

NUI Galway Societies End of Year Report 2006-2007



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Introduction

Welcome to this year's Society End of Year report.

The Societies have enjoyed an exceptionally busy year with a record number of students joining on the two societies' days. With the ongoing website developments the Societies have been empowered to better manage themselves, while from an administrative perspective, the developments have allowed for greater insight into their activities and a deeper quantifiable understanding of the vital role they play in University life.

I was elected chairperson of the Board of Irish College Societies in June 2006. One of the challenges facing Society Administrators is the lack of quantifiable data on Society activities. There is no doubt that Societies contribute to the holistic education of students and enhance the social and cultural life of any campus. The advances we have made in the area of statistical data collection are second to none in the third level sector. I had the privilege of presenting papers at two conferences this year on the role of societies in third level, firstly at the Student Services conference in Athlone and also at a conference on the 'First Year experience' in Gothenburg, Sweden. NUI Galway also played host to the BICS National Awards in April, the event was huge success with a record number of colleges attending. When NUI Galway won three awards including winning Best Society in a large College for the second year in a row for our film Society, it was more than the icing on the cake.

In this report, in tandem with the statistics, is also a detailed report on each societies' activities, in their own words. The events lists are generated from the on-line calendar so what you are reading is the societies description of their event in advance of it occurring and the good news is that all indications are that societies had record attendances at their events this year. At the start of each report the societies also have an opportunity to reflect on their year and highlight their achievement.

This year had many firsts, which made it a very busy but exciting year. We had a full training day on a Saturday in September, which proved very successful with 225 committee members attending. The new on-line systems including on-line room bookings, the ALIVE portfolio builder, the members' management system, on-line award nominations and an integrated texting system have all worked successfully and have been embraced by the societies. This web development is on going and many new systems are currently being developed with the aim of helping the Societies to manage their day to day business while making them more accessible to the student body and also transparent and accountable. With a turnover of almost one million euro the society are big business to the University and their importance must not be underestimated. What is perhaps most satisfying about the year is that the many 'firsts' were not only enjoyed by Society Administration but also by the Societies themselves with the committees pushing boundaries, trying new events and teaming up together for some truly remarkable occasions.

This year saw the Múscailt team up with Fleadh Imboilg, spear-headed by the History Society, for a festival which celebrated the coming of spring. This added a new popular element to the week and a fundraising element which saw €12,000 raised for charity and the turnover for the festival was doubled from the previous year to €107,000. The Foundation continued to be major supporter of the festival. Many additional societies, some unexpected, were involved in the week which transformed the campus.

This year great advances were made in pursuing the societies' strategic plan:

Strategic Thrust 1 Facilities and Support Strategy.

In addition to the IT development outlined above the SocsBox increased its services, and the sponsorship from the AIB also continued his year. Additional vital equipment was purchased for the societies and the new levy allowed for an increase in Society funding from the University, which has them now more in line with funding levels in other third level colleges.

Strategic Thrust 2 Training

Each individual Societies control panel allows them a wide range of support options, and a new support material became available in the download section on the website. In addition to the day long training

workshops were available through the year and one to one training was available both from me and the staff in the SocsBox.

Strategic Thrust 3 Perception and Recognition

This year we achieved our target, which was to insure that any student who wanted to know about societies and their events and how to get involved would have numerous opportunities to do so. There was also a concerted effort to attract those students who were not aware that they were looking for Societies both at a collective and administrative level and from the individual societies themselves.

Strategic Thrust 4 Communication Strategy

The new systems both in place and under development have opened up numerous avenues of communication both for society administration to the society committee members and from the Societies to their members and the wider public. As part of a wider strategy I was also responsible for the development of the BICS website which has opened up communication between the member colleges. Strong links have also been forged with numerous departments and campus groups, some example are the Jerome Hynes Memorial award for the Múscailt one-act-play which has strenghtned links with the Alimni Office and the Careers Service have engaged with the societies during training.

Strategic Thrust 5 Accommodation

This final strategy is the most challenging and currently, while we await developments on the plans for the proposed new Culture Centre, the artistic and performance societies in particular are struggling with very inadequate facilities. While the Buildings Office has been supportive this year the university just does not have the facilities. The extraordinary thing is despite this and against all the odds the artistic Societies are flourishing, which is probably and indication of the indomitability of the human spirit.

Both our Film and Juggling Societies won best society in the last two years at national level. The dance society produced a professional Irish dance troupe in addition to running numerous classes in a wide variety of styles. The Drama Society has spawned numerous award winning theatre companies as well as producing many fine plays. The Art, Musical and Orchestra Societies have gone from strength to strength all broadening their level and variety of activities. The new Choral Society Conductor won Best Fresher at the BICS awards and the society is back on its feet after saying goodbye to their talented former conductor, Peter Mannion, who had brought the society to a very high standard at competition level. The list goes on with societies whose primary aim might not be artistic but have been inspired to try new things and explore new avenues of expression.

This should not allow for complacency, the 'anything will do' mentality. The university must not underestimate the importance of these opportunities for its students and their holistic development. It is important that the people who make decisions on future developments are aware of what a treasure they have in the societies as ambassadors for the university as positive contributors to retention and a major attraction for potential students. This must be reflected in future developments and meaningful dialog must be engaged in to insure this golden opportunity to foster and develop our students is not squandered.

Finally enjoy the report, share in the societies triumphs, highs and achievements, this report is a testament to the students of vision, dedication and imagination who brighten our campus with their enthusiasm and commitment, thanks to all of you.

But remember this is only a report, to truly understand what societies are all about make sure to get out there, attend their events and get involved.

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NUI Galway

NUI Galway Best in the country at BICS Awards '07

NUI Galway Hosted the National Board Of Irish College Awards on April 18th. At the Awards NUI Galway Societies again scooped the top award at the National Awards winning Best Society in a large college for the second year in a row. Last year the Juggling Society won the title and this year the title of **Best Society in a large college went to the Film Society** who wowed the judges with the scale of their activities including establishing the student cinema on campus which shows films three nights a week. Jack Stenson, the auditor, had received the title of Best Society Individual at the NUI Galway awards.

There were two other NUI Galway winners on the night, **Thomas Cryan won Best Fresher** and the **Voluntary Services Abroad Society won Best Website**. Thomas, despite being a first year, impressed the adjudicators with the dedication and enthusiasm he has brought to his new role of conductor of the NUI Galway Choral Society. Thomas, a medical student, has put his considerable musical talent to excellent use with the choir and will be singing with the NUI Galway chamber choir section at the Scratch Music Challenge in the Royal Albert Hall, London in May.

The VSA won the best website for www.vsa.nuigalway.ie designed by NUI Galway medical student Shahzad Javid. VSA recently celebrated their thirtieth anniversary and each year fundraise almost €150,000, which enables medical students to bring medical supplies to developing countries and to assist in healthcare delivery to some of the most deprived people in the world.

The BICS National Awards hosted by NUI Galway on April 18th celebrated the achievements of the top societies from fourteen colleges throughout the island of Ireland. In her welcoming speech NUI Galway Vice President Mary O'Riordan warmly welcomed the 250 guests to the entertainment filled evening. Attending the awards and competing in the large college categories were representatives from DCU, DIT, Trinity College Dublin, UCC, University of Limerick, Queens University Belfast and NUI Galway. The competitors in the small college categories were NUI Maynooth, Cork IT, Mary Immaculate College Limerick, ITT Dublin, IT Tralee, Dundalk IT and NCI.

The Mayor of Galway Niall O'Brollocháin in his keynote speech welcomed the colleges to Galway and praised the contribution which societies make to their communities and how significantly they contribute to the educational experience of all who participate in their diverse activities. They are an integral part of campus life and the Mayor stated how much he enjoys attending society events because of the wonderful energy involved. Entertainment on the evening was provided by the dance society, fire juggling from Juggling Society, the Orchestra Society string quartet and a céilí from Trad Society and the band for the evening was Lewd Tunes.

The Board of Irish College Societies is a national organisation, constituted in 1995, which is dedicated to providing a national forum for the societies in Ireland's Universities, Colleges and Institutes of Education and is responsible for the promotion of interest in the activities of Irish college societies and of contact and co-operation between them. With fourteen colleges involved this year, and many new institutions on board, the night was a fitting end to a successful year for BICS. The Chairperson of BICS for 2006-2007 is Riona Hughes, Societies Officer. NUI Galway. For more information on the work of BICS go to www.bics.ie

The winners on the evening were:

Best Society in a large college: NUI Galway Film Society

Best Society in a small college: Mary Immaculate College Taekwon-do Society

Best Event in a large college: Trinity College Dublin Biosoc for their 'Med Day'

Best Event in a small college: IT Tallaght Radio Society for 'ITTFM'

Best Individual in a large college: DCU Robert O'Mhurchú; actively involved in thirteen societies this year.

Best Individual in a small college: Dundalk IT, Jiwan Jodhani from the Innovators' and Overcome Societies.

Most Improved society in a large college: DIT St. Vincent de Paul Society

Most Improved society in a small college: IT Tallaght Radio Society

Best Fresher: NUI Galway, Thomas Cryan, conductor of the Choral Society.

Best New Society in a large college: DCU Book Society

Best New Society in a small college: Dundalk IT Innovators' Club.

Best Website: NUI Galway Voluntary Services Abroad Society for www.vsa.nuigalway.ie

Best Poster in a large college: UCC Film Society for their 'Huge Film Night' poster

Best Poster in a small college: IT Tallaght Dublin Drama Society for their 'Faust' poster

Society Awards 2007

The Society Awards took place in the Westwood House Hotel on March 28th. To start the evening entertainment was provided by the Choral Society, and the Dansoc Irish dancing troupe. After dinner the award ceremony took place followed by a very lively céilí with Trad Society and then guest band no 'No Banjo' took to the stage. The rafters were raised, delicious food was eaten, there was dancing into the small hours and the craic was seriously mighty. Fair play to the Societies, they really know how to have a good time.

And the Winners on the evening were:

Best Society - Film Society,
Best Event - Socs in the City Fashion Show - French & Rotaract Society
Best Individual - Jack Stenson (Film Soc)
Most Improved Society - Italian Society
Best Fresher - Thomas Cryan - Choral Society
Best New Society - Rotaract Society
Best Departmental SOciety - Law Society
Best Website - VSA
Best Poster - Halloween Ball Poster - VSA
Best Charity Event - Cheltenham Preview - Horse Racing Society
Best Cultural Contribution - Dincert - International Student Society
Best Multi-Media Publication - Muscaillt Beo - Radio Society
Best Small Publication - Lit & Debauched - Literary and Debating Society
Best Photo - Italian Society - Fire Juggling at the Masked Ball



VSA Winning poster

153 nominations had been submitted by 34 societies for the 13 awards which require nomination forms. Best Society, Best Improved Society, Best new Society, Best Individual, Best Fresher, Best Event, Best Website and Best Poster (the winners in these Categories will go on to represent the University at the BICS National Awards which NUI Galway is hosting on April 18th in the Galway Bay Hotel.) A big thank you to all our adjudicators.

SU Society Awards 2007 -The Winners

The Student Union Clubs and Societies Awards took place in the College Bar on Monday 26th March.

The Winners:

Best Society Individual – Rory O'Donoghue
Best Society - VSA
Most Improved Society – Italian Soc
Best Society Event – Student Cinema (Film Soc)
Biggest Society Achievement – Peter Flynn (GUMS and Dramsoc)
Best Society Website – Law Soc
Most Embarrassing Society Moment – Mock Wedding (Dramsoc & SU)

AIB NUI Galway Societies Event of Excellence Award

The award in its second year supports the societies in organising events of social humanitarian, cultural and educational importance with a bursary of €3000. The AIB also supports the societies by sponsorship of the SocsBox.

The winners were:

1st Prize: Cumman De Barra-Drive safely campaign.

2nd Prize: Film Soc-National Schools Film making competition

Runners Up:

Lit & Deb: North of Ireland Debate.

Slainte Society: Teddy Bear Hospital

Juggling Society: Extravagansa and Master Class

PDS: Get Voting Campaign

USC Representatives 2006-2007

University Societies Committee Members

Chairperson Avril O'Regan

Societies Chairperson: Nigel Connor

Student Representatives:

Debating and Political Societies: David Geary

Social and Gaming Societies: David Gilmore

Artistic and Performing Societies: Rory Donohue

Social Action / Religious Societies: Cathriona Callahan

Departmental: Lenny Antonelli

Staff Representatives:

Gar Hartigan (Buildings Office)

Tim Higgins (Chemestry Dept)

Fionualla Gallagher (Arts Officer)

Padraig MacNeela (Psychology)

Secretary: Riona Hughes Societies Officer

Society Statistics from our database from Societies Day 1

This year we launched a new student data base which is under development and refinement and the fully integrated version will be launched in September 2007. This year the societies from their signup sheets on societies day submitted excel spreadsheets which were inputted to our data base, see below some of the statistics which were generated. While the system was a major improvement on previous methods we had difficulties due to incorrect information being typed and these had to be corrected manually. In 2007-2008 we will be introducing a new system which will avoid these inaccuracies and will also achieve 100% return of data from Societies Day one and two.

Total individual students: 5069

1st years 2717

2nd years 984

3rd years 622

4th years 413

Older years: 333

Average membership per society: 150

Most popular societies: This includes the societies who submitted their sign up sheets, over 85% of societies successfully submitted their excel sheets.

1) Literary & Debating Society (1195)

2) Filmsoc (660)

3) Cumann de Barra (528)

4) ISS (480)

5) Dramsoc (421)

6) Comedy Soc (408)

Average no of societies joined by a student: 2.49 societies

STUDENT/SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

No of societies join by students

1 society: 2483 students

2 societies: 1029 students

3 societies: 621 students

4 societies: 389 students

5 societies: 222 students

6 societies: 157 students

7 societies: 90 students

8 societies: 58 students

9 societies: 31 students

10+ societies: 88 students

Most societies joined by one person: 31 societies

Society Texting

A new integrated testing system was introduced this year where societies could text their members from their society control panel and also set up sub groups for texting. The Society member's could also see all their text messages when they signed into their management system.

Texts sent to March 30th 2007

SMS Messages

509 unique messages sent

85,115 total messages sent

Societies ALIVE

This year we introduced an on-line system for society members to gain their ALIVE Volunteering certificates in association with the Community Knowledge Initiative. This development dovetailed into the societies' online management system and became another online support facility available to the members through the society website.

The societies' website can now provide useful statistical data but as the ALIVE portfolio builder was just launched at the end of January 2007 not all the societies had the time to participate. Quite a number of our very busy societies and executive committee members were unable to participate this year. Despite this the numbers of society members participating in ALIVE are up from 79 last year, which is an increase of 26%. Next year societies will be able to use the system from September to track their hours and they can also keep a blog of their experiences, which they can then choose to share with their committee or keep as their own private musings. The societies set their own criterion for involvement by their members in the ALIVE programme and approve their applications. The individual members build on their portfolio throughout the year and answer six questions and upload a photo before submitting their individual portfolios to the society (see the back of the book for quotations from the members). The society then completes the portfolio before submitting it to the Societies Office. All societies who have achieved the requirement standards are approved and forwarded to the ALIVE office.

ALIVE offers an opportunity for the hard working members of the societies to gain official recognition by the University for their contribution as volunteers. This year 109 certificates of recognition are being presented to students for volunteering with university societies. These 109 represent 22% of the total number of registered society committee member and are a good representative sample. This representative sample volunteered a total of 13,777. If we extrapolate from this representative sample the total hours volunteered by committee members equals the equivalent of 39 public service workers (see table 1). The societies had a turnover in excess of €560,000 last year approximately €450,000 of that was raised by the societies themselves and €184,274 was given to charity. Therefore societies are the equivalent of 39 full time workers providing social, cultural and educational support to the university community with a budget of €140,000.

Therefore to put into perspective the contribution societies make in hours worked and funding is the equivalent of 39 full time workers providing social, cultural and educational support to the university community with a budget of €140,000. Another way to look at the magnitude of this contribution is to realize that it would cost an organization €100,000,000 to provide such a service. However what is particularly positive about this is that it is a win win situation as the students who volunteer also reap the benefits of enhanced life skills and a more holistic educational experience as well as gaining an understanding of the volunteering concept, that contributing to your community in a positive way is a reward in itself.

Societies End of Year reports

What follows are the societies own reports which are generated in their control panel. The on-line system automatically collects their events from the societies' on-line calendar, this is why all the events are all in the future tense.

These are the societies own words and they capture the excitement, pride and joy which the hard working members take in their achievements. Also included are the students who participated in the ALIVE programme this year and the societies' balance sheets which are generated on the Societies finance website.

An Cumann Craic

Is Cumann sóisealta é an Cumann Craic a dhéanann iarracht suim i nGaeilge a spreagadh san Ollscoil trí turais, imeachtaí agus oícheanta bríomhara. An Cumann Craic is a social society that organises events to try and encourage the use of the Irish language in the University.

An Cumann Craic Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

- **Oscailt/Official opening** » Aras Na Gaeilge (The Irish Building) on Wednesday, 27th of September.
Oscailt / Official Opening Wednesday the 27th / De Céadaoin an 27^ú 8 p.m. Amharclann Aras Na Gaeilge / Theatre in Aras na Gaeilge. All welcome. Fáilte roimh chách.

- **Babhláil** » Bowling Place, Bóthar Headford. on Wednesday, 4th of October.

- **In Ainm an Athair** » Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe on Wednesday, 4th of October.

In Ainm an Athair le Joe Steve Ó Neachtain (léiriú de chuid Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe) Dátaí: Céadaoin 4 D. Fómhair, Ionad: An Taibhdhearc (The Street Parallel to Shop Street) Am: 8.00in. De Céadaoin an 4^ú In Ainm an Athair, a newly written drama is on at the Taibhdhearc this week. An Cumann Craic are going to see it this Wednesday. As tickets have not been reserved, we strongly recommend that you are there before 7.45. See you there. - Or come bowling first?? Feicfidh me ann sibh.

- **Drama - In Ainm An Athair Leisan CumannD** » An Taibhdhearc on Monday, 9th of October.

Tá an Cumann Craic agus an Cumann Dramaíochta ag dul go dtí an Taibhdhearc De Luain an 9^ú Deireadh Fómhair. In Ainm an Athair - Joe Steve... Costas Speisialta - 10 Euro. The Cumann Craic and the Cumann Dramaíochta are heading to the Taibhdhearc this coming Monday the 9th to see In Ainm an Athair. Those clever people at An Cumann D have organised a special price of 10 Euro for members. All welcome

- **Óiche Amach** » Club Arus na nGael on Wednesday, 18th of October.

- **KILA** » Town Hall on Sunday, 22nd of October.

- **Disco Fancy Dress** » Club Arus na nGael on Thursday, 26th of October.

- **An tOireachtas** » Doire on Wednesday, 1st of November.

Oireachtas na Samhna / Samhain Festival Doire, Céadaoin - Domhnach, 1 - 5 Samhain 2006 Derry, Wednesday - Sunday, 1 - 5 November 2006. <http://www.antoireachtas.ie/samhain.html>

- **Dráma** » Ionad: Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe on Thursday, 8th of March.

Ainm an imeachta: Dráma "JUDE" Le Micheál Ó Conghaile Dáta: 8/3/2007 Am: 20:00 Ionad: Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe Eolas breise: 8-16 Márta. Dráma nua-scríofa le Micheál Ó Conghaile, a bhuaigh an dara áit i nGradam Cuimhneacháin Bháitéir Uí Mhaicín a eagraíodh mar chuid do Cheiliúradh 75 bliain ó bunaíodh Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe, le aitheantas a thabhairt don obair iomráiteach a rinne an Maicíneach san amharclann, agus le drámadóirí a spreagadh chun pinn. Beidh Jude á léiriú ag Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe faoi stiúir Sheáin Uí Thárpaigh. Uimhir teagmhála: 91563600 Ríomhphost: eolas@antaibhdhearc.com

- **Oa2: Club Ceoil Dhomhanda** » Club Arus na nGael, 45 Sraid Dominic. on Friday, 9th of March.

Ainm an imeachta: Oa2: Club Ceoil Dhomhanda Dáta: 9/3/2007 Am: 22:30 Ionad: Club Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Dominic Eolas breise: Le djanna Will Softly & Ben Ó Faoláin. Táille / Fee: €3, saor roimh 10.30i.n Uimhir teagmhála: 91567824 Ríomhphost: conradh@bradan.iol.ie

- **Comhdháil do Chluichí Fantaisíochta & Fi** » Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh on Saturday, 10th of March.

Ainm an imeachta: Comhdháil do Chluichí Fantaisíochta & Ficsin Eol. Dáta: 10/3/2007 Am: 12:00 Ionad: Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh Eolas breise: Féach: www.itzaconeire.com 10 - 11 Márta Uimhir teagmhála: 91567824

- **Ceolchoirm an Árais** » Club Arus na nGael, 45 Sraid Dominic. on Saturday, 10th of March.

Ainm an imeachta: Ceolchoirm an Árais Dáta: 10/3/2007 Am: 19:30 Ionad: An Amharclann, Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Dominic Eolas breise: Scoth an cheoil thraidisiúnta, Spás teoranta do 70 ticéad. Táille / Fee: €12. Space limited to 70 tickets. Uimhir teagmhála: 91567824 Ríomhphost: conradh@bradan.iol.ie

- **Seisiún Ceoil Thraidisiúnta** » Club Arus na nGael, 45 Sraid Dominic. on Saturday, 10th of March.

Ainm an imeachta: Seisiún Ceoil Thraidisiúnta Dáta: 10/3/2007 Am: 22:00 Ionad: Club Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Dominic Eolas breise: Saorhead isteach / Free Uimhir teagmhála: 91567824 Ríomhphost: conradh@bradan.iol.ie

- **Tráthnóna Amhránaíochta ar an Sean-Nós** » Club Arus na nGael, 45 Sraid Dominic. on Sunday, 11th of March.

Ainm an imeachta: Tráthnóna Amhránaíochta ar an Sean-Nós Dáta: 11/3/2007 Am: 15:00 Ionad: Club Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Dominic Eolas breise: Am / Time: 15.00 – 18.00. Le Amhránaithe Charna. Uimhir teagmhála: 91567824

- **Amhránaíocht & Damhsa ar an Sean-Nós** » Club Arus na nGael, 45 Sraid Dominic. on Wednesday, 14th of March.

Ainm an imeachta: Amhránaíocht & Damhsa ar an Sean-Nós Dáta: 14/03/07 Am: 19:00 Ionad: Club Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Dominic Eolas breise: Saorhead isteach / free. Ceolchoirm speisialta le daoine óga atá páirteach sa scéim Infheistíocht Chultúr. Uimhir teagmhála: 91567824 Ríomhphost: conradh@bradan.iol.ie

- **Celli Mor** » Club Arus na nGael, 45 Sraid Dominic. on Wednesday, 14th of March.
- **SpeedDating as Gaeilge** » Club Arus na nGael, 45 Sraid Dominic. on Thursday, 15th of March.
- **Seisiúin Cheoil Thraidisiúnta na Féile P** » Club Arus na nGael, 45 Sraid Dominic. on Saturday, 17th of March.

Ainm an imeachta: Seisiúin Cheoil Thraidisiúnta na Féile Pádraig Dáta: 17/03/07 Am: 13:00 Ionad: Club Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Dominic Eolas breise: Ag tosú ag 13.00 don lá uilig. Starting at 1 and going on for the whole day. Uimhir teagmhála: 91567824 Ríomhphost: conradh@bradan.iol.ie

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Seosamh O'Murchadha

Vice-Auditor: Saoirse Nic Lochlainn

Treasurer: Tonai O'Roudibh

Secretary: Owen Mac Ardill

An Cumann Craic Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	127.41	Bank charge	€0.75
USC Grant	€86.78	Reception	€166.81
		Socs day expenses	€26.78
		Expenditure Total	€194.34
		Closing Bank Balance	€19.85
Total	€214.19	Total	€214.19

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 500 members.

Animal Rights Society

The Animal Rights Society has been represented in previous years but has not been active for some time. We started the year with a new committee who, although inexperienced, had found their feet by the second semester and organised some great events.

Our aim is to highlight issues of animal abuse, to create awareness and to educate the student population as to ways in which they can adopt a more compassionate lifestyle. We promote vegetarianism, alternatives to blood sports, fur, leather and so much more.

In addition to that we also aim to fundraise in order to contribute to and support existing animal rescue organisations such as the GSPCA.

Animal Rights Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

- **SPRING FAIR** » Aras Na MacLeinn (students building) on Thursday, 15th of February.
Buy or sell your stuff, win vouchers and spot prizes in a Monkey Raffle, learn about animal welfare issues or just hang around and have fun. This event is sponsored by ethical local companies and a percentage of profits will be donated to GSPCA.
- **GSPCA SPEAKER** » Siobhan McKenna Theatre, AM Building on Wednesday, 28th of February.
Margaret O'Sullivan, PRO for the Galway Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, will be speaking on the role of the organisation, its day to day activities, and various animal welfare issues, before opening up the discussion to the audience.
- **"Non-Violence and Animal Liberation"** » AM 109 on Wednesday, 28th of March.
Environmental activist of 25 years, Wayne Jones will present a short film on the life of the fox and lead a discussion on issues relating to Animal Rights, the Environment, and Activism in general.
- **Animal soc AGM** » The Hub on Friday, 20th of April.
- **"Behind The Mask" with Keith Mann** » O' Flaherty Theatre, main Concourse on Tuesday, 24th of April.
Who are the Animal Liberation Front? Who are those people who don masks, risking their lives and freedom to save animals from places of abuse? Shannon Keith's award-winning documentary, "Behind the Mask", dubbed "the film the government doesn't want you to see" in the U.S.A., explains all. Presented by former ALF activist, hunt-saboteur and UK government target, Keith Mann, this film is a must-see for anyone interested in issues of animal rights, freedom of speech, corporate greed or government and media lies! All welcome. Free admission

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Catherine Keating
Secretary: Fiona Kellerer

Treasurer: Fiona Kellerer
PRO: Aleksandra Borawska

We had no financial transactions.

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 58 members.

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 13 events.

- **Visiting Speaker** » Dillon Theatre on Friday, 19th of May.
Dr. Graeme Warren of UCD speaking on his Irish Mesolithic work
- **Thinking with stones** » Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 26th of September.
Dr Carleton Jones, Archaeology Department, NUI Galway, will be giving a talk entitled 'Thinking with Stones - Cognition, symbolism and megalithic tombs'. A social will be held afterwards in the River Inn pub which is just opposite the hospital, for your convenience and leisure. Hope you all can come.

- **EGM** » IT 125 on Wednesday, 27th of September.
- **Coffee morning** » Career services seminar room on Tuesday, 3rd of October.
- **Table Quiz** » The College Bar on Tuesday, 10th of October.
- **Life and death in the bronze age** » TBC on Tuesday, 24th of October.

Topic 'Life and death in the Bronze Age: evidence from excavations on the N8 Glanmire-Watergrasshill road scheme' with Rory Sherlock who is from the Department of Archaeology NUI G presently a post grad student. Tuesday 24th October at 8.00pm with refreshments afterwards in the River Inn pub (opposite the hospital)

- **Christmas Party** » The Skeff on Thursday, 23rd of November.
- **Mesolithic and Neolithic in Belderrig** » IT 125 G on Tuesday, 6th of February.

Dr Graeme Warren of UCD will be talking about the Mesolithic and Neolithic of the Belderrig/Belderg site in Co Mayo.

- **Excavations in Glencurran cave, Burren** » Dillon theatre on Tuesday, 20th of February.

Hear a talk from Dr Marion Dowd from Sligo IT, school of science. Her talk will be on 'Excavations in Glencurran Cave, the Burren: Bronze Age burial - early medieval occupation.

- **Your career in Archaeology: next step** » Siobhán McKenna theatre on Wednesday, 28th of February.
- **Archaeology Party** » Busker Browns on Thursday, 22nd of March.
- **Hillfort & Bronze Age warfare in Ireland** » Fottrell theatre on Tuesday, 27th of March.

Prof Billy O'Brien of UCC, formerly of NUI Galway, will be giving our last archaeology society guest lecture. Entitled 'Hillforts and Bronze Age warfare' it is surely to be an interesting talk. All are welcome to attend.

- **Foreign Trip** » Cornwall on Tuesday, 3rd of April.

Trip to Cornwall: various sites in south Wales and north Cornwall from the 3rd to 6th April guides will be lecture (Kieran O'Connor) from archaeology department. Everybody most welcome to come along. Leaves early in the morning of the 3rd.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Brid Greene
 Treasurer: Brian McArdle
 GCM: Mags Mannion
 GCM: Clare Hennigar
 PRO: Tara Graham

Vice-Auditor: Amanda Balfe
 Secretary: Russell O'Regan
 GCM: Jane O'Dwyer
 GCM: Mona Abrim

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Russell O'Regan

P.R.O.: Margaret Mannion

Arch Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	122.55	Affil/Mem fees	€1183.51
Fundraising	€335.5	Bank charge	€4.48
Members Contributions	€56	Dinner	€385.05
Societies day	€131.6	Entertainment	€200
Socs box	€2370	Equipment misc	€4
Ticket Sales	€400	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€134.65
USC Grant	€4037.6	Prizes	€200
		Reception	€12.6

		Society accomm	€1243.5
		Society transport	€3145.5
		Speaker accomm	€55
		Speaker travel	€70.8
		Expenditure Total	€6639.09
		Cash In Hand	€23.45
		Closing Bank Balance	€790.71
Total	€7453.25	Total	€7453.25

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 127 members.

ALIVE Participants Archaeology Society		
Brid Greene	Auditor	340 hours
Mags Mannion	OCM	50 hours
Claire Hennigar	GCM	30 hours
Russell Ó Ríagáin	Secretary	320 hours
Brian McArdle	Treasurer	300 hours
Total Hours Volunteered:	1040 hours	

Art Society

This year in Art Soc we have maintained our aims of keeping as many people interested in our classes as possible by having an art setting that can be enjoyed by both experienced artists and novices.

We held two classes like last year, one regular and another more relaxed comic book class where people get the chance to draw whatever they want. This is the second year of comic book classes and has resulted in the publication of the second edition of its yearly comic book "Lunatic Fringe".

Our regular classes culminated in our end of year exhibition "Rhapsodomancy" which was very successful and received good advertisement for the society by being held in Aras na Mac Leinn, a public setting and a central location within the college.

A new event in the society was having a trip to another country. We choose Barcelona due to the variety of famous artists from the region. Not only did it help students to learn about art but it brought the members a lot closer together and generally got everyone more involved in the society. In future years we would very much like to continue this.

With the success of our exhibition and comic book as well as having our first foreign trip we feel the society has achieved much in the year and can only keep growing.

Art Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 26 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:

- **ArtSoc Class** ran for 7 weeks in The Art Gallery, the Quad, beginning on Tuesday, 26/9/2006. Classes range from still life, to life drawing, to clay and comic book style. 2 euro fee, pay at SocsBox on Tuesdays. Limited numbers.
- **Wednesday Class** ran for 4 weeks in AM104, beginning on Wednesday, 17/1/2007. Class to work on exhibition/comic book and own personal practice. All welcome. €1 at the door for use of all supplies.
- **Life drawing classes** ran for 2 weeks in the quad, room 003, beginning on Tuesday, 27/2/2007. Male life drawing classes, tickets cost €3.50 in the SocsBox on Tuesdays. All materials covered. Please arrive early as doors will be locked at 7pm on the dot out of respect for our model.

➤ Special Events

This year we held 13 special events. These events were as follows:

- **ArtSoc presents Hit man** » The Hub on Tuesday, 19/9/2006. Your mission this freshers week is to hunt down and "hit"* your target using only the name and photo provided. If you are the hit man with the most hits by the end of this week, you will be given a cash prize. There will also be a prize for most original killing method. Entry fee of 3 euro and all are welcome. * no actual death will occur
- **EGM** » The Hub on Monday, 16/10/2006.
- **Life Drawing** » Áras Uí Chathail Building, large lecture on Monday, 23/10/2006.
- **Photoshop Tutorial** » Cairns Computer Suite, St Anthony's. on Wednesday, 25/10/2006. Photoshop is the industry standard for all areas of design, and is even used in film editing. The tutorial is aimed at the complete beginner, and if you've never even opened Photoshop before, then this will get you off to a good start. The tutorial will cover the uses of some of the more important tools, and some other aspects vital to creating professional looking images such as Layers, Filters and Colour Management. Unfortunately though, due to a lot of interest in this tutorial, a place will have to be booked in advance as we only have a limited amount of computers. Tickets will still be €1, and a ticket can be bought at the SocsBox. All materials, images etc will be supplied on the night.
- **ArtSoc exhibition/comic book deadline** » the Quad, room 003 on Tuesday, 30/1/2007.
- **'Rhapsodomancy' Launch** » Áras na Mac Léinn foyer on Monday, 5/2/2007. Art Soc's week-long Múscailt exhibition will be launched on Monday in the foyer of Áras na Mac Léinn. The theme of this year's exhibition is 'Rhapsodomancy'. The artists did not know the meaning of the term when preparing their pieces so come along to see their interesting interpretations of this theme.
- **Making Radioheads Class** » the quad, room 003 on Tuesday, 6/2/2007. Joint ArtSoc/RadioSoc event. We'll be creating radioheads from cardboard that will transmit Flirt fm. No experience needed
- **Life drawing classes** » the quad, room 003 on Tuesday, 13/2/2007.
- **Brickathon** » the Hub on Tuesday, 20/2/2007. Paint your brick, name it, love it, and take it home with you! Help us help these naked bricks for charity!
- **Comic book style** » the Quad, room 003 on Tuesday, 13/3/2007. Podge's last class at ArtSoc is a tribute to his influence upon the society and his love of comic book art. This class will help those interested in drawing comic style figures as well as those who want to learn more. Class ticket, 2 euro from the SocsBox.
- **AGM** » the Quad, room 003 on Tuesday, 20/3/2007.
- **GMIT Art Tour Trip** » the hub on Monday, 2/4/2007. We'll be leaving the hub at 1pm to take the bus to GMIT. We'll be shown the in's and out's of their art department.
- **Summer plans meeting** » the hub on Wednesday, 25/4/2007.

Bring any ideas with you to this meeting for the new reformed Lunatic Fringe and the continuation of our society into the summer months. All welcome!

Committee 2006/2007

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Vice-Auditor: Orna O'Halloran
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 PRO: Anna Gilmore
 O.C.M: Anna Kenny

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Orna O'Halloran
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 O.C.M.: Nina Drozd
 O.C.M.: David Reilly

Treasurer: Judith Allen
 O.C.M.: Emma Finn
 O.C.M.: John Burke

Art Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	909.56	Affill/Mem fees	€85.46
Fundraising	€300.36	Bank charge	€11.25
Members Contributions	€2062.07	Costumes	€520
Muscailt	€850.28	Entertainment	€60
Societies day	€52.14	Fundraising/charity	€112
Socs box	€478	Hire Bus	€550
USC Grant	€3251.45	Makeup/Props	€213
		Materials	€704.2
		Printing	€454.8
		Promotions	€60
		Reception	€283.48
		Society accomm	€1460
		Society transport	€1894.9
		Teacher fees	€1380
		Expenditure Total	€7789.09
		Closing Bank Balance	€114.77
Total	€7903.86	Total	€7903.86

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 162 members.

Baha'i

The Baha'i Society holds talks, workshops and events inspired by the teachings of the Baha'i Faith. This year the Baha'i Society had a relatively quiet year although membership was higher this year with nearly 100 people showing interest at Societies Day in September. During the year we collaborated with the SU and other societies including Suas society, to take part in the university's first Unity in Diversity week during which a photo exhibition was erected in Aras na MacLéinn for the duration of the week and which culminated in a "DinCert" international dinner and concert! A bowling night was also held. We held meetings which consisted of informal discussion groups covering a range of topics including the Equality of men and women as well as a discussion on whether science and religion can go hand in hand. Although the groups were quite small, interesting and animated discussion arose. We hope to revisit some of these topics this year perhaps on a larger scale in more formal meetings as well as participating in inter-society and inter-varsity events. This year, the society was contacted by the Baha'i cultural society in UCC who expressed interest in collaborating in an inter-varsity event this year.

Baha'i Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

- **EGM** » Smokies on Thursday, 21st of September.

EGM- The first meeting of the Baha'i Society for the year hopes to see its committee elected. We also hope that members will have some input into saying what sort of events they would like to see over the coming year.

- **UniTEA** » Aras Na MacLéinn Foyer on Monday, 6th of November.

UniTEA is a tea and coffee morning from 11 a.m.- 1p.m to mark the launch of "Building Unity through Diversity Week" during which there will be a week long photo exhibition in Aras na MacLéinn. The photos will be accompanied by Baha'i quotes on unity and interculturalism. Please come along to show your support for this very worthy cause.

- **1000 families photo exhibit** » Aras na MacLéinn Foyer on Monday, 6th of November.

From 6th-10th of November, as part of "Building Unity Through Diversity Week", the Students' Union, in conjunction with Concern, Suas, the Baha'i society and the National Action Plan Against Racism, is proud to present the 1000 Families exhibition. The exhibition consists of 25 large images of families from across the globe. The images are sourced from a book entitled "1000 Families - The Family Album of Planet Earth" which is a compilation of photographs taken by German photographer Uwe Ommer as he travelled across 130 countries meeting with families just before the millennium. In the book family members discuss their lives and their hopes and dreams for the new millennium. The main theme is- everyone has a family, regardless of who you are or where you're from: as the Baha'i quote says, "the earth is but one country, and mankind it's citizens".

- **Bowling Night** » Galway Leisure World on Wednesday, 8th of November.

- **DinCert!** » Hub/ College Bar on Friday, 10th of November.

