and talent on campus.

For Múscailt 2006, the Arts Office in association with the Societies Office endeavoured to strengthen existing structures and staples e.g. the one act original play series and further develop visual art initiatives and interactive events. There is a growing interest in Film on campus and this was included and highlighted with the arrival of the mobile cinema on campus as our very own venue/showcase. Dance is also a growing phenomenon on campus and original pieces were commissioned for the unique opening event in the Bank of Ireland..

#### Key Developments of 2006:

- (1) The Arts Council awarded the Muscailt Festival €6000 under the Small Festivals Awards Scheme. This is an important recognition and will allow Muscailt to grow significantly.
- (2) The Jerome Hynes Inaugural Award for Best One Act Play served to highlight and deservedly credit the one act original play series that proves each year to be a stalwart of the festival and a critical moment for defining new talent in playwrighting, directing and acting within NUI, Galway.
- (3) The Aisling Gheal, the mobile cinema was invited onto campus to provide a singular venue for film and a momentous and inaugural occasion for filmsoc and their original films produced with in-house equipment and facilities.
- (4) The Arts Office commissioned a dance piece by Tanya McCrory in collaboration with ConTempo String Quartet, Galway Ensemble in Residence for the opening event. ConTempo played live and Tanya McCrory and Esti Siles performed 3 original pieces in response to the music of Alec Roth.
- (5) There was a parade on campus with MacTeo with an insect theme for Spring that ended in a drumming event sparked off by Sculptor John Coll and his bodhran.
- (6) Outdoor Visuals were on display i.e. Pat Comer's large black and white photographs in the Quadrangle
- (7) Interactive Exhibitions:
  - Arteology Relic-making where the public were invited to make a relic from materials provided
  - Doodle Day-Artists Kathryn Crowley and Cindy Anderson set in motion a giant outdoor doodle fest with giant chalks on the Friday.
- (8) Impromptu Music Sessions
  - Tradsoc played at Smokeys. Buskers popped up everywhere on Busking day.

#### Description of Arts Office events

## **Press Launch**

*ConTempo String Quartet*, Galway Ensemble in Residence played, *Tooth and Nail* Theatre Company performed an excerpt from *The Bed I Make*, a new piece for *Múscailt*. President Iognáid Ó' Muircheartaigh welcomed everyone and introduced guest speaker alumnus and renowned Sculptor John Coll who gave a rousing speech to launch the *Múscailt 2006* Programme. Refreshing colourful drinks, strawberries and chocolates were served.

## **Opening Event**

\**Carnival Parade around campus featuring Town Crier, Insects, Queen, Drummers inviting everyone to come to Aras na MacLéinn, outdoors at 1.15pm*

\**Tanya McCrory and Esti Siles performed 2 original dance pieces to music by Alec Roth performed live by ConTempo String Quartet in the Bank of Ireland Theatre 1pm. Stunning visuals, fresh original choreography commissioned from Tanya McCrory especially for Muscailt 2006.*

\**John Coll officially launched *Múscailt* beside his sculpture *Cēiluradh* and with his bodhrán started off the MacTeo Drummers.*

\*Muscailt Monster Mash

Fancy dress party in Student Bar 9pm with music from *Ghostwood Project* and Ghostly projections followed Irish Zombie movie in Cinemobile.

## **Aisling Gheal Cinemobile on Campus**

Jointly organised by Arts office and Societies Office, the programme included Irish films, American Films, Experimental Films, Children's films, original in-house NUI, Galway Filmsoc short films.

The Two-day programme included:

\**The Banshee Lives in the Handball Alley*

\**Darklight Film Shorts*

\**Goldfish Memory*

\**Dead Meat*

\**Mad Hot Ballroom*

\**Howls Moving Castle*

\**A History of Violence*

\**Short and Bitter sweet Programme of New Shorts by Filmsoc premièred:*

## **Concerts**

Emer Mayock and Band, renowned flautist and uilleann pipe player with her own contemporary style performed a scintillating concert in the Aula Maxima Lower accompanied by Donal Siggins, strings and Robert Harris, percussion.

Music for Galway-Stephen Kovacevich, piano. Evening concert.

## **Art Exhibitions, Visual Arts, Performance**

Jake Malone, *Other Worlds*, new paintings, Art Gallery  
Extremely colourful, gallery was buzzing all week.

Pat Comer, *Same, same but different*. Outdoor black and white photographs hanging in Quadrangle. Elegant and striking from the archway. Provided a backdrop for events in the Aula.

Mary Dempsey, *What happened*, new sound installation in Archway of Quadrangle with reference to Porter's Desk. Reminder of Archway as meeting point.

Declan Shelvey, *Killing Heroes*, Friars Restaurant. An excellent draughtsman, Declan's work is current and interesting. Unfortunately he did not mount and frame the work as was planned and so effect was disappointing.