Building Unity through Diversity Week ends with a dinner and concert in the Hub and the College Bar. Everyone's welcome, provided you bring food! Why not get together with a group of friends to prepare a dish from your region? The dinner starts at 8 p.m., with a whole range of intercultural entertainment to follow in the College Bar, from Irish dancing to choral music to salsa. Further details on this event available from: intstudents@socs.nuigalway.ie or su.equality@nuigalway.ie.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Sahar Rahmani

Vice-Auditor: Jalal Rushdy

Treasurer: Kyle Sweeney

Secretary: Iona Sweeney

No financial transactions

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 90 members.

Biotechnology Society

Biotech Soc secretary report for the year September 2006-May 2007

This year Biotech Soc continued in its aim to promote biotechnology and science on campus, and to provide a medium through which students of biotechnology in all four years of study can meet and interact.

September saw Biotech Soc's AGM and the election of the now outgoing committee. The committee aimed to organise social events such as parties, club nights, table quizzes and race nights. Several committee meetings were held throughout the year. A Biotech Soc night out was held in October which saw a good turnout from several of the biotech classes. This year the society provided a service through which Biotech hoodies could be ordered by biotech students of all years.

The committee hopes that the society's membership will grow in the coming years through continued effort to promote interaction between biotech students in all years of study and promotion of biotechnology on campus.

Biotech Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

- First Party! » Bazaar on Wednesday, 18th of October.

Our first party of the year! Everyone welcome. Free food and passes to CP's!

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Lisa O'Flynn

Treasurer: Aoife Ward

PR Officer: Marie Conlon

Vice-Auditor: Fiona Murphy

Secretary: Laura Corrigan

Biotech Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	60	Bank charge	€7.56
Members Contributions	€60.5	Entertainment	€50
Societies day	€68	Prizes	€70
USC Grant	€160	Reception	€100
		Expenditure Total	€227.56
		Closing Bank Balance	€120.94
Total	€348.50	Total	€348.50

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 52 members.

Botany Society

The Botany Society aims to promote awareness of botanical and environmental issues and to provide a forum for discussing botanical and related research currently being carried out in Ireland and abroad. The society also acts as a social outlet where staff and students of the Botany Department and people with a non-academic interest in botany can socialise. The society organises talks by speakers from both Ireland and abroad on topics that are both purely botanical and topics that have a direct effect on the flora of Ireland, such as climate change. The society also organised two successful trips this year, including a visit to Kew Gardens and The Eden Project in England.

Botany Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

- **EGM** » C315, Aras De Brún on Tuesday, 24th of October.

- **The Flora & Fauna of Uganda** » C315, Aras De Brún on Tuesday, 31st of October.

Caroline Sullivan will be giving a talk on the flora and fauna of Uganda, based on her time spent there during the summer of 2005. The talk will be followed by a reception.

- **Flora of Co. Kerry** » C315 Aras de Brún on Tuesday, 7th of November.

Caroline Mac Daeid, plant recorder for Co. Kerry, shared her vast knowledge of the flora of this botanically rich county

- **The Eden Project** » Siobhan McKenna on Thursday, 16th of November.

Ian Martin, head curator of the Eden Project, will be giving a talk about the bio-domes, located in Cornwall, in Southwest England, and the collections of plants contained within them. He will also be outlining the goals and objectives of the Eden Project and his plans for creating a dry tropics bio-dome. There will be a reception outside the theatre 15 minutes before the talk begins.

- **BotSoc Paintball Trip** » Limerick on Friday, 17th of November.

- **Using Seaweeds to Classify Shore Types** » C315, Áras De Brún on Thursday, 23rd of November.

Dr Dave John, of the MRI, gave a talk on classifying and surveying shore types using seaweeds, based on his experiences in the Arabian Gulf, West Africa and Patagonia

- **Hunting turloughs in Slovenia** » C315, Aras De Brún on Thursday, 30th of November.

Dr. Micheline Sheehy Skeffington, of the NUIG Botany department will be giving a talk on her recent visit to Slovenia in search of turloughs, similar to those found in the Burren of Co. Clare. The talk will be followed by a reception

- **Rainforest Regeneration in Borneo** » C315, Aras De Brún on Tuesday, 16th of January.

Dr Francis Breaty of Trinity College, Dublin will be giving a talk on the regeneration of the rainforest in central Borneo. Followed by reception.

- **Control of Wild Rhubarb** » C315 Aras de Brún on Tuesday, 23rd of January.

Christina Armstrong is giving a presentation on the control of the Invasive species "Gunnera tinctoria" commonly known as Wild Rhubarb on Achill Island Co. Mayo. All Welcome.

- **Global Warming - Climate Crisis** » C315 Aras de Brún on Tuesday, 30th of January.

This presentation, by Dr. John Stanley, will focus on the facts and harsh realities of climate change, as well as potential solutions.

- **The Water Framework Directive** » C315, Aras de Brún on Tuesday, 6th of February.

Bernadette Ní Cathain, a project environmental scientist, will be giving a talk on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive through the Shannon River Basin District Project. All welcome

- **Eden Project Trip** » England on Saturday, 17th of February.

Trip to England to see Kew Gardens, the Eden Project and the Lost Gardens of Helligan

- **Coillte and Mussel Kills** » C315, Aras De Brún on Tuesday, 20th of February.

Myles Mac Donnacha, of Coillte, will be giving a talk entitled "Did the Butler do it - A Mussel Kill Whodunnit"

- **Farming and the Environment** » C315, Aras De Brún on Tuesday, 20th of March.

Talk given by Seamus O'Mongain of Teagasc on the topic of farming and the environment.

- **AGM** » C315, Aras De Brún on Tuesday, 20th of March.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Kieran Hall
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Staff Liaison: Dr. Dagmar Stengel

Vice-Auditor: Niall Higgins
Secretary: Rory Hodd

Committee 2007/2008

OCM: Kieran McGee
OCM: Maria Shaughnessy
OCM: Yvonne Sice

OCM: Caitriona Horan
OCM: Andrew Mulligan

Botany Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	795.98	Bank charge	€10.03
Members Contributions	€1350	Dinner	€233.7
Socs box	€550	Entry fees	€200
Sponsorship	€354.35	Equipment misc	€30
USC Grant	€3180.33	Gifts	€50
		Received Money Returned	€62.5
		Reception	€576.27
		Returned Socs Money	€312.5
		Society accomm	€860
		Society transport	€2603.74
		Speaker accomm	€120
		Speaker travel	€541
		Expenditure Total	€5599.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€630.92
Total	€6230.66	Total	€6230.66

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 138 members.

Business Society

Our society attempts to get more students thinking about business and opening their mind to new ideas. The business society's goal is to help any student that wants to get involved in business in any form in the future and provide a structure for building contacts. Its objective is to 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 experience 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, the business society accomplishes this.

Our aim is to provide a more practical forum for sharing business knowledge and experience for all members of the University.

Business Society Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

- **Want to learn about Investment Banking?** » Cairns on Wednesday, 27th of September.

Michael Lillis from JP Morgan will be giving a talk on Investment Banking in the Cairns Theatre on the Concourse at 8pm. All welcome!

- **Careers in Accounting and taxation** » IT250 on Thursday, 5th of October.
- **Branding and Customer service** » Cairnes theatre on Wednesday, 11th of October.

Gene Brown of the award winning business; the City Bin Company, talks about "Branding and Customer service, the road to success".

- **Team Building Weekend** » Delphi & Westport on Friday, 13th of October.

Biz Soc go to Delphi and Westport for a team building weekend. Depart from the quad at 7.45am.

- **Celtic Tiger Remastered** » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 25th of October.

Fintan Monahan local entrepreneur talks about the "Celtic Tiger Remastered" - how budding entrepreneurs can make their fortune by second guessing where society is going.

- **Level 5 Leadership-What, How & Why!** » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 1st of November.

MacDara Hosty peak performance coach to the hospitality and service industry speaks on Level 5 Leadership - What, How & Why

- **Making it Today** » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of November.

Impact Media Director, Niall McGarry will focus on the trials and tribulations young entrepreneurs face when setting up a successful business in modern Ireland, where costs to entry are at an all time high, but opportunity is still around every corner. The talk will also focus on the importance of smart marketing in modern business.

- **Commerce Ball Tickets** » Aras na Mac Léinn on Monday, 15th of January.
- **John Boyle of Boyle Sports Betting** » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 17th of January.

John Boyle, founder of Boyle Sports Bookmakers is Bizsoc's first speaker this semester. Boylesports is Ireland's largest independent bookmaker established in 1989. He has a fascinating background and is a very entertaining speaker. It promises to be a good night. Afterwards we are heading to Bazaar for free food and refreshments. Hope to see you there!

- **Bizsoc Commerce Ball 07** » *On your Tickets* on Thursday, 25th of January.

Bizsoc are running the Commerce Ball 2007 This year we have a massive line up, 2 bands - Republic of Loose + The Cheerfuls Special Guest - comedy Dj - Dj Ferg. With close to 1000 attending this promises to be one of the biggest nights of the college year.

- **Bizsoc Barca Trip 07** » Barcelona on Thursday, 1st of February.

Bizsoc goes on tour to Barcelona this year.

- **Ireland's Booming Businesses** » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 28th of February.

We've all heard of the Dixon's, PC World and Curry's brands; now meet the man behind them! Declan Ronayne is General Manager for DSG International plc in Ireland, Europe's leading specialist electrical retailing group. In his three and a half short years with DSG he has gone from strength to strength, working his way up the management ladder. His driving force has influenced the huge market share DSG have claimed within Ireland. He has also worked in markets as diverse as Estonia and France with well known multinational corporations such as Johnson & Johnson and Mars.

- **Declan Ganley-Galway's first Billionaire** » Cairnes theatre on Wednesday, 7th of March.

Declan Ganley's astonishing rise shows a flair for locating the next big idea and then creating the market conditions for take-off. Ganley emigrated from Ireland at 18 and made his first break in London in an insurance brokerage. In 1990 he was exporting Siberian Aluminium to the west via Latvia. Other businesses have included: Kipelova Forestry Enterprises, Capital Route, a pan European executive chauffer company, and three telecoms - Broadnet, Cabletel and today Rivada networks. Don't miss out on you chance to hear his amazing story of success Meeting at 8pm in Cairnes Theatre, this Wednesday, March 7th. Refreshments afterwards in Bazaar. Hope to see you there! Check out www.nuigbizsoc.com for all the latest news and events

- **The Cairnes Review Launch 2007** » Aula Maxima on Wednesday, 14th of March.

The NUI, Galway Business Society is proud to invite you to the launch of our annual publication 'The Cairnes Review'. The launch takes place on March 14th, 2007 at 5.00pm in the Aula Maxima in NUI Galway. Our publication is named after John Elliot Cairnes (1825-1875), the most distinguished economist Ireland has produced. It gives the students of NUIG the invaluable opportunity to write and be published. This year sees the second edition of our annual publication. There is an exceptionally high standard of writing, with a variety of interviews, features and satire. The launch should be an exciting event with Niall O'Brolcháin as guest speaker, the launch of our online Cairnes Review archive, and a donation to local charity, Caride Ethiopia. Food and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there.

- **RedBull X Fighters VIP Tickets** » NUIG College Bar on Wednesday, 21st of March.

BizSoc RedBull X Fighters VIP Ticket Competition! Yes you did hear me right! BizSoc are giving away 2 VIP tickets to what will be this summers most talked about event! BizSoc's RedBull Rockstars! Think you can Sing?! Think you can Dance?! Or just up for a laugh?! Become a Rock star for the night, impress our special guest judge, FlexyStu - world break dancing champion, and be in with a chance of winning these tickets. Join us at the NUIG College Bar on Wednesday 21st March - 9pm.

- **Habitat for Humanity Charity Night** » Halo Night Club on Thursday, 22nd of March.

A group of 23 students from NUIG will be going to Ghana this summer with Habitat for Humanity building houses for those less fortunate. As part of their fund-raising efforts they will be running a charity night in Halo on Thursday 22nd March in association with BizSoc. Doors are open from 10.30 to 11.30.

Tickets for this night cost €6 and are available from the Socs Box or any Ghana Team member. This is a 'ticket only' event and you will not be able to pay at the door on the night.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Paul Brennan

Treasurer: David Lynch

Communications: Shane Duffy

Vice-Auditor: Sinead Barry

Secretary: Marie O'Gorman

PRO: Maria Moran

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Marie O'Gorman

Treasurer: Kate Monohan

OCM: Sarah Callanan

OCM: Ronan Neacy

OCM: James Sammon

Speakers Convener: Neil Harte

Vice-Auditor: Grainne O'Connor

Secretary: Christina Browne

OCM: Erris Cawley

OCM: Roddy O'Connor

OCM: Shane Duffy

PRO: Rachel Geary

BizSoc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	922.92	Ball	€1875.65
Members Contributions	€2279.5	Bank charge	€96.05
Sponsorship	€14150	Dinner	€436.45
USC Grant	€5695.4	Entertainment	€1114.6
		Entry fees	€4590
		Equipment misc	€34
		Fundraising/charity	€2150
		Materials	€36.15
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€470

		Printing	€2762.01
		Prizes	€140
		Promotions	€820.2
		Received Money Returned	€60
		Reception	€2280.95
		Society accomm	€268
		Society transport	€4260
		Socs day expenses	€313
		Speaker accomm	€356.7
		Stationary	€244.47
		Expenditure Total	€22308.23
		Closing Bank Balance	€739.59
Total	€23047.82	Total	€23047.82

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 330 members and we have submitted our list of members to the Societies Office.

ALIVE Participants Business Society		
Christina Browne	OCM	10 hours
Paul Brennan	Auditor	300 hours
# Hours Volunteered:	310 hours	

Chemistry Society

The Chemistry Society for 2006/2007 has held a series of educational guest lectures aimed at both staff and postgraduates as well as organising various social events during the year.

Chemistry Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 20 events.

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, 12th of September.
"Radical Polymerization involving reactive end groups" Prof. Bunichiro Yamada, Kobé University
- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Thursday, 12th of October.
"Organometallic Chemistry" Prof. Tony Manning, UCD
- **Induction Night** » 4th year classroom on Thursday, 19th of October.
Welcome party for new postgrads in the department
- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Thursday, 16th of November.
"The reach of chemical regulation" Prof. Mike Hynes, NUIG
- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, 21st of November.
"Combustion of sustainable fuels- A chemical kinetic perspective" Dr. Philippe Dagaut, CNRS
- **Christmas party** » Morgan's, Forster St. on Monday, 18th of December.

The Christmas party will start in the 4th year classroom with snacks. Kris Kringle presents will be handed out by a surprise guest! The party will then move to Morgan's in the city.

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Thursday, 11th of January.

"New strategies for glycosylated biomarker discovery" Dr. Pauline Rudd, UCD

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, 13th of February.

"Coordination behaviour of molybdocene dichloride towards biomolecules" Dr. Andrea Erxleben, NUIG

- **4th year undergrad party** » 4th year classroom on Thursday, 15th of February.

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Friday, 2nd of March.

"The identification and application of fluorinase-A fluorination enzyme" Dr. David O'Hagen, University of St. Andrews

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Friday, 2nd of March.

Dr. Reggie Shaw, Managing Director of Weyth

- **RSC visit** » Masters classroom on Monday, 12th of March.

A recruitment and information visit from a representative of the Royal Society of Chemistry

- **Table Quiz** » College bar on Monday, 12th of March.

A table quiz will be held in the college bar with the proceeds going to Goal.

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Thursday, 22nd of March.

"Green chemistry- The photochemical approach" Dr. Michael Oelgemoeller, DCU

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, 27th of March.

"Dynamic Interfaces- Synthetic approaches to controlling surface morphologies" Prof. Michael Brook, University of McMaster

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture theatre on Tuesday, 3rd of April.

"Carbohydrate Chips" Prof. Dr. Richard Schmidt, University Konstanz

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Thursday, 12th of April.

"Anti-cancer compounds" Dr. Karl Hemming

- **Talk** » Dillon Lecture Theatre on Thursday, 19th of April.

"Separation Science" Dr. Susan Lunte

- **Chemolympics** » Sports Hall on Friday, 20th of April.

A number of teams will battle it out in the Chemolympics over a range of different sports.

- **Weekend away** » Killaloe on Friday, 27th of April.

This year the Chemsoc weekend away will be held in Killaloe. The mystery activity will take place in the UL Activity Centre.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Peter Dunne

Treasurer: Grainne Black

Recording Secretary: Lorraine Gilchreest

PRO: Darren Healy

Corresponding Secretary: Susan Boland

PRO: Liz O'Donovan

Chemistry Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3029.98	Bank charge	€61.59
Members Contributions	€1388.43	Dinner	€1116.9
Sponsorship	€2805.16	Entertainment	€1452
Ticket Sales	€431.3	Entry fees	€729.1
USC Grant	€2390.25	Equipment misc	€642.6
		Fundraising/charity	€300

		Gifts	€302.3
		Materials	€111.93
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€33
		Prizes	€25
		Reception	€1451.2
		Society accomm	€1388
		Speaker travel	€126.7
		Expenditure Total	€7740.32
		Cash In Hand	€174.5
		Closing Bank Balance	€2130.3
Total	€10045.12	Total	€10045.12

Other Information

We held 35 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 100 members.

Chess Society

The Chess society of NUIG is designed to improve its member's chess understanding and exposure. We provide this by means of chess lectures, weekly meeting at Smokey's Joe, plethora of tournaments and competitions, simultaneous games by masters and many others. It may sound boring but we organise this in a way that it is enjoyable, informal and friendly, and most importantly memorable to our members.

By far, we have many promising players that have won many tournaments and competition either in Ireland or abroad. Notably, European Chess Cup qualifier, 4th in the intervarsity championship, 3 times Galway Blitz Champion, 2nd in Galway Winter League, 2nd in Cork Chess Congress, 2nd in Galway Chess Congress and grading prizes winner in many other tournaments. Having said that, we have 3 players that are in the Irish top 100 and 10 players in the Irish top 500.

We also have a sense of togetherness in our society. You can find a freaky nerdy student doing their PHD(permanent head damage) to a punk rock student playing chess at Smokey's during our weekly meeting. Annually, we have a society trip, yes a society trip but not to a serious place that is related to chess but to any place that can soothe our mind and enhance our brain activity for the sake of our mental development and health.

Interestingly, we do not limit our society to a one dimensional society, yet we provide our members the opportunity to explore chess in different angles like in music during the musical week of NUIG, human chess whereby real humans become the chess pieces and acting some dramas following the immortal game of Tal, fundraising during rag week and last but not least organising chess competitions in the college or local schools.

This year we also completely redesigned our website which gives it a contemporary, accessible feel and offers methods of discussing and improving your "game". www.chess.nuig.ie

We had a lecture by the world top junior, Grandmaster Gawain Jones who is at the moment 18 years old.

We also sold chess hoodies for the first time and it turned out they would be sold out only in the first three months.

Moreover, the chess society has donated 70 new chess books worth €1000 in the NUIG main library and 4 chess sets to charity.

There is no better way to improve our brain than to use and practise it. You can do it in the Chess Society!!!

Chess Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 30 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:

- Chess Games ran for 8 weeks in Smokey Joes, beginning on Wednesday, 11/10/2006.
 - Weekly Meeting ran for 16 weeks in Smokey Joe's, beginning on Wednesday, 10/1/2007.
- Drop in and have fun playing some games of chess. Apart from socialising, you can also generate your brain and concentration power by taking your chess development up a notch.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 6 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Human Chess Game** » Giant Chessboard at Salthill on Saturday, 16/9/2006.
Ok, so it's a game of chess... but with people instead of pieces! Yes, it's been done before, but it was quite successful. So we'll try again tomorrow. No rehearsals, you just have to improvise your acting skills. You don't have to know how to play... Just meet out at the giant chessboard in Salthill before 2:30...
- **Galway Chess Congress** » The Great Southern Hotel on Friday, 29/9/2006.
The annual Galway Chess Congress will be held in The Great Southern Hotel this Friday. Any further information can be obtained at www.galwaychess.net
- **Chess Lecture** » Mc Munn Theatre, Concourse on Thursday, 9/11/2006.
Hey folks, The NUIG Chess Soc is going to organise a lecture by FM Yury Rochev this Thursday(9th November 2006). Yury is the undisputed strongest chess player here in Galway rated 2360. Here is the lecture details: Topic :e4 & e5 openings (lecture handouts will be provided) Date :9th November 2006 Duration:90 minutes Fee : 5 euro per person(free for NUIG students) Venue : Mc Munn Theatre, NUIG - (If you do not know the place, call me when you are at NUIG vicinity)-zaidan : 085-1474615
- **Musical Human Chess Meeting** » Smokey Joe's on Monday, 20/11/2006.
Just a meeting to see who's interested in taking part in the human chess musical we're organising with GUMS as part of Múscailt, and to explain what the general plan is. Rehearsals, as it were, won't start until January - so take a brief break from the study and drop down for ten minutes...
- **Musical Human Chess Meeting** » Smokey Joe's on Tuesday, 21/11/2006.
- **Chess Lecture on Endgames** » IT125 G on Tuesday, 6/3/2007.
A lecture on chess ending will be given by Fide Master Yury Rochev.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Zaidan Zulkipli

Vice-Auditor: Fintan Hegarty

Treasurer: Mark Jennings

Secretary: Christopher Greene

Edu. Off./P.R.O: Hillary Waldron

Equipment Officer/P.R.O: Amin Shamsudin

Secretary 1: Sheila Bingkasan

Webmaster: Che Nor Azmi

Events & Society Development: Mohd Borhanuddin Helmy Zanail

Equipment Officer/P.R.O: Mohd Shafiq Neasiman

Editor: Nurfarhani Rosli

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Mark Jennings

Treasurer: Amin Shamsudin

Vice-Auditor: Chris

Secretary: Fintan Hegarty

Chess Soc Balance Sheet - 2005/2006			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	€0	Affil/Mem fees	€300
Fundraising	€800	Entry fees	€209
Members Contributions	€80	Fundraising/charity	€800
USC Grant	€839	Prizes	€100
		Reception	€100
		Society accomm	€210
		Expenditure Total	€1719
		Closing Bank Balance	€0
Total	€1719	Total	€1719

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 154 members but we have not yet submitted a list of these members to the Societies Office.

ALIVE Participant Chess Society		
Hilary Waldron	Pro/Education Officer	25 hours
Hours Volunteered:	25 hours	

Chocolate Society

The chocolate society was developed for those who love and are passionate about chocolate in all its forms. There was great enthusiasm from the student body on societies day with many signing up to be members of this unique society.

Chocolate Society Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

- **EGM** » AC201 on Wednesday, 20th of September.
- **Chocolate Society Meeting** » Mixers Bar on Tuesday, 10th of October.

Committee 2006/2007

Treasurer: Ross Lydon

General Member: Emily Gravelle

General Member: Dearbhaile Dooley

General Member: Lisa Harney

General Member: Letitia Browne

Secretary: Stephanie Pilinko

General Member: Grace O'Shea

General Member: Andrea Kozyrski

General Member: Sheena Furey

General Member: Regina Donnellan

Chocolate Society Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	676.1	Bank charge	€27.94
Bank Charge	€5.2		
USC Grant	€100		
		Expenditure Total	€27.94
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€753.36
Total	€781.3	Total	€781.3

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1014 members but we have submitted a list of these members to the Societies Office.

Choral Society

This year the Choral Society has gone through a tremendous amount of growth and changes by way of musical expression and also by way of committee and directional changes.

At Christmas, we said goodbye to our conductor of four years Peter Mannion who led the choir to national and international recognition in Choral competitions. He also secured the choir a place in the Choral Olympics in Austria which we hope to compete in next year. Peter has gone on to pursue his music interests elsewhere and we wish him all the best.

We welcomed in our new conductor Thomas Cryan in January. Chosen from within the choir, Thomas' wide-ranging musical background made him an obvious choice to continue on the Choral society's success. With his confident approach and attention to detail he has produced a new quality and style to the choir.

In November we competed in the Sligo International Choral festival and chaperoned a visiting choir, the Princeton Katzenjammers, over the weekend. On the Friday we competed in the folk section singing a traditional song 'Siuil a Ruin' and 'Come Shepherd's Come'. The Girl's choir conducted and run by Clio Minogue and Fiona Kenny sang in the 'female voices' section of the competition on Saturday afternoon singing 'Cailis De' composed by Padhraic Mac Ciolla Cheara and Mr Sandman. They placed 3rd in their section and were delighted with their result. The main choir competed in the international competition on Saturday evening singing three pieces 'Sleep' by Eric Whitacre, 'Komm Susser Todd' by Bach and 'Chant to bring back the wolf' one of the Magic Songs written by R. Murray Schafer. The Magic Song 'Chant to bring back the wolf' performance went down a storm with the audience members and judges, being as highly unusual as it was.

At the very end of November we had our annual winter concert in St Nicholas' Church. This was to be our final recital under Peter's direction and proved an emotive moment for all involved. We raised the roof in that church and created something quite magical and unique for our friends and family alike.

That same day the choir was recorded for broadcast on Lyric Fm which gained us some experience in media related projects and helped advertise the choir.

Our first performance of the New Year was in February when we performed for Múscailt under the direction of Thomas Cryan. We sang a programme of contrasting pieces including 'Down by the Sally gardens', 'Hallelujah' and 'La La La je ne l'ose dire' and it was a thoroughly enjoyed event by those in attendance.

In March we visited the great city of Limerick where we competed in the Limerick Festival of Choral Music in the Sacred Music category. We sang 'A Clare benediction' by John Rutter and 'Hallelujah' by Bill Derksen. We were placed 3rd in the competition and were delighted by our performance. The judge's comments were that we had a delightful contrast between our two pieces and that we had a well blended sound and fantastic energy.

To end this fantastic year the choir are performing a spring concert in St. Nicholas' church for our family and friends and members of the general public.

New developments have included the use of line CD's and pre-recorded versions of our songs helping members learn our music faster and easier and making our practises run more smoothly. The occasional trip to the college bar also creates a casual atmosphere and fosters friendships among members. Communicating with the choir via email and text messages proved very successful this year. The makeover of the Choral Society's website by one of our committee members; Maggie Lalor, was a success and gave us scope to develop a fresh, new image for the choir. We also participated in a Saturday workshop with leading international instructor Greg Beardsell who gave us some valuable techniques as regards projection and breathing in preparation for our competitions later on in the year.

2007 also provided an opportunity for students to become part of the first auditioned choir in NUI Galway i.e. Cantoiri Colaiste na Gaillimhe organised and directed by Ms. Clio Minogue.

In March, the Chamber choir performed on the TG4 programme Ardán singing two pieces 'Geantraí' by Michael McGlynn and 'Ar n-Athair' a piece commissioned for the choir by David Hamilton.

In April the Chamber choir will journey to Letterkenny to compete in the Pan Celtic Festival - Oireachtas Na Gael where they will sing 'Geantraí' by Michael McGlynn and 'Ar n-Athair' by David Hamilton.

In May the Chamber Choir will travel to London to join in the Really Big Chorus Competition; The Scratch® Brahms Requiem where we will be participating in The Scratch® Choral Challenge in the Royal Albert Hall. They will perform Brahms requiem as well as 3 pieces of their own choosing - Ravel's 'Nicolette', Michael McGlynn's 'Geantraí' and 'Se hvor Klarner det nu opp pa jorden' by Vestoppland Kammerkor.

The Choral Society has gone from strength to strength this year due to the hard work and dedication of all its members and we are excited to see what next year has to offer us; more competitions and the choral Olympics.

Choral Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 36 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:

- Choir Practice ran for 12 weeks in Chapel, beginning on Tuesday, 5/9/2006.
- Choir Practice ran for 16 weeks in College Chapel, beginning on Tuesday, 16/1/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 8 special events. These events were as follows:

- Sligo International Choral Festival » Sligo on Saturday, 4/11/2006.
- Lyric Fm recording » NUI Galway on Saturday, 25/11/2006.
- Winter Concert » St. Nicholas Church on Saturday, 25/11/2006.
- Múscailt -Choral concert » Siobhán McKenna on Friday, 9/2/2007.
- Limerick Choral Festival » Limerick on Friday, 2/3/2007.
- Ardan Performance » RTE studios, Dublin on Sunday, 11/3/2007.
- Spring Concert » St. Nicholas' Church on Friday, 30/3/2007.
- Pan-Celtic Festival-Oireachtas na Gael » Letterkenny on Saturday, 14/4/2007.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Sharon Hughes

Treasurer: Hilary Carter

General Member: Laura Dolan

Ladies Choir Conductor: Fiona Kenny

Conductor: Thomas Cryan

Vice-Auditor: Pearl Brady

Secretary: Anne-Marie Gough

Co-Treasurer: Lesley Darcy

Webmaster: Maggie Lalor

CCG Conductor: Clio Minogue

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Sharon Hughes

Secretary: Anne-Marie Gough

Conductor: Thomas Cryan

Treasurer: Hilary Carter

General member: Laura Dolan

Co-treasurer: Lesley Darcy

Choral Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	4867.72	Ball	€930
Members Contributions	€2459.15	Bank charge	€104.23
Socs box	€531.5	Dinner	€150
Sponsorship	€640	Entertainment	€600
Ticket Sales	€758.9	Entry fees	€661.9
USC Grant	€7217.6	Equipment misc	€230
		Hall hire	€640
		Hire Bus	€400
		Lights	€100
		Materials	€80.7
		Received Money Returned	€119
		Scores	€809
		Set	€750
		Society accomm	€4498
		Society transport	€4495.12

		Socs day expenses	€440
		Sound	€120
		Speaker travel	€247
		Teacher fees	€1287.49
		Expenditure Total	€15732.44
		Closing Bank Balance	€742.43
Total	€16474.87	Total	€16474.87

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 90 members.

ALIVE Participants Choral Society		
Anne-marie Gough	Secretary	40 hours
Sharon Hughes	Auditor	43 hours
Thomas Cryan	Conductor	60 hours
Hilary Carter	Treasurer	25 hours
Hours Volunteered:	168 hours	

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 7.30pm in the common room of the college chapel.

Christian Union Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 26 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:

- Meeting ran for 9 weeks in College Chapel (common room), beginning on Wednesday, 4/10/2006.
- Weekly Meeting ran for 13 weeks in The College Chapel, beginning on Wednesday, 24/1/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

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

- ICON » Kilkenny on Tuesday, 31/10/2006.
Gathering of Christian unions from all around Ireland for seminars, guest speaker and just for a time of relaxation.
- Joint Colleges » Avoca on Friday, 2/2/2007.
Gathering of Christian Union groups from around Ireland for a weekend in the beautiful setting of Wicklow

- Glad You Asked » College Chapel (common room) on Wednesday, 28/2/2007.

This meeting is a chance to discuss the question 'Why does God allow pain?' There will be a DVD presentation, with intermittent discussions on said question. There will also be (free) food before the discussion and some tea and coffee afterwards. Hope you can make it!

- Econ » Dublin on Monday, 2/4/2007.

Leadership training conference

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Naomi Black

Vice-Auditor: Muireann O'Loughlin

Treasurer: Helen lane

Secretary: Alice Dawson

Music coordinator: Declan Kelly

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Muireann O'Loughlin

Vice-Auditor: Alice Dawson

Treasurer: Rosemary Fish

Secretary: Naomi Black

Music Co-ordinator: Nathan Dancey

Christian Union Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	124.52	Affill/Mem fees	€20
Members Contributions	€330.6	Bank charge	€18.42
Sponsorship	€925	Dinner	€120
USC Grant	€3102.95	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€146.85
		Received Money Returned	€925
		Reception	€18.15
		Society accomm	€1859.5
		Society transport	€453.5
		Socs day expenses	€10
		Speaker travel	€518
		Stationary	€35.8
		Expenditure Total	€4125.22
		Closing Bank Balance	€357.85
Total	€4483.07	Total	€4483.07

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 64 members.

ALIVE Participants Christian Union Society		
Helen Lane	Treasurer	120 hours
Naomi Black	Auditor	120 hours
Muireann O'Loughlin	Vice Auditor/ Secretary	120 hours
Hours Volunteered:	360 hours	

Classics Society

The Classics Society is dedicated to increasing its members' knowledge of the classical world. Throughout the year the society, along with the Classics Department, hosted a series of talks by visiting lecturers from both Irish and foreign institutes of learning. Also, in the second semester, we travelled abroad for a few days to a place of classical interest. This year it was Sicily.

On top of this we organise social nights such as films, parties etc. The society is always welcoming to new members. And remember, you don't have to be studying Classics to join!

Classics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

- **E.G.M.** » The Hub on Tuesday, 26th of September.
- **Guest Lecturer** » O'Thnúthail Theatre, AMB on Tuesday, 3rd of October.
"Love, Death and the Ancient Imagination" - a lecture by Prof. David Scourfield (NUI Maynooth). Reception to follow in the Classics Department.
- **Film Night - Troy** » Cairnes Theatre (Concourse) on Tuesday, 10th of October.
- **Film Night - Gladiator** » Cairnes Theatre (Concourse) on Tuesday, 17th of October.
- **Guest Lecturer** » Fottrell Theatre (AMB) on Wednesday, 25th of October.
"Making the New Hollywood Classics: Secrets, Lies and Tales from Development Hell" A behind-the-scenes look at the screenwriting of classical films. Everyone welcome. Reception to follow.
- **Special Lecture** » McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 21st of November.
- **Classics Christmas Party!** » Morgan's Bar, Fosters Court Hotel on Thursday, 23rd of November.
- **Guest Lecturer** » Dillon Theatre (Concourse) on Wednesday, 17th of January.
Dr. Noreen Humble (Dept. of Classics in UCC) is giving a lecture entitled "Spartan Women: feminist forerunners or traditional wives?" It should prove to be an interesting talk.... Reception afterwards in the Classics Dept. (Tower 2)
- **Special Lecture** » Fottrell Theatre, AMB on Tuesday, 13th of February.
NUIG's own Professor Brian Arkins will be speaking on 'Appropriating Seneca's tragedies: the case of Shakespeare' at 7pm. Reception in the Classics department at 6pm. All welcome!
- **The Margaret Heavey Memorial Lecture** » IT 250 on Monday, 5th of March.
This is an annual lecture in memory of Margaret Heavey, this year presented by Prof. Stephen Harrison of the University of Oxford. His lecture is entitled 'History, Politics and the Aeneid'. Reception to follow.
- **Guest Lecturer** » Siobhan McKenna Theatre (AMB) on Tuesday, 27th of March.
Prof. Brian Campbell of Queens University Belfast gives a lecture entitled "The soul that filled the whole landscape". Rivers and People in the Roman World. Last in our current series of lectures for this college year. Reception to follow.
- **Sicily Trip** » Sicily on Sunday, 1st of April.
The Classics Society's Annual Trip Abroad! This time we're taking in the sights of Sicily.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Linda Jardine
Treasurer: Patricia Bergan
P.R.O.: Laura Crean
G.C.M.: Deirdre Costello

Vice-Auditor: Natasha Dillon-Leetch
Secretary: Jane O'Dwyer
G.C.M.: Russell O'Regan

Committee 2007/2008

Vice-Auditor: Sarah Murphy
Secretary: Deirdre Costello

Treasurer: Patricia Bergan
P.R.O.: Laura Crean

Classics Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2002.36	Bank charge	€20.38
Bank refund	€136.75	Dinner	€1208
Members Contributions	€6355	Entertainment	€60
USC Grant	€5945	Entry fees	€270
		Gifts	€179.4
		Reception	€616.11
		Society accomm	€3370
		Society transport	€6879.18
		Socs day expenses	€36.85
		Speaker accomm	€90
		Stationary	€6
		Teacher fees	€167.63
		Expenditure Total	€12903.55
		Closing Bank Balance	€1535.56
Total	€14439.11	Total	€14439.11

Other Information

We held 11 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 301 members.

Comedy Society

The Comedy Society put on one show this year in college - a sketch show written by members which allowed two of our new members to perform stand-up, both for the first time. We also helped our active members gain stand-up slots in the comedy clubs around Galway such as De Burgo's, Cuba and the Róisín Dubh.

Comedy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

- **Múscailt Comedy Show** » Bank of Ireland theatre on Tuesday, 6th of February.

An hilarious night of stand-up and sketch comedy written and performed by the members of NUI Galway's own Comedy Society.

Your chance to see up-and-coming talent from a troupe that has national experience, individual members having performed in Dublin, Galway and Waterford to name but a few venues and who have appeared alongside such acts as Colin Murphy, David O'Doherty, Neil Delamare, Joe Rooney, Ardal O'Hanlon, Jason Byrne and Des Bishop. Catch them now before they're famous and sucked into a pool of their own vanity!

This event requires tickets, the cost of which is €3.00, and they will be available from the Socs Box Office in the Hub

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Kieran Lawless
P.R.O: Karen Walsh

Vice-Auditor: Giles Brody

Comedy Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	94	Bank charge	€0.04
Muscailt	€100	Equipment misc	€100
Socs box	€153		
		Expenditure Total	€100.04
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€246.96
Total	€347	Total	€347

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 382 members.

Complementary Therapy Society

The society was set up to give university students and staff the chance to explore the world of complementary therapies. We are hosting information sessions on different areas of such therapies in a relaxed and comfortable environment. We strive to make people aware of the benefits of natural energies in our world.

Complementary Therapy Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 20 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:

- Dance Therapy ran for 6 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 25/10/2006. Bernie Dively facilitates some creative expression of the body in a safe environment. The best thing you could do this week. Come and see.
- Dance Therapy ran for 12 weeks in Bank Of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 10/1/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 2 special events. These events were as follows:

- Food for Thought » AC 213 on Tuesday, 24/10/2006.

A discussion guided by Donal Gannon, nutrition guru, on 'a less than conventional approach to eating for health'. Good food served.

- Learn about Kinesiology » AC 213 on Tuesday, 7/11/2006.

Come hear an exciting talk on kinesiology and how it applies to student life! Kinesiology is a non-invasive holistic therapy that assesses the life force energy of the body and functions by muscle response testing. Kinesiology is an exciting field of complementary therapy that addresses the whole person on their path to health. All are welcome!