Kathryn Crowley, *Here and There*, Kathryn had many plans to create a changing mandala work using natural materials by the Yellow X, have surprise pieces of art in unusual places and hold a doodle day. The Yellow X

was cleaned and flowers were planted in the concrete boxes by the Yellow X but the mandala did not happen due to inclement weather. Instead, Kathryn ploughed her energy into colourful pieces in the trees by Aras na MacLéinn and gathering materials and promoting what was a hugely successful doodle day on the Friday with giant chalk drawings and writings decorating the area outside BOI and the Library.

Dominique Mayer, *Higher Ground*, Large collages on display looking out from Parking and Information office on Arts and Science Concourse. Good feedback.

Danny McCarthy, (International Sound Artist), *Beyond the threshold of Quite*, Performance in Art Gallery, Lunchtime.  
Also illustrated talk, *Listen Out Loud* in Siobhan Mckenna at 4pm same day. Cross-section of Galway public attended.

Nigel Rolf (International Performance Artist) *Recent Work*, an illustrated talk in the illuminating discourse on origins and attitudes/changes in performance art in Ireland as told by a veteran.

### ***Live Impromptu Performance on Campus***

Tradsoc were hired to perform at Smokey Joes at lunchtimes throughout the week. This proved highly popular. Buskers/Jugglers/Artists performed all over campus.

## Múscailt 2006 Societies Report

Report from Riona Hughes Societies Officer

Múscailt '06 captured the imagination of the Societies, which was evident from the breath and scope of the events which they organised. Now in its sixth year the festival has matured and is without doubt the highlight of the artistic and performance societies year. Planning began early in September and the societies embraced Múscailt as their own. The combination of home grown talent and the caliber of the invited guests made this one of the most vibrant festivals to date which according to many independent observers brought unprecedented life, joy and excitement to the campus. As most of the events were free the festival was accessible and open to the university and the wider community who joined us for the week of celebration. The festival is a co-production of the Arts office and the Societies office with the generous support of the Foundation office and this year for the first time the Arts council. In addition to this generous sponsorship the Societies were also successful in raising additional funds and with a healthy box office the festival fared well financially. The Societies SocsBox in the Hub, acted as information and ticket desk for the week and thanks are due to the AIB for their sponsorship of the facility.

### Society Events:

#### Drama & Performance:

**Dramsoc** One act play series. This year for the first time the society took on the challenging role of producers for the event which included 10 plays over three lunchtimes with an Omnibus edition on the Friday night. There was capacity attendance at each of the dates and the standard of the productions was excellent. This year the Alumni Office introduced the Jerome Hynes memorial trophy for the best play. The productions were adjudicated at the omnibus edition and the winning play was 'Basin of Myself' by Henry Martin which is also being produced as part of project '06. The Hynes family were also present for the award ceremony which took place at the end of the Omnibus edition. The Alumni office presented a specially commissioned sculpture by John Coll to the winner. Adjudicators for the evening were Brendan Murray IDAA, Ron McFeeley Dramsoc Auditor and Riona Hughes. There was a feed back session after the award ceremony which the participants found very valuable. The plays were all original written by students, four from the MA in Drama and Theatre, three from the MA in Writing and three from undergraduates. The process included a daylong workshop at the start of the three week rehearsal period where all the plays were read and feed back given.

The productions were:

- 'Mary Hegarty Last Mass' by Shona Mccarthy
- 'Basin of My self' by Henry Martin
- 'Strings' by Daniel Golden
- 'Authors V Characters = Play' by Thomas Gaffney
- 'Empty' by Candace Driskill

'More Dears Than Tears' by Cliona deBri  
'Tell Tale Tattlers' by Naomi Moran  
'The Ache' by Bridget Deevey  
'Earthed' by Deirdre Sullivan  
'Frozen' Terry Dineen

Omnibus Edition with award ceremony and wrap up party.

Dramsoc also produced 'Checkers', a humorous one act play, directed by Lauren Mikov, an Erasmus student which was written by one of her fellow students from her home university.

**The Fansci Society** had a very busy week performing 'Sandman' a dramatic adaptation of Neil Gaiman's graphic novel directed by Yeolanda o'Brien and performed by a cast of twelve to a large appreciative audience.

They also performed 'Men at Arms' & 'Guard Guard' excerpts from Terry Pratchett's Radio-plays 'Guards Guards' and 'Men at Arms' adapted by Stephen Briggs. Both plays were also produced by the society as radio plays and were aired on flirt FM. Directed by are Edel Crowley and Padraic Murphy.

**An Cumann Dramaiochta** Feile na gColaiste.

This two day long event will feature productions from Irish colleges in two venues, culminating with the award ceremony in Áras na Gaeilge. The festival was organised in conjunction with An Comhlachas Naisunta and was judged by Brid O'Gallachoir. The plays were:

'Oiliúnt Skinny Spew & Na Cloigne' le Howard Brenton, Cumann Dramaiochta NUI Galway.