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ciara Brady

Vice-Auditor: Eoin Bowles

Treasurer: Kristin Rajala

Secretary: Andi Ludden Reilly

Liaisons officer: Amanda Dameshghi

PRO: Fiona Coyle

Complementary Therapy Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	436.83	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€25
Greenform	€450	Received Money Returned	€13.33
Members Contributions	€139.1	Speaker accomm	€265
USC Grant	€710	Teacher fees	€890
		Expenditure Total	€1193.33
		Closing Bank Balance	€542.6
Total	€1735.93	Total	€1735.93

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 96 members.

Computer Society

The society have had numerous events throughout the year, the most notable being the "International Talk Like A Pirate Day" which was held the day before societies day at the start of the college year. Society members dressed up in pirate garb shouting "Yarr", "Walk the plank", "Shiver me timbers" as well as other words from the pirate lexicon around campus - startling a few people - selling eye patches, and fighting Cystic Fibrosis the only way pirates know how: by shouting at it with colourful words steeped in metaphor and simile. The society raised €800 for Cystic Fibrosis Ireland from 'Talk Like A Pirate Day'. During the summer we ran a very successful Schools Outreach program, which was welcomed by the schools who attended and we hope to have another one during the summer. We showed mainly secondary school students exciting things one can do with a computer such as; networking - with practical simulations on the computer and in real life (one person pretended to be a data packet who had to communicate between two people pretending to be computers, and one student pretending to be a server having to deal with numerous HTTP requests), creating and editing videos on a Mac - with thanks to Galmac, flash, game design, robotics, video conferencing, and computer hardware.

The Youth Outreach day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved, both the schools and the volunteers. During the year, we ran numerous gaming events. Most notably the "Wii Gaming" event which took place upstairs in the college bar. The Wii gaming event was very well received as the console had just started being sold in Ireland, so people got to see how it looked and how much fun it is to play - especially the boxing! As like most years, we ran a workshop on basic Linux using Putty on Riviera (our new server which replaced Frink) which was held in the Arts Faculty Suite in the Physics Dept. We showed users how to check emails with Mutt, write documents using Vi and Nano, checking who is on the server using who, 'w' and finger, uploading files to their own personal CompSoc web space (using WinSCP), screen, back grounding and foregrounding jobs, Talk, Hey, as well as IRC using IRSSI. New users as well as veterans to Linux found the workshop very informative and well presented. We also ran numerous LAN gaming events in the Hub, primarily playing Counter Strike, which was also well received by all who attended and this also provided a relaxed, fun environment for people to ask questions about the society and for feedback from the committee. We hope to continue with more LAN's in the coming college year.

CompSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

- International Talk Like a Pirate Day » All over Campus!! on Thursday, 14th of September.
- Reception and Gaming » The Hub, Aras na MacLeinn on Wednesday, 27th of September.
- Laptop LAN » The Hub on Wednesday, 4th of October.
- Laptop LAN » The Hub on Tuesday, 24th of October.
- Meeting and Linux Workshop » Arts Computer Suite on Tuesday, 7th of November.
- Laptop LAN » The Hub on Tuesday, 14th of November.
- Wii Gaming » College Bar on Friday, 12th of January.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: David Gilmore
Treasurer: Colm McLean

Vice-Auditor: Patrick O'Flaherty
Secretary: Nicholas Geoghegan

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Patrick O'Flaherty
Treasurer: Nathan Shaughnessy

Vice-Auditor: Nicholas Geoghegan
Secretary: Andrew Regan

Compsoc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1640.59	Bank charge	€8.62
Bank Charge	€8.62	Dinner	€443.48
Members Contributions	€1020.5	Reception	€20.4
Sponsorship	€2542	Society transport	€22.7
		Expenditure Total	€495.2
		Closing Bank Balance	€4716.51
Total	€5211.71	Total	€5211.71

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 800 members.

Cumann de Barra

Cumann de Barra, the university Fianna Fáil Cumann, had an unprecedented year this year. The year started with a record number of sign ups on Socs Day and this enthusiasm continued through the year within our weekly meetings and through our other events like the Drive Safety Campaign run on campus for which Cumann de Barra picked up the AIB Event of Excellence Award. Unfortunately at the end of semester one we lost our Hon. President Cllr. Michael Leahy to illness. The Cumann also had the honour of hosting Ógra Fianna Fáil's National Youth Conference in the Ardilaun House Hotel in February. Here the Cumann achieved the feat of being the first to retain the Gobhnait O'Connell award for best Ógra unit of the year. Furthermore all candidates from the Cumann put forward for election at the conference were successful. Cumann de Barra also sent large numbers to both the party's Ard Fheiseanna which took place in the academic year showing the strength the Cumann has risen over the past number of years.

Cumann de Barra Events

This year the society held a total of 34 events.

- **Guest Speaker- Minister Frank Fahey TD** » AC204 on Monday, 25th of September.

Minister Frank Fahey TD is a Fianna Fáil politician in the constituency of Galway West. He was a school teacher before being elected to Dáil Éireann in the February 1982 General Election. In 1987 he was appointed Minister for Sport. Fahey served in Seánad Éireann from 1992-1997 and re-entered Dáil Éireann in 1997. At that stage he was appointed Junior Minister with Special Responsibility for Children. In 2000, Fahey was appointed to the Cabinet as Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources. After the Government was re-elected in 2002, Fahey was appointed Junior Minister at the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, where he currently remains. Fahey is one of three Fianna Fáil candidates who will be contesting the up-coming General Election in the Constituency of Galway West.

- **Minister Síle de Valera TD** » AC204 on Monday, 2nd of October.

Minister Síle de Valera TD was born in 1954 and was first elected to Dáil Éireann, as a Fianna Fáil Representative, in 1977. She was elected for the Dublin Mid-County Constituency and two years later she was elected to the European Parliament. She held her seat in that constituency until 1981. The boundaries were then re-drawn and she sought re-election in Dublin South. Despite polling well, de Valera narrowly failed to get elected. In 1987 de Valera was elected to Dáil Éireann from Clare, a constituency which her Grandfather, Eamon de Valera represented from 1917-1959. She has been re-elected in Clare at each subsequent General Election. In 1993 de Valera resigned from Fianna Fáil due to the removal of the 'stopover' at Shannon Airport. When she rejoined the party in 1994, the new Leader of Fianna Fáil, Bertie Ahern, appointed her to the front bench. In 1997 she became Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands. In 2002 she was appointed a Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, where she currently remains. Síle de Valera comes from a famed political dynasty. She is the granddaughter of Fianna Fáil founder, first Taoiseach and third President of Ireland, Eamon de Valera. She is a niece of the former TD Vivion de Valera and is a first cousin of the current Minister for Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs, Éamon Ó Cuív. On 11 November 2005, she announced her intention to stand down from Dáil Éireann at the next election. On the 22 February 2006 she announced that she will resign as a junior minister at the end of the year.

- **Senator Margaret Cox** » AC204 on Monday, 9th of October.

Senator Margaret Cox was elected, in 1997, to the 21st Seanad by the Industrial and Commercial Panel. During this term, she acted as Government Spokesperson for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in the Seánad. She was re-elected by this panel at the 2002 General Election. Since then, she has acted as Government Spokesperson in the Seánad for Social, Community and Family Affairs.

- **Minister Noel Dempsey** » Meet at the Archway @ 11.30 am on Thursday, 12th of October.

Noel Dempsey T.D. is a National Treasurer of Fianna Fáil and serves in Cabinet as Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources. His rise to national prominence has its foundations firmly in local politics in the Constituency of Meath. Noel had been involved at that level since his late teens and he is now the Fianna Fáil standard bearer in the constituency. Throughout his career in both local and national politics, Noel's decisiveness is his hallmark. He is also regarded as forward thinking, motivated and disciplined. Appointed Minister for Communications, Marine & Natural Resources in September 2004, former Minister for Education and Science.

Member Forum for Peace and Reconciliation and Delegation Co-ordinator. Fianna Fáil spokesman for the Environment 1994 - 1997. Government Chief Whip 1992 - 1994. Minister of State in the Department of An Taoiseach, Defence and Finance 1992 - 1994. Former Minister for the Environment and Local Government 1997 - 2002, Member and Chairman of Meath County Council, Meath V.E.C. and Trim U.D.C.

- **Cllr Michael Crowe** » AC204 on Monday, 16th of October.

Councillor Michael Crowe is a member of the Galway City Council. Having been elected as an independent Councillor in the 2004 Local Election (topping the poll in his ward), Councillor Crowe became a member of Fianna Fáil in March 2006. He is now a candidate for Fianna Fáil in the upcoming General Election in the constituency of Galway West.

- **Senator Timmy Dooley** » AC204 on Monday, 23rd of October.

Senator Timmy Dooley was born in 1969 and is a member of the 22nd Seanad Éireann for Fianna Fáil. He was elected by the Administrative panel.

- **Cumann de Barra Drive Safely Campaign** » NUI Galway on Monday, 6th of November.
- **How's my Driving?** » Leaves from Aras Uí Cathail every 20 min on Monday, 6th of November.

This event is part of Cumann de Barra's (Fianna Fáil NUIG) Drive Safely Campaign. The Advanced School of Irish Motoring is taking students for a twenty minute drive around the campus and they will rate how good/bad your driving is. In order to participate, all you have to do is turn up! Please bring your full drivers license with you.

- **Launch of Drive Safely Campaign** » Aras na Mac Léinn on Monday, 6th of November.

Cumann de Barra, Fianna Fáil NUIG, is running a drive safely campaign for the week beginning Monday 6th. There are several events planned for the week and at 12 noon on Monday Ministers Eamon O'Cuiv, Frank Fahey, and Pat 'the Cope' Gallagher will launch the Campaign. All welcome and food and refreshments afterwards.

- **Drive Safely QUIZ** » College Bar on Monday, 6th of November.
- **Extraction Scene** » Outside college bar on Thursday, 9th of November.

As part of the Cumann de Barra (Fianna Fáil NUIG) Drive Safely Campaign, the Galway Fire Brigade is doing an extraction scene outside the College Bar at 12 noon on Thursday November 9th. Everyone is welcome to come along and see how they work!

- **How's my Driving?** » Leaves from Aras Uí Cathail every 20 min on Friday, 10th of November.
- **Minister Mary Coughlan TD** » AC203 on Thursday, 16th of November.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food, Mary Coughlan TD, is visiting Cumann de Barra as a guest speaker. Minister Coughlan was first elected to Dáil Éireann in 1986, at the age of just 21. She represents the Dáil constituency of Donegal South West. She comes from a political dynasty, her father and uncle having served as TD's for the constituency also. In 2001 Minister Coughlan was appointed Minister of State at the Dept. of Arts, Culture, Gaeltacht and the Islands. In 2002 she was appointed to the Cabinet as Minister for Social and Family Affairs. In 2004, when the Taoiseach re-shuffled the cabinet, Minister Coughlan was appointed as Minister for Agriculture and Food, where she presently remains. She is the youngest member of the Cabinet.

- **Mr. Colin Joyce** » AC204 on Monday, 20th of November.

Mr. Colin Joyce is a member of the Fianna Fáil Ard Chomhairle. He was first elected to the Committee of Twenty in 2004. He was re-elected in Killarney last October. He is also a member of the Rules and Procedures sub-committee of the Ard Chomhairle.

- **Christmas Party** » The Cellar Bar, Eglinton on Friday, 15th of December.
- **Candidate Canvass** » Quad on Tuesday, 9th of January.
- **Meeting** » AC204 on Monday, 15th of January.
- **Candidate Canvass** » Quad on Tuesday, 16th of January.

On Tuesday January 16th, the Cumann will be canvassing with some of the local candidates. Please try to attend. Meeting at the Quad at 6.15pm. See you all there

- **Cllr John Connolly** » AC204 on Thursday, 25th of January.

Galway City Councillor, John Connolly, was elected to represent the people of Galway at the 2004 Local Elections. He topped the poll in the West Ward. He is a former Chairman of Cumann de Barra and an Honorary Life Member.

- **Canvass** » Archway of Quad on Tuesday, 30th of January.

- **National Youth Conference Meeting** » AC204 on Monday, 12th of February.
- **National Youth Conference** » Ardilaun House Hotel, Taylor's Hill on Friday, 16th of February.

The National Youth Conference is the largest Ógra event which takes place in any calendar year. This year Cumann de Barra are the main organisers and it is taking place in the Ardilaun House Hotel, Taylor's Hill, Galway. In excess of 700 people will travel to Galway for the weekend and it promises to be a great opportunity to discuss politics, and meet the Taoiseach and high-profile Ministers. For further information please contact Darragh McShea at www.ff@socs.nuigalway.ie

- **Review of NYC** » AC204 on Monday, 26th of February.

This will review the successful National Youth Conference which Cumann de Barra enjoyed.

- **Dáil Trip** » Leinster House on Tuesday, 27th of February.

Cumann de Barra has arranged a Dáil trip for any members who'd like to attend. Minister Fahey has been working hard on arranging the events for the day and has arranged that we will have a tour of the Dáil and many Ministers and the Taoiseach will meet us.

- **Candidate Canvass** » Quad-Archway on Thursday, 1st of March.
- **Cllr. Mary Hoade** » AC204 on Monday, 5th of March.

Councillor Mary Hoade is elected to the Galway County Council representing the Oranmore electoral area. Cllr Hoade was first elected in 1999 and was re-elected in 2004, topping the poll. She is also a member of the Fianna Fáil National Executive.

- **Dara Calleary** » AC204 on Monday, 5th of March.

This Monday a General Election candidate for Mayo is going to address the Cumann. Dara Calleary is one of the youngest candidates going forward in the country. He is son of former Minister of State, Sean Calleary, and Dara has been a member of the Fianna Fáil Ard Chomhairle since 1997. Everyone is welcome!

- **Candidate Canvass** » Archway- Quad on Tuesday, 6th of March.
- **Candidate Canvass** » Quad- Archway on Friday, 9th of March.
- **Cllr Tiernan Brady** » AC204 on Monday, 12th of March.

Councillor Tiernan Brady was first elected to the Bundoran Town Council in the 1999 Local Elections. He was subsequently re-elected, topping the poll, at the 2004 Locals. He is a member of the Fianna Fáil Ard Chomhairle.

- **Candidate Canvass** » Quad- Archway on Tuesday, 13th of March.
- **Dara Calleary** » Tuesday, 20th of March.

Dara Calleary is one of Fianna Fáil's General Election Candidate in Mayo. Dara is 33 years old and is from Ballina. He is a long-serving member of the Fianna Fáil Ard Chomhairle, and is a son of former Minister, Sean Calleary. Everyone is welcome!

- **Fianna Fail Ard Fheis** » City west Hotel, Dublin on Friday, 23rd of March.

The Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis is taking place in City west Hotel, Dublin from March 23rd-25th. This is the largest Fianna Fáil event which takes place any year and is an amazing opportunity to meet Councillors, Senators, TD's, Ministers and even the Taoiseach.

- **Annual General Meeting** » AC204 on Monday, 26th of March.

Committee 2006/2007

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Vice-Auditor: Andrea Gilligan

Treasurer: Joe O'Neill

Secretary: Eoin Ó Nialláin

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Committee 2007/2008

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Events Officer: Louise O'Connor

Memberships Officer: Emmet Connolly

P.R.O.: Clodagh Carey

Cumann de Barra Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1035.24	Affill/Mem fees	€580
Members Contributions	€1760	Bank charge	€17.53
Sponsorship	€2140	Dinner	€437.25
USC Grant	€10370.2	Entertainment	€2060
		Equipment misc	€330
		Gifts	€85
		Makeup/Props	€200
		Materials	€275.25
		Printing	€1236.96
		Reception	€2398.94
		Returned Socs Money	€2409.06
		Society accomm	€3971
		Society transport	€799
		Socs day expenses	€180
		Expenditure Total	€14979.99
		Closing Bank Balance	€325.45
Total	€15305.44	Total	€15305.44

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 537 members.

Cumann Dramaíochta Society

Cuireann muid drámaí trí Ghaeilge ar an stáitse agus bíonn ceardlanna dramaíochta a chur ar siúl freisin. Bíonn deiseanna ann léiriú, stiúriú, aisteoireacht chomh maith le bainistíocht stáitse, smidiú, soilsí agus fuaim a fhoghlaim.

Cumann Dramaíochta Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

- **Oireachtas** » Doire on Thursday, 28th of September.

Ta bus go dtí an Oireachtas eagraithe againn. Ma ta tu ag iarraidh dul ann scríobh do ainm ar an mbilleog ata crochta sa bhialann in Aras na Gaeilge. If you want to go to the Oireachtas write your name on the sheet of paper hanging in the cafe in Aras na Gaeilge.

- **Ceardlann le Mark MacLochlainn** » Téatar, Aras na Gaeilge on Friday, 13th of October.

Beidh ceardlann dramaíochta ar siúl sa Téatar in Aras na Gaeilge le Mark MacLochlainn. Bígí ann. There will be a drama workshop by Mark MacLochlainn on in Aras na Gaeilge.

- **Éisteachtaí** » Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 15th of November.

Beidh éisteachtaí ar siúl le haghaidh an drama nuascríofa le Beartla de Burca. We will be holding auditions for a drama written by Beartla de Burca.

- **An Dá Dhomhan** » Aras na Gaeilge, Amharclann on Thursday, 1st of February.

An Dá Dhomhain le Beartla de Burca will be played in the Téatar in Aras na Gaeilge at eight o'clock

- **Turus go dtí an Cheathru Rua** » An Cheathru Rua on Friday, 2nd of February.

Beidh muid ag dul go dtí an Cheathru Rua chun an drama An Da Dhomhan a leiriú. Ma ta tu ag iarraidh teacht linn, abair é le Maitiu. We will be going to Carraroe with the drama An Da Domhan. If you want to come, tell Maitiu.

- **Turus go hOileán Thoraí** » Oileán Thoraí on Saturday, 3rd of February.

Beidh muid ag dul go hOileán Thoraí thar oiche. Fagfimid ag a 10 De Satharn agus tiocfimid ar ais De Domhnaigh. Fanfimid in óstan ansin. Ma tá tu ag iarraidh teacht linn, abair é le Maitiu. We will be going on a trip to Tory Island, we will be staying there over night. If you want to come with us, tell Maitiu.

- **Féile na gColaistí** » Maigh Nuad on Friday, 23rd of February.

Beidh muid ag dul go Maigh Nuad chun pairt a ghlacadh i bhFéile na gColaistí. Cuirfimid an drama An Da Dhomhan ar siul arís. Ta costas 25euro ar an turas. Ma ta tu ag iarraidh teacht linn abair é le Maitiu. We will be going to Maynooth to take part in Féile na gColaistí. If you want to come with us, tell Maitiu.

- **Seachtain na Gaeilge** » Aras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 8th of March.

Beidh an drama An Da Dhomhan ar siul sa Téatar in Aras na Gaeilge. The play An Da Domhan will be shown in the theatre of Aras na Gaeilge

- **Cruinniú Cinn Bliana** » Téatar, Aras na Gaeilge on Monday, 9th of April.

Roghnófar coiste nua ag an gcruinniú seo. A new committee will be decided at this meeting.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Maitiú de Hál

Vice-Auditor: Orla Ní Shúilleabháin

Treasurer: Peadar Ó Muiricheartaigh

Secretary: Aisling Dee

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Niamh Ní Argáin

Vice-Auditor: Slaine Ní Chatalláin

Treasurer: Ciaran O'Mhurchu

Secretary: Padraic Déiseach

An Cumann Drámaíochta Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2621.95	Bank charge	€8.38
Members Contributions	€2368	Costumes	€40
		Dinner	€429
		Entry fees	€85
		Society accomm	€2810
		Society transport	€1820
		Expenditure Total	€5192.38
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€-202.43
Total	€4989.95	Total	€4989.95

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 86 members.

Cumann Éigse Society

This year was an exciting year for the Cumann Éigse, which saw it's first ever publication, Fís, come in to being. We also had social nights, which included meetings in Áras na Gael, and bowling nights greatly enjoyed by our members.

Cumann Éigse Events

This year the society had a total of 23 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:

- Cruinnú an Cumann Éigse agus Seanchais ran for 7 weeks in Áras na Gaeilge, beginning on Wednesday, 18/10/2006.
- Cruinníú and Cumann Éigse agus Seanchais ran for 13 weeks in Áras na Gaeilge, beginning on Wednesday, 17/1/2007.
- Beadh cruinnú ag an Chumann Éigse agus Seanchais i Áras na Gaeilge. Teacht le cheile soisealta atá i gcéist anseo. Beadh tae agus caife ar fáil. This is a social meeting of the Cumann Éigse agus Seanchais in the cafe in Áras na Gaeilge. This is to be a social meeting. Tea and coffee provided

➤ **Special Events**

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

- **EGM An Cumann Éigse** » Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 11/10/2006.
- **Babháil** » Teacht le cheile sa cafe i A na G on Monday, 13/11/2006.

Beadh an Cumann Éigse agus Seanchais ag teacht le cheile sa cafe i Áras na Gaeilge agus ansin ag dul ag Babháil ag a h'ocht a clóg anocht

- **Seoladh Fís** » Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 24/1/2007.

Tá an Cumann Éigse agus Seanchais chun an iris Fís a sheoladh i Áras na Gaeilge. Tá an Chumann ag suil go mbeadh Niall Mac Eachmharaigh chomh maith le dhaoine eile ag an sheoladh. Tá failtiú chun a bheith ann ag thosaigh ag a 8.

The Cumann Éigse agus Seanchais are to launch their magazine Fís in Áras Na Gaeilge. The society hopes to have Niall Mac Eachmharaigh present, amongst other guests. There is a reception to accompany the launch, beginning at 8pm.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ronan MacDiarmaida

OCM: Beartla de Búrca

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Niamh Ní Argain

An Cumann Éigse agus Seanchais Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	133.31	Receptions	€215
Sponsorship	€750	Bank charge	€5.99
USC Grant	€647.5	Entertainment	€37.5

		Printing	€970.42
		Expenditure Total	€1228.91
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€301.9
Total	€1530.81	Total	€1530.81

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 10 members.

Cumann Staire (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 indoctrinate a love of history. 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 lectures both on and off campus; including the Ruby Room Lecture series which began two years ago in the Kings Head. This year we also began a series of talks given by history postgrads here called 'An Introduction To....' This series consisted of talks on such wide ranging and interesting topics as '9th Century Warfare' by Jena Webb to 'The Impact of Weather and Climate Change on History' by Tonaí Ó Roduibh.

The Society also travelled to Mainz in January, with Prof. Steven Ellis the head of the Department, to forge a link between our society here at NUIG and the equivalent at the University of Mainz. Fortunately, unlike last year's trip to Edinburgh, this year's trip was entirely successful and the linkage is now formally established. A few weeks later we welcomed a representative group of Mainz students on a return visit and showed them a great time including going on a trip to Connemara and to a hurling match. This was all part of the first ever International History Intervarsity to be organised here and is scheduled to become an annual event. Planning has already begun on next year's conference with representatives from Mainz, Pisa, Trento, Vienna and Uppsala expected to attend.

The Society also sent four speakers to the annual Irish History Societies Association (IHSA) conference in Belfast, where these were supported by six members of the Committee. At the IHSA we campaigned successfully to organise and hold next years IHSA here in NUIG. This is the largest conference of its kind held in any Irish university each year and promises to be a major event in next year's calendar.

And how could we forget the hugely successful Arts Ball at the Radisson SAS in Galway at which 900 students attended. Like last year, with the purchase of the ticket everybody received a booklet containing the upcoming events of the Fleadh Imboilg, which was run successfully with the Múscailt arts festival this year. The various events of the Fleadh Imboilg, headlined by the Arts Ball, managed to raise over €11,000 for various charities including VSA, Suas, Goal and the Williams Syndrome Association of Ireland. Williams Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder that was first recognised as a distinct entity in 1961. Estimated to occur in every 1 in 20,000 births it affects both males and females equally and can occur in all ethnic groups. WSAI is a small local based charity which provides education and empathetic support for those with Williams's syndrome and their families. The ball itself was a fantastic success with a pre-reception at Bar-903 and then dinner and dancing in the Radisson to the music provided by some musicians from Trad Soc who organised a céilí after the meal. Then popular local band Pyramid and a DJ entertained us into the

small hours of the following morning. The next day's entertainment was provided in the campus bar, while all those wearing Arts Ball wristbands gained free entry into Cuba* nightclub that night.

Cumann Staire (History) Events

This year the society had a total of 37 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:

- Introduction to the History of... series ran for 5 weeks in AC 214, beginning on Thursday, 9/11/2006.

An Cumann Staire (History Society) presents the Introduction to the History of... series, which runs from the 09 November to 07 December. It will provide a series of introductory talks to a variety of historical subjects by those at present working on them. The first talk will be on 9th Century Warfare, by Ms. Jena Webb. All interested parties are invited to attend. Beidh an chead leacht sa sraith reamra on Cumann Staire ar siul De Deardaoin seo chugann in AC 214, le Ms Jena Webb, faoin t-abhar "9th Century Warfare."

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 32 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Medievalist Discussion Group** » Institiúid de Móra (formerly CSHSHC) on Monday, 25/9/2006.

The Medievalist Discussion Group series of open talks restarts again in the Seminar Room of the Institiúid de Móra on Monday, 25 September. Formerly known as the Centre for the Study of Human Settlement and Historic Change, the Institiúid de Móra is located down the corridor from Banc na hÉireann. The first piece up for discussion is Gearóid Mac Niocaill's pamphlet on the Irish Annals and if you'd like a copy, just stop by the Centre and pick one up.

- **CGU/EGM** » Tyndall (Slí Dála / Concourse) on Tuesday, 3/10/2006.
- **Do the Irish Descend From Greeks?** » AC 213 on Thursday, 19/10/2006.

Padraic Moran will present a highly interesting talk entitled "Do the Irish Descend From Greeks - Greek in the Early Medieval Imagination." This will be the first talk of the term for the Society, and it will provide an ideal opportunity for those with an interest in history to meet similarly minded people.

- **Cruinniú Choiste** » Ag an gclog ar an Slí Dála on Tuesday, 24/10/2006.

Ag bualadh le chéile ag an gclog (sin an clog ar an porters desk) agus ansin ag dul suas sa túr :) Muna a bhfuil tú in ann freastal ar an gcruinniú bí ann ag a5 ar aon nós, agus beimid inann am eigin eile a shochrú.

- **Irish planters on St. Croix 1747-1770** » Institiúid de Móra (formerly CSHSHC) on Wednesday, 25/10/2006. Orla Power presents a talk on the PhD she is currently researching. This will provide an insight into the establishment of Irish sugar cane plantations on the island of St. Croix in the, then, Danish West Indies during the 18th century. Oscailt chuig chach agus soláistí ina dhiaidh.

- **Legal battles over Galway fishing rights** » Institiúid de Móra (formerly CSHSHC) on Wednesday, 1/11/2006.

'Whose river is it anyway?' An account of the court proceedings pertaining to fishing rights on the Galway River, 1853-1861.

Jackie Uí Chionna presents an interesting talk on her research into the bitter 19th century legal row over who controlled the lucrative fishing rights our own local river. Even today the remains of the privately controlled fisheries can be seen from the Bruach na Coiribe river walk. Fáilte roimh chach, soláistí ina dhiaidh.

- **The Pale and the Royal Governors** » Institiúid de Móra (formerly CSHSHC) on Wednesday, 8/11/2006.

The Pale nobility and the chief governors of Ireland, c.1500-1536.

(sa seomra seimineáir)

This talk by Gerald Power, from his PhD research, will provide an insightful look at the evolution of the balance of power between the mainly Old English nobility of the Pale colony and the Tudor appointed governors. This was a key period in the initiation of an English conquest of Ireland is rich with fascinating characters still remembered today. Gerard's soon to be completed thesis promises to throw new light on this contested area of Irish history.

Fáilte roimh chach agus soláistí ina dhiadh.

- **Essay Writing for a First!** » AC214 on Wednesday, 8/11/2006.

How to Write Top Scoring History Essays

It might seem like a matter of spending your life in the leabharlann in order to hope for a good mark on your history essays, but it's not as hard as that. Like many other things the chances of writing a good essay are as much about how you approach and structure it as how much you read up on the topic. So ease the pain and break out the academic lubricant of listening to those who have done it before. An Cumann Staire has roped together a selection of 1.1 essays and their authors to share their experience with ye. First years and visiting students will find this talk of particular interest but if you're not consistently getting top marks in your essays this will benefit no matter what year you've made it to. Beidh sibh in ann bhur gceisteanna a chur chuig na cainteoirí i ndiaidh an léacht.

- **Fleadh Imboilg 2007 - cruinnú** » T1316 on Wednesday, 8/11/2006.

Cuirthe amháin - Non-public meeting

Chun Fleadh Imboilg 2007 a eagrú..

beidh muid ag chur Coiste Eagartha na Fleidhe le chéile agus ag tosnú ag eagrú an Fleadh ag an gcruinniú seo.. this meeting is to kick-start the organising of the premier charity fund raising event of NUIG.. the Fleadh Imboilg is scheduled to start on the 5ú Mí Feabhra and is set to become a regular event on the city calendar.. if your society or club has been asked to attend please do so.. a larger scale meeting is to follow on from this more focused meeting..

- **Launch of 'Introduction' Talk Series** » AC215 on Thursday, 9/11/2006.

The launch of An Cumann Staire's new series of talks

Tá muid ag tosnú sraith nua de léachtaí i mbliana, saghas léachtanna nach raibh muid á dheanamh go dtí anois. In áit a bheith dírithe ar mhion-ábhar amháin, mar is gnách, oibríonn chuile léacht ar an mbunchloch gur 'tus maith leath na hoibre'. Ag deireadh gach léacht beidh deis againn an ábhar a phlé agus comhairle a fháil air.

Díreach i ndiaidh an seoladh beidh an chéad léacht den sraith ar siúil sa seomra chéanna.

This year we are starting a new series of history talks, a series based on introducing interesting topics. Rather than a talk focusing on a very specific subject these will overview a larger theme. Following each talk there will be an open discussion with the speaker.

- **Get Introduced to 9th Century Warfare** » AC215 on Thursday, 9/11/2006.

Introduction to the History of... 9th Century Warfare

Jena Webb gives a snappy introduction to the bloody world of 9th century European warfare. Think Lochlannaigh (those horny northern men) pillaging our monastic cities, think axes, think sieges! For those with even a passing interest in Mediaeval warfare and society this will be a great chance to be tour guided safely through the topic.

Soláistí ina ndiaidh.

- **Manic Ceili** » College Bar on Tuesday, 14/11/2006.

- **Introducing 20th Century Ireland** » AC215 on Thursday, 16/11/2006.

A huge topic as we all know but one with many a good story. Tomás Finn helps bring us on a tour of the current state of historical work on our most recent century, pointing out the key elements and many an unknown aspect of the lesser known events that brought us to where we are now.

- **The creation of New Spain in the C16** » Institiúid de Móra (formerly CSHSHC) on Wednesday, 22/11/2006.

The 'creation' of New Spain in the first half of the 16th century: cartography and representation.

The Spanish conquest of the Americas gave birth to New Spain on the rubble of the Aztec empire. How was this new land of opportunity, for the colonisers, depicted and given a mental conceptualisation? Edward Collins will give an illuminating talk on this vast project in the seminar room on the Institute with plenty of contemporary visual aids to keep the eyes and ears happy.

Fáilte roimh chach agus soláistí ina dhiadh.

- **Sugar, Rum and Slaves** » AC215 on Thursday, 23/11/2006.

Introduction to the History of... the Caribbean

Not sponsored by any international drinks company, boo hoo, but will feature a lot of talk of rum! This sea of islands was the destination of a lot of slaves, 1000s from this part of the world included, and the main source of

sugar until recent times. Also famous for piracy, island thieving and loads of nasty scoundrels we can look forward to a laid back talk on the sugar boom year's way down south. Caint agus soláistí ina ndiaidh.

- **Cóisir na Nollag - Xmas Party** » The Skeff, An Fhaiche Mhór on Thursday, 23/11/2006.
- **Blame it on the Weather** » AC215 on Thursday, 30/11/2006.

Introduction to... History and Climate

Is the role of the weather over played in the study of history whenever a scapegoat for a disaster is needed? Or is it ignored in the hope that no one will notice? Tonaí Ó Roduibh will bring us on an investigative journey through 'Little Ice Ages', plagues, Armadas and economic crisis. Like all the Introduction to talks those attending will leave with a better set of questions than they had at the start! Soláistí ina ndiaidh.

(This talk has a companion talk on the history of climate change to be presented later in the series by one of our geography researchers.)

- **The history of Eastern Europe** » Institiúid de Móra (formerly CSHSHC) on Wednesday, 6/12/2006.

Researching the history of Eastern Europe: challenges and opportunities

Visiting lecturer Dr. Attila Barany, from the University of Debrecen in Hungary, will give us the rare opportunity to view how history research is carried out far from our shores. With our growing contact with the lands and peoples to the east of Germany it is vital that we learn more of their history if any kind of mutual understanding is to be achieved. This talk would be of particular interest to those contemplating carrying out further study abroad or with an interest in the new entrants of the EU.

Fáilte roimh chuide dhuine agus soláistí ina dhiaidh sa seomra seimineáir.

- **Introductory Crusading** » AC215 on Thursday, 7/12/2006.

Introduction to the History of... the Crusades

We all know something of the great crusades organised by the kingdoms of Western Europe during the Middle Ages, but how many of us hold more than vague images of such an important sequence of events. The Crusades shaped Europe internally and perceptually and still hold a strong place in the minds of many modern religious fanatics. Forget Indiana Jones, secret codes and Middle Eastern zealots while Tony Fletcher gives us the real story. Caint agus soláistí ina dhiaidh.

- **Turas go Mainz** » Mainz, An Ghearmáin on Wednesday, 17/1/2007.

Cathair na Gaillimhe -> Mainz

Anuraidh, Dún Eideann, i mbliana, Mainz.. nach deas é an saol atá againne!

So pack the málaí and join us on our trip east to the land of the German tribes, and the Romans for a while as well - they got around didn't they!

Why Mainz I hear ye say.. well because our respective departments have a working agreement for cooperation since 2005/2006 and because this part of the mainland of Europe offers much to see from ancient times to the modern period. With an active and well organised representative body for students of history the university of Mainz will offer us a look at how history students are taught, and how they organise themselves. We also hope to explore the possibilities of increased student exchange at under and post grad levels. For anyone thinking of study/research abroad this trip offers a golden opportunity to see a foreign system in action.

There is also the longer term ambition to build a sort of IHSA style grouping of international third level institutions... agus ár n-Ollscoil féin mar chroí lár ann ar ndoigh. This trip will help us examine the possibilities of such a scheme.

But it's not all academic of course, there will be much sight-seeing, visits to surrounding cities, shopping and demonstrating to the unsuspecting locals what the word 'craic' entails!

Má táthar ag lorg níos mó eolas faoin turas seo chur r-phost chugainn.

- **Ticéad Arts Ball** - online booking » www.socs.oegaillimh.ie/~historysoc/ on Thursday, 25/1/2007.
- **Ticéad Arts Ball ar díol** » Áras na Mac Léinn on Friday, 26/1/2007.
- **Iceland - Land of Fire and Ice** » AC215 on Tuesday, 30/1/2007.

We in the Cumann Staire are giving a helping hand in the reviving of the Cumann Tíreolaíochta (Geography) this year..

Their first evening talk is on the weird and wonderful land of Fire and Ice, our near neighbours Iceland. This island played an important part in our history as the destination of thousands upon thousands of Hiberno-Norse and their Gaelic slaves in the thirty years following the first destruction of the city at Dubh Linn.

So come along for this insightful talk by Dr. Kieran Hickey at 19:00 De Máirt / Tuesday 30/1/07 AC215..

Soláistí ina dhiaidh.. Reception follows talk

- **An Cumann Staire, Ruby Room Series** » The Ruby Room, The King's Head on Wednesday, 31/1/2007.

An Cumann Staire, NUI Galway is to present a lecturer at the Ruby Room in the King's Head pub in Galway on Wednesday January 31st at 19:30. The talk is entitled "Whip them and Send them Back to the Workhouse" - Children and Crime in the 19th Century, presented by Geraldine Curtin. It is the first in a series of lectures that will take place in the Ruby Room over the coming months, which will cover a variety of historical subjects both local and general. A reception and historical discussion will follow the lecture. Beidh leacht ar siul oíche De Chéadaoin seo chugainn, an 31/01. Is ea "Whip them and Send them Back to the Workhouse" - Children and Crime in the 19th Century, ainm an leacht, agus deanta le Geraldine Moran. Is e an chéad leacht de sraith a mbeidh ag rith i gceann na míosa seo chugainn, ag ple le stair aitiuil agus ginerealta. Beidh failtiu ann tar eis.

- **Fleadh Imboilg Day Trip** » On the edge of Connemara on Monday, 5/2/2007.

To kick-start this year's Fleadh Imboilg - Múscailt week of craic come along on this day trip out to Gáirdín Bhríde. We will leave from the Quad at 13:00 by bus and head straight out to visit the beautiful gardens created in honour of one of our greatest saints, and a major Celtic goddess as well! Not alone will we get a tour of these Celtic gardens but we will get a chance to learn more of this major Irish mythological figure before trying our hand at making the traditional reed Saint Brigit's crosses.. the Irish fertility symbol.

Tour available in both Irish and English.

Next, we will head to the scenic village of Maigh Cuilinn (plain of the yew tree) to enjoy a team treasure hunt before dropping into the finest local pub, Fox's, for a traditional Irish music seisiún, and maybe a bit of Irish Céilí dancing!

Finally, back to the City of the Tribes to the world famous Róisín Dubh venue for live music by local hero's Cartoon Thieves and a night of pure craic.

Ticéad are available to buy from the Socs Box at only 7 euro each.

- **Pre-Ball Party** » Bar903 on Wednesday, 7/2/2007.
- **Arts Ball 2007** » Radisson SAS Gaillimh on Wednesday, 7/2/2007.

Heard about the fastest selling Ball in college history? This year, Arts Ball 2007 will be another 900 monster night, don't miss out on the tickets, join the Cumann Staire mailing list to keep up-to-date with news on NUIG's biggest formal dress ball.

The Pre-Ball Champagne Reception will be held in Bar903 from 17-19:00. This was an amazingly popular event last and got extensive media coverage so come early and look your best! Special cocktails and a crackin' DJ will have ye all ready for the night of the year. Buses to the Radisson SAS Gaillimh hotel will leave from outside Bar903.

Profits raised by the Arts Ball will be contributed to the Fleadh Imboilg charity fund.

- **Traffic Light Ball - Feis Culchie** » Cuba (city centre) on Wednesday, 7/2/2007.

If you were not lucky enough to get a ticket for the Arts Ball come clubbing at the Feis Culchie 'Traffic Light Ball' instead in Cuba as part of the Fleadh Imboilg.

Red: Stop! Keep Away! Amber: Maybe Persuaded... Green: Ready to Go! What colour will you wear?

This will be a great night for all with music, dancing and craic . A great alternative to the Arts Ball that ensures that, even if you're not going to the Arts Ball, you need not sit at home bored!

This event requires tickets, the cost of which is €5.00, they are available from the Socs Box Office in the Hub.

- **Lá Mór** » College Bar on Thursday, 8/2/2007.

The Lá Mór runs all day and night in the College Bar with live bands and DJs; including Dublin rock band TKO 'One of the best live bands in the country '-Hotpress, plus Lewd Tunes and DJs to mention but a few. It is the ideal place to restart the engine following a night of devilment at the Ball or Feis Culchie. There will be bia, deoch, ceol and loads of people in funny outfits from the night before!

We'd ask everyone lucky enough to get into the bar this day to contribute 2euro to the Fleadh Imboilig charity fundraising. It's not a lot individually but taken together will make a big difference to the charities. Buckets will be at the door manned by volunteers from VSA, Goal and Suas.

- **International History Intervarsity** » Gaillimh on Tuesday, 27/2/2007.

First Annual International History Intervarsity

This year sees the launch of a new international history student's conference right here in Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh. Along with ourselves there will be students from the universities of Mainz (An Ghearmáin) and Trento (An Iodáil) in attendance. Most of the focus this year will be on developing a framework on which to expand the grouping as more universities are invited to join this new initiative of the Cumann Staire. In the rapidly evolving third, and fourth, level environment it is vital that our university not alone meets new standards but also leads the way through innovation at both student and institutional level.

The visiting students will be shown both city and county, as well as getting an in-depth guide to student life and facilities here on campus. The Roinn na Staire have generously agreed to host an official reception on Tuesday evening to celebrate the official launch of the new intervarsity. Wednesday will be taken-up with workshops and meetings in the beautiful setting of Árainn while Thursday and Friday have time set aside for small group work, cultural events and sightseeing.

Anyone interested in helping out should contact the Reachtaire of the Cumann Staire, Tonaí Ó Roduibh, via our normal email.

- **Fitzgibbon Cup** » Dangan on Tuesday, 27/2/2007.
- **IHSA i mBéal Feirste** » Ollscoil na Banríona - Queens University on Friday, 9/3/2007.

Irish History Students' Association Annual Conference

Ar ais arís, tá an IHSA ar siúil i mBéal Feirste i mbliana, Dé Aoine 9ú agus Dé Sathairn 10ú mí Márta. Agus mar is gnáth beidh muidne sa gCumann Staire ag dul ann le haghaidh páipéir a thabhairt agus craic a thaispeáint do na mic léinn ó chuile ollscoil eile in Éireann!

The IHSA annual shindig is all about history and history students, with every university sending a group to present papers. We will be there, as with every other year, for both the academic and social sides of this great get-together. So come along to give a paper, listen to papers or simply to mix and mingle with the unfortunates in other Irish universities. Béal Feirste is a great city and QUB will pull out all the stops to help us have a good time. Beidh muid ag dul ar siúlóid i lár na cathrach chun áiteanna stáiriúla chomhsúil le Kelly's (United Irishmen), White's (1630), an Morning Star (bia) agus an Crown (Victorian gin palace) a fheiceáil

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Ionadaí ó TharLear: Julia Gearmánach

Cumann Staire (History Soc) Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	13371.89	Bank charge	€19.26
Fundraising	€430	Dinner	€595.35
Socs box	€1,943	Entertainment	€90
USC Grant	€3,159	Entry fees	€50
sponsorship	€1000	Reception	€902.30
Ball	€42775.7	Returned Socs Money	€40
		Society accomm	€2157.68
		charity Fundraising	€11,000.00
		Ball	€31,544.46
		Society transport	€1,116.40
		Expenditure Total	€47,515.45
		Closing Bank Balance	€15,164.14
Total	€62,679.59	Total	€62,679.59

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 657 members.

Dance Society

DanSoc works together with students of NUIG to provide members with unique styles of dance. We organise many dance classes at suitable hours during the week, all levels of dance are catered for and any student who wishes to teach a dance class is given the opportunity to do so with help from the DanSoc team. We perform several shows throughout the academic year which allows members to perform to large audiences and further their dance abilities. We give every member the chance to experience the performance aspect of dance as well as the competitive aspect by taking part in the dance intervarsity! Dance is a form of exercise as well as a way of life for many people and with the enjoyment of dance being a common factor for members of DanSoc bonds are made and dancing as a team creates friendships and improves members' skills overall.

Dansoc Events

This year the society had a total of 94 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

➤ **Regular Events**

This year we held 8 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

- Beginners Hip-Hop ran for 10 weeks in Racquetball Courts, beginning on Tuesday, 26/9/2006.
- Beginners Hip-hop with teacher Siobhan McMorrow, come along and strut your stuff!
- Tango Classes ran for 8 weeks in Hub, beginning on Monday, 9/10/2006.
- Beginners Hip-Hop 1 ran for 8 weeks in Racquetball court, beginning on Monday, 9/10/2006.
- Tango Class ran for 13 weeks in Hub, beginning on Monday, 8/1/2007.
- Beginners' Hip-Hop ran for 15 weeks in Racquetball Court, beginning on Tuesday, 9/1/2007.

- Beginners Irish Dance ran for 11 weeks in racquetball court, beginning on Wednesday, 10/1/2007.
- Intermediate hip hop ran for 11 weeks in racquetball court, beginning on Thursday, 11/1/2007.
- Advanced Hip-Hop ran for 11 weeks in Racquetball Court 2, beginning on Monday, 29/1/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

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

- **Annual Show** » Bank Of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 16/11/2006.

Annual Show choreographed and performed by members! Come along and see what we have been working on weekly!

- **'Fusion' Performance** » Aula Maxima lower on Monday, 5/2/2007.

Dansoc, presents a fusion of tango, hip-hop, Irish dancing, swing, jazz and ballet. All choreography is executed on campus and taught by the students of the University. Dansoc cater for beginner and intermediate dancers in creating a group of talented performers. This promises to be an uplifting, bright show with plenty of swings, lifts and twists. It will be performed twice so be sure to catch this great show, it's not to be missed!

- **'Fusion' Dance performance** » Aula Maxima lower on Thursday, 8/2/2007.

- **Celtic Storm** » BOI Theatre on Monday, 12/3/2007.

The advanced Irish dance class was founded by members of the dance society, Dansoc, two years ago. Now in its third year, things are in full swing and weekly meetings are held to make up new routines and practice old ones!

The class is enriched with Irish dance talent, with nearly all dancers having competed at regional, national, European and world level. The class also has Connacht, All Ireland and World champion dancers, some of whom are performing in "Celtic Storm".

The show includes the beginners and advanced Irish dance classes. The show aims to raise money for the charity Habitat for Humanity and is a great way for the dancers to demonstrate their talents.

The dance class kindly invite you to come along and see the show

- **Hip Hop workshop** » BOI theatre on Tuesday, 13/3/2007.

For one day only DanSoc are giving you the amazing experience to take 3 separate classes by two top choreographers. Emer Walsh and John Graham are based in London, having trained extensively in L.A. and New York. They teach classes weekly at Pineapple Studios London, and are also full time faculty at London Studio Centre dance college. They have worked with such artists as Mariah Carey, Alesha (formerly of Misteeq) and Kano. They have choreographed for and performed with UK dance companies Dance 2xs and Zoo nation, including the 2006 Zoo nation "Into the Hoods" tour. They have also worked with such clients as Coca Cola, Rimmel, L'Oreal, Reebok, Canon & Hewlett Packard! For only 3 euro per class we are giving you an opportunity to learn from the best!

- **Rhythm** » The BOI Theatre on Wednesday, 21/3/2007.

This Dance Spectacular is the last chance this year to watch some of the best dancers of NUIG perform their talents. A mix of salsa, tango, ballet, hip hop and Irish dancing leads to an exciting show that you don't want to miss out on!! Choreographed by both students of NUIG and professional choreographers RHYTHM is a show that is the perfect end to a dance-packed year!

- **End of year party** » Red square on Wednesday, 21/3/2007.

DramSoc's end of year party is a must! All are welcome to come along and strut your stuff with other dancers or just mingle with members and make loads of new friends! Starting in the Red Square with finger food and entrance to Saints and Scholars night club after.

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Vice-Auditor: Grainne O'Malley
Secretary: Aoife Quinn
Events Officer: Riona Durkin
Instructor representative: Brid Reale
Events Officer: Louise Raleigh
PRO: Mimi Flynn

Dansoc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1312.45	Bank charge	€3.75
Classes	€655	Costumes	€336.03
Greenform	€735	Equipment misc	€179
Muscailt	€400	Hall hire	€1275
Ticket Sales	€1057	Society accomm	€152
USC Grant	€2537	Society transport	€1390
		Speaker accomm	€129
		Teacher fees	€3147
		Expenditure Total	€6611.78
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€84.67
Total	€6696.45	Total	€6696.45

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 92 members but we have not yet submitted a list of these members to the Societies Office.

ALIVE Participants Dansoc		
Siobhan McMorro	Vice Auditor	164 hours
Ruth Donnellan	OCM	8 hours
Hours Volunteered:	172 hours	

DJ Society

It is safe to say we had an amazing year - DJing in the most unusual of locations, to the most diverse and cultured groups of students in Ireland, differing in country of origin, musical tastes, and venue. We rocked every party we have played at, all the Balls in the Galway Bay or Salthill Hotel, getting people dancing on the catwalk after the Radisson Fashion show, raising the roof in the Junction, raising the temperature aboard the Corrib Princess, and starting such a break dancing sensation in the Aras na MacLeinn foyer on Open Day we had to be shut down for safety reasons!

DJ Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 39 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:

- Student Night ran for 11 weeks in The Blue Note, beginning on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.
- Galway's best student DJs kick it at the Blue Note. Free Hot Dogs and other goodies. DJs Cormac, Eoghan spin for your pleasure. Bring yer friends!
- Peace Out @The Junction ran for 6 weeks in The Junction Nightclub - Above An Pucan, beginning on Wednesday, 20/9/2006.
- Electro sets from Liam L Cool J and Paula H (Flirt FM) and a Hip-Hop set from the 2006 NUIG Dj Champion - Mike W. Free entry, usual excellent drink promos and a hip crowd.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 22 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Cruisin' Da Corrib** » Corrib Princess on Wednesday, 20/9/2006.

DJ Soc, in assoc with Radio, Juggling and Writers Societies take to the water onboard the Corrib Princess. DJs, Juggling Display, and food all for the knock down price of 10 Euro. Welcome aboard the mad ride ...

- **Introductory Meeting** » The Hub (beside bar), Aras na MacLeinn on Wednesday, 27/9/2006.

- **DJsoc Beginner's Training** » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 3/10/2006.

Come to along to learn about the very basics of equipment set-up, explaining what the component parts are, and also a little background on what constitutes a good professional DJ and the theory behind it all.

- **DJsoc Beginner's Training** » BOI Theatre on Monday, 9/10/2006.
- **DJsoc Beginner's Training** » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 10/10/2006.
- **Jamming Session** » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 17/10/2006.

Bring along 3 CDs that represent your style, enjoy the beats and get your chance to be a DJ!

- **Oktoberfest + Afters Party** » De Burghos & Cottage in Salthill on Tuesday, 24/10/2006.

2 parties to choose from - Rory, Pete & Padraig play German Soc's Oktoberfest party at DeBurgo's. Kicking off at 8.30. There is a cover charge of 5 euro. Juggling/Spanish/Dj Soc are partying at the Cottage in Salthill. Followed by after party in Ard naMara (also Salthill). Cormac will be laying down the vibe for this one. Expect French reggae, Latin Hip-Hop and grooves from all over the planet.

- **Masterclass** » @The Junction Nightclub on Wednesday, 25/10/2006.

Kicking off at 10pm with a masterclass in beat matching/mixing and maybe even a little scratchin' from Mr. Paul Hannon (GPO).

- **2006 HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS BALL** » @The Junction Nightclub - Forster St. on Tuesday, 31/10/2006.
- **End of Semester Party** » Drum (GPO) on Wednesday, 29/11/2006.
- **Open Day Performance** » Áras na Mac Leinn Foyer on Thursday, 30/11/2006.
- **Jamming Session** » The College Bar on Wednesday, 17/1/2007.
- **DJ Intro / Beat Matching classes** » Flirt FM studio on Thursday, 25/1/2007.
- **2 x Intro Classes** » Flirt FM Studio on Thursday, 1/2/2007.
- **DJ Performance Workshop** » Flirt FM Studio on Thursday, 1/2/2007.
- **DJ Intervarsity** » College Bar on Friday, 9/2/2007.
- **VALENTINE'S BALL** » The Junction Nightclub on Wednesday, 14/2/2007.
- **Spin those wheels of steel!** » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 20/2/2007.
- **DJ Arveene takes to the College Bar** » College Bar on Wednesday, 21/2/2007.
- **Traktor+Beat Matching Class** » Flirt FM studio on Thursday, 8/3/2007.
- **Ableton LIVE Class** » IT202 on Thursday, 15/3/2007.
- **AGM** » College Bar on Wednesday, 25/4/2007.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Cormac Staunton
Treasurer: Ed McDonagh

Vice-Auditor: Rory Donohue
Secretary: Liam Griffin

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Rory Donohue

DJ Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	201.96	Dinner	€400
Societies day	€106	Entertainment	€700
Socs box	€1466	Equipment misc	€4600
Sponsorship	€4500	Makeup/Props	€40
Ticket Sales	€913	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€115
USC Grant	€1229.14	Printing	€40
		Promotions	€357
		Reception	€290
		Sound	€740
		Speaker accomm	€425
		Expenditure Total	€7707
		Closing Bank Balance	€709.1
Total	€8416.1	Total	€8416.1

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 359 members.

Drama Society

This year DramSoc produced twenty-four plays of varying length. We had a dedicated committee, who all committed to their respective tasks and we attracted many new members, some of whom will make up next year's committee. We ran events for Rag Week (a Mock Wedding) and Múscailt (the One Act Play Series) as well as raising money for charity during the Halloween party. DramSoc also provided a weekly improv night called "Staged and Confused", which encouraged consistent participation in the society. As well as providing entertaining events, DramSoc ran a lighting workshop to train new members in the art of lighting a show. These new lighting people were then given a chance to practice these new skills in lighting DramSoc productions. One of DramSoc's aims this year was to enable members to try new things and experiment with theatre. This aim was certainly fulfilled as fifteen people directed their first show this year, three produced their first show and many members tried their hands at acting. It has been a fruitful year for DramSoc, we worked hard and we had even more fun.

DramSoc Events

This year the society had a total of 30 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:

- **STAGED AND CONFUSED!!!** ran for 4 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 27/9/2006.
- Our weekly meeting Staged and Confused kicks off at seven o'clock every Wednesday in the BOI Theatre (beside the college bar). Come along for some improv, sketches, games and general mayhem. We usually follow it up with the legendary Open Mic Night in the Cellar Bar and some free passes to Cuba.....

➤ Special Events

This year we held 26 special events. These events were as follows:

- **EGM and Staged and Confused** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 20/9/2006.
- **DRAMSOC HALLOWEEN PARTY** » De Burgo's on Wednesday, 25/10/2006.
- **BECKETT WEEK** » BANK OF IRELAND THEATRE on Wednesday, 8/11/2006.

Four Beckett plays will be performed to mark the centenary. These are Footfalls, Come and Go, Not I, Rock A Bye. Directed by Maria Tivnan and Aoife Spillane Hinks

- **'I do not like thee Dr Fell'** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 14/11/2006.

DramSoc presents a Bernard Farrell play. A hilarious dark comedy focused on the dynamics of group therapy, honesty, relationships and cats. Directed by Nigel Connor and Caitriona Mulhall. A fantastic night's entertainment, all are welcome and tickets are available from the SocsBox at €5 (adult) and €3 (student)

- **AND THEN THERE WERE NONE** » BANK OF IRELAND THEATRE on Tuesday, 21/11/2006.

10 little soldier boys, going out to dine, one choked his little self and then there were nine..... Agatha Christie Murder mystery. Directed by Kate Conneely

- **One Act Play Read Throughs** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 11/1/2007.
- **DramSoc Read Through & Auditions** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 12/1/2007.
- **AUDITIONS FOR MUSCALIT ONE ACT PLAYS** » BOI THEATRE on Monday, 15/1/2007.
- **Medea Auditions** » BOI Theatre (beside college bar) on Wednesday, 17/1/2007.
- **TABLE QUIZ** » COLLEGE BAR on Thursday, 18/1/2007.
- **Auditions for MEDEA** » BOI THEATRE on Wednesday, 24/1/2007.
- **Staged and Confused** » BOI Theatre (beside college bar) on Wednesday, 24/1/2007.
- **MUSCAILT ONE ACT ORIGINAL PLAY SERIES** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 6/2/2007.

Original One Acts from the freshest talent on Campus

- **MUSCAILT ONE ACTS OMNIBUS** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 9/2/2007.

'Original one acts' season comes to an end with the presentation of the Jerome Hynes Memorial Award, followed by a craic'ing party in the College Bar

- **DOUBLE BILL** » BANK OF IRELAND THEATRE on Tuesday, 13/2/2007.

HOW MEDEA GOT HER GROOVE BACK, A Flynn original Greek tragedy (Irish style) FOLEY by Andrew West an exciting One man show

- **DOUBLE BILL** » BANK OF IRELAND THEATRE on Wednesday, 14/2/2007.
- **DOUBLE BILL** » BANK OF IRELAND THEATRE on Thursday, 15/2/2007.
- **MEDEA** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 7/3/2007.

"There is no Justice in the eyes of Men!!" Euripides' classic. An exciting piece directed by Rebecca Ryan.

- **DISCO PIGS** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 7/3/2007.

Enda Walsh's superb show, directed by Rob Mc Feely. Tickets €5 (Student €3)

- **MEDEA** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 8/3/2007.
- **DISCO PIGS** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 8/3/2007.
- **MEDEA** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 9/3/2007.
- **DISCO PIGS** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 9/3/2007.
- **MEDEA** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Saturday, 10/3/2007.
- **DISCO PIGS** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Saturday, 10/3/2007.
- **Lovers: Winners** » Bank of Ireland theatre on Tuesday, 27/3/2007.

This is a play by the award winning, Irish author Brian Friel. It is story of a young couple who are about to be married in three weeks, but a tragedy occurs which disrupts their plans.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Caitriona Mulhall

Treasurer: Darragh Finn

Tech Manager: Liam Harkin

Webmaster: Andy Regan

Vice-Auditor: Rebecca Ryan

Secretary: Estella Keary

Production Co-ordinator: Emma Flaherty

PRO: Kate Conneely

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Estella Keary

Treasurer: Aine Tivnan

Production Co-ordinator: Nicola Murphy

PRO: Maeve Dunne

Vice-Auditor: Amanda Dameshghi

Secretary: Peter Flynn

Tech Manager: Mark Heavey

SDO: Conall Ó Riain

Dramsoc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	257.91	Costumes	€1508.98
Greenform	€46.65	Dinner	€862.81
Societies day	€72	Entertainment	€60
Socs box	€1527	Entry fees	€3498.01
Sponsorship	€1820.87	Fundraising/charity	€300
Ticket Sales	€2928.2	Gifts	€300
USC Grant	€8575	Makeup/Props	€350
		Materials	€238.23
		Performing rights	€2674.82
		Phone	€400
		Printing	€114
		Promotions	€46.65
		Received Money Returned	€500
		Reception	€462
		Set	€1343
		Society accomm	€794
		Society transport	€846
		Stationary	€150
		Teacher fees	€150
		Expenditure Total	€14615.87
		Closing Bank Balance	€629.13
Total	€15245	Total	€15245

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 718 members.

ALIVE Participants DramSoc		
Padraig Meehan	Writer/Director of original one act play.	87 hours
Patrick Hynes	OCM	44 hours
Amanda Dameshghi	P.R.O.	227 hours
Caitriona Mulhall	Auditor	416 hours
Hours Volunteered:	774 hours	

Ecology Society

The Ecology Society is a group of people organising, educating and taking action on both global and local environmental and social justice issues.

For 2006-2007 there was a focus on the community struggle in Rosspport where the local people are under siege since October 2006, with more than 100 Gardaí posted there to physically prevent any disruption to Shell's work of building an upstream gas refinery in the area. The area is very remote. It is wild and beautiful and a designated area of special scenic importance as well as having special ecological protection. Environmental and community activists live at the Rosspport solidarity camp on Glengad beach where anyone is welcome to stay. Members raised awareness in Galway, organised buses to Rosspport, and stayed at the camp. This campaign is one that embodies both the environmental and democratic crisis that is escalating with the global drive for privatisation and exploitation of resources at the expense of rural communities and for the gain of Trans-National Corporations.

Other focuses this year were on our anti-war activities. A trip to Shannon airport for Halloween facilitated networking between students and social justice groups nationwide. The creative interference alliance gave us a chance to express our opposition to the use of Shannon in a fun and dramatic way, with skeleton and reaper costumes on the day. The presentation in January by Caoimhe Butterly was educational for all as we heard about her experience as an activist working in communities affected by the war in the Lebanon.

The Zapatista Film festival, the book launch of Clandestine's by Romor Ryan living in a Zapatista Community in Chiapas, Mexico, inspired many students who were able to gain insight into social movements of Latin America.

The year was topped off with visiting speakers from Philadelphia, USA in April. The four speakers drew a huge audience of more than 200 hundred people. Our appreciation and admiration for the Free Mumia Abu Jamal campaigners grew as they brought environmental issues, deprivation, resistance and oppression together in most accessible and powerful language. Their passion, critical thinking and expression inspired and motivated, giving us a new slogan 'On the Move'. People taking hold of their own destinies is an integral part of EcoSoc's activity this year, and the need for recognition that the environmental crisis is also a democratic one.

Ecology 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.

➤ **Regular Events**

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

- Creative Interference Alliance ran for 2 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Tuesday, 17/10/2006.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 8 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Californian Anarcho Hip Hop artist Emcee** » The Gaf, Youth cafe on Monday, 26/6/2006.

Californian Anarcho Hip Hop artist Emcee Lynx Plays Galway: Monday 26th June 2006. Free for all-ages show in the Gaf, (youth cafe on Francis St.) at 4 pm. Followed by: Gig in Richardson's, Eyre Sq, at 9 pm (5 euro). Along with 'Rudi Got Soul' from the Blue Note and an open mic session. Half of all proceeds go to the Rossport Solidarity Camp <http://struggle.ws/rsc/>. For more info and downloadable MP3s check out <http://emceelynx.circlealpha.com/>

- **From Shannon to Iraq..** » Room 202, IT building on Wednesday, 20/9/2006.

Come hear peace activist Ciaran O'Reilly speak about his recent acquittal for non-violent action at Shannon and discuss ways of ending Ireland's role in the Iraq war.

- **NUIG Students against War** » The Hub on Monday, 16/10/2006.

NUIG Students Against the War meeting. All welcome.

- **Ramor Ryan: An Irish Pirate in Exile** » BK's Wine Bar on Tuesday, 19/12/2006.

A book launch and reading with Ramor Ryan. The book 'Clandestine's' is in journal format and incorporates stories from around the world, Ramor's description of events in Berlin, Belfast, Nicaragua and Mexico are insightful and hilarious. There will be a reception held. Zapatista crafts and coffee will be available for sale and there will be a short report on Rossport and any other campaigners are welcome to speak.

- **Zapatista Film Festival** » Sheila McKenna Theatre, NUIG on Monday, 22/1/2007.

In Association with Maize Dreams, the Galway Zapatista Project, films will be shown on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Friday will be followed by a fundraiser party upstairs in Munro's bar, DJ angelic Orange will give a Funk /World Music set. Zapatista coffee and crafts will be available for sale at events. Films: The Take (factory workers taking over production in Argentina) - A Grain of Sand (Teacher Strikes in Mexico, Michael McCann will introduce this film and take questions)- The Fourth World War

- **Caoimhe Butterly Speaking Tour** » The Town Hall on Tuesday, 30/1/2007.

In association with Spun Out. . Caoimhe Butterly (Hero of the year 2003 for Time magazine) will give a presentation on her recent experiences living in the Lebanon where she moved to from Palestine when the humanitarian crisis escalated. Photographs will be shown and Caoimhe will share her insight into life in a Border town between Israel and Lebanon.

- **'Those Who dance' Nigeria to Rosspo** » Main Hall, Arts Concourse on Tuesday, 13/2/2007.

A documentary released in December that has interviews with Nigerian exiles, Rossport community members and describes the story thus far. A speaker from the solidarity camp will take questions after the film. Names will be taken for the bus on Friday to the day of solidarity 16th of February. Contact 087-7592730 for more details

- **Justice For Jamal speaking tour and film** » O'Flaherty Theatre, NUIG on Tuesday, 10/4/2007.

Broadcaster Mumia Abu Jamal was sentenced to death in 1982 for killing a police officer, the trial was seriously flawed, in 2001 his death sentence was overturned, however he remains in jail for life. The film 'In prison all my life' is due to premier in Cannes, but will be shown here in a sneak preview. Naomi Chomsky and Alice Walker are the commentators. On the evening speakers from MOVE in the US; and Fred Hampton Junior, son of Black Panther Chairman Fred Hampton, Pam Africa will attend.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Pauhla McGrane

Vice-Auditor: Sarah Clancy

Treasurer: Fergal Anderson

Secretary: Tanya O'Sullivan

Ecology Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3579.67	Entertainment	€150
Members Contributions	€38	Received Money Returned	€619.49
Sponsorship	€619.49	Reception	€100
USC Grant	€1305.77	Society transport	€885
		Speaker accomm	€540.7
		Speaker travel	€89.97
		Expenditure Total	€2385.16
		Closing Bank Balance	€3157.77
Total	€5542.93	Total	€5542.93

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 350 members.

ALIVE Participant Ecology Society		
Fergal Anderson	Treasurer	52 hours
# Hours Volunteered:	52 hours	

Electronics Society

The Electronics society has been established for the promotion of Electronics within University and wider community.

The societies objectives are to:

1. Inform students about new technologies in the area of Electronics.
2. Provide support and tutorials for current undergraduate and postgraduate members (projects etc.).
3. Provide a social focal point for all members.
4. Collaborate with the Engineering Society and Computer Society with the aim of running events of joint interest.
5. Plan events over summer months when other societies might be less active.
6. Provide career support activities and information.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ronan O'Malley

Vice-Auditor: Sean Finn

Treasurer: Diarmaid O'Cualain

Secretary: Martin O'Halloran

Staff Treasurer: Martin Glavin

Society Development Officer: Lorcan Browne

PRO: Shane Kinsella

This society made no financial transactions this year.

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 75 members but we have not yet submitted a list of these members to the Societies Office.

Engineering Society

This year's Engineering Society held a Jenga competition in which the main prize was an X-Box 360. There was a reception and the competitors enjoyed this relaxed and fun event. The concept was really good and we hope it could run again next year in conjunction with another event. A few nights out during the year were also organised with good turn outs.

The main event organised by the EngSoc was created by the sub-committee, the Eng Ball committee. Some sponsorship was provided by a few companies and this is a potential area that could be looked into further for next year's ball.

Eng Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

- **Night Out For All** » Kings Head > Cuba on Thursday, 28th of September.

For those who signed up last Wednesday on Societies Day and for those who want to join now. Starting in the Kings Head at eight o'clock; bar food until around ten, and then a band until everyone heads to Cuba at discount prices.

- **EngSoc Meeting** » The HUB on Monday, 16th of October.
- **Jenga!!!** » The Hub on Thursday, 16th of November.

The Jenga Competition is on in the Hub from 6 to 8. After the end of the Jenga, the winner will receive their Xbox 360. On to Bar903 afterwards with free food, and free entry to Cuba also.

- **EngSoc - Final Civil Party 4th Years** » Skeff and Karma after! on Wednesday, 4th of April.

This is the final 4th Year Civil Engineering Class party to be had this year, all engineers are invited to attend and celebrate the end of year. Fun night ahead....

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Padraic Harley Vice-Auditor: Nina Drozd
Treasurer: Roselyn Carroll Secretary: Michelle Archard
P.R.O.: Richard Browne Sponsorships: Jacqueline O'Gorman
P.R.O.: Jennifer Fahy P.R.O.: Laura Reddy
Sponsorships: Michelle Shaw Sponsorships: Louise Murphy
Engineering Without Borders Representative: Gerald Glynn
EngBall Auditor: Eugene Burke Entertainment: Padraig O'Ceitinn
Locations Organiser: Mary Duffy

Eng Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	183.54	Society Transport	€650
Balls	€21730.02	Ball	€5527.73
Socs box	€80	Bank charge	€7.39
Sponsorship	€810	Ball Dinner	€11320

USC Grant	€1040	Fundraising/charity	€2200
		Materials	€78.8
		Printing	€356
		Prizes	€2300
		Received Money Returned	€512.4
		Reception	€225
		Stationary	€52
		Expenditure Total	€23229.32
		Closing Bank Balance	€614.24
Total	€23843.56	Total	€23843.56

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 408 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 third year of our gaming convention, Itzacon. Also, we organised a society trip to Warpcon in Cork in January.

FanSci Events

This year the society had a total of 36 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 10 weeks in AC202, beginning on Wednesday, 27/9/2006.
- Weekly Meeting ran for 12 weeks in AC202, beginning on Wednesday, 10/1/2007.
- Wargaming ran for 5 weeks in 211 Aras na Gaelige, beginning on Tuesday, 20/2/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 9 special events. These events were as follows:

- **LAN Gaming** » Clan Video on Friday, 10/11/2006.

An all night LAN gaming session in Clan Video from midnight on Friday the 10th to 8a.m. on Saturday morning. There will be many games to play such as Battlefield 2, Half-Life 2: Death match and Command & Conquer: Generals, as well as many other FPS's(First Person Shooters) and RTS's(Real-Time Strategies). The charge is 20 euro and be sure to show up before midnight to ensure a computer.

- **Nightmare before Christmas** » Charles McMunn Theatre on Monday, 13/11/2006.

Showing Tim Burtons "The Nightmare before Christmas" @ 19:00 in the Charles McMunn theatre.

Warpcon trip » Cork on Friday, 26/1/2007.

The FanSci trip to Warpcon in cork leaves the Quad at 14:30 on Friday and returns at 20:00 on Sunday.

- **Wargaming for Beginners** » E212 on Tuesday, 6/2/2007.

A night of wargaming for help with construction of models, painting them and playing the game. Warhammer 40k and Fantasy, suited to new players but older players also welcome

- **Wargaming** » Room 211 Aras na Gaelige on Tuesday, 13/2/2007.
- **Serenity film** » Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 22/2/2007.

FanSci will be showing Joss Whedons Serenity.

- **LAN gaming** » Clan on Friday, 23/2/2007.
- **FanSci AGM and reception** » AC202 on Wednesday, 21/3/2007.
- **Film-Labyrinth** » Mairtin O'Tuathail on Thursday, 22/3/2007.

FanSci will be showing the film Labyrinth starring David Bowie this Thursday the 22nd of march, starting at 19:00

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Kieran McGee

Vice-Auditor: Pol MacFhionnghaile

Treasurer: Steven Lydon

Secretary: Ross Lydon

Entertainment Officer: Linda Coleman

P.R.O.: Cathy Kelly

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Ross Lydon

Vice-Auditor: Ciaran O'Brien

Treasurer: Diarmuid De Burca

Secretary: Ruth Campion

Ents: Keith McNamara

Wargames: Eamon Mc Gee

P.R.O.: Paul Mac Fhionnghaile

FanSci Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3660.27	Bank charge	€7.39
Members Contributions	€1220	Entry fees	€620
Ticket Sales	€3000	Equipment misc	€607.48
USC Grant	€2624.5	Fundraising/charity	€3000
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€35
		Prizes	€32.95
		Promotions	€319
		Reception	€18.12
		Society accomm	€840
		Society transport	€1010
		Socs day expenses	€19.25
		Speaker accomm	€558
		Expenditure Total	€7067.19
		Closing Bank Balance	€3437.58
Total	€10504.77	Total	€10504.77

Other Information

We held 22 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 168 members.

ALIVE Participant FanSci		
Linda Coleman	Entertainment Officer	175 hours
Hours Volunteered:	175 hours	

Film Society

The committee of the Film Society this year has, through hard work and dedication, brought the society from being almost unnoticed in its events to being a major cultural contributor in the University. This year we screened up to three films per week and held up to four events a week, compared to one weekly event last year. With that increase in activities came an unparalleled increase in responsibilities for the team, but throughout the year we held our audience's attention and built a strongly established profile on campus through our regular film presentations, and our charity-fundraising table quizzes and films. In the space of one year we have become one of the biggest and most contributing societies in NUIG.

We have had a very eventful year. We have made or put four films into production and we also hope to be making a documentary over the summer. This year we designed our first hoodies and went on our first foreign trip to the Berlin Film Festival in February.

We use our three weekly films as a platform for entertaining, educating and enlightening the students of NUIG while also delivering a pure cinematic experience with prize give-aways and raffles. We have also used two of our charity films as a way to raise awareness and money for AIDS and another as a podium for raising awareness with the Mayor of Galway giving a talk on Global warming before presenting Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth'. During our screenings we didn't just show films as, for example, we covered the O'Flaherty theatre under a blanket of fog and used the OHP's to beam an eerie green light into the cloud. This year with the NUIG Student Cinema we pushed cinema to the limits and provided much more than the average commercial cinema and throughout the year brought in 5000 people to our films!

Society Awards - **Winner of Best Society 2007 and Best Individual** - Auditor Jack Stenson
 Students' Union Awards - **Winner of Best Event** - NUIG Student Cinema
 Winners of the *Best Society* in the **BICS National Society Awards**

FilmSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 73 events.

- **Anchorman, EGM and Reception** » O'Flaherty Theatre - Student Cinema on Thursday, 28th of September. FilmSoc and 'The Student Cinema's' first film of the year which will be followed by a raffle for a DVD player and collection of DVDs. Also election of the few remaining seats of the committee and this year's OCMs (Ordinary Committee Members). We'll be providing refreshments and snacks for the event as well. Then to round off the night we're having a reception and then moving to the College Bar
- **Napoleon Dynamite!** » O' Flaherty Theatre-Student Cinema on Thursday, 5th of October. This Thursday Napoleon Dynamite is being shown in the Student Cinema. There's no meeting beforehand this week we're playing the film straight away. There's chocolate and refreshments available as well.
- **Withnail & I** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 10th of October. On Tuesday the 10th for Arthouse night we are playing Withnail & I! Who says a comedy can't be intelligent, sad AND laugh out loud FUNNY? Broaden your horizons with The Student Cinema on Arthouse Night.
- **TEAM AMERICA!** » O'FLAHERTY THEATRE on Thursday, 12th of October.

This Thursday in the Student Cinema for blockbuster night we are playing, from the makers of South Park the hilarious film: TEAM AMERICA!

- **FilmSoc Party** » Bar903 on Thursday, 12th of October.

After Team America there's the FilmSoc Party-free finger food for all in Bar903 underneath Cuba!

- **The Motorcycle Diaries** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 17th of October.

This Arthouse Tuesday (17th) film we're showing The Motorcycle Diaries! So come and experience a road trip, Che Guevara style! Broaden your horizons with The Student Cinema on Arthouse Tuesday. The Student Cinema is open to all students of NUIG, so come along and bring your friends!

- **FilmSoc Party with Spanish Soc** » The King's Head on Tuesday, 17th of October.

After the showing of 'The Motorcycle Diaries' with are joining up with our Spanish comrades and amigos in the King's Head to round off our Spanish/Cuban themed event! Come join us and embrace the culture!

- **FAMILY GUY: THE MOVIE!!** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 19th of October.

This Blockbuster Thursday, wait for it, we're showing the hilarious FAMILY GUY MOVIE !!! And if that wasn't enough, remember that this is the first time for this movie to be shown in a cinema setting in Galway, EVER!! The Student Cinema is available to all students of NUIG, so come along and bring your friends! There will sweets and drinks available at the back of the theatre before the film. There's no better way to kick start your Thursday night than with FilmSoc's Blockbuster Thursday!

- **City Of God** » O' Flaherty on Tuesday, 24th of October.

This Arthouse Tuesday, FilmSoc is showing the excellent City Of God, an amazing film charting 2 parallel lives in a Brazilian slum. Nominated for 4 Oscars the film has often been called the film of the year 2004. There will be refreshments available before the film. Remember the Student Cinema is open to all students of NUIG, so come along! Broaden your horizons with FilmSoc's Arthouse Tuesday!

- **Table Quiz** » College Bar (Back Room) on Tuesday, 24th of October.

Come join us for a film-based table quiz in the back room of The College Bar after City of God. For just €3 you can enter the FilmSoc Table Quiz and your team can win the grand prize or one of our many spot prizes of DVD's!

- **Shaun Of The Dead (+ Eerie Fog!)** » O' Flaherty on Thursday, 26th of October.

This Blockbuster Thursday come to the O'Flaherty to enjoy the hilarious 'Shaun Of The Dead' and enjoy the mysterious foggy atmosphere....(Yes we have a fog machine!) Created by Simon Pegg and Nick Frost, 'Shaun of The Dead' is an excellent horror/comedy/action movie not to be missed! As always, there will be refreshments available and the Student Cinema is available to all NUIG students. There's no better way to kickstart your Thursday than with FilmSoc's Blockbuster Thursday!