'Greasáin' le Neasa Ní Dhomhnalláin, Aisteoirí na Tríonóide

'Comhluadar', An Cumann Dramaiochta UCC

'Cogarnail na Pise', An Cumann Dramaiochta UCC

'Na Tri Bridies' -An Cumann Dramaiochta UCC

'Glór Íseal'- Na Haisteoirí Ildaite, UCD

'An Buachaillín Bán' le Tomás óg ó Cheilleachair An Cumann Dramaiochta St. Marys Belfast

'Eile' le Breandáin mac Gearailt, An Cumann Dramaiochta, Coláiste Phádraig, Droim Conrach.

**The Musical Society** performed a wonderful production of 'The Little Shop of Horrors' in the Black Box Theatre. The production sparkled with a large talented cast, musicians and back stage crew. This year the production took place the week before the festival to facilitate members of the production attending the events during the week. The Musical society and Dramsoc went head to head during Múscaillt when the Musical crew took on Shakespeare and the Dramsoc tried their hand at all singing and dancing with hilarious consequences.

**The Juggling Society** were to be seen impromptu Juggling throughout the week with the highlight of their week a spectacular outdoor extravaganza which attracted a large appreciative audience.

Members of the **Comedy Society** presented an evening of original sketches and standup to a very amused audience.

#### **Visual Art:**

Visual art was in abundance with the **Art Society** colourful exhibition 'Stranger than Paradise' which displayed the fruits of the societies biweekly classes and also saw the society launch their imaginative comic book 'Lunatic Fringe' which was a new departure for the society.

**The photographic Society** exhibition Focus '06 took place in the student centre and was launched to the strains of the Orchestra society quartet and displayed works by the society members, many of the pieces having been developed in the societies own darkroom.

**The Archaeology Society** explored heritage and relics in their delightful Archaeology project by providing the materials and the inspiration and inviting passers by to involve themselves in the creative process. The society set up a table in the student centre and proved very popular with the results of the artistic endeavours proudly displayed.

#### **Film:**

One of the undoubted highlights of the festival was the arrival of a mobile cinema from Co Leitrim which housed a two day film festival featuring an eclectic mix of Irish and international films and 'Short and bitter Sweet' a collection of five new films written directed and produces by the **Film Society**. The line up included Film Shorts from Darklight, Irish made films; 'Gold Fish Memory' directed by Liz Gill, 'The banshee lives in the Handball Alley' by Michael fortune and Aileen Lambert, 'Dead Meat' by Conor O'Mahony. International features included French language feature 'Le grand Voyage' directed by Ismael Ferroukhi, 'A History of Violence' directed by David Cronenberg 'Howls Moving Castle' Japanese animation directed by Hayao Miyazaki and 'Mad Hot Ballroom' directed by Marilyn Agrelo. The Film Society also ran a workshop on how to make a low budget movie for aspiring film makers.

**Music:**

Music of all styles was in abundance throughout the week from the Societies, There were performances from the **Orchestra Society**, the award winning **Choral Society**, both of which featured premiers of new works. the newly formed **French Society** choir gave their first concert, and sessions from the **Traditional Society** took place daily. The music Society ran the week long Witless festival which featured the grand final of the band and solo competition which ran heats from the beginning of semester two and also a series of gigs during the week in various locations and a vibrant Busking Day. **The DJ Society** organised 'Battle of the DJ's in which members battled it out for the honour of representing the College at SPINOFF '06, the first All Ireland Intervarsity DJ Clash in Dublin. The Students Union hosted the semi final of their talent show 'So you think you're famous' the final of which was held the following week during rag week.

**Dance:**

The **Dance Society** treated their appreciative audiences to two performances of 'Rhythm' which featured a wide mix of dance styles from the enthusiastic and talented members of the various weekly workshops.

**Literature:**

There was literature a plenty during the festival with two publications produced, edited and type set. 'Criterion' from Literary and Debating Society and 'Limited Edition' from the writers society. The 'Criterion launch featured special guest playwright and author Patricia Burke Brogan. The Writers Society ran a week long series of events starting on the Monday with a literary evening which featured the launch of their publication with readings from the winners of the writing competition and special guests Mike McCormack and Kevin Higgins. They also organized a prose workshop, a poetry slam, unveiled their innovative poetry wall and hosted a wrap up party.

**Miscellaneous:**

One of the prestigious highlights of the week was the **Literary and Debating Society** hosting the Irish times Final, the two day event saw top debaters from Irish third level battle it out for the all important title.

**The Quiz Society** intrigued and confused a lively audience in the College Bar with their intriguing Múscailt table quiz.

**The Computer Society** up dated the festival website at [www.muscailt.nuigalway.ie](http://www.muscailt.nuigalway.ie).

The Societies are already planning for Muscailt '07.