- **Hostel** » O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 31st of October.

A gory, gruesome yet brilliant film, 'Hostel' tells the story of two American friends and an Icelander backpacking through Europe and end up going to Slovakia in search of these hostels where the women 'love' Americans, but end up getting a little bit more than they bargained for! Directed by Eli Roth and produced by a certain Mr. Tarantino, 'Hostel' is one helluva film, and pretty suited to Halloween me thinks! What better way to kick-start your Halloween than with FilmSoc's once-off Horror Tuesday!

- **Sin City** » O'Flaherty on Thursday, 2nd of November.

This Blockbuster Thursday we're playing SIN CITY! Crooked cops. Sexy Dames. Desperate vigilantes. Some are seeking revenge--others lust after redemption. A universe of unlikely and reluctant heroes still trying to do the right thing in a city that refuses to care.

- **FilmSoc party with Writers' Soc** » The Cellar on Thursday, 2nd of November.

After Sin City we're heading on over to the Cellar bar on Eglinton st. for a party with Writers' soc. There will be free finger food and reserved seating provided by The Cellar so its obviously gonna be a great night out!

- **The Hours** » O' Flaherty on Tuesday, 7th of November.

This Arthouse Tuesday we're playing The Hours, a brilliantly conceived observation of life. It is one of the acclaimed films of 2002-the story of 3 women in 3 different times and how they all interconnect. The films stars, a whole host of Hollywood A-Listers including Nicole Kidman, Julianne Moore and Meryll Streep. Yes, you guessed

it, there will be refreshments for sale at the back of the theatre prior to the screening. The Student Cinema is open to all students of NUIG, so come along and enjoy! Broaden your horizons with FilmSoc's Arthouse Tuesday!

- **Auditions for this year's first film!** » Siobhan McKenna on Monday, 13th of November.
- **Hotel Rwanda** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 14th of November.

This Arthouse Tuesday, we're showing the critically acclaimed "Hotel Rwanda". Directed by Terry George, the film tells the story of a 4* hotel in Rwanda's capital Kigali, which was opened up to refugees trying to escape the genocide which occurred in the country in 1994. Nominated for 3 Oscars, the film stars Don Cheadle (Nominated for best Actor), Joaquin Phoenix and Nick Nolte. There will be refreshments available before the film and all are welcome so come along!! Broaden your horizons with FilmSoc's Arthouse Tuesday

- **Bring It On** » O'Flaherty on Thursday, 16th of November.

This BlockBuster Thursday, we're bringing you 'Bring It On' (2000). This is a cheerleading comedy film starring Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku and Gabrielle Union, directed by Peyton Reed and written by Jessica Bendinger. This is a great film, well worth a watch, so come along. As per usual, refreshments will be available before the screening. The Student Cinema is available to ALL students of NUIG. What better way to kickstart your Thursday night than with FilmSoc's BlockBuster Thursday!

- **The Lion King and Beauty and the Beast** » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Monday, 20th of November.

Fun fun fun! A bit of light entertainment to ease the stress of the impending exams. We're showing 'The Lion King' and 'Beauty and Beast' in association with Rotaract soc. Entry is €2 with all proceeds going to the Barretstown Children's fund.

- **Brick** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 21st of November.

Modern film noir with a Hollywood teen movie spin. First time director.

- **Battle Royale** » O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 28th of November.

This Arthouse Tuesday, we're showing the brilliantly brutal Japanese film, Battle Royale. Set in the near future where Japan is a police state battling over population, a new law is passed: The BR Act. With this law passed, a bus load of reform school students are kidnapped and taken to a remote island. There they learn of their fate: kill all your classmates or die. This is an incredible film and one we would highly recommend. There will be refreshments available at the back of the theatre prior to the film. The Student Cinema is open to all so come along!! Broaden Your Horizons with FilmSoc's Arthouse Tuesday!

- **Zoolander** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 30th of November.

Hilarious comedy written and directed by Ben Stiller.

- **Film Soc Table Quiz** » College Bar on Thursday, 11th of January.

Table quiz for charity

- **American History X** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 16th of January.

For the first Arthouse Tuesday of 2007, we're showing the truly amazing film, American History X, starring Ed Norton (Fight Club) and Edward Furlong (Terminator 2). The film tells the story of a young Neo-Nazi who, after living a life of bigotry and hatred, is sent to prison for a brutal murder. While there, his whole persona and outlook on life changes and he emerges a new man. However, when he goes home, he is horrified to learn his younger brother is following down the same path he took, and is determined not to let him make the same terrible mistakes. This one of the best films of the past decade and is certainly not one to be missed! Refreshments will be available at the rear of theatre before the film. The NUIG Student Cinema is open to all, so come along and enjoy! Broaden Your Horizons With FilmSoc's Arthouse Tuesday!

- **Wedding Crashers** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 18th of January.

To kick off Blockbuster Thursday for the new year, we're showing the hilarious Wedding Crashers, starring Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson. The two star as two lawyers who, in their spare time crash wedding receptions to avail of the free food and drink as well as the excess amount of women! It's all going well until one of the crashers breaks one of the main rules of wedding crashing: Don't let a girl get between you and your fellow crasher. This is a hilarious film, guaranteed to have you laughing! Refreshments shall be available before the screening. The NUIG Student Cinema is open to all so come along! What better way to kickstart your Thursday than with FilmSoc's BlockBuster Thursday!

- **Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 23rd of January.

Adapted from the novel by Hunter S. Thompson, screenplay written by one of the Monty Python team, Terry Gilliam.

- **Talladega Nights** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 25th of January.

Will Ferrell vehicle with Sacha Baron Cohen aka Ali G.

- **Berlin Meeting** » AM150 on Monday, 29th of January.

Meeting on Monday 29th of January for all those going to Berlin. The run down of our little excursion and suggestions from attendees.

- **Little Miss Sunshine** » O' Flaherty on Tuesday, 30th of January.

This Arthouse Tuesday, we're treating you to a gem of a film in the form of "Little Miss Sunshine". Starring Greg Kinnear, Toni Collette and Steve Carrell (40 Year Old Virgin) the film tells the story of an amazingly dysfunctional family and their attempts to get the youngest child in the family to the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant, travelling of course, in a VW bus! As per usual, there will be refreshments available from the rear of the theatre before the screening. The NUIG Student Cinema is available to all so come along! Broaden Your Horizons With FilmSoc's Arthouse Tuesday

- **Lord of The Rings : Fellowship...** » Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 31st of January.

To kick off our Trilogy Wednesday, we're showing the first of the amazing trilogy that is the Lord of The Rings, which is of course, The Fellowship of The Ring. We are showing the extended version of the film, which has approx. an extra half an hour of run time. In ancient times, the Elven-smiths created the Rings of Power. Then the Dark Lord Sauron created a Ring to rule the Lesser Rings. But the Ring was stolen, and for a long time, he thought it to be lost. But many years later, the Ring came to the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins. In a land called the Shire, Frodo inherits the Ring from his uncle, Bilbo. Now Frodo must take a journey across Middle-earth, and throw the Ring into the volcano, Mt. Doom, the only place it can be destroyed. This one epic trilogy and not one of the films is to be missed! Refreshments shall be available from the rear of the theatre as per usual.

- **Wednesday Launch Party** » DeBurgo's on Wednesday, 31st of January.

Party to celebrate the launch of Film Soc's new Wednesday night shows, bringing to three the number of nights Film Soc shows are available on campus

- **Fight Club** » O' Flaherty on Thursday, 1st of February.

'This Blockbuster Thursday, we're showing the excellent Fight Club by David Fincher. The film tells the story of a mild mannered office worker, who finally snaps from the strain of his boring life and catalogue home and sets up and underground fight club with a new acquaintance which grows and grows until it has developed into a terrorist organization! This is easily one the best films in recent times and has an all star cast including Ed Norton, Brad Pitt, Helena Bonham Carter and Jared Leto. Refreshments shall be available at the back of the theatre prior to the screening. The NUIG Student Cinema is open to all students of NUIG so come along and enjoy! What better way to kick start your Thursday night than with FilmSoc's Blockbuster Thursday!!

- **FilmSoc Film Festival** » Siobhan McKenna on Monday, 5th of February.

Tuesday in the O'Flaherty: The Wind that Shakes the Barley – Ireland steps towards independence and into civil war- Wednesday in the Kirwan 19:00 Lord of The Rings: The Two Towers- Part Two of Tolkien's epic story of our three week series Thursday in the O'Flaherty 20:00 Chicago – A murder story from the 30's told with Broadway flare Tuesday in the Siobhan McKenna 10:00 Children's' Film - Not open to public. 14:30 Marie Antoinette - The retelling of France's iconic but ill-fated queen 17:00 Joyeux Noel –WW1, soldiers facing each other in trenches of death in a truce on Christmas Eve Wednesday in Siobhan McKenna 10:00 The Squid and The Whale – Incredible film written and directed by Noah Baumbach 14:30 Supersize Me – A look at the one of the causes of global obesity – fat food. 17:00 United Flight 93 – The critically acclaimed interpretation of the events of Sept 11th Thursday in Siobhan McKenna 14:30 The Constant Gardener A widower is determined to get to the bottom of a potentially explosive secret involving his wife's murder 17:00 Schindler's List – A powerful film where a man who owns a Nazi owned factory tries to save Jews from certain death

- **The Princess Bride** » Siobhan McKenna on Tuesday, 6th of February.

During the week of Múscailt the Siobhán McKenna will be transformed into a cinema and Film Soc will be hosting a number of films. All films will be shown in the Siobhán McKenna unless otherwise stated. Tuesday's films are as follows: Film screening being shown for school children (not open to the public)

- **Joyeux Noel** » Siobhan McKenna on Tuesday, 6th of February.
WW1, soldiers facing each other in trenches of death in a truce on Christmas Eve. This film has been the main attraction at many film festivals in the past year.
- **The Wind that Shakes the Barley** » O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 6th of February.
Ireland steps towards independence and into civil war-winner of the palme d'or last year at Cannes.
- **The Squid and The Whale** » Siobhan McKenna on Wednesday, 7th of February.
Incredible film written and directed by Noah Baumbach
- **Supersize Me** » Siobhan McKenna on Wednesday, 7th of February.
A look at the one of the causes of global obesity – fast food.
- **United 93** » Siobhán McKenna theatre on Wednesday, 7th of February.
The critically acclaimed interpretation of the events of Sept 11th.
- **Lord of The Rings: The Two Towers** » Kirwan on Wednesday, 7th of February.
Part Two of Tolkien's epic story of our three week series as the final film of the night.
- **Secondary Schools Film Experience Program** » Siobhan McKenna on Thursday, 8th of February.
Film Experience program.
- **The Constant Gardener** » Siobhan McKenna on Thursday, 8th of February.
A widower is determined to get to the bottom of a potentially explosive secret involving his wife's murder
- **Schindler's List** » Siobhan McKenna on Thursday, 8th of February.
Bitter film depicting the atrocities of war starring Liam Nielson.
- **Chicago** » O'Flaherty on Thursday, 8th of February.
Multiple Oscar winning murder story from the 30s told with Broadway flare.
- **Film Socs trip to Berlin** » Berlin on Friday, 9th of February.
Trip to Berlin.
- **Boys don't Cry** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 13th of February.
Harrowing story starring Hilary Swank.
- **Lord of the Rings: Return of the King** » Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 14th of February.
Second part of the saga.
- **Berlin Re-Union Party** » Cuba Bar 903 on Wednesday, 14th of February.
- **Short and Bitter Sweet- A night of Short** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 15th of February.
Best of short film talent around the country.
- **Requiem for a dream** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 20th of February.
Gruesome story depicting the effects of heroin.
- **Disco Pigs** » Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 21st of February.
Irish film written by Enda Walsh.
- **Berlin Re- Union 2** » Cuba Bar 903 on Wednesday, 21st of February.
- **Batman Begins** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 22nd of February.
Story of the birth and rise of Batman. Starring Christian Bale.
- **Children of Men** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 27th of February.
Starring Clive Owen.
- **The Butcher Boy** » Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 28th of February.
Neil Jordan directed this adaptation of Patrick McCabe's novel about a boy's struggles with violence and mental illness. Francie Brady (Eamonn Owens) is a young boy growing up in Dublin in the early 1960s, where his life is dominated by his active imagination and his best friend Joe (Alan Boyle). But beneath this benign surface lurks a troubled soul; his father (Stephen Rea) is an embittered alcoholic, his mother (Aisling O'Sullivan) is emotionally unstable and periodically ends up in the local mental hospital (or as she calls it, "the garage," because it's where they take you when you break down), and their next-door neighbour, Mrs. Nugent (Fiona Shaw) often rants that the Brady's are "pigs" not fit to live with. For all their troubles, Francie fiercely loves his parents, and he can't abide Mrs. Nugent's insults. But his playful childhood pranks begin to advance into more destructive and menacing behaviour, which leads him to his own stay in "the garage." Branded a lunatic by the community and shorn of his only close friendship when Joe takes up with Mrs. Nugent's son, Francie is near the point of collapse

when his father dies while his mother is still in the hospital. With nowhere to go, Francie takes an especially awful job as a butcher's assistant, and his overactive imagination goes into overdrive, flooding his mind with images of alien takeover, atomic apocalypse, and the Virgin Mary (Sinead O'Connor) that lead him further down the path toward shocking acts of violence

- **The Bourne Identity** » O'Flaherty on Thursday, 1st of March.

This Blockbuster Thursday, we're showing the adrenaline fuelled Bourne Identity starring Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Clive Owen and Brian Cox. The film tells the tale of an American CIA agent, shot and left for dead in the ocean, only to be rescued by a fishing trawler. Once awoken, he is suffering from amnesia and all he has to his name is the number of a swiss bank account. With this he sets off to discover who he is and who wants him dead. This is an excellent thriller and one I'd highly recommend! As per usual the film is open to all and there shall be refreshments available before the screening. What better way to kickstart your Thursday than with FilmSoc's Blockbuster Thursday!!

- **The Squid & The Whale** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 6th of March.

This Arthouse Tuesday, we're showing the critically acclaimed "The Squid & The Whale", starring Jeff Daniels and Laura Linney. The multi award winning film, which received an Oscar for best screenplay, magnificently tells the story of two boys trying to come to terms with their parents divorce in 1980's New York. As if the situation wasn't bad enough, a rift begins to form between the two brothers as they begin to align themselves with one parent over of the other. As per usual, there shall be refreshments available at the back the theatre before the screening. The NUIG Student Cinema is available to all, so come along! -----Broaden Your Horizons With FilmSoc's Arthouse Tuesday-----

- **The Bourne Supremacy** » Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 7th of March.

This Wednesday, we're showing the brilliant sequel to "The Bourne Identity", which is of course, "The Bourne Supremacy"!!! Again starring Matt Damon and Brian Cox, Jason Bourne is on a mission; to get revenge on those who tried in vain to kill him in the first film. Along the way he regains more of his memory, but the memories he gets back aren't very pleasurable. An edge of the seat adventure, and not one to be missed!! As per usual, there shall be refreshments available at the back the theatre before the screening. The NUIG Student Cinema is available to all, so come along!

- **Million Dollar Baby** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 8th of March.

Clint Eastwoods critically acclaimed offering.

- **An Inconvenient Truth + Mayor of Galway** » Kirwan Theatre on Tuesday, 13th of March.

This Arthouse Tuesday, we're showing Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth. And, as a special bonus, the film will be preceded by a speech from the Mayor of Galway, Niall Ó Brolcháin, who will describe Galway city's efforts against global warming. The film is made up of clips from seminars Al Gore held to portray the dangers now, and in the future, off Global warming and also highlight how bad the problem has gotten. These segments are intertwined with stories from Gore's past including his highly controversial 'loss' to George W. Bush in the 2000 American presidential election. The facts and statistics in the film will shock you and may even spur you on to do your part to combat global warming!! This is one film I highly recommend and even you are sceptical about the whole idea of global warming and the threat it poses, go along and prepare to believe!! -----Broaden your Horizons With FilmSoc's Arthouse Tuesday-----

- **Happiness** » O' Flaherty on Wednesday, 14th of March.

Happiness revolves around the lives of three Jordan sisters. Trish (Cynthia Stevenson), the oldest, is apparently living the American dream: she has a beautiful house, a loving husband, and three children. Helen (Lara Flynn Boyle), a successful author, leads a life of wealth and glamour. Joy (Jane Adams), on the other hand, is lonely and alone, and the only men she attracts turn out to be losers, cheats, and degenerates.

Solondz's overriding message is that true happiness is a myth. There is no such thing. One of the great strengths of Happiness is that we experience empathy for the kind of people we would ordinarily feel uncomfortable about identifying with on any level.

- **FilmSoc Table Quiz!!** » Back room of College bar!! on Wednesday, 14th of March.

On Wednesday the 14th of March FilmSoc will be holding a table quiz in the back room of the college bar! Prizes include 100 euro voucher for HMV, hoodies, DVDs and more! We will also be raffling off a signed Duke Special Album! Its 3 euro per person and will most likely be asking questions related to films....

- **Crash** » O'Flaherty on Thursday, 15th of March.

This BlockBuster Thursday, we're showing the Academy Award winning, Crash. Using an all-star cast including Matt Dillon, Ryan Phillippe, Don Cheadle, Thandie Newton and Sandra Bullock among others, the film tells the intertwined stories of a group of people in Los Angeles, who have to deal with both the use of and receiving of racism in their everyday lives. This is a fantastic film and was well worthy of it's Best Picture Oscar! -----What Better Way To Kick Start Your Thursday Nights Than With FilmSoc's Blockbuster Thursday!-----

- **Workshop on Cinematography** » TBA on Tuesday, 20th of March.

We will be having a workshop on the art of cinematography for the teams making our two films over the course of month. The workshop will take a break during the film 'Michael Collins' and will recommence afterwards for a brief session where we will have a discussion on the film's cinematography and the effects created by it before ending the night. Auditor Jack Stenson will be hosting the event.

- **Michael Collins** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 20th of March.

Depicting the Civil War with Liam Nielson.

- **Workshop on Lighting** » TBA on Wednesday, 21st of March.

We will be having a workshop in the use of lighting for the teams making our two films over the course of month. We will discuss topics such as '3 point lighting' and the effects of using different diffusion colours. The workshop will take a break during the film 'Snatch' and will recommence afterwards for a brief session where we will have a discussion on the films style and use of lighting before ending the night. Auditor Jack Stenson will be hosting the event.

- **Snatch** » Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 21st of March.

Written by Guy Ritchie.

- **Workshop on Editing** » Thursday, 22nd of March.

We will be having a workshop for editing films with the software Final Cut Pro and the use of editing in general for the teams making our two films over the course of month. The workshop will take a break during the film 'The Incredibles' and will recommence afterwards for a brief session where we will have a discussion on the films style and use of editing before ending the night. Auditor Jack Stenson will be hosting the event.

- **The Incredibles** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 22nd of March.

Disney masterpiece.

- **Pan's Labyrinth with AGM and party** » O'Flaherty Theatre and TBA on Tuesday, 27th of March.

We're showing this year's Best Foreign Picture winner at the Oscars, 'Pan's Labyrinth', and having our AGM and what could be our final party of the year (if you don't include the society's awards and perhaps a party on Thursday as well!) This may be our last big 'open-to-the-public' event of the year so we'll be splashing out big with food and drinks and it will be an event to remember.

- **Pan's Labyrinth Repeat** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 29th of March.

Due to phenomenal demand we're showing this year's Best Foreign Picture winner at the Oscars; 'Pan's Labyrinth' again! This may be our last big 'open-to-the-public' event of the year so don't miss it!

- **World Premiere** » Student Cinema - O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 10th of April.

Ecosoc have invited us to join them in the world premier of the documentary, "In Prison My Whole Life". It is due to premier in Cannes, but will be shown here in a sneak preview! Naomi Chomsky and Alice Walker commentators. How better to end the year in the Student Cinema than with a world premier?! Nice one Ecosoc!

- **Irish Premiere - Behind the Mask** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 24th of April.

Animal Soc in the Student Cinema! The film exposes media and government lies about the Animal Liberation Front and is a must-see for anyone interested, not only in Animal Rights, but also in issues of freedom of speech, social justice and activism in general. The film will be followed by a talk by spokesman and former ALF activist Keith Mann who has served lengthy prison time for sabotage campaigns and more recently breaking animals out of a laboratory and exposing cosmetic botox testing involving animals. There will be a chance to challenge his

controversial view that sometimes the end justifies the means when seeking to save the lives of others and raise serious issues. Film trailer www.thethinkshop.co.uk/mask/behindthemask

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FilmSoc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	249.55	Bank charge	€4.11
Fundraising	€1168.61	Costumes	€40
Greenform	€1996.22	Entertainment	€11.5
Members Contributions	€3500	Equipment misc	€217.92
Muscailt	€300.91	Fundraising/charity	€210
Socs box	€260	Hire Bus	€800
Sponsorship	€600	Materials	€594
USC Grant	€3038.9	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€778.46
		Prizes	€160
		Promotions	€84.64
		Reception	€90
		Society accomm	€1665.35

		Society transport	€3033.92
		Video Hire	€1996.22
		Expenditure Total	€9686.12
		Closing Bank Balance	€1428.07
Total	€11114.19	Total	€11114.19

Other Information

We held 27 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1272 members.

ALIVE Participants FilmSoc		
Ailis Cahalan	Treasurer	170 hours
Jack Stenson	Auditor	600 hours
Stefaan Verbruggen	Events Organiser	480 hours
Garry Henry	Public Relations Officer	290 hours
Brendan Masterson	PRO	240 hours
Sophie Van Der Putten	PRO/SDO	253 hours
Jonathan Coppinger	Sound Engineer	240 hours
Ultan Higgins	PRO	240 hours
Mariel Whelan	Vice-Auditor	200 hours
Bríona O'Doherty	SDO	300 hours
Robert Dooley	Equipment Officer	47 hours
John Burke	Secretary	290 hours
Brian Murphy	Online PRO & Web Designer/Student Cinema Operator	267 hours
Hours Volunteered:	3617 hours	

FAD Soc

Food and Drinks Society aims to broaden students' experience of food and drinks. We organized various tastings of products from around the world, including tastings in association with professionals in the field such as Sheridan's Wine and Cheesemongers, as well as encouraging students to cook for each other. We managed to put together a strong and enthusiastic committee for next year when, we hope with full status, our society can grow.

Food and Drinks Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

- **EGM** » IT Building on Monday, 13th of November.
- **Christmas Party** » The Cellar Bar on Friday, 15th of December.

In association with Lit & Deb and Cumann de Barra.

- **Sheridan's Cheese and Wine Tasting** » Sheridan's-on-the-Docks on Wednesday, 24th of January.
An evening of wine and cheese tasting with information from a Sheridan's representative. Eur5 per person covers the costs of the lecture. Buy your tickets well in advance from the Socs Box or FADSoc stand on Socs Day 2.
- **Shindig in the Síbín** » College Bar on Tuesday, 6th of February.
FADSoc are teaming up with the International Student Society, as part of the Múscailt Fleadh to bring you Shindig in the Síbín. This is your chance to show our visiting students some of mammy's homely Irish cooking. Bring along a traditional Irish dish and get a taste of everyone else's. Your dish (to feed 3-4) is your entry fee. The grub is followed by a céilí supplied by Tradsoc. See ya there!
- **Healthy Eating Bring-a-dish** » Dangan on Friday, 16th of March.
Because it's being held in a committee member's house, places for this bring-a-dish event are limited so email fadsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie with your name and what healthy dish you plan to cook (to serve 3-4 people) and we'll tell you where to arrive. Following on from the success of our last bring-a-dish event, this one promises to be just as much fun, in a more intimate venue. Hope to see you there.
- **Mexican Bring-a-Dish** » Dangan on Friday, 23rd of March.
We're having a Mexican themed night! Same format as the last time. The first 10 People to email fadsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie with their name and what dish they want to bring gets the coveted address of where the event is on. Bring the dish to feed 2-3 people and we'll all get a taste of what the others have brought. It was a big hit last time and promises to be even better. Places are limited!
- **End of Year Party and AGM** » The Cottage Pub, Salthill on Friday, 30th of March.
Food and Drinks Soc are celebrating their successful first year with Galway's finest finger food for free in The Cottage Bar. We'll also be throwing around ideas for next year and electing a new committee. Come along.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Dan Colley
Treasurer: Niamh McNally
OCM: Amanda Balfe
OCM: Anna Kenny

Vice-Auditor: Zoe McNair
Secretary: Isabelle O'Donnell
PRO: Zara Nugent
OCM: Lenny Antonelli

FAD Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Entertainment	€450
Muscailt	€100	Reception	€22.65
Socs box	€250		
USC Grant	€147.29		
		Expenditure Total	€472.65
		Closing Bank Balance	€24.64
Total	€497.29	Total	€497.29

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 261 members.

ALIVE Participant Food and Drinks Society		
Niamh McNally	Treasurer	45 hours
# Hours Volunteered:	45 hours	

French Society

The French Society, as always, provided students this year with events aimed at offering a fun and enjoyable experience while improving students' French and giving them a greater appreciation of French culture. The society invited all students to come and watch a French film on a weekly basis, (every Tuesday), in one of the theatres in the Arts Millennium Building. This event proved to have a reasonable demand throughout the year. In addition, every Wednesday night in DeBurgo's the society had its traditional "Soirée Francaise" which offered students the opportunity to come and meet French and Irish people alike. Students were given the opportunity to speak both French and English with native French speakers. This event proved quite popular also. We also teamed up with Rotaract Society for 'The Socs in the City' Fashion Show and a team building weekend in Killary.

French Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 30 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

➤ **Regular Events**

This year we held 4 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, 4/10/2006.

This is our weekly society meeting where we can all meet up, socialise, make new friends and speak in French. Come along this Wednesday to DeBurgo's at 9.30!

- Soirée Cinéma Francaise ran for 8 weeks in O'Thnúthail (Arts Millennium Building), beginning on Tuesday, 10/10/2006.
- Fashion Show rehearsals ran for 4 weeks in the hub, beginning on Tuesday, 9/1/2007.
- Le Film Francaise ran for 5 weeks in D'Arcy Thompson, beginning on Tuesday, 27/2/2007.

La Société Francaise passe un film chaque semaine. Entrée gratuite et le film sera soutitire. Si vous cherchez à améliorer votre compréhension de la langue Francaise ne laissez pas passer cette bonne occasion!! D'Arcy Thompson a 20h00. Venez nombreux!! Every Tuesday the French society will show a French film in the D'Arcy Thompson Theatre (on the concourse) at 8pm. It will be subtitled and free entry. Its a great place to improve your French.

➤ **Special Events**

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

- **Soiree Francaise** » DeBurgo's, Augustine St. on Wednesday, 27/9/2006.
- **French Choir** » TBA on Wednesday, 8/11/2006.
- **Launch of fashion show** » King's head on Monday, 15/1/2007.

In conjunction with the Rotaract Society the opening event of the fashion show: we promise it to be an excellent night with finger food and other bonus deals. We hope as many of you can join us for this charity event; a great night to be had!

- **Soiree Cinema Francaise** » O'Thnúthail on Tuesday, 16/1/2007.
- **Socs in the City Fashion Show** » Radisson Hotel, 05/2/2007.

Organised with Rotaract Society and with performances from Juggling, Dansoc, Trad Soc, DJ Soc and the Musical Society. Our accounts below do not reflect the show as the finances were managed by the Rotaract Society.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Caitriona Joyce

Vice-Auditor: Eimear Ní Chonghaile

Treasurer: Stephanie Noone

Secretary: Aodán Ó Cuimín

French Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	426.47	Bank charge	€10.19
Members Contributions	€312	Reception	€451
Socs box	€750	Society accomm	€1443
USC Grant	€1440	Society transport	€500
		Expenditure Total	€2404.19
		Closing Bank Balance	€524.28
Total	€2928.47	Total	€2928.47

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 304 members.

ALIVE Participants French Society		
Catriona Joyce	Auditor	332 hours
Hours Volunteered:	332 hours	

Geography Society

The Geography Society was re-established in early January of this year. We had a successful year with a number of talks and a table quiz. The Society aimed to get more students interested in the vast discipline of Geography outside of the academic timetable. We succeeded and all events were heavily attended.

Geography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

- **Table Quiz** » College Bar on Wednesday, 21st of March.

The Geography Society is hosting a table quiz followed by a class party in the College Bar on Wednesday 21st of March at 8pm. Excellent prizes promised and numerous spot prizes and raffles are also available on the night. Entry: €20 per table of four.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: David Scallan

Vice-Auditor: Stephen Galvin

Treasurer: Darren Keegan

Secretary: Niall O' Neill

P.R.O.: Damien Rabitte

Geography Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	485	Prizes	€180
Fundraising	€270	Reception	€66
		Expenditure Total	€246
		Closing Bank Balance	€509
Total	€755	Total	€755

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 70 members but we have not yet submitted a list of these members to the Societies Office.

Geology Society

Geology society hosts a lecture series throughout the year covering topics from dinosaurs to mountain building. This year we had a number of interesting speakers including Dr Dave Coller - a consultant geologist, and Kevin Cullen - an engineering geologist. Our events this year were very successful and we always enjoyed a night out after our talks.

Geology Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

- **EGM** » Room A206 Earth & Ocean Dept (Quad) on Tuesday, 17th of October.
- **Guest Lecture: Greenland geology** » A206, Dept Earth & Ocean Sci. Quad on Thursday, 16th of November. Geology Society presents 1st guest lecture of the year... Title: Geology, mineral deposits and exploration in Greenland. Speaker: Dr Dave Coller (consultant geologist). All welcome, refreshments will be available before the talk.
- **Guest Lecture: Life on Mars** » Siobhan McKenna Theatre, Concourse on Tuesday, 21st of November. Dept. Earth & Ocean Sciences + RocSoc present... Professor John Parnell, Dept. of Geology, University of Aberdeen will talk about searching for life on Mars, The ESA Exomars Mission. All welcome!
- **Guest Lecture: Caledonian tectonics** » Room A206, The Quad on Thursday, 25th of January. The Geology Society (RocSoc) NUIG presents our 3rd guest lecture of 06/07. Title: Tectonics of Caledonian granites. Speaker: Dr John Reavy, Dept. of Geology, UCC. Location: Room A206, Dept. Earth & Ocean Sciences, The Quad. All are welcome to attend. Tea and biscuits will be available before talk.
- **Meeting** » Room A202, The Quad on Thursday, 1st of February.
- **Bottled Water discussion** » A206 on Thursday, 15th of March. Bottled water: a healthy option or a waste of money? Guest Speaker Kevin Cullen (Engineering Geologist)
- **Carbonatites** » A206 on Thursday, 22nd of March. Guest Speaker: Alan Woolley from the National History Museum, London talks on Carbonatites

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Shane Treacy

Treasurer: Charlotte De But

OCM: Patrick Crawford

PRO: Mike Kennedy

Postgrad Rep: Milo Barham

Vice-Auditor: Bill Wood

Secretary: Ed Lynch

Webmaster: Keith Whirsky

PRO: Barry McGuire

Geology Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	121.62	Bank charge	€6.84
Fundraising	€205	Reception	€225.5
Members Contributions	€785.58	Society accomm	€60
USC Grant	€1855	Society transport	€1560
		Speaker accomm	€427.6
		Speaker travel	€300
		Expenditure Total	€2579.94
		Closing Bank Balance	€387.26
Total	€2967.2	Total	€2967.2

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 60 members.

German Society

The German Society 2006-07 aims to bring the flavour of Germany, Austria and Switzerland to NUI Galway! Our society is highly active and runs various events throughout the course of the year. This year we had weekly Filmabend and Barabend sessions every week on Tuesday nights. These were very popular events and fun was had by all! We also had a boat trip on the Corrib and a great Christmas party.

Two highlights of our year was a trip to Germany and our annual German play.

German Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 11 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:

- Filmabend and Barabend ran for 9 weeks in AM Fottrell and Sheridan's Bar, beginning on Tuesday, 3/10/2006.
- Come and join us for a German Film evening in the Fottrell Theatre in the Arts Millennium building (7 to 9pm) and afterwards in Sheridan's on the docks. Every Tuesday and all are welcome!

➤ Special Events

This year we held 2 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Bootsfahrt** » Corrib Princess on Friday, 6/10/2006.

The German Society will be hitting the high seas(well, river) in style again this year with our annual Boat Trip along the Corrib. All society members are welcome to come along, where we will have complementary refreshments and finger food. Tickets are 10 euro and will be available in the SocsBox

- **Christmas/End of Semester Party** » An Pucan on Tuesday, 21/11/2006.

Party (German Style!) to celebrate the end of the semester and the imminent arrival of Christmas and Santa! Entrance €2 includes German finger food typically associated with Christmas and Glühwein. Free entry to a nightclub is included in the price and there will be live music on the night! All welcome, see you there!

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Orlaith Dunican
 Treasurer: Tanya King-Javaid
 Vice-Treasurer: Nicola Walsh
 Vice-PRO: Kayleigh Walsh

Vice-Auditor: Vincent O'Connell
 Secretary: Sean Mee
 PRO: Sabrina Magliocco

German Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	182.24	Dinner	€710
Balls	€150	Entertainment	€802.2
Fundraising	€174	Hall hire	€500
Members Contributions	€650	Makeup/Props	€361.47
Socs box	€527	Prizes	€35
Sponsorship	€28.09	Reception	€312.53
Ticket Sales	€1601.95	Set	€460
USC Grant	€3160.5	Society accomm	€1333.5
		Society transport	€1779.45
		Expenditure Total	€6294.15
		Closing Bank Balance	€179.63
Total	€6473.78	Total	€6473.78

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 132 members.

GiGSoc (Gay in Galway)

GiGSoc is NUI Galway's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Society. It exists to provide a safe space for LGBT students to meet, have fun, and support one another. Getting involved with GiGSoc can be an important first step for students who are thinking about coming out.

We also try to highlight awareness of LGBT issues on campus. GiGSoc is also there to help students who are experiencing homophobia either in a social or academic context. The Students' Union works with us to make sure these issues are highlighted and dealt with. The society is always open to new ideas about how we can make life easier for LGBT students and increase awareness and tolerance in the wider student body.

GiGSoc also aims to reduce homophobia and discrimination towards the LGBT community by integration, opening the society to people of the 'straight' community, encouraging them to come along and by running events in co-operation with other University societies

The main emphasis in GiGSoc is on matters social. We meet every Tuesday and usually adjourn to the pub after. We show films, organize a variety of social events, and travel to LGB events such as USI's Pink Training weekend, and

the USI LGB standing conference. In addition to our Tuesday meetings, we also offer an Icebreaker service to potential new members.

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Events

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

- **Welcome Out Party** » IT204 on Tuesday, 26th of September.

Our first meeting of the year is a big ol' getting to know everyone session. Starting with a reception, you can come along to meet the committee and the rest of the members in a relaxed easygoing manner. And when you're relaxed enough we've got lots of fun and games planned.... All are welcome to the Welcome Out Party! Free taxis to Stranos After the Meeting.

- **Tablequiz** » The Stage Door on Tuesday, 3rd of October.
- **DJ Danceoff!** » Upstairs Strano on Tuesday, 10th of October.

This week's event will be an intervarsity DJ Danceoff between NUIG's GiGSoc and GMIT's Spectrum! Kicks off in Strano @ 8.00 pm. Who wins? YOU decide...

- **Education Meeting** » IT204 on Tuesday, 17th of October.

A chance for all of you to grill some of our guest speakers on LGBT issues. Speakers include Roisin McGrogan S.U. Welfare Officer, Yvonne McDermott S.U. Equality Officer, Garda Gerry Mangan, LGBT Liaison Officer and Steven Conlon, USI LGBT Rights Officer. Refreshments afterwards in college bar.

- **Chill-OUT** » IT 204 on Tuesday, 24th of October.

Get your Guitar and Bongos ready. An evening of relaxed music, conversation and culture...get to know your fellow members in a chilled out atmosphere. From here into the Blue Note and then onto Cuba for a night on the Tiles...

- **GiGSoc Idol** » Stage Door on Tuesday, 31st of October.

This week's event is going to be a karaoke competition! So those of you who enjoy singing in the shower and wouldn't mind an audience, and a panel of gruelling judges, feel free to jump on the stage! Fun, awards, and as always, a great laugh!

- **Smells Like Queen Spirit** » The Cellar on Monday, 6th of November.

This semester's SLQS is going to be at the Cellar downstairs, followed by the Cuba (upstairs always). Its only 5 little 1 euro coins for alternative/indie rock music, don't miss it!

- **Educational Meeting** » IT250 on Wednesday, 15th of November.

In association with Psychological soc GiGSoc are hosting a lecture given by Dr. Todd Morrison on contemporary prejudice toward gay men and lesbian women, followed by reception outside IT250. Then onto the Blue Note.

- **Lit and Deb Motion** » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of November.

Lit and Deb have the motion that GiGSoc should not get society funding. We need as many members as possible to attend to voice our opposition to this motion. It promises to be an interesting debate and its a chance for us to highlight just how much GiGSoc is needed.

- **Christmas Party** » Stranos, Skeff, Karma on Thursday, 23rd of November.

We're going to put a new spin on the phrase "As Gay as Christmas". Its that time of year again so we are celebrating with our annual Christmas party and hitting the town in style. It will start at Stranos at 7pm, for those who aren't attending Lit and Deb, then we're moving on to the Skeff for cocktails and finger food with free entry to Karma afterwards. A brilliant night is assured.

- **Welcome Back Party** » IT204 on Tuesday, 16th of January.

We're having our first meeting this Tuesday the 16th in IT204 at 8.30.... Its just going to be an informal get-to-know everyone/catch up on the Christmas gossip! Much like our first meeting of Semester I. We'll then be heading to Stranos s and then onto infest Cuba*!

- **Talking On Corners** » IT 204 on Tuesday, 23rd of January.

This week's meeting is taking place as usual in IT 204 at 8.15 pm. This week is going to be a discussion-based meeting where we can all get to talk and get to know more about issues effecting us and those around us through an interesting musical chairs style Q+A session. All will be revealed! Afterwards we'll be heading out and then hopefully on to dance the night away.

- **Bowling** » IT204 on Tuesday, 30th of January.

We're going bowling!!!! It promises to be a great night, so we're meeting at IT204 at 8.15, then heading over to Leisureworld on the Headford road..... Best of all, your game of Bowling is free once you buy any drink worth over €4.50 from the bar.... There will be a trophy for the winner... Our weekly visit to Cuba* will take place after!

- **Politicians speak on gay rights** » AM105 on Wednesday, 7th of February.

Speakers from each political party will speak about their parties' policy on gay rights - marriage, adoption etc. Audience will get to ask questions at the end. Followed by a reception.

- **Ann Summers Party** » IT204 on Tuesday, 13th of February.

Hey guys tomorrows meeting is gonna be in IT204 at 8.15.... Its an Ann Summers party!!!! It will be hosted by our very own Davy, so its gonna be lotsa fun!! Fun and Games galore... Then its onto Stranos... This is one which everyone will enjoy see ye all there!!!

- **Standing Conference** » Fottrell Theatre on Friday, 23rd of February.

This weekend, GiGSoc along with NUIG SU will play host to USI Standing Conference... Its the platform where all USI colleges send delegations to discuss and come up with USI LGBT policy for the next 5 years.

- **E.G.M.** » IT204 on Tuesday, 27th of February.

Okay this week is an important one, its gonna be our E.G.M. to elect Auditors (male and female) and P.R.O. Its also a chance to make any constitutional changes.... We'd love a big turn out, the actual meeting wont take long and we'll be heading to the Stage Door afterwards... Its a great chance for anyone whose thinking of running next year to see how the committee works etc.

- **GiGSoc Treasure Hunt!** » IT 204 and all over campus! on Tuesday, 6th of March.

A treasure hunt around the college and don't worry there shall be prizes so familiarise yourselves with the college map, this will give you an edge over your opponents and you're in with a chance to win great prizes! Then we're going to head into the Stage Door.

- **Christian/Cath. Notions on Sex & Sexuality** » The Cellar Bar (Downstairs) on Tuesday, 13th of March.

A talk by Sociology Lecturer Vesna Malesevic on Christian/ Catholic notions on Sex and Sexuality. There will also be some finger food and a chance to ask any questions you might have at the end. Its a very interesting topic and Vesna will not disappoint!!

- **Games Night and Slave Auction** » Stranos (Upstairs) on Friday, 16th of March.

Okay Guys tonight is going to be another great night... we'll be starting out with a games night... So relive your childhood memories with some board games... Then because its RAG week we will be hosting Slave Auction to Raise money for Charity.... So bring a few euro and get a slave for a day!!

- ***Smells Like Queen Spirit*** » Stage Door Bar - Woodquay on Thursday, 22nd of March.

The biggest event of the GiGSoc calendar - DJ Rictor is on the Decks to play all your favourite Alternative/ Rock / Indie tunes. Be prepared to dance your socks off! This is sure to go on into the wee hours. Admission only €5!

- **AGM and End of Year Party** » IT204 and the Living Room on Tuesday, 27th of March.

Well its that time of Year again and Time for GiGSoc to celebrate a brilliant year and to elect a committee to continue the Good work... Then we off to the Living Room for Finger Food and Refreshments

Committee 2006/2007

Treasurer: Paul

NMLO: Rob

PRO: David Devlin

Education Officer: Daire Naughton

Secretary: John Gilmore

Webmaster: Rory Spellman

Co-Auditor: Davy Quinlivan

Co-Auditor: Shona Roche

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	823.14	Affil/Mem fees	€517.49
Bank Charge Refund	€6.89	Bank charge	€13.17

Greenform	€487.5	Dinner	€234.7
Members Contributions	€342	Entertainment	€80
USC Grant	€685.75	Equipment misc	€50
		Printing	€5.3
		Prizes	€113.4
		Promotions	€200
		Reception	€360
		Society transport	€191.25
		Socs day expenses	€100
		Stationary	€9
		Expenditure Total	€1874.31
		Closing Bank Balance	€470.97
Total	€2345.28	Total	€2345.28

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 195 members.

ALIVE Participants GiGSoc (Gay In Galway)		
Davy Quinlivan	Co-Auditor	100 hours
John Gilmore	Secretary	63 hours
Shona Roche	Co-Auditor	60 hours
Hours Volunteered:	223 hours	

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 society took a special interest in the situation in Darfur putting together a radio show to raise awareness highlighting the situation. This year was a very successful one with the society handing over €3,800 to GOAL in March.

Goal Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

- **Sponsored Men's Leg Wax** » College Bar on Wednesday, 18th of October.

Due to the success of the GOAL Leg Wax last year, we're doing it again! Come along and enjoy the spectacle, and maybe even give it a try- if you're brave enough!

- **Whispers in the Dark** » An Taibhdearc on Wednesday, 1st of November.

NUIG GOAL Society presents "Whispers in the Dark" by Sandra Warde Kilduff in An Taibhdearc. Tickets available from the Hub for the special student price of €6. In association with Red Salamander Theatre Company. Proceeds to GOAL.

- **Kick 4 Life Talk** » Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 13th of March.

Kick4life is a registered charity that uses football as a means of raising funds and awareness of global issues. Last year co-founders of K4L Steve and Pete Fleming attempted a unique challenge by kicking a football for 250 miles across Malawi to raise money for children orphaned by Aids. Kicking along dirt tracks and roads in

temperatures exceeding 30 degrees centigrade, they completed the challenge in nine days, covering more than a marathon a day. Following this remarkable achievement they set up the charity Kick4Life, which has since been involved in many more football related projects. President of Galway United Football Club and TD Michael D. Higgins will chair the talk, and a reception will follow. All are welcome.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Colin Lyons
Secretary: John Duffy

Treasurer: Darren Smyth
O.S.L.O: Gabrielle Campion

Goal Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	176.49	Ball	€75
Fundraising	€4584.97	Bank charge	€3.92
Socs box	€96	Dinner	€215
USC Grant	€1027.72	Fundraising/charity	€4949.37
		Reception	€73.56
		Speaker travel	€567.8
		Expenditure Total	€5884.65
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.53
Total	€5885.18	Total	€5885.18

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 161 members.

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 the Green Party/Comhaontas Glas, who we see as the best party to achieve change in Ireland.

This year we hosted the annual National Convention. Mayor Niall O'Brolchain opened the convention and it was attended by Young Greens from around the country. During the convention workshops on canvassing, food, creative campaigning and Energy were held and Aidan White, President of the International Federation of Journalists, addressed the convention on the subject of "Press Freedom in the age of the 'War on terror'" We also held many meetings during the year and organised a Student Travel Campaign to abolish the student railcard and go back to an integrated student travel card for all CIE (busses, trains etc).

Green Party Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

- **First meeting** » AC203 on Wednesday, 13th of September.
- **Meet the Mayor** » AC203 on Wednesday, 20th of September.

At 7.00 PM in AC203 we will be meeting to discuss events for the year. We will also be welcoming a special guest, Niall Ó Brolcháin, Mayor of Galway City will be there to meet members after society's day.

- **Regular meeting** » AC203 on Wednesday, 27th of September.
- **Weekly meeting** » AC203 on Wednesday, 4th of October.
- **Weekly meeting** » AM102 on Monday, 9th of October.
- **Student Travel Campaign** » The Quad (Archway) on Friday, 13th of October.

Tomorrow outside the Quad we will be handing out postcards to be mailed to Mary Hannifin. Its part of our campaign to abolish the student railcard and go back to an integrated student travel card for all CIE transport.

Green Campus Meeting » AM112 on Wednesday, 25th of October.

- **Young Greens National Convention opening** » Busker Brownes on Friday, 10th of November.

Our annual National Convention will take place in Galway, hosted by the young Greens @ NUI, Galway. Mayor Niall O'Brolchain will open the convention, which will be attended by Young Greens from around the country tonight in Buskers.

- **Young Greens National Convention Day 2** » BS113, BS116, (Cairnes Building) on Saturday, 11th of November.

The main day of the convention, there will be workshops on canvassing, food, creative campaigning and Energy. Trevor Sergeant will address the convention and Aidan White president of the international Federation of Journalists will be addressing the convention on the subject of "Press Freedom in the age of the 'War on terror'"

- **Young Greens National Convention Day3** » Conference room, The Vic. on Sunday, 12th of November.

The old National Executive Committee will be handing over to the newly elected National Executive Committee and an open meeting for all members will be held.

- **Regular meeting** » AM112 on Wednesday, 15th of November.
- **Last meeting of the semester** » AM112 on Wednesday, 22nd of November.
- **AGM** » AM 112 on Thursday, 29th of March.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: James Hope

Vice-Auditor: Andrew Murphy

Treasurer: Michael Devaney

Secretary: Shane Connolly

PRO, Press: Lenny Antonelli

Liaisons officer: Joanne Coffey

PRO Posters: Philip McVeigh

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Rachel O'Toole

Green Party Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	161.3	Bank charge	€7.50
USC Grant	€735.32	Teachers fees	100
		Society Travel	160
		Dinner	615.32
		Expenditure Total	€882.82
		Closing Bank Balance	€13.80
Total	€896.62	Total	€896.62

Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 182 members.

Horse Racing Society

Our main event each year is our Annual Cheltenham Preview Night. This year, as ever, we assembled a top class panel of Racing experts from home and abroad who gave their time free of charge to this worthy cause. This panel comprised of top Irish jockey Andrew McNamara, 8 time British Champion Jockey Peter Scudamore, ex Racing Post editor and regular 'Last Word' contributor Alan Byrne, Champion Hurdle winning trainer Michael Cunningham, Damien McElroy of The Irish Independent, and legendary punter, owner and trainer (and founder of DAFA) Barney Curley. A crowd in excess of 500 attended in the Salthill Hotel on Monday March 6th. This year's night raised 22,000 euros, all going to DAFA. We attract sponsorship from all over the country, with Mulholland Bookmakers being our largest contributors.

In the past 5 years we have raised over €100,000 for Direct Aid for Africa, a charity with strong links to the racing community. Unlike other charities, every penny you give to DAFA goes straight towards helping those in Africa (mainly Zambia). Learn more about DAFA at www.dafa.co.uk. This year we won best charity event at the Society Awards 07

Horse Racing Society Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

- **Cheltenham Preview Night** » Salthill Hotel on Monday, 5th of March.

The NUI Galway Horse Racing Society has once again teamed up with Direct Aid For Africa (DAFA) and John Mulholland to stage the 6th Annual Cheltenham Preview. Entry on the door is €15 which includes a €10 Free Bet. Over the past 5 years the NUI Galway Horse Racing Society has raised over €100,000 for DAFA and this year is expected to be our biggest yet. Our panel is comprised of numerous experts including Alan Byrne, former Racing Post Editor and Barney Curley, legendary punter, trainer and the founder of DAFA. The night will also feature phone-ins with leading racing figures along with video footage and detailed analysis of the main Cheltenham contenders. The unique feature of our preview night is that every single cent received on the door and through raffle sales go straight to Direct Aid For Africa and the costs are borne by the organisers. The money is spent on trying to improve the lives of people in the Third World through a range of projects focusing on health care, education and self-help. Operating predominantly in Zambia DAFA has been involved in funding health centres to treat those suffering from AIDS as well as supporting hospices to provide care for those dying of the disease. It has also promoted schemes providing home-based care to AIDS victims and others.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: William Morris

Vice-Auditor: David McElroy

Treasurer: Brian Morris

Secretary: Bobby Glavin

Honorary President: Mark Flood

Media Consultant: Darragh Toolan

Public Relations Officer: Ronan Byrnes

Registrar: Maurice Finn

Horse Racing Society Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	955.17	Bank charge	€7.49
Sponsorship	€21250	Fundraising/charity	€21750
		Expenditure Total	€21757.49
		Closing Bank Balance	€447.68
Total	€22205.17	Total	€22205.17

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 103 members.

The Human Rights Society

We are a non-political society with a special interest in human and civil rights, both global and local. We aim to provide students of NUI Galway with a forum to discuss human rights issues whilst also encouraging and facilitating actions aimed at improving human rights around the world.

Currently in our fourth year, we have over 300 members and this year alone collected over 1,000 signatures for various issues

Human Rights Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

- **First Meeting** » The Hub on Tuesday, 26th of September.
- **Film: The Road to Guantanamo** » Kirwan Theatre on Tuesday, 17th of October.
"The Road to Guantanamo". This is an award winning film which highlights the abuse and maltreatment of these prisoners. All welcome.
- **Meeting** » The Hub on Thursday, 2nd of November.
- **Darfur Awareness Week** » Aras Na MacLeinn on Tuesday, 7th of November.

The Human Rights Society is running a Darfur Awareness Week to highlight the ongoing crisis in the region. We will have stands in Aras na MacLeinn with lots of information on the situation and how you can help, from petitions to making a short video of yourself to send to Amnesty. Come along and chat to us about how students can make a difference.

- **Darfur Awareness Talk** » Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 7th of November.

An informative talk on the current situation in Darfur. Speakers: Ray Jordan from Goal, Muireann Kirrane from Trocaire, and Natacha O'Brien from Frontline Defenders. All welcome, reception afterwards.

- **Christmas Party//Enveloping** » The King's Head on Tuesday, 21st of November.
- **Emmanuel Jal Talk** » Kirwan Theatre on Friday, 8th of December.

A fantastic event, to take a break from exams and study. Emmanuel Jal, former child soldier and one of Africa's hottest music stars will give a talk about his life, his music and the many causes he is involved in. Not to be missed!

- **Screening of 'Inside Guantanamo'** » IT250 on Wednesday, 17th of January.

To highlight the 5th anniversary of Guantanamo Bay, the Human Rights Soc are showing this BBC1 documentary. Petition and letter writing actions will be available at the film, as well as an opportunity to add your voice to the thousands who have said 'Close Guantanamo Now' on film. All Welcome.

- **Film-Volver** » IT250 on Thursday, 8th of March.

Critically acclaimed film Volver being shown to celebrate International Women's Day. Starring Penelope Cruz. Ticket's 4 euro for students available from Soc's Box.

- **GRA week Information Fair** » Aras Na MacLeinn on Monday, 12th of March.

Information fair with dozens of stands with info on various global and local issues, with lots of actions you can take to make a difference. Pop down and have a look around!

- **GRA Opening Ceremony** » Siobhan McKenna on Monday, 12th of March.
- **GRA week Films** » The Hub, Aras na MacLeinn on Tuesday, 13th of March.

11am: Fog of War 12.40: Dangerous Living: Coming Out in the Developing World 1.40pm: Hearts and Minds 3.40pm: Keep Being

- **GRA week Films** » The Hub, Aras na MacLeinn on Wednesday, 14th of March.

11am: Life and Debt 12.20pm: McLibel 1.40pm: The Yes Men 3pm: The Corporation

- **GRA week talk on Darfur** » IT250 on Wednesday, 14th of March.

The crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan may be slipping out of the headlines, but the situation remains dire. Awareness is the main weapon we have to combat human rights abuses like this. Come along to hear experts' opinions on Darfur, and also to take action to stop this atrocity. Refreshments after, all welcome.

- **GRA week Films** » The Hub, Aras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 15th of March.

11pm: Checkpoint 12.20: The Road to Guantanamo 1.50pm: Noam Chomsky— The War on Terror 2.50om: Jenin Jenin

- **GRA week Film and Speaker** » IT250 on Thursday, 15th of March.

Special Screening of Mumia: A Case for Reasonable Doubt Followed by reception and Q&A session with an activist from the Mumia Campaign. All welcome.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Patrick Rochford

Vice-Auditor: Aisling Walsh

Treasurer: Niamh Roycroft

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Patrick Rochford

Human Rights Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1129.94	Bank charge	€3.75
Socs box	€56	Materials	€138.95
USC Grant	€1074.11	Performing rights	€56
		Received Money Returned	€335
		Reception	€200
		Society transport	€350
		Speaker travel	€96
		Stationary	€65
		Expenditure Total	€1244.7
		Closing Bank Balance	€1015.35
Total	€2260.05	Total	€2260.05

Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 315 members.

ALIVE Participant Human Rights Society		
Avril Mollaghan	PRO	58 hours
Hours Volunteered:	58 hours	

ISS International Students Society

The International Students Society is dedicated to bringing the diverse nationalities of students studying at NUI Galway closer together. We offer students, both Irish and visiting, the opportunity to meet new friends in the most multicultural setting possible. To this end we organise events to integrate the visiting students into NUI Galway's cultural life and we bring them on weekend trips around Ireland in order to gain a better understanding of Irish society.

ISS International Students Society Events

This year the society had a total of 45 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 7 weeks in AM108, beginning on Monday, 16/10/2006.
- ISS Weekly Meeting ran for 11 weeks in AM121, beginning on Monday, 15/1/2007.

➤ Special Events

This year we held 27 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Night Out** » The Skeffington Arms & Karma on Wednesday, 20/9/2006.
- **International Students Society QUIZ** » The College Bar on Thursday, 28/9/2006.
- **ISS Wednesday Night Party!** » The Skeff, Eyre Square on Wednesday, 4/10/2006.
- **EGM** » AC201 on Tuesday, 10/10/2006.
- **ISS Wednesday Night Party!** » Leisure World, Headford Road, Galway on Wednesday, 11/10/2006.
- **ISS Wednesday Night Party!** » The Living Room on Wednesday, 18/10/2006.
- **Fast Friends** » The College Bar on Wednesday, 25/10/2006.

Two of our members came up with this great idea. The event, which will have quite a similar format to speeddating, promises to be loads of fun and very beneficial. Unlike speeddating however it's main focus will not be on finding a partner, (although who's to say you won't meet the love of your life?), but on making friends and meeting new people. Registration will be at 8pm, and will cost 1 euro, and free food will be available on the night. Also as usual, passes to a nightclub will be made available for after.

- **HALLOWEEN BALL** » AN PUCAN on Tuesday, 31/10/2006.

Come and meet both Irish and International students at the ISS HALLOWEEN BALL! It's fancy dress, with a prize for everyone that arrives in costume! Enjoy the live covers band, and later dance the night away with the DJ SOC DJ's ! Free finger food! Tickets are on sale now, at 7euro from the socsbox. But hurry, they wont be around forever! In aid of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. In conjunction with DJ, Spanish, Juggling and Radio societies.

- **Burren & Cliffs of Moher trip** » Quad tomorrow morning at 10am on Saturday, 4/11/2006.

Note: event takes place tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 10am We here at the ISS are proud to announce that we have organised a tour for all the international and Erasmus students (and any friends who wish to come along) to the Burren and Cliffs of Moher and surrounding area. These are both 'must sees' of Irish attractions and we have got coach a coach and professional tour guide for you for the meagre price of €12. It promises to be a great day but get your tickets fast because places are limits. If you've any queries don't hesitate to contact us either by e-mail or by phone (0879849465). Hope to see you there. Time and Place: 10am Sunday at the Quad Price: €12

- **Burren & Cliffs of Moher Trip** » Galway and Clare on Sunday, 5/11/2006.

We here at the ISS are proud to announce that we have organised a tour for all the international and Erasmus students (and any friends who wish to come along) to the Burren and Cliffs of Moher and surrounding area. These are both 'must sees' of Irish attractions and we have got coach a coach and professional tour guide for you for the meagre price of €12. It promises to be a great day but get your tickets fast because places are limits. If you've any queries don't hesitate to contact us either by e-mail or by phone (0879849465). Hope to see you there. Time and Place: 10am Sunday morning at the Quad Price: €12

- **ISS Dincert!** » THE HUB AND COLLEGE BAR on Friday, 10/11/2006.

Come along to the annual ISS Dincert! This year, it takes place in the hub, Áras na Mac Léinn, and then later we move to the college bar. The Dincert is a mix of a dinner and a concert - hence Din-cert! Students and Staff from different countries are encouraged to get together and to prepare a dish from their country/region/culture, and bring it along on Friday the 10th to the HUB from 7 pm onwards. The dishes will be laid out on a table in buffet style, so that you share what you have prepared with fellow students - Irish and those from further a field! You get to taste flavours from all over the world, prepared by fellow students. Students may also decorate their dish with flags, or indeed make a small note to name and explain the dish. Entry is FREE to all students, but you must bring a dish with you. There will be a wine bar and a soft drinks bar available in the Hub. After, we move into the College bar, where Irish dancing, Salsa, Tango, a choir and Malaysian dancing will be amongst the entertainment provided free of charge. We extend a particular welcome to those who have never attended an ISS event, and Irish people are most actively encouraged to participate in the evening. Organised in conjunction with the Students Union as part of BUILDING UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY WEEK, as well a number of societies.

ISS Welcome Party » College Bar on Friday, 12/1/2007.

- **ISS International Students Soc - PARTY!** » The Skeff on Wednesday, 17/1/2007.
- **ISS Belfast Trip** » Belfast on Friday, 19/1/2007.

The 1st ISS trip of 2007 takes place on 19th January at 10am. Tickets cost €50.00 and includes the Bus to and from Belfast and two night's accommodation. We will have the chance to visit Belfast's famous city hall, the Giant's causeway and some of the city's other attractions. Places are strictly limited, and tickets will go on sale 11am Thurs 11th Jan, from the socsbox.

- **ISS Bowling** » Galway leisure world (next to Tesco) on Thursday, 25/1/2007.
- **ISS International Student Party!** » Skeff Bar, Eyre Sq. on Wednesday, 31/1/2007.
- **Trip to Dublin with ISS** » Dublin City centre on Friday, 2/2/2007.

Trip to Dublin this weekend with the ISS. Leaving the Quadrangle at 11 am on Friday morning and returning on Sunday afternoon. There are a few places left so sign up as soon as possible at the Socs Box. Cost- 45euros.

- **ISS SUPERBOWL!!!** » College Bar on Monday, 5/2/2007.
- **Shindig in the Síbín** » The College Bar on Tuesday, 6/2/2007.

This event which we are co-organising with the food and drink society will be similar to last semester's DinCert, whereby in order to gain admission you must bring along a dish, (enough for perhaps 3-4 persons), then everyone gets the chance to sample what others have brought along. The event was a raging success last year, with cuisine from all over the world on offer. The event is part of the Múscailt Arts festival, and this time around we have the added bonus of the services of food and drink soc., who will be serving some fine Irish dishes for all to sample. Don't worry if you're not Gordon Ramsey, something simple will be fine.

- **ISS Múscailt Wrap-Up Party!** » College Bar on Friday, 9/2/2007.
- **ISS Valentine's @ College Bar** » COLLEGE BAR on Wednesday, 14/2/2007.
- **Chinese New Year!** » College Bar on Friday, 16/2/2007.

Come one, come all! Do something different this Friday night and Celebrate Chinese New Year with NUIG's Chinese Community! *Elegant Gifts *Puzzles / Quizzes & Prizes *Brilliant Video Programme *Chinese Tea & Snacks *Traditional Chinese Music All are welcome to this special event! Free Admission, Free Gifts, Free Food, and Most Importantly, Free Fun!!! Come and Experience Chinese Traditions! Event Organised in Co-operation with: The Chinese Students and Scholars Association, NUIG. The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ireland. ISS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SOCIETY -Working to ensure "diversity as a resource" is recognised on campus.

- **Karaoke** » The Mixer's Pub/GPO nightclub (after) on Thursday, 1/3/2007.
- **ISS CORK TRIP** » CORK CITY AND COUNTY on Friday, 9/3/2007.

There is going to be an ISS Trip to Cork (2005 European Capital of Culture) leaving this Friday at two from the presidents lawn. It will be the LAST TRIP of the year and will be well worth going on. There is a lot going on in Cork this weekend so it should be especially lively. There will be a film festival plus a wide selection of theatre. And if that's not for you then there are literally hundreds of pubs and over twenty clubs to choose from. There will be a handout with these details and a map for those going on the trip. Also on the return leg on Sunday the coach will stop at the famous Blarney Castle where you'll get a chance to walk around and kiss the Blarney stone. Cork

is a great vibrant young Irish city and everybody is sure to have a great time. The Bus will leave outside the Presidents lawn on Friday the 9th at 2pm. On the return leg it leaves Cork at midday and will return via Blarney Castle. The price is €45 and includes two night's accommodation and the coach both ways. The tickets are on sale in the socsbox and there are only a limited number of spaces left so get there quick. Any queries just send an e-mail to us.

- **ISS AGM** » Fottrell Theatre Arts Millennium Building on Wednesday, 21/3/2007.
- **Corrib Princess Tour** » Departs: Steamer's Quay, Woodquay on Wednesday, 18/4/2007.

A guided tour of the River Corrib and the lower reaches of Lough Corrib aboard the Corrib Princess combined with our end of year party.

- **Service** » Chapel, NUI, Galway on Wednesday, 18/4/2007.

It was with great sadness that we heard the news of the tragedy on the Campus of the Virginia Tech. As a mark of solidarity with the fellow students and staff of Virginia Tech and with the parents and families of those who tragically were killed, the International Office and the Chaplaincy are holding a short service of prayer and reflection. It will be held in the University chapel at 5.15p.m. (Wednesday) All people are welcome.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Sean de Burca
 Treasure: David Higgins
 OCM: Laura Freyne
 PRO: Martyn O'Reilly
 O.C.M: Ellen Ward
 Vice-Secretary: Isla Cully

Vice-Auditor: Alan McIntyre
 OCM: Ghislain Kerhino
 OCM: Andrea Grabow
 Secretary: Shane Daly
 O.C.M: Cecile Vivien

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Laura Freyne

Vice-Auditor: Ellen Ward

ISS International Students Society Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2484.86	Bank charge	€3.75
Societies day	€230	Dinner	€917.65
Socs box	€8026.76	Entertainment	€308
Sponsorship	€89.01	Entry fees	€297
Ticket Sales	€411	Fundraising/charity	€500
USC Grant	€5835.5	Hire Bus	€500
		Materials	€1791.24
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€248.3
		Returned Socs Money	€280
		Society accomm	€4840.8
		Society transport	€5549
		Stationary	€176.41
		Expenditure Total	€15412.15
		Closing Bank Balance	€1664.98
Total	€17077.13	Total	€17077.13

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 885 members.

ALIVE Participants ISS International Students Society		
David Higgins	Treasurer	142 hours
Séan De Burca	Auditor	154 hours
Martin O'Reilly	P.R.O.	80 hours
Laura Freyne	OCM	80 hours
Andrea Grabow	ISS Committee Member, American Representative	55 hours
Ellen Ward	OCM	44 hours
Isla Cully	Vice-Secretary	70 hours
Hours Volunteered:	625 hours	

Italian Society

The Italian Society was formed to spread an understanding and appreciation of Italian Culture in NUI Galway. Galway has a thriving and vibrant Italian community as does the college with many students arriving annually to study on the Erasmus/Socrates programmes. This year we hope to have achieved a greater awareness of the society on campus and to have made people more aware of the vast cultural contribution Italy and the Italian people have given to Galway, Ireland and beyond. We did this by creating events featuring large and small elements of Italian culture; our table quiz had Italian rounds, our coffee morning featured Cappuccino and traditional Italian Christmas cake and we added a twist to an ordinary night out by ordering pizzas to give a more 'aperitivi' and casual take on an evening, just like Italians themselves.

Our two major events, however, allowed us to really spread our love of Italy to the students of Galway, the trip to Bergamo and Venice and the Carnevale Ball in the Radisson. By undertaking such major events we hoped to create a place in the university for the Italian language and people.

This year we won Best Improved Society at the NUI Galway Awards and went on to represent the University at BICS.

Italian Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

- **First Meeting & EGM** » The HUB on Thursday, 14th of September.
- **Welcome Back Party** » The Living Room on Wednesday, 27th of September.
- **Shakespeare's Italy** » AM 150 on Tuesday, 10th of October.

An amazing talk by Marco Liviero, Elton College Windsor UK. A gripping lecture about Shakespeare's Italy. 'A journey through never-never land' Admission free, all welcome, refreshments afterwards.

- **Table Quiz** » De Burgos on Wednesday, 11th of October.
- **Piave and Verdi's 'Rigoletto'** » AM 150 on Tuesday, 17th of October.

Italian Achievements: Then and Now. Deirdre O'Grady of UCD Piave and Verdi's Rigoletto: A drama of derision? All welcome! Free Admission, refreshments afterwards.

- **Intercultural Musical Band- Vesuwave** » De Burgos on Wednesday, 18th of October.

Vesuwave, an eight piece band comprising of Italian, Irish, Spanish and German members are playing at club DeBurgo's tomorrow night. (Wednesday October 18th) 90% of the singing is in Italian, the Neapolitan dialect to be precise. The music is a mixture of traditional songs from around the Vesuvio with psychedelic-funk-rock. (They will also play on Sunday at the Cellar.) Buon ascolta, Ciao.

- **Film Night!!!** » AM 150 O'Thúthail theatre on Monday, 23rd of October.

The Second of our Mafia Film series will be shown tonight, all welcome.

- **Pirandello's Drama (Ann Callaghan)** » AM 150 on Tuesday, 24th of October.

Pirandello's drama 'Six characters in search of an author': 'Bewitched but not Bothered or Bewildered' talk by Ann Callaghan of UCC All welcome, Free admission and refreshments afterwards.

- **Aperitivi!!!** » Club Áras na Gael, Dominic St. on Thursday, 2nd of November.

Ciao Ciao Ciao! After a hectic week of Halloween partying and fancy dress, The Italian Soc have the perfect answer - Sit down with us, and have aperitivi (pizza, finger foods etc.), have a nice relaxing evening and a bit of craic. As always all welcome, Free Food and a GOOD TIME guaranteed!! Ci vediamo la!

- **Christmas Coffee Morning** » The HUB on Friday, 24th of November.

- **Italy Trip 2007 Meeting** » The HUB on Wednesday, 10th of January.

There will be a short meeting for all students going on the upcoming trip to Italy. Its important all involved attend the meeting as there is alot to go discuss before the trip. (All involved must also bring the balance of the trip E20)

- **Carnevale Ball 2007** » Radisson SAS on Monday, 15th of January.

Tickets are finally on sale for the Biggest and Newest event in the NUIG calendar, The Italian Society's FIRST EVER Masquerade Gala Carnival Ball The NUIG Italian Society's Carnevale ball will be held in the SAS Radisson Hotel on February 15th, 2007 from 7.30 pm. Yes there are other Balls out there folks, but believe me this is one ball you don't want to miss! Tickets include a gourmet meal, entertainment, live music by the Role Models, DJ and lots of FUN! At only 60 euro (55 euro students with student card) tickets are a snip! Tickets are available from the Italian Department Secretary (between 9.30 and 1pm), the Socs Box on Campus and RedLight Music Store in the city centre from today (Monday 15th of Jan)

- **Italian Soc Night Out** » Massimo's on Thursday, 18th of January.

- **AFTERS TICKETS (Carnevale Charity Ball)** » On Sale in the SocsBox on Friday, 9th of February.

- **Italian Society's Masquerade Ball** » Radisson SAS Hotel on Thursday, 15th of February.

The NUIG Italian Society's Carnevale ball will be held in the SAS Radisson Hotel on February 15th, 2007 from 7.30 pm.

- **Night Out @ Massimo's** » Massimo's on Wednesday, 14th of March.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Alison Heron

Treasurer: Niamh O'Donnellan

Secretary: Ciara Norton

PRO: Federico Tommasini

CDO: Jenny O'Halloran

PRO: Dermot Canniffe

Buildings Officer: Jessica D'Eath

Safety Officer: Peter Dlima

Entertainment Officer: Elinor O'Callaghan

Italian Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	33.09	Ball	€7979
Balls	€10793	Bank charge	€84.83
Fundraising	€819.68	Dinner	€426.96

Socs box	€2825	Entertainment	€300
Sponsorship	€750	Equipment misc	€460
USC Grant	€2611.27	Fundraising/charity	€3743
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€60
		Society accomm	€2395
		Society transport	€2211.55
		Expenditure Total	€17660.34
		Closing Bank Balance	€171.7
Total	€17832.04	Total	€17832.04

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 227 members but we have not yet submitted a list of these members to the Societies Office.

ALIVE Participant Italian Society		
Alison Heron	Auditor	100 hours
# Hours Volunteered:	100 hours	

Juggling Society

The Juggling Society has had a successful year to date. New and upcoming committee members, new ideas and fresh influence have enabled the society to continue varied and numerous juggling activities, similar to the previous year. Membership has increased creating a large weekly attendance at our workshops and as a result we have invested greatly in equipment to supply the demand. The variety of events held this year has developed and benefited both the society and its members.

Juggling Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 65 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 practice session and workshop ran for 9 weeks in Sports Hall, beginning on Tuesday, 3/10/2006.
- Open session/practice time ran for 8 weeks in Dangan Sports ground, beginning on Sunday, 22/10/2006.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 48 special events. These events were as follows:

- **First Meeting** » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 26/9/2006.
- **Make your own Juggling Balls workshop** » The Hub on Tuesday, 26/9/2006.
- **Make Your Own Balls and Poi Workshop** » The Hub on Tuesday, 3/10/2006.

Steve and Donal will provide materials to make your own balls and poi. Any balls made can be kept for free. Poi will cost 1.50 euro per set. Anyone wishing to make poi can make two sets, one for the society and one for themselves.

- **Open Session of Juggling** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 12/10/2006.

- **Open session/practice time** » Outside college bar on Thursday, 19/10/2006.
- **Juggling Spectacle Party** » Cottage Bar, Lower Salthill. on Tuesday, 24/10/2006.

1st party of the semester! DJ and Spanish Socs will be joining us in the Cottage Bar in Lower Salthill. Finger food/Tapas served at 9pm. Early birds will catch the food! Spectacular juggling 9:30-12pm, then were going to a house to continue the fiesta. Its free, hope to see everyone there! It's in the Cottage Bar, Lower Salthill. If anyone doesn't know where it is look out for posters/flyers with maps or meet at the Quad at 8:45pm to follow the crowd.

- **Open session/Skill sharing** » St. Joseph's Community Centre -Shantallagh on Wednesday, 25/10/2006.
- **Open session. Equipment provided.** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 26/10/2006.
- **Open juggling space** » Dangan Sports Centre on Sunday, 29/10/2006.
- **Open session/practice space** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 13/11/2006.
- **Open practice space** » Shantallagh Community Centre on Wednesday, 15/11/2006.
- **Tralee Juggling Convention** » Tralee on Friday, 24/11/2006.

Places limited. Contact Nick if interested on 085 712 4901.

- **Juggling and Visual Variety Show** » Cairnes Theatre on Tuesday, 28/11/2006.

Jeremy James (Paris) and Marco Paoletti (Argentina) will give performances along with some of our own members and top Galway circus artists. A must see, FREE opportunity!

- **Improvement 3 ball class** » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 9/1/2007.

Improvement 3 ball class with some basic new tricks and passing. Equipment provided, but bring your own if you can.

- **Stagecraft Renegade Show/Christmas Party** » Victoria Hotel on Friday, 12/1/2007.

Mariosa from Stagecraft has invited the juggling soc to the stagecraft renegade party. Check it out.. As a thank you for your kind support through out 2006 all members of the juggling society are invited to the StageCraft Christmas Party! and Renegade Show! Christmas Party in January are you Mad? I here you say... Yes we definitely are mad but this is not the reason, we were all simply to preoccupied with gigs over the holiday season to host such an event before now. So come along for the crack and if you have an interest in performance or possibly working with us in the future then show us what you've got at the renegade show simply prepare a short piece to some music and our wonderful compare for the night Aengus Van Hout will slot you in.... Otherwise just chill out and enjoy a night of music and shenanigans, Anna Lee will kick everything off with her amazing voice, A yarn or two will be spun by the very clever word smith Clare Murphy and the renegade promises to see a good splatter of Galway's finest lunatics. Bring your glow and U.V. toys for later when the DJ is on. Entrance is free Password is Rumples Stilskin Doors 8pm Late Bar See you there.

- **3 Ball Improvers Workshop** » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 16/1/2007.
- **Societies Day 2!** » Foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn on Wednesday, 17/1/2007.
- **Open Session of Juggling** » Bank of Ireland on Thursday, 18/1/2007.
- **Dangan Open Session** » Dangan Sports Centre on Sunday, 21/1/2007.
- **Beginners 3 ball workshop** » Sports Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 23/1/2007.
- **Juggling Fire Party** » Cottage Bar, Lower Salthill on Tuesday, 23/1/2007.

Will be held in the Cottage Bar, lower Salthill. Food/Tapas served at 9, followed by fire juggling out back till 12 and hopefully to an after venue. All welcome, tell friends.

- **Open session of Juggling** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 25/1/2007.
- **Open Session of Juggling** » Dangan Sports Centre on Sunday, 28/1/2007.
- **Poi workshop + equipment order** » Sports Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 30/1/2007.
- **Open session of juggling** » meet outside college bar on Thursday, 1/2/2007.
- **Open Session of Juggling** » Dangan Sports Centre on Sunday, 4/2/2007.
- **Launch of Múscailt Fleadh Imboilg 07** » Aula Maxima on Monday, 5/2/2007.

Monday Múscailt Fleadh Imboilg 07 starts today and there is a long list of some pretty cool things to see and do. Múscailt official launch at 1pm today in the Aula Maxima Lower with music from No Crows, which features Steve Wickham (Water Boys) plus Contempo and Malaysian and Irish dance with reception. All welcome. Juggling in the quad for photo opportunity!

- **Diablo + Contact/Staff Workshop** » Sports Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 6/2/2007.

- **Juggling on the Green** » Green between Arus de Brún and AMB on Wednesday, 7/2/2007.

This Wednesday from 4-6pm we will have a Juggling on the Green Day as part of Múscailt. It will be held on the green area between Arus de Brún and the Arts Millennium. There will be games, fire and glow juggling, bring any equipment you can.

- **Open session of juggling** » Meet outside college bar on Thursday, 8/2/2007.
- **Practice session** » Dangan sports centre on Sunday, 11/2/2007.
- **Devil Sticks + Club Swinging Workshops** » Sports Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 13/2/2007.

Brendan will run through some basic steps with devil sticks. Check out this link to see more: www.jugglingworld.biz/tricks/tricks_devilstick.html Donal will run a club swinging workshop. This is very good for anyone interested in clubs or poi. Equipment provided.

- **Open Session of Juggling** » Racquet ball courts or foyer on Thursday, 15/2/2007.
- **Open Session of Juggling** » Dangan Sports Hall on Sunday, 18/2/2007.
- **Birthday Fire Juggling Party** » Cottage Bar, Lower Salthill on Monday, 19/2/2007.

Eimhin's Birthday Fire Juggling Party. Bring any fire equipment you may have. Cottage Bar lower Salthill.

- **Siteswap Workshop** » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 20/2/2007.
- **Open Session + Passing Workshop** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 22/2/2007.
- **Beginners Club-Juggling Workshop** » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 27/2/2007.
- **Open Session of Juggling** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 1/3/2007.
- **Socs in the City fashion show** » The Radisson Hotel on Monday, 5/3/2007.

Juggling Soc will be performing at the fashion show hosted by French Soc and Rotaract Soc. Other performances will include DanSoc, GUMS, Orchestra society and Trad soc. Tickets available in the Socsbox. Galway's finest jugglers performing!

- **Advanced Poi Workshop** » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 6/3/2007.
- **Open Session of Juggling** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 7/3/2007.
- **Devil Stick + Hat Workshops** » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 13/3/2007.

Brendan will run a devil stick workshop and Colm will run a small workshop on Hat Tricks, numbers limited so if anyone has a hat bring it in, not the woolly type!

- **Societies Valentine's Ball** » The Junction Nightclub on Wednesday, 14/3/2007.
- **Open Session of Juggling** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 15/3/2007.
- **Open Session of Juggling** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 20/3/2007.
- **Last Poi Workshop** » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 20/3/2007.
- **British Juggling Convention 07** » Nottingham on Wednesday, 11/4/2007.

Will be held in Nottingham from the 11-15th of April. Camping on site. Entry to the convention and flights should work out for less than 100 euro. Check out www.bjc2007.com if interested

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ritchie Lyons	Vice-Auditor: Brendan Fahy
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Events & Society Development: Anna Hall	Photographic Officer: Stevie Boyd
Equipment Officer/P.R.O: Luke Dillon	Webmaster: Seamus Cawley
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Co-Secretary& Registrar: Laura Moran	OCM: Dave O'Leary
OCM: Elizabeth Reidy	
Events & Society Development: Katie Bartrand	
Events & Society Development: Rachel Mahon	

Juggling Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	792.83	Bank charge	€37.62
Bank Charge Refunded	€1.72	Dinner	€504.05
Greenform	€630	Entry fees	€1643
Members Contributions	€2120	Equipment misc	€2529.42
Muscailt	€530	Hall hire	€830
Socs box	€2015	Lights	€60
Sponsorship	€440	Materials	€2350.07
USC Grant	€7523.57	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€96.88
		Prizes	€126.36
		Reception	€70.8
		Society accomm	€820
		Society transport	€2888
		Sound	€60
		Speaker travel	€500
		Teacher fees	€1000
		Expenditure Total	€13516.2
		Closing Bank Balance	€536.92
Total	€14053.12	Total	€14053.12

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 685 members.

ALIVE Participants Juggling Society		
Brendan Fahy	Vice-Auditor	40 hours
Richard Lyons	Auditor	80 hours
Fiona Gillespie	Liaison Officer	35 hours
Stephen Boyd	Photographic Officer	24 hours
Hours Volunteered:	179 hours	

Karting Society

The first semester was big for Karting Soc. Just before Christmas, Karting Soc became an official society. We started the year off with the Grand Prix Party in the Living Room. The Living Room kindly offered us their top floor to watch the Brazilian Grand Prix. The conclusion to the Formula One season was met with huge interest as Karting Soc packed the place with passionate Schumacher fans and the odd (very odd) Alonso supporter.

On the 20th of November Karting Soc went on a trip to Pallas Karting. 14 of our top-gun drivers took to the track to compete for NUIG's number one spot! Unfortunately torrential downpours turned our grand prix event into a scene from Mario Kart! Fastest driver on the day was Alloys Muller's.

RAG WEEK 2007 was eventful for Karting Soc as we held a party in Bar903 on the Wednesday. We had a great attendance for the event and the crowd's demand for further partying forced us to travel all the way to Cuba (all those stairs!) to finish off what was a great night.

Karting Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

- **AGM** » The Hub on Wednesday, 11th of October.
- **Grand Prix Party** » The Living Room on Sunday, 22nd of October.
Karting Soc is hosting a Grand Prix Party in the Living Room for all you F1 fans. The Brazilian Grand Prix will be shown on the big screen on the top floor. It's the last grand prix of the 2006 season & the last grand prix of Michael Schumacher's career. Don't miss this historic occasion. Free finger food promised.
- **Trip to Pallas Karting** » Pallas Karting on Monday, 20th of November.
Karting Soc is going on its first trip this year to Pallas Karting in Tynagh. Pallas has the largest go-kart track in Europe and we're bringing 14 people down there for a half hour of exciting action.
- **RAG WEEK PARTY!!!** » Bar903, Cuba (the club, not the country) on Wednesday, 21st of February.
RAG WEEK will be an eventful one for Karting Soc as we are holding a party on Wednesday. We're hitting Bar903 followed by Cuba*. We promise a great night

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: David McDonagh

Vice-Auditor: Peter Crowe

Treasurer: Greg Farnan

Secretary: Liam Doheny

Public Relations Officer: Darren Smyth

PRO: Colum Charlton

Health & Safety Officer: Jason McNamara

OCM: Oliver McCarthy

Society Development Officer: Enda O'Connor

Karting Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Society Transport	€575
Members Contributions	€230	Entry fees	€230
Socs box	€350		
USC Grant	€255		
		Expenditure Total	€805
		Closing Bank Balance	€30
Total	€835	Total	€835

Other Information

We held 11 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 700 members.

Labour Youth Society

Labour Youth is the youth branch of the Labour Party NUI, Galway. As Ireland's only real left-wing alternative to the domination of corrupt and self-serving petty politics that have marked this country, we aim to try and give the students of NUI, Galway a voice in building a better Ireland. With increasing voter apathy, this society tries to show students that they can, make a real difference in Irish politics. We hold meetings and talks on Labour politics and organise events throughout the year, focussing on issues such as equality, human rights and social justice. Labour Youth also has a strong international dimension, regularly participating in European events with our sister social democratic parties in the Party of European Socialists. If you have ever felt like you wanted to change the world for the better, then Labour Youth is the political society for you.

Labour Youth Events

This year the society held a total of 0 events.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Fiona Coyle

Secretary: Sinead Magee

OCM: Nicola McGarry

PRO: Ronan Moyles

Events Organiser: Elizabeth Bree

Labour Youth Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	52.47	Bank charge	€5.62
Bank Charge	€5.55		
USC Grant	€100		
		Expenditure Total	€5.62
		Closing Bank Balance	€152.4
Total	€158.02	Total	€158.02

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 210 members.

Law Society

The Society is proudly sponsored by Matheson Ormsby Prentice - one of Ireland's leading law firms.

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 Law Society meets on a Wednesday night in the O'hEocha theatre, in the Arts Millennium Building at 8pm. Meetings normally commence with an opening address by the auditor, followed by the minutes of the previous meeting and an address from an invited guest. We happily retire afterwards to the Living Room.

The year began with the annual Maiden Speakers event on Wednesday September 20th, with comedian Neil Delamare in attendance to commence proceedings and judge our contestants.

This year it has been our privilege to host: Brian McMahon, Circuit Court Judge (27 September); Israeli Ambassador, Dr. Zion Evrony (4 October); Professor Marie Cassidy, State Pathologist (11 October); Kathleen O'Toole, Chief Inspector of the Garda Síochána (1 November); Desmond Doherty, solicitor (8 November) and James Hamilton, the DPP (22 November) in the first semester. Followed by: Dr. Hikmat Izzat Aijuri, Delegate General of Palestine (January 17th); Mr. Rory Brady, Attorney General (24 January); and the Most Honourable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court (31 January).

The Law Society this year also organised: the "How to Study Law" seminar for first year students, in conjunction with the Law Faculty and the Library; organised the Law Ball, and co-hosted the prestigious National Law Debates with the Literary and Debating Society. The Law Society also made this year its first foray into intervarsity mooting, running workshops and mooting events throughout the year under the organisation of our vice auditor Cathy Egan.

Law Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

- **Maiden Speakers** » O'hEocha Theatre, Arts Millennium on Wednesday, 20th of September.

The Law Society commences its activities each year with the annual Maiden Speakers Competition. We will begin at 7pm with a reception at Smokies, followed at 8pm in the O'hEocha theatre by a free comedy gig by well known Neil Delamare of RTE's "The Panel"- all are welcome!! Afterwards the maiden speaker's competition will start where anyone, young or old, who has not spoken at Law Soc before is free to speak on whatever topic they wish- and are then in with a chance to win a prize- Ipod- law ball tickets and more!

- **Introductory Moot Court Workshop** » AM 109 on Monday, 25th of September.

Are you looking for a fun way to expand your legal education and make that degree more than a piece of paper? Can't decide whether to be a barrister or solicitor or are you just looking for an opportunity to overcome your nerves about speaking in public? Well then LawSoc has the answer. We are running an introductory workshop on how to moot on Monday in the AMB, room 109. We will have speakers to tell you about their experience of mooting, and lecturer Larry Donnelly will share his knowledge on the world of these mock trials.

- **Judge Brian McMahon** » O'hEocha Arts Millennium on Wednesday, 27th of September.

This week LawSoc is proud to host Judge Brian McMahon. He will deliver an address at eight o' clock. Judge McMahon currently sits on the High Court, is a former lecturer at NUIG, and is well known as co-author of McMahon and Binchy's Irish Law of Torts. After the meeting we will retire to the Kings Head.

- **Israeli Ambassador** » Colm O'hEocha Theatre on Wednesday, 4th of October.

LawSoc presents Dr. Zion Evrony, the new Israeli Ambassador to Ireland. The Ambassador will deliver an address which will be followed by a Q&A session. Please note that no bags will be allowed in the theatre for this event and students are advised to queue for this event from 7.30.

- **State Pathologist-Prof. Marie Cassidy** » Colm O'hEocha Theatre Arts Millennium on Wednesday, 11th of October.

LawSoc is proud to present the State Pathologist, Professor Marie Cassidy this Wednesday, October 11 in the Colm O'hEocha Theatre. Professor Cassidy's presentation will include some graphic photographs- so those weak of stomach be warned! Professor Cassidy will be accompanied by student Ryan Davey who will deliver a short presentation also.

- **Speed Moots** » AC 201 on Saturday, 14th of October.

The first taste of moots. No preparation needed. A talk in the morning, followed by the release of the problem, then an hour and a half later, you argue in front of the judge! Sign ups limited so contact LawSoc at lawsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

- **William Fry Solicitors** » IT125 on Monday, 16th of October.

William Fry Solicitors, a big five firm, will give a presentation about working within William Fry- come along to find out what it's really like to be a trainee with Fry's! A great opportunity to chat with them and their trainees.

- **A&L Goodbody Solicitors** » IT250 on Tuesday, 17th of October.

A&L Goodbody Solicitors, a big five firm, will give a presentation about working as a trainee Goodbody and the opportunities available within the firm. A great opportunity to chat with them and their trainees.

- **Matheson Ormsby Prentice** » IT 125 on Wednesday, 18th of October.

Matheson Ormsby Prentice, one of the big five corporate solicitor firms in Ireland, are coming this Wednesday to give a presentation about working as a trainee within their firm. A great opportunity to meet with some of the firms trainees and ask questions. Followed by a reception in the Radisson SAS!

- **Kathleen O'Toole-Chief Inspector, Gardaí** » Colm O'hEocha on Wednesday, 1st of November.

Kathleen O'Toole, Chief Inspector of the Garda Síochána will address the Law Society this Wednesday. She was the first female Police Commissioner of Boston and she was also a member of the Patten Commission which reformed policing in Northern Ireland, leading to the formation of the PSNI. Her role within the Gardaí is to reform the force -addressing in particular the staggering level of indiscipline and insubordination that was uncovered by the Morris Tribunal.

- **Moot Talk** » O'hEocha Theatre on Saturday, 4th of November.

Trinity moot organisers come to Galway to explain the rules and regulations of their competition. Essential for those interested in taking part in the post Christmas competition, where the winners get an internship with a US law firm.

- **Desmond Doherty** » Colm O'hEocha Theatre, AM Building on Wednesday, 8th of November.

Law Soc is very proud to present Desmond Doherty, renowned Derry solicitor and member of Saddam Hussein's defence team. During his address Mr. Doherty will refer to the legality of the Iraqi Special Tribunal and the Hussein trial, his involvement in the Bloody Sunday Inquiry; the Omagh Bombing, inquest and litigation; the Dublin Monaghan Bombings, the inquest, litigation, government hearings and inquiries to date; the public inquiry into hyponotremia-related deaths, and also the International Criminal Court for the Former Yugoslavia- of which he is a member. Please come early to make sure you get a seat!

- **How to Study Law Seminar** » IT250 on Tuesday, 14th of November.

For anyone at all puzzled about how you should approach studying law! Be you first year, or not, all are welcome! Our Education Officer Michelle Daly, with the help of lecturers Conor Hanly, Aoife O'Donoghue, and law Librarian Hugo Kelly, will be providing advice on how to study law, approach exams and questions, and research for essays.

- **Law Soc Party!!** » The Living Room on Wednesday, 15th of November.

- **The DPP, James Hamilton** » Tyndall Theatre- off the concourse on Wednesday, 22nd of November.

This week Law Soc is delighted to welcome the Director of Public Prosecutions to speak about his work and his role in the Irish legal system. All welcome! Please note that this week we're meeting in the Tyndall theatre, it's just off the concourse at the Smokey's end!

- **Palestinian Delegate General Ajjuri** » Colm O'hEocha Theatre on Wednesday, 17th of January.

Our first guest speaker this semester is the new Palestinian Delegate to Ireland Dr. Hikmat Izzat Ajjuri. Dr. Ajjuri will address the society at the earlier time of 7pm in the O'hEocha theatre.

- **Moot Court Competition** » AC classrooms on Saturday, 20th of January.

NUIG's first moot court competition sees the finest and brightest law students in the college go head to head over issues in Constitutional Law, specifically constituency rights and locus stand.

- **Attorney General -Rory Brady** » Colm O'hEocha Theatre, AM Building on Wednesday, 24th of January.

We are delighted to welcome the Attorney General of Ireland, Mr. Rory Brady, he will give us an insight into his challenging post which certainly is the mark of a legal career with a difference.

- **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 31st of January.

Law Soc is delighted to welcome Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to NUIG, she will be interviewed by Ted Harding, barrister and co-presenter of Today FM's Sunday Business Show, before answering questions from the audience. Ruth Bader Ginsburg is an Associate Justice on the US Supreme Court. She is renowned for her liberal approach and activities in the women's rights movement. Prior to joining the Court, she was a professor at Rutgers University School of Law, Newark School of Law and Columbia Law School, a litigator for the ACLU, and a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

This will be a fantastic night for the Law Society and the university.

Note due to high demand this event will be ticketed. Tickets will be FREE and available on Wednesday 31st January, from 10am from the Socs Box in the Hub in Aras na MacLéinn, on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis!!!

- **Swing Dancing!!** » Racket Ball Courts-Aras Na MacLéinn on Monday, 5th of February.

LawSoc has organised Swing Dancing lessons to get everyone in the mood for the Law Ball on Wednesday! All welcome whether you'll be at the law ball or not. €5 per hour and on for three hours- stay as long as you like!

- **Múscailt Mock Trial** » Aula Maxima lower on Tuesday, 6th of February.

Watch familiar faces from campus including defendant Professor Iognáid Ó Muircheartaigh and judge Lucy-Anne Buckley being interrogated by vicious barristers and sabotaged by hilarious witnesses. Take this opportunity to investigate the lighter side of our judicial system.

- **The Law Ball!** » Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill on Wednesday, 7th of February.

This year the Law Ball promises to be better than ever! Kicking off with a pre-reception in the Living Room- before heading out to the Galway Bay Hotel for a brilliant night- meeting up bleary eyed and a little the worse for wear the next morning for breakfast at the Living Room!

- **Career in Tax** » Cairnes on Thursday, 22nd of February.

Price Waterhouse Cooper presentation on a career in tax at five on Thurs 22nd Feb. in Cairnes. Interested in meeting any students with an interest in a career in tax -especially commerce and law students.

- **Annual General Meeting** » Colm O'hEocha Theatre, AM Building on Wednesday, 7th of March.

- **Marcella Higgins, King's Inns** » Careers Seminar Room on Tuesday, 27th of March.

For those of you hoping to qualify as barristers, Marcella Higgins (Director of Education, King's Inns) will be giving a seminar on entry requirements and a general introduction to the BL course. All Welcome!!

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Law Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	5677.72	Conference organising	€600
Balls	€21803.72	Ball	€9310
Members Contributions	€892.83	Bank charge	€198.02

Societies day	€65	Costumes	€902
Sponsorship	€2290	Dinner	€2778.55
USC Grant	€8479.7	Entertainment	€1697
		Entry fees	€275.65
		Equipment misc	€965.72
		Fundraising/charity	€1000
		Gifts	€500.97
		Hall hire	€45
		Materials	€50
		Phone	€140
		Printing	€403.5
		Prizes	€250
		Promotions	€150
		Received Money Returned	€105
		Reception	€4994.96
		Society accomm	€616.63
		Society transport	€2211.37
		Socs day expenses	€25.9
		Speaker accomm	€2002.6
		Speaker travel	€3494.46
		Teacher fees	€534
		Expenditure Total	€33251.33
		Closing Bank Balance	€5957.64
Total	€39208.97	Total	€39208.97

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 321 members.

Life Society

Life society is the pro life society on campus, which deals with many pro-life topics. We hold talks and guest speakers to highlight and engage in discussion on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and mental health and disability awareness among others. We also incorporate voluntary work to raise money for many worthy causes which deal with life related issues. Charities to date we have collected for are Aware, Enable Ireland, Life Counselling, Down Syndrome Ireland and Special Olympics among others.

We hosted weekly meeting for the society each week and also kept in contact with other LifeSoc's on other campuses. This year was a successful one for the society with high profile guest speakers such as Kathy Sinnott MEP, Martin Clynes, head of the National Centre for Biotechnology in DCU. We also had the international guest

speakers , Joseph D'Agostino from the Population Research Institute of the USA and Pat Buckley of the European Life Network.

We had our annual collection on Daisy Day for Aware on campus which was very successful. Also during Rag Week we organised charity events which were in aid of the Special Olympics, Life Counselling. A social evening was also organised in An Pucan in aid of Life counselling, earlier in the year. We hosted a visiting psychologist Gerry Hussey, who spoke on Logotherapy, based on Viktor Frankl's work. So all in all it was a very comprehensive year with the society focusing on all aspects of the pro-life cause.

Life Society Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

- **AWARE** » All around campus on Friday, 15th of September.

Members of the society will be selling daisy seeds and collecting for the annual AWARE "Daisy Days" campaign. Please e-mail j.clancy1@nuigalway.ie if willing to help out.

- **Introductory Meeting** » Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 20th of September.

- **DEKADANCE** » Junction (upstairs An Pucan) on Wednesday, 27th of September.

LifeSoc presents DEKADANCE, the best night out you'll ever have! In aid of "Galway Life Counselling" and featuring some of the music around provided by DJsoc, come along and join the fun. Free in at the door, all contributions inside going to "G.L.C."

- **'Science and Bioethics at a Crossroads'** » Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 11th of October.

Professor Martin Clynes, a lecturer in DCU and Director of the National Institute for Cellular Biotechnology will discuss the issues raised by stem-cell research and modern medical treatments.

- **Lecture by Kathy Sinnott (MEP)** » Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 18th of October.

Ms Kathy Sinnott (MEP), a well known disabilities Campaigner, will offer her views on the EU's stance on life related issues such as euthanasia among others. Guests are welcome to debate and ask questions. Refreshments served.

- **UN Advisor Mr. Joseph D'Agostino** » Colm o'hEocha (Arts Millennium) on Thursday, 16th of November.

The vice-president of the American Population Research Institute, Mr. Joseph D'Agostino, will speak on the Chinese "One-Child Policy". Mr. D'Agostino has advised both the Bush Administration and American Congress on crucial overpopulation issues and his input was key to the recent withdrawal of American funding from the UNFPA (United Nations Fund for Population Activities), a hugely significant decision reached at in view of the UNFPA's continued sponsorship of the Chinese "One-Child Policy."

- **Man's search for meaning.** » Larmor Theatre on Thursday, 25th of January.

A thought provoking discussion, giving by the psychologist Gerry Hussey on Logotherapy

- **Bike-a-thon** » Aras na MacLéinn on Saturday, 17th of February.

Beat the cyclist competition in aid of Special Olympics and Life Counselling

- **Life Soc AGM** » Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 7th of March.

Committee 2006/2007

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OCM: Fiona Smyth

OCM: Katie O'Driscoll

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Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Sean Clancy

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Treasurer: Sarah Pickering

Secretary: Sean Small

Life Society Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	349.8	Bank charge	€5.04
Fundraising	€164	Dinner	€78
USC Grant	€1095	Fundraising/charity	€152.2
		Reception	€92.85
		Speaker accomm	€165
		Speaker travel	€76.5
		Stationary	€41.5
		Expenditure Total	€611.09
		Closing Bank Balance	€997.71
Total	€1608.8	Total	€1608.8

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 300 members.

Literary & Debating Society

Lit & Deb aims to provide students with an open forum to discuss topics on which they feel strongly about, we have fascinating speakers to listen to and interesting literary evenings. This year, the society celebrated its 160th anniversary and to mark the occasion we set out to achieve a year filled with challenging speakers, controversial debates, excellent publications, thought provoking literary events and the opportunity for members to speak in prestigious debating competitions. All students and staff of NUI Galway are automatically members of Lit & Deb.

***The Speakers**

This year Lit & Deb hosted many interesting guest speakers which attracted a diverse mixture of students. The most memorable include Nancy Cartwright, Michael O Muirheartaigh, Kevin Myers, Martin Sheen and Fr Jeremie Davies.

***The Debates**

All of the debates which occurred this year sought to provide students with the opportunity to argue for or against topics which are controversial both inside and outside College. They included debates on the environment, torture, Travellers rights, GAA professionalisation and racial profiling.

***The Literary Evenings**

Lit & Deb hosted three literary evenings this year to great success. Three very different but equally brilliant authors spoke to large crowds about their work. They were Gerry Stemberge, Paul Howard and Patrick McCabe.

***The Publications**

Lit & Deb published two magazines this year. Lit and Debauched won the Best Small Publication at this year's Societies Awards, and the College Annual contains an unrivalled amount of contributions from students.

*The Competitions

Members of Lit & Deb who enjoy competitive debating were given the opportunity to take part in many prestigious competitions this year, such as the World Universities' Debating Championship.

Lit & Deb Events

This year the society had a total of 38 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:

- Debating Workshops ran for 7 weeks in IT Building, beginning on Tuesday, 10/10/2006.
- Debating Workshops. How to debate competitively, speak in front of a crowd and learn how to structure arguments.
- Workshop ran for 9 weeks in IT Building, beginning on Tuesday, 30/1/2007.
- Every week there are Lit & Deb workshops in the IT Building. All are welcome to attend and participate.

➤ Special Events

This year we held 22 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Gibs Symposium 2006** » Kirwan Lecture Theatre, Concourse on Thursday, 21/9/2006.

It's the first meeting of the year! And as always, it's a chance for First Years to shine and talk about something, anything, that's close to their hearts. With some great prizes available to the best speakers, and spot prizes available to all, a fun night is widely expected.

- **Voice of Bart Simpson** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 25/9/2006.

Nancy Cartwright, The Voice of Bart Simpson, will be Lit & Deb's first Guest Speaker for the new Academic Year. This comedy event will take a hilarious look at life as a 10 year old boy. Come early as space is limited.

- **GAA Professionalism Debate** » Kirwan on Thursday, 28/9/2006.

The issue of GAA Professionalism is now the most pertinent issue facing Irish sport. Michael O'Muirheartaigh will chair the debate which will feature Ray Silke (Galway Captain during All Ireland Success), John O'Mahony (Manager of Galway during All Ireland success), Eugene McGee (top journalist with the Irish Independent, former manager of the famous Offaly team which denied Kerry its 5th All Ireland in a row), Martin Newell (3 time All Ireland winner with Galway in the 1960s) and Joe O'Dwyer (Laois County Board Manager).

- **Travellers Debate** » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 5/10/2006.

Kevin Myers, Catherine Joyce and Martin Ward speak on whether or not we should halt the Travelling Community.

- **Inter-Faculties Debate** » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 12/10/2006.

Representatives from each faculty will debate for the prize of the most prestigious open competition in the Lit and Deb.

- **Former Auditors Comedy Debate** » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 19/10/2006.

Former Auditors from the 70s, 80s and 90s take part in the comedy debate "That this house would change it's name" referring to UCG being renamed to NUI, Galway. Did UCC and UCD have a lucky escape? Reception afterwards in DeBurgo's.

- **Exorcist Talk** » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 26/10/2006.

Fr. Jeremy Davies of the Westminster Diocese speaks on the role that exorcists have in the modern day Catholic church and his belief that the incidence of the demonic is on the increase. Halloween spooks guaranteed!

- **Ross O'Carroll Kelly** » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 2/11/2006.

This comedy event will feature Paul Howard (Ross O'Carroll Kelly). The hugely popular author of "The Miseducation Years", "The Teenage Dirtbag Years" and "PS. I scored the Bridesmaids" etc. will be reading extracts from his fantastic new book "Should have got off at the Sydney Parade" and answering questions from the audience in his own, Foxrock, Rugby jock D4 way.

- **Jerry Stemberge & Myles Dungan** » Upper Aula Maxima on Thursday, 9/11/2006.

Part 1 of our semi-annual Literary Evening will be a duel launch of two new books. Gerry Stembridge, the scriptwriter of "Scrap Saturday", will be talking about his new novel - "According to Luke", a dark comic moral tale. Historian Myles Dungan of Radio 1 "Rattlebag" will also give a reading from his new book detailing the story of Irish Immigrants who followed their dreams to America's Wild West. Reception afterwards in DeBurgo's.

- **Shell to Sea Debate** » Kirwan on Sunday, 19/11/2006.

This week Lit & Deb will host a debate on whether or not Shell should cease building its controversial pipeline. The event is sponsored by Teagasc, with a reception in DeBurgo's to follow.

- **Torture Debate** » Kirwan on Thursday, 23/11/2006.

This week Lit & Deb will host a controversial debate on the Legitimacy of Torture in the War against Terror. Galway's most famous student, Martin Sheen, will chair the debate. Speaking against the motion is Abie Philin Bowman, star of the one man show, Jesus The Guantanamo Years. Abubaker Deghayes whose brother is currently interned in Guantanamo Bay, will also be speaking against the motion.

- **Jesus: The Guantanamo Years** » Town Hall on Friday, 24/11/2006.

Lit & Deb and DramSoc present Abie Philbin Bowman's sell out show, Jesus The Guantanamo Years in the Town Hall Theatre. Tickets are available at the Socs Box with reduced prices for students. Price: €7

- **Christmas Party** » Cellar Bar on Friday, 15/12/2006.

- **Defence of Property Debate** » Kirwan on Thursday, 18/1/2007.

Following the recent supreme court decision in Ward V Nally, the issue of defence of private property and the legal force one may use to dispel intruders has once again become an issue. The debate is sure to be controversial, as well as informative. Post debate reception in DeBurgo's. The motion is that "This House Believes A Mans Castle Is His Own And He Has A Right To Defend In Whatever Way He Sees Fit."

- **Maiden Speaker Final** » Kirwan on Thursday, 25/1/2007.

The cream of this years new speakers will fight it out against each other for the grand title of Maidens Champion. The motion is that "This House Would Criminalise Cosmetic Surgery." All Welcome with post debate reception in De Burgos

- **Censorship Debate - MACE Semi Final** » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 8/2/2007.

Lit and Deb as part of Múscailt Fleadh Imboilig will host a debate on the motion 'That this house believes gratuitous sex and violence have no place in film'. As part of the Irish MACE competition the motion will be contested by eight of Ireland's finest speakers and after the debate the floor will be invited to give their opinions. Join us for what should prove to be an engaging and provocative debate.

- **T. P. O' Connor Memorial Debate** » Kirwan on Thursday, 15/2/2007.

The T. P. O'Connor Memorial debate is back by popular demand. You can speak on a number of predetermined motions or a motion of your choice. Points of information can be given from the floor and a cash prize for the best speaker on the night. Come one, Come All!!

- **The Age of Consent Debate** » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 1/3/2007.

The motion for this week is; "That this house would lower the age of consent". Speakers include Deputy Peter Power - Chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee of the proposal and Kate Mulkerrins of the Legal Studies Dept in NUIG and of The Rape Crisis Network Ireland. Reception afterwards in DeBurgo's, Augustine Street.

- **God Debate** » Kirwan on Thursday, 8/3/2007.

This week Lit & Deb hosts a debate on the existence of God. The motion will be that "This House Believes That Man Created God." The motion will be proposed by Mr. Dick Spicer, vice president of the humanist association of Ireland, while Dr. Gerard Casey, UCD School of Philosophy, will oppose the motion. Following the guest speaker debate there will be an opportunity for people to speak from the floor. Everyone welcome. Post debate reception in DeBurgo's.

- **The George W. Bush Debate: Schools' Final** » Kirwan on Thursday, 15/3/2007.

The motion for the main debate is that "This House Believes George W. Bush Will Leave A Positive Legacy." The finest school debaters will compete to win the Denny West of Ireland Schools' Debating Championship final. Has Bush's War in Iraq been a fundamental blow against the war on terror? Has Bush made the world safer? Has Bush really been the worst president in American history? A floor debate will follow where anybody who attends can speak on the motion before the meeting is closed. Post reception in De Burgo's

- **Speaker of the Year** » Kirwan on Thursday, 22/3/2007.

Speaker of the year is the most prestigious internal meeting we hold. It is the highlight of the internal debating calendar, and features all those who have performed very well at external debating competitions competing against each other for the much coveted Skeffington Arms Cup.

- **Annual General Meeting** » Kirwan on Thursday, 29/3/2007.

The final night of Lit & Deb this year is the AGM. The Treasurer and Auditor will both present reports of the year, Honorary Life Membership will be awarded, and the new committee for the 161st Session shall be elected. As usual, reception in DeBurgo's to follow.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Donna Cummins	Vice-Auditor: Patrick Cluskey
Treasurer: Vincent Lacey	Secretary: John Moriarity
Promotions: Caitriona Callanan	SDO: Nuala Kane
Corresponding Secretary: Stephanie Joyce	PRO: Jack Evans
External Convenor: Steve Lydon	SDO: Mike Spring
Schools Convenor: Zoe Coleman-McNair	Literary Officer: Dan Colley
Clerk of the House: Orlaith O'Connor	
Internal Convenor: Ronan Harrington	

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Patrick Cluskey	Vice-Auditor: Dan Colley
Treasurer: Orlaith O'Connor	Secretary: Emmet Connolly
Corresponding Secretary: Anthony Doherty	Internal Convenor: Connor Kelly
External Convenor: Zoe MacNair	Schools Convenor: Nuala Kane
Literary Officer: Natasha Dillon Leetch	PRO: Niamh McNally
Promotions: Sinead Barry	SDO: Sean Butler
Clerk of the House: Dave Finn	

Lit & Deb Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	330.47	Bank charge	€36.4
Members Contributions	€1712.87	Dinner	€1224
Socs box	€247	Entertainment	€1425.4
Sponsorship	€21657.3	Entry fees	€8735.47
Ticket Sales	€80	Equipment misc	€712.8
USC Grant	€19531.67	Gifts	€235.95
		Materials	€238.75
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€60
		Performing rights	€273
		Phone	€121.6
		Printing	€4540
		Prizes	€450
		Reception	€1620
		Society accomm	€401.2

		Society transport	€14905.89
		Socs day expenses	€600
		Speaker accomm	€2289
		Speaker travel	€2753.06
		Stationary	€53
		Teacher fees	€91.5
		Expenditure Total	€40767.02
		Closing Bank Balance	€2792.29
Total	€43559.31	Total	€43559.31

Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1200 members.

ALIVE Participants Literary & Debating		
Jack Evans	PRO	64 hours
Caitriona Callanan	Promotions Officer	140 hours
Niamh McNally	OCM	60 hours
Patrick Cluskey	Vice Auditor	60 hours
Zoe McNair	Schools' Convenor	300 hours
Stephanie Joyce	Corresponding Secretary	100 hours
Vincent Lacey	Treasurer	55 hours
# Hours Volunteered:	779 hours	

Malaysian Society

The Malaysian Society, formed on the 17th of October 2005, continues its ambition to be one of the most renowned societies in the National University of Ireland, Galway. The Malaysian Society received its recognition as an acknowledged society in September 2006 after a year of probation. Our aims that we hold strongly until now include bringing all the Malaysians together despite race, culture and religion; to become an intermediary between the Malaysian students and the Malaysian Student Department (MSD) in Dublin; and to introduce our culture to all the students in NUIG.

Earlier during the term, the Malaysian Society gladly welcomed the officers of the official sponsors of the Malaysian students in Galway, Mr Mhd Yatim Hassan (MARA Education Attaché), Mr Jamalulail Abu Bakar (JPA First Secretary) and Mr Anand Baharuddin (MSD Education Attaché). The new students were scheduled to arrive together with the officers in the afternoon, and a meeting with all of the Malaysian students in Galway was held immediately afterwards. The meeting enabled the students to ask any questions and express compliments or dissatisfaction.

In October, Malaysian Society held the Malaysian Food Fair; this was organized together with the official associate of Malaysian Society, Persatuan Pelajar Islam Malaysia Galway (PPIMG). The food was laid out in the Sports Hall Foyer during the afternoon. Vast numbers of NUIG students came along to experience the delicacies of Malaysia (at a very affordable price too!). Though the food that was displayed was definitely difficult to pronounce by the non-Malaysian students, this didn't stop them from digging in.

Also in October, the Muslims in Galway were happy to welcome Eid Mubarak, one of the most important and exciting celebrations in the calendar of Islam. This beautiful event was held in the Aula Maxima in the afternoon, and though there were no officers present, all of the Malaysian students enjoyed a fabulous meal and a great performance by the student's band. Chef Azahari was the Malaysian chef who provided the wonderful cuisine, together with Nurain who prepared the "rendang ayam" and the new students who prepared the "kuih". A full stomach can sure make a person happy.

Soon after the festivities, the Committee Members proceeded to have the Annual Grand Meeting in the Aula Maxima. Last year's committee members gave in their places and new ones were chosen by the students. For this year, the President, Deputy President and Secretary posts were still held by the same persons. Being pioneers of the society, the highest three positions would like to strengthen the society further before passing it on. Matters relating to the future of the MSNUIG were discussed and the Malaysian Society aimed to become busier with more events, more activities and more fun.

In the end of October, the Paintball Tournament was held among the students. 58 students from the Malaysian Society participated. As much as the students found the game to be a blast, most of them agree that the match was a painful one; very true for those who got hit. This, however, did not stop the students from having a very good time. All came home with smiles on their faces, in fact the pain did not frown anyone at all; thus becoming a true experience to remember indeed by the newly arrived students.

In November the Malaysian Society sent a netball team to Nottingham for the Nottingham Games 2006. Playing against teams including those from Queens Mary, Warwick and Nottingham, the Galway netball team was able to proceed to the Quarter Final, though losing to Warwick in the end. Nottingham Games 2006 was an arduous journey indeed, say the students, and a straining experience but it was worth their while and the experience was definitely enlightening. Hopefully the journey next year is going to be better and fruitful.

A soccer team was also sent to compete in the Games, comprising of the best players in Galway. Their first match brought them to meet students from Birmingham University, followed by those from Dublin Business School and a team called the Seven Kings. The Seven Kings were the combination of all the top soccer players in London. Unfortunately, the team from Galway lost in all three matches; however they regained their spirits by beating the team from Hertfordshire in the fourth and fifth match with a score of 6-0. In the end, the team from NUIG was named fourth place among the groups.

The Malaysian Society was proud to send Zaidan Zulkipli to compete in the chess section of the Nottingham Malaysian Games. The field was filled with 32 talented chess players from all over UK and Ireland. It was run on the basis of the blitz elimination system. Zaidan sailed through from the beginning of the competition beating easily his opponents all the way into the finale. However, in the final match, he made a well-known positional blunder that cost the game. He won a silver medal in the competition.

Earlier in February 2007, Malaysian Society's official associate, PPIMG, held a family day and the Annual Grand Meeting. The Malaysian Society President was intricately involved in preparing the fabulous meal for the students for their event; the committee members being kindly supportive as well. A new president was chosen for the PPIMG.

Another important event in February was the Múscailt – Bawang Putih Bawang Merah. This was a play held by the

Malaysian students, exclusively done to introduce a little tip of the iceberg of the Malaysian culture. The students only had a month to practice, there were difficulties arising in the beginning, but everything proceeded according to plan with the help of each participating member, the President of the Malaysian Society, and of course the Societies' Officer of NUIG. The play was held in the Aula Maxima, there was a great attendance by the students; the play received numerous compliments and was indeed a satisfying watch.

Following this, the Chinese New Year arrived. Celebrated internationally in nations with large populations of ethnic Chinese; the Chinese students in Galway did not want to be left out. Thus, a small get together between the students was done and a great meal was enjoyed in a local restaurant in Salthill. Chinese New Year is of course not exclusively for the Chinese and therefore the MSNUIG committee, who largely comprised of Malays, were part of the modest celebration.

In March, the President of MSNUIG, Zool Raimy Datuk Abdul Ghaffar visited Tun Daim Zainuddin in London. Tun Daim is a Malaysian businessman, politician and former Finance Minister of Malaysia. The official meeting was held together with nine other presidents of Malaysian Societies throughout the United Kingdom and the President of the United Kingdom and Eire Council, Wan Mohd Firdaus Wan Mohd Fuaad. The meeting discussed business related ideas, including working environment, global investments, corporate thinking and decision making. Tun Daim indeed portrayed a highly ambitious character and bid good luck to each president in their aim to further introduce the Malaysians overseas to worldwide career opportunities and to emphasize that dreams do come true.

Our next event was a Solat Hajat (a Sunnah Salah) and the Recital of Yassin (an important chapter in the Quran) was held in the Shantalla Community Centre. The Sunnah Salah, done to achieve extra rewards from God, was also organized to hope for the Final Year Medical students to pass with flying colours in their final exams. A salah is one of the five pillars of Islam, and in so doing; a person will receive enormous rewards from God. The Sunnah salah are those of which are optional (different from the Fard salah or the five compulsory daily prayers) and may be performed to aim for extra rewards or to request, to repent or just to emulate the practices of Prophet Muhammad.

In April 2007, the Malaysian Society sent two futsal teams to compete in the Belfast Futsal Tournament 2007. The two teams, Galway A and Galway B passed the group stage by getting the second and first place respectively. In the quarter finals, Galway A met with the First V team in which Galway A won the match by 4-0; whereas Galway B won the quarter final as well against Fitzwilliam by 4-0. In the semi finals, the Galway A team lost to the Dublin B team by 1-4 and Galway B lost to First V by 1-4. For the 3rd and 4th place match, Galway A met Galway B in which Galway B won the match through a penalty kick, ending with a score of 3-1. Galway B won the 3rd place and Galway A obtained 4th place.

As of now, the Malaysian Society has 160 members and aspires to attain a greater membership value. The Malaysian Society promises to better itself for the years to come.

Malaysian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

- **Malaysian Students Gathering** » Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Saturday, 1st of July.
- **Malaysian Students Gathering** » Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Wednesday, 2nd of August.
- **New Students and Officers Arrival** » NUIG on Saturday, 9th of September.
- **Ceremony for the new Malaysian students** » The Hub on Saturday, 16th of September.

Welcoming party for the new Malaysian students. We introduced them to the family they have here in Galway. This party is important for the new students to be able to adapt quicker to their totally different environment, enable bonding between the new students and the seniors and to be aware that will always be a helping hand whenever they need it.

- **Malaysian Food Fair** » Sports Hall Foyer on Saturday, 14th of October.

Malaysian Food!

- **Eid Mubarak** » Aula Maxima (lower) on Sunday, 29th of October.

Eid Mubarak is a fabulous celebration for Muslim students as it signifies the end of Ramadhan (the fasting month).

- **Paintball Tournament** » Limerick on Tuesday, 31st of October.
- **Netball Tournament** » Nottingham Games 2006 on Friday, 3rd of November.
- **Soccer Tournament** » Nottingham Games 2006 on Friday, 3rd of November.
- **Chess Tournament** » Nottingham Games 2006 on Friday, 3rd of November.
- **PPIMG Annual General Meeting** » Clinical Science Institute on Saturday, 3rd of February.
- **'Bawang Merah, Bawang Putih' Pantomine** » Aula Maxima (lower) on Wednesday, 7th of February.

Based on a traditional Cinderella style Malaysian folktale, this is the story of Bawang Merah.

Tragically her father and mother died and she is left with her domineering stepmother and stepsister. However her prospects improve when her mother reappears as a fish. Then a prince hears her singing in the woods and tries to find the owner of the beautiful voice.... will he ever find her or will Kundor and Bawang Putih get in the way?

Featuring tantalizing traditional Malaysian music and colourful dances.

- **Chinese New Year** » Dynasty Restaurant on Sunday, 18th of February.

A small get together was done between the students at the local restaurant to celebrate a fine day indeed.

- **Meeting with Tun Daim** » London on Friday, 23rd of March.

Meeting with one of the most prestigious businessmen of Malaysia. Auditors from Malaysian Societies all around UK and Ireland will be in attendance

- **Sunnah Salah and Recital of Yassin** » Shantalla Community Centre on Friday, 23rd of March.

This event will be held for the goodness of students and to pray for the success of the Final Year students.

- **Belfast Futsal Tournament** » Belfast on Saturday, 21st of April.

Both teams have shown great desire to win the competition; they are very talented and indeed have a chance to go further.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Zool Raimy Abdul Ghaffar

Vice-Auditor: Adilla Nur Halim

Treasurer: Hazdalila Yais Razali

Secretary: Izzatul Aini Mohamad Idris

Event Organizer: Thavakumar Subramaniam

Public Relations: Trisha Parmar

Event Organizer: Mohd Najib bin Khamil

Committee: Nurul Fatimah Kamaruddin

Committee: Nur Izyan Muhammad Ramdan

Committee: Muhammad Iqbal Mohamad

Committee: Nur Atikah Mohd Asri

Committee: Mohamad Borhanuddin Helmy bin Zanail

Malaysian Society Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	859.31	Affill/Mem fees	€38.67
Members Contributions	€183	Bank charge	€17.31
USC Grant	€4640.12	Entertainment	€582.23
		Entry fees	€245.9
		Equipment misc	€106
		Hire Bus	€650
		Materials	€470
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€150

		Phone	€105
		Reception	€300.5
		Set	€193.4
		Society accomm	€708.75
		Society transport	€1379
		Vaccinations	€5.6
		Expenditure Total	€4951.88
		Cash In Hand	€203.28
		Closing Bank Balance	€527.29
Total	€5682.43	Total	€5682.43

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 160 members but we have not yet submitted a list of these members to the Societies Office.

Marine Society

The Marine Society focuses on educating students on ocean habitats in a fun and exciting way. This year, the society held a table quiz in aid of the R.N.L.I., a Halloween party and also undertook to organise a rather ambitious trip to Valencia to see Europe's largest aquarium. The trip took place at the beginning of March and a total of 49 students travelled safely abroad with the society. Between visiting the state of the art aquarium and exploring the vibrant city of Valencia, an enjoyable weekend was had by all.

Marine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

- **EGM** » Seminar Room 102 MRI Building on Thursday, 28th of September.
Meeting to elect a new committee and make plans for the year. All welcome.
- **First Meeting** » MRI on Wednesday, 11th of October.
First committee meeting to discuss possible trips, fundraising ideas and nights out
- **Halloween party** » The Cellar bar on Wednesday, 25th of October.
Fancy dress: fishermen and friends! Free food, Halloween games, spot prizes, passes to club
- **Table quiz** » College bar on Wednesday, 15th of November.
Table quiz in the college bar with first prize and spot prizes
- **Meeting about trip to Valencia** » MRI seminar room on Tuesday, 23rd of January.
Meeting about a trip to Valencia (Spain) to see Europe's largest aquarium. The trip is scheduled for the 1st of March to the 3rd of March (Thursday to Saturday). Deposits to be taken on the night.
- **Trip to Valencia** » 1st – 3rd of March.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Fionn Farrell
Treasurer: Deirdre Duggan
PRO: Sinead Casey

Vice-Auditor: Margaret O'Callaghan
Secretary: Leann Tully Dillon
PRO ass.: Celine Mangan

Committee 2007/2008

Treasurer: Dermot Ryan

Marine Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	183.52	Entertainment	€578
Fundraising	€75.82	Returned Socs Money	€280
Members Contributions	€3700	Society accomm	€1724
Socs box	€240	Society transport	€4471
Ticket Sales	€130		
USC Grant	€3000		
		Expenditure Total	€7053
		Closing Bank Balance	€276.34
Total	€7329.34	Total	€7329.34

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 290 members.

ALIVE Participant Marine Society

Deirdre Duggan

Treasurer

108 hours

Hours Volunteered:

108 hours

Maths Society

MathsSoc are dedicated to spreading interest in mathematical topics amongst the general student populace.

Maths Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 22 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:

- Seminar Series ran for 4 weeks in Aras de Brún, C219, beginning on Friday, 10/11/2006.
- Seminar series ran for 15 weeks in Aras de Brún C219, beginning on Friday, 12/11/2007.

➤ Special Events

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

- **EGM** » C219 Áras de Brún on Tuesday, 17/10/2006.
- **Múscailt Mathematical Exhibition** » Arus De Brún Corridor on Sunday, 11/2/2007.

We will be holding an exhibition of posters and sculptures of mathematical art in the hallway of Arus De Brún for one week.

- **RSA Cryptography by Sebastian Klein** » C219 Arus De Brún on Friday, 2/3/2007.

Sebastian Klein will speak on the RSA Cryptosystem. For more details visit the society's website.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Meghan Stephens
Treasurer: Dave Higgins
P.R.O.: Jim Lovett
International Affairs Officer: Antje Luebke

Vice-Auditor: Liam Naughton
Secretary: Patrick Browne
O.C.M.: David O'Keefe

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Meghan Stevens
Treasurer: Dave Higgins

Vice-Auditor: Liam Naughton
Secretary: Patrick Browne

Maths Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.25	Bank charge	€7.75
Muscaillt	€200	Equipment misc	€60
USC Grant	€127.5	Materials	€193.65
		Expenditure Total	€261.4
		Closing Bank Balance	€66.35
Total	€327.75	Total	€327.75

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 96 members.

ALIVE Participant Maths Society		
David Higgins	Treasurer	55 hours
Hours Volunteered:	55 hours	

Mature Student Society

The purpose of the Mature Students Society is to provide individual mature students with a support network of peers. We achieve this by organising social events where students can meet and chat to other mature students. We also organise study support discussions and practical advice on coping with life in college.

Mature Students Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

- **EGM** » Dillon Theatre (Main Concourse) on Thursday, 21st of September.
The purpose of this meeting is to welcome first year mature students to college and also to invite interested persons to get involved with the society.
- **Table Quiz** » College Bar on Tuesday, 26th of September.
- The biggest quiz of the year with the biggest prize money. €200 for the winners €100 for second and €50 for third plus other prizes. All questions are general knowledge. Movie Clips, Music, TV, Images from Google Earth. Great Craic to be had. Don't miss it. *Prizes subject to minimum number of tables.
- **Halloween Party** » Bazaar, Quay Street. (Spanish Arch end) on Thursday, 26th of October.

You are all cordially invited to our Halloween party. Fancy Dress is optional. Great prizes for best costume etc. A great night's craic.

- **Christmas Party** » Bazaar, Quay Street. (Spanish Arch end) on Friday, 15th of December.

Congratulations you have made it through the exams! After all that sacrifice and suffering it's great to have time to socialise and engage in a bit of networking.

- **Children's' Christmas Party** » Aras na MacLéinn on Sunday, 17th of December.

All students who are parents are invited to come along with their children to an afternoon of festive fun. The event includes face painting, sports, cartoons, music and merriment and of course a visit from Santa. All are welcome to attend. Parents are asked to call in to the SocsBox, Aras na MacLéinn in order to register their child(ren) and collect tickets. The Socs Box opening hours for the holiday period are 12pm-2pm Monday to Friday, closing on the 15th.

- **Committee Meeting** » Smokey Joes on Monday, 15th of January.

You all are invited to come along and meet the committee. If there is any particular issue you would like to raise then we would be glad to hear from you. The main item for discussion is the up-coming trip abroad. See you there.

- **Information Evening** » Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 8th of March.

This is one of our most popular events and many students have found the advice gleaned from the past information evenings invaluable. The society invites some of our more experienced students give informal talks on every subject related to student life. Topics include, finance grants etc., how to do well in exams, how to write better essays, how to achieve a balance between study and maintain the quality of your social and family life and any other issues you care to discuss.

Questions, answers and discussions from the floor are encouraged and welcomed.

In effect this is an informal meeting where students offer advice and support to fellow students. The event is open to all students of NUI, Galway and all are welcome to attend. A reception will follow.

- **Annual General Meeting** » McMunn Theatre on Thursday, 15th of March.

Our annual general meeting is a chance for new members to get elected to serve on the committee. The society in recent years has enjoyed a great revival and we are anxious to see that the progress continues. Please volunteer your services. All that is required is less than one hour a week. A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend.

- **Trip to Carcassonne, France** » Carcassonne, France on Friday, 30th of March.

This year's trip is to the medieval city of Carcassonne in south eastern France. The town is located 90 km (56 miles) south-east of Toulouse (where the Airbus factory is located). It stands in the gap between the Pyrenees and the Massif Central of France. Carcassonne is at the crossing of two major traffic routes in use since Antiquity: the route leading from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean and that from the Massif Central to Spain, skirting the Pyrenees. Time and budget permitting it is hoped to include a visit to either Perpignan, Toulouse, Narbonne, or Andorra la Vella.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Fiona Gavin

Treasurer: Anna Considine

Committee: Martina Costello

Committee: Eugene Jordan

Committee: Sandra O

Vice-Auditor: Brian Homan

Secretary: Laura Casserly

Committee: Ann Marie Leonard

Committee: Rita Commerford

Committee: Liam Burke

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Eugene Jordan

Committee: Kathy Chalk

Committee: Deidre Bhreatnach

Vice-Auditor: Caroline Moran

Committee: Bernadette Divilly

Committee: Mags Mannion

Mature Students Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.36	Bank charge	€1.4
Fundraising	€305	Dinner	€1250
Greenform	€67.48	Entertainment	€650.53
Members Contributions	€409	Prizes	€67.48
Socs box	€960	Reception	€60
Sponsorship	€240	Returned Socs Money	€260
Ticket Sales	€2609.24	Society accomm	€1440
USC Grant	€3225	Society transport	€3748.6
		Expenditure Total	€7478.01
		Closing Bank Balance	€338.07
Total	€7816.08	Total	€7816.08

Other Information

We held 11 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 112 members.

Media Soc

The media society is a brand new society on campus for those with an interest in all aspects of journalism and the media, including newspapers, magazines, broadcast (TV & Radio), documentary film and photojournalism.

Mediasoc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

- **Outfoxed - documentary screening** » Fottrell Theatre (Am200) on Wednesday, 4th of October.

The Media Society will begin the year with a screening of Robert Greenwalls acclaimed documentary Outfoxed - Rupert Murdochs war on Journalism. The film will be followed by a discussion of the society's plans for the year ahead.

- **Documentary Screening: The Yes Men** » IT125G on Thursday, 26th of October.

The Yes Men are pranksters with a purpose - they pose as officials and spokespeople for prominent corporations and organisations and, by setting up fake but professional looking websites, manage to get invitations to speak at major corporate conferences. Once there, they make rather startling comments about workers and consumers, only to find warm applause from the gathered executives where we might expect to see shock and anger. This 78 minute film documents some of their best pranks. A venue will be announced in the coming days. Refreshments will be served during the film.

- **Hell House - Documentary Screening** » IT250 on Wednesday, 22nd of November.

This film investigates the activities at one American 'Hell House' - which is similar to a typical haunted house, except that is run by fundamentalist Christians (usually in the US and Canada) and is elaborately equipped with actors and props to graphically depict the judgments and punishments sinners will experience in Hell, as well as the acts of "sin" themselves - abortion, homosexuality, suicide, alcohol consumption, drug use and adultery. This film focuses on the Hell House run each Halloween by the members of Trinity Church in Cedar Hill, Texas, and is a fascinating insight into the mentality and motivations of those who run it.

- **Documentary screening - Roger & Me** » Dillon Theatre on Wednesday, 14th of February.

A screening of Michael Moore's popular documentary Roger & Me, in which Moore uses black humour to illustrate the negative economic impact of General Motors CEO Roger Smith's decision to close a number of auto plants in Flint, Michigan, costing 40,000 jobs.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Lenny Antonelli
 PRO: Kevin O'Connor

Treasurer: Eoin Bannon

Mediasoc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0		
USC Grant	€100		
		Expenditure Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€100
Total	€100	Total	€100

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 119 members.

Medicine Society

Medsoc is a society for medical students but also incorporates other students in the medical faculty such as speech and language therapists and occupational therapists. As well as the general committee member's two class representatives from each class in medicine are important parts of the society.

Medsoc also acts as an intermediary between the Dean of Medicine and the students. Any concerns students may have are brought to attention at meetings by their class reps and hopefully resolved. Medsoc also liaise with the class reps for each year in organising their class trips.

The responsibility of organising the annual medical ball which takes place in December falls to the committee members and this is our main focus from about October onwards.

Medsoc sports officers work hard organising sports events for the faculty and the entertainment officer, importantly organising nights out for the med classes reminding us all there's life outside the CSI!

Medicine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

- **1st and 2nd year introductory evening** » CSI on Tuesday, 26th of September.
Introductory talk given by the students in the year ahead with advice for the year
- **3rd and 4th year introductory lecture** » CSI on Wednesday, 27th of September.
Talk given by students in the year above. Advice given for the year ahead.
- **O'Donovan cup** » Dangan sports centre on Saturday, 4th of November.
A memorial Gaelic football tournament with teams made up of doctors and students
- **Intervarsity sports tournament** » Dangan sports centre on Sunday, 10th of December.

A first time event for the society, medical students from Nottingham University will visit for a weekend. Hockey and basketball tournaments will be held followed by a night out.

- **Medball** » Radisson on Wednesday, 13th of December.

The medical ball is a wonderful night that is held every year usually around Christmas time. Medical, SLT and OT students attend and also the hospital consultants and doctors.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: John Morley

Vice-Auditor: Seán Hynes

Treasurer: Anne Marie Ní Chualáin

Secretary: Claire Higgins

Entertainment. Rep.: Emily O'Halloran

PRO: Terri McVeigh

Sports Rep.: Peadar Waters

Sports Rep.: Ciaran Joyce

Medicine Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2369.92	Ball	€25775.6
Greenform	€500	Bank charge	€350.61
Members Contributions	€3270	Dinner	€200
Sponsorship	€2443.56	Entertainment	€1030
Ball Ticket Sales	€26890	Printing	€900
USC Grant	€3090	Prizes	€645
		Reception	€2400
		Society accomm	€2478.45
		Society transport	€3916.27
		Speaker accomm	€400
		Expenditure Total	€38095.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€467.55
Total	€38563.48	Total	€38563.48

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

Microsoc is a society whose members all share a common interest in Microbiology. The society is based on bringing everyone together within the microbiology department and within the university as a whole. This is carried out both by Microbiology based meetings/lectures and fun events to bring the society members together. Microsoc has achieved alot in the present year, events included a continuation of the Microbiology lectures programme, organisation of the Postgrad Ball and gatherings in the college bar.

Microsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

- **Microsoc Meeting** » Coffee Room (Micro Dept.) on Monday, 15th of May.
- **Post Grad Soccer Tournament** » President's Lawn & Bazaar on Thursday, 17th of August.
Matches will take place on the President's Lawn from 1-2pm and from 5.30-7.30pm. Support your team during the 46 matches representing 12 departments. Party starts at 8.30pm in Bazaar.
- **Welcome Back Bash** » College Bar on Friday, 29th of September.
A welcome back get together will take place in the College Bar on Friday 29th Sept. All members new and old are welcome. Hopefully it will give members from previous years a chance to get to know the newer members.
- **Seminar** » Dunican Theatre on Friday, 20th of October.
Dr Conor O'Byrne, Department of Microbiology, NUI, Galway. "Using proteomics to unravel the stress responses of the human pathogen *Listeria monocytogenes*: the St Andrews experiment"
- **Seminar** » Dunican Theatre on Friday, 3rd of November.
Dr Aoife Boyd, Department of Microbiology, NUI, Galway presents a talk on her work
- **Seminar** » Dunican Theatre on Friday, 17th of November.
Prof Wim Meijer UCD. "Life in the Lion's Den: virulence of the intracellular pathogen *Rhodococcus equi*"
- **MicroSoc** » Dunican lecture theatre on Friday, 1st of December.
MicroSoc Seminar by Dr Gavin Collins from the Microbiology Department. The talk is entitled; "Anaerobic wastewater treatment granules: towards understanding and domesticating yet-to-be cultured populations." This is an exciting area of research being undertaken in the Department, and should provide for a very interesting seminar. There will be FREE tea/coffee and biscuits in the Micro coffee room from 12.45pm. All Welcome
- **Christmas Party** » King's Head on Thursday, 14th of December.
Annual MicroSoc Christmas Fancy Dress. There is no theme this year so any fancy dress outfit is PERFECT. Tickets from Heather (EMRU).
- **Seminar** » Dunican Theatre on Friday, 19th of January.
Prof Alan Baird, Professor of Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry, Director of the College of Life Sciences Graduate School, University College Dublin. "Neuroimmunology of the intestine"
- **Microsoc Seminar** » Dunican Theatre on Friday, 26th of January.
"The human colonic microbiota - metabolic activities and dietary modulation." by Dr Petra Louis
- **Seminar** » Dunican Theatre on Friday, 16th of February.
Dr Kaveh Mashayekhi, Marie Curie Senior Researcher, Microbiology, NUIG. "Functional Genomics and Bioinformatics, Acquisition, Analysis, Mining and Interpretation of High Throughput Microarray Gene Expression Data"
- **Seminar** » Dunican Theatre on Friday, 23rd of March.
Aoife Brennan, Microbiology, NUI, Galway will present talk
- **Postgraduate Ball** » Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday, 12th of April.
The resurrection of the Postgraduate Ball will take place this year in the Galway Bay Hotel. All Postgraduates are welcome. Tickets on sale from Microsoc.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Dermot Hughes

Vice-Auditor: Padhraig Madden

Treasurer: Heather Lally

Secretary: James McGarrigle

Website Coordinator: Paul McCay

PRO: Carina Hosty

Microsoc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	570.78	Affill/Mem fees	€109
Balls	€114.75	Ball	€7325
Greenform	€633.04	Dinner	€751.25

Members Contributions	€340	Printing	€150
Socs box	€3000	Reception	€760
Ticket Sales	€4360		
USC Grant	€784		
		Expenditure Total	€9095.25
		Closing Bank Balance	€707.32
Total	€9802.57	Total	€9802.57

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 79 members.

Musical Society (GUMS)

This year's committee, headed by Conor Feehily, started off with great enthusiasm. The first task of the committee of 06/07 was to decide on, and get the rights to, a show which would be the biggest event of the year for the society and also the most important. After great discussions it was decided that this year's show was to be the Rodgers and Hammerstein's 'South Pacific', the show was to run from the 6th to the 10th of February in the Black Box Theatre. The musical was a great success with thanks to the producer, Delia Lowery and the strong committee of 14 members, along with the help from several loyal cast members.

Two constitutional amendments were made this year, the first at the AGM splitting the roll of producer/auditor into two separate positions. The second at the EGM giving Director and Musical Director full committee status and also creating six OCM positions, with a lock on the last three.

Meetings were held every Tuesday at 6pm in the Hub. In September after the EGM that took place on the 21st of that month the committee was fully formed and functioning. Due to the phenomenal success of last year's production and the great rapport that the cast and committee had with the Director and Musical Director it was decided to go with the winning formula of Fiona Kelly and Mairead Crushell again. This proved to be one of the factors that made 'South Pacific's success. Rehearsals for acting took place every Monday and Tuesday and choir rehearsals took place every Thursday. Our three choreographers took it in turns every Wednesday to teach the chorus their dance moves. Also two weekend workshops took place after Christmas to refresh everyone's minds of all the rehearsing that took place in semester one. It was evident from the members that signed up on Socs day that this year would be one of the best yet. After the sign up of 232 members we started advertising for auditions for the show.

As well as finding great talent to go onstage we also found a wealth of interest in the backstage running, make up, sets and people who wanted to offer their expertise to the society.

Along with discussions of the show the committee also set upon fundraising tasks. These took place in the form of a Variety Show, which took place on the 13th and 14th of November and due to the profound effort from the Sets team, under Sinead Crawford, and Production under Conor Feehily the two nights were a sell out success. Also in the first and second semester a table quiz was organised and due to the suggestion of Derek Cahalan an Open-Mic Night was held in the college bar on the 6th of March. All events were a great success and tremendous support was given by the cast and committee members. A weekend away was also organised in the shape of a theatrical Murder Mystery weekend; it was a great bonding exercise for new members. 'South Pacific' itself was described by many as the best show the society has done yet. Under the capable production of Delia Lowery along with several others the show was a resounding success. Sound was provided by Dervan Sound, and lights were overseen by Pete Ashton. The

orchestra, under Mairead Crushall, with great help from David Callaghan, added flavour and professionalism to the production. It was the first year that an orchestra was employed and musicians were plucked from the University orchestra, the Galway Youth Orchestra and from various bands throughout Galway city. Great thanks needs to be given to Derek Cahalan for organising the musicians. The set was designed and built by Sinead Crawford and her team which included not only our own society members but members from other societies, namely DramSoc, who lent a hand to construction. Costumes were headed by Andrea Lydon, our costume mistress and great help was given to her by Ailbhe Harding. The PRO side of things was run by Jennifer Keane and her team. They did vast amounts of work both on campus and off with flyering, postering and also with organising the cast to "run through" campus and through Galway city promoting and making people aware of the show. The cast itself was small as numbers dropped greatly due to the considerable commitment of four nights a week but did themselves, their Director Fiona Kelly and their Musical Director Mairead Crushall proud every night.

The show was adjudicated by AIMS on the last night of the show and the critique that came back was fair and positive, the next step for the individuals nominated is waiting to hear again from them for nominations for awards.

The musical ball was arranged for the 13th of March in the Galway Bay Hotel and a great evening was had by all. This annual event is a great way to put a close to the great work done by all society members throughout the year.

Musical Society (GUMS) Events

This year the society had a total of 60 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

➤ **Regular Events**

This year we held 10 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

- Rehearsal- Singing ran for 2 weeks in BOI Theatre, beginning on Thursday, 12/10/2006.
- Musical numbers for South Pacific will be learnt and rehearsed, for everyone on the cast!
- Rehearsal - Acting ran for 7 weeks in BOI Theatre, beginning on Monday, 16/10/2006.
- Acting rehearsal for "South Pacific" Musical cast. Actors will vary week to week, but depending on the day you are needed you will be informed
- Dance rehearsal ran for 2 weeks in Upstairs in the Aula, beginning on Wednesday, 18/10/2006.
- Rehearsal- Singing ran for 5 weeks in New Seminar Room- Biochem Dept, beginning on Thursday, 26/10/2006.
- Rehearsal - Acting ran for 3 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Monday, 6/11/2006.
- Rehearsals for south pacific ran for 5 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Saturday, 6/1/2007.
- Rehearsals for south pacific ran for 5 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Sunday, 7/1/2007.
- Rehearsal - Acting ran for 4 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Tuesday, 9/1/2007.
- Rehearsal- Dancing ran for 4 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 10/1/2007.
- Rehearsal- Singing ran for 4 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Thursday, 11/1/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 19 special events. These events were as follows:

- **EGM** » Larmor Theatre on Thursday, 21/9/2006.
- **Auditions for South Pacific** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 25/9/2006.
- **South Pacific call backs** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 2/10/2006.
- **Variety Show Meeting** » The Hub on Tuesday, 3/10/2006.

A meeting for all members who would like to get involved in the society's musical variety show to be held in November, a perfect chance for those who couldn't do South Pacific to perform! All welcome

- **Rehearsal- Acting** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 17/10/2006.
- **Murder Mystery Weekend** » Achill Island on Thursday, 19/10/2006.

Society Trip to Achill Island where we will stay in accommodation for two nights and take part in a game of murder mystery! Bus will leave college on Friday afternoon at 1.00pm and return Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm. Guaranteed to be one heck of a weekend away and a great chance to get to know other musical society members. Places are limited so make sure to book early by emailing the society or through any committee member.

- **Rehearsal - Acting** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 31/10/2006.
- **Quiz** » College Bar on Wednesday, 1/11/2006.

Quiz in the College Bar at 8.00pm. The SMART way to earn some cash after Halloween!!! €5 per person with half time raffle prizes including a mystery prize!!!

- **Musical Society Meeting** » Bank Of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 6/11/2006.
- **AUDITIONS** » BOI Theatre on Wednesday, 8/11/2006.
- **Musical Night at the Movies** » Aula Maxima on Tuesday, 14/11/2006.

Musical Variety Show with performances from all your favourite movies from Anchorman to Shrek! Proceeds from Tuesday night go to Christmas Childbox Appeal. Tickets only €3 from Socs Box or on door.

- **Rehearsal - Acting** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 28/11/2006.
- **Dancing** » Siobhan McKenna on Wednesday, 29/11/2006.
- **Set Construction Begins** » The Shed- opposite Cathedral on Sunday, 7/1/2007.
- **South Pacific** » The Black Box on Tuesday, 6/2/2007.

The most fantastic musical to be presented by the Galway University Musical Society thus far!! Set in the middle of world war II a U.S. Navy nurse, Ensign Nellie Forbush, falls in love with a middle-aged French plantation owner, Emile de Becque. Meanwhile the comical Luther Billis and the other restless sailors, are lamenting on the absence of women or combat to relieve their boredom, when Lieutenant Joe Cable of the U.S. Marine Corps arrives on the island to take part in a dangerous spy mission that might help turn the tide of the war against the Japanese. Bloody Mary, the native souvenir dealer, introduces the lieutenant to her daughter, Liat, on the island of Bali Ha'i and the two fall in love. The two couples prosper, and proposals of marriage are made; however, Nellie is shocked to discover that Emile has mixed-race children from an earlier relationship, and Cable refuses to marry Liat due to her race, infuriating Mary. Dejected and with nothing to lose, Emile and Cable agree to go on their dangerous mission, successfully sending reports on enemy action. 'Operation Alligator' gets underway, and the previously idle sailors, including the reluctant Luther Billis, are sent into battle... An intriguing musical comedy of war, love, and death.. one not to be missed!!

- **Open Mic Night** » College Bar on Tuesday, 6/3/2007.

GUMS host an Open Mic night in the College Bar at 7.00pm Admission is €3 but you can perform as much as you like. Songs, Poetry, Comedy, Stories the choice is yours. Why not show off your talent?

- **QUIZ** » College Bar on Wednesday, 7/3/2007.

Quiz night hosted by GUMS, cash prize for first place, come along and put your trivial mind to test!

- **Musical Ball** » College Bar/ Galway Bay Hotel on Tuesday, 13/3/2007.

The annual GUMS musical ball which was held in the Galway Bay Hotel on 13th March, with pre reception in the College Bar

- **AGM** » Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 27/3/2007.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Conor Feehily

Secretary: Alison McGreevy

Promotions Assistant: Michelle Egan

OCMr: Peter O'Toole

Promotions Officer: Jennifer Keane

Head Of Sets: Sinead Crawford

Assistant Musical Director: Adrian Jordan

Treasurer: Cara Walsh

Socs Liaison Officer: Jennifer Bannon

OCM: Derek Cahalan

Producer: Delia Lowery

Staff Treasurer: Sean O'Leacháin

Head Of Costumes: Andrea Lydon

Musical Society (GUMS) Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	276.6	Affill/Mem fees	€65
Balls	€1555	Ball	€1350
Fundraising	€2525.99	Bank charge	€106.28
Greenform	€1200	Costumes	€528.02
Members Contributions	€2425	Dinner	€156.5
Muscailt	€2478.84	Entertainment	€400
Societies day	€65	Entry fees	€100
Socs box	€2632	Equipment misc	€2870
Sponsorship	€1325	Hall hire	€4000
Ticket Sales	€4966.2	Lights	€650
USC Grant	€6241.88	Makeup/Props	€82.57
		Materials	€435
		Performing rights	€2441.46
		Printing	€252.2
		Promotions	€1080
		Received Money Returned	€261
		Set	€764.36
		Society accomm	€1222
		Society transport	€500
		Sound	€2578.84
		Stationary	€8.4
		Teacher fees	€3800
		Expenditure Total	€23651.63
		Closing Bank Balance	€2039.88
Total	€25691.51	Total	€25691.51

Other Information

We held 22 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 232 members.

ALIVE Participants Musical Society (GUMS)	
Conor Feehily	Auditor
Adrian Jordan	Assistant Musical Director
Peter O'Toole	OCM, Cast Member

Michelle Egan	PR Assistant
Niamh McNally	Ordinary member-participation in Variety Show.
Ruth Donnellan	OCM
Hours Volunteered:	1162 hours

Music Society

MusicSoc is one of the most active societies in N.U.I. Galway weekly and one-off events, including Concerts, Jamming Sessions, Table Quizzes and Music Lessons. There were weekly jamming sessions in the Cellar on Wednesdays at 7.30, not to mention the Open Mic night afterwards. The Witless battle of the band competition had its grand final in the second semester during Múscailt with heats each week in the college bar.

MusicSoc Events

This year the society had a total of 19 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:

- Open Mic ran for 9 weeks in The Cellar, beginning on Wednesday, 4/10/2006.
- Jamming sessions ran for 4 weeks in Downstairs in the cellar, beginning on Wednesday, 8/11/2006.

This is a chance for any and all musicians to meet up and play a few tunes together. It's a bring your own instruments event. We do have an acoustic guitar for anyone to use and some bongos etc.. and most people don't mind sharing anyways. It's also a good opportunity for people to warm up for the Open Mic Night that is on directly afterwards. There's also the facility to leave instruments in a house. Come along for some good music and good fun.

- Witless heats ran for 3 weeks in College bar, beginning on Tuesday, 16/1/2007.

This is our battle of the bands. 5 bands, 1 stage and lots of great music. Winners of the heats will progress to the final held during Múscailt. See ya there.

➤ Special Events

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

- **First Meeting** » The Hub on Tuesday, 26/9/2006.

Welcome back, Just a quick announcement to let everyone know that our first meeting of the year will be in The Hub on Tuesday 26th at 7pm - come along to see what we'll be doing for year. If you're interested in helping out, participating or have ideas for new MusicSoc events then this is the time to let us know. Also, we'll be taking names of those interested in our Murder Mystery weekend in Achill Island. For anyone who doesn't know, The Hub is the cafe in Aras na MacLéinn beside College Bar. See you there

- **Covers Band NED** » Monroe's on Tuesday, 14/11/2006.

NED are a college band who won the Kings Head/ Rag week '05 battle of the bands last year, with influences like Led Zeppelin, Guns and Roses and AC/DC. They are being supported by one of the stars of Open Mic Night this year, Phillip Morrow. Come along for some Good Live Music and some good craic.

- **Witless Final** » College bar on Wednesday, 7/2/2007.

This is the final of our Battle of the Bands. Big Box, Which Way to Egypt, Byzantium, Negasus and Beef battle it out for the prizes. After party in the college bar till 2:30. Finger food etc. See ya there!!

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ronan Moyles
Treasurer: Joe Murphy
Radio Show: Matthew Clarke and The Dean
Webmaster: Niall Farrell

Vice-Auditor: Dave O'Leary
Secretary: Conor Walls
First Year Officer: Calum Butler
PRO: Aoife Kernan

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Dave O'Leary
Treasurer: Joe Murphy

Vice-Auditor: Calum Butler
PRO: Aoite Kerns

MusicSoc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1081.7	Dinner	€42
Muscailt	€950	Equipment misc	€132
Sponsorship	€530	Lights	€250
USC Grant	€750	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€97.6
		Prizes	€200
		Promotions	€280
		Sound	€800
		Expenditure Total	€1801.6
		Closing Bank Balance	€1510.1
Total	€3311.7	Total	€3311.7

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 291 members.

Muslim Youth Society

Muslim Youth Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 128 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:

- 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

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 9 special events. These events were as follows:

- **T-shirts on sale!!** » Sports Hall on Wednesday, 20/9/2006.

- **One Day National Fast** » Around the University and Town on Wednesday, 18/10/2006.

The One Day National Fast is an event whereby we invite everyone to fast with Muslims in conjunction with the Ramadhan month (Fasting month) from dawn until dusk. Various activities such as bucket collection, sponsorship card collection and free gifts will be given out on that day. A reception / Iftar will be held at the end of the event for fast breaking. We hope to get a lot of involvement and support from the college students.

- **Islamic Awareness Month (IAM)** » will be confirmed later on Wednesday, 17/1/2007.

Islamic Awareness Month encompasses Movie Week, Speakers Week and Exhibition Week. Movie week will start next week. The list included The Message (Movie), Legacy of The Prophet (Documentary) and Muhammad: The Last Prophet (Animation). You are all invited to come. FREE ENTRANCE!!!...Details regarding each event will be post up soon...Don't forget to look at the notice board all around you...

- **Islam Awareness Month Opening Ceremony** » BOI Theatre (besides College Bar) on Monday, 22/1/2007.

Come to our opening ceremony of Islam Awareness Month (IAM) 2007. There will be a short presentation about the whole event and light refreshments will be served.

- **IAM Movie Week** » AM200 on Tuesday, 23/1/2007.

The last movie screening for this week. Title: The Message. This is a fascinating movie of Islam. You are all welcomed. Free Entrance.

- **Islam Awareness Month - Talk** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 24/1/2007.

Salaam. The title of the talk - "Is God real?" by Mr. Ali Selim. Hope to see ya there!

- **IAM - FORUM** » IT 250 on Thursday, 25/1/2007.

Salam. There will be a forum title 'My Journey' by four new Irish Muslims tonight at 7pm, IT 250. Come let's join us! refreshments will be served :)

- **IAM - Talk** » LT Clinical Science Institute on Tuesday, 30/1/2007.

Salam. There will be a talk tonight entitled 'Evolution' by Mr Marwan Boustany at LT CSI, 7pm. This will be the last talk for this year's Islam Awareness Month. Hope to see you there!

- **Islam Awareness Month** » Aras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 1/2/2007.

Salam. Today is the last day of our exhibition about 'The Quran'. We have the translation of the Quran in English and it's only for EURO 1. There will be free food tasting as well! So come and visit us today!

Committee 2006/2007

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Muslim Youth Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2909.71	Equipment	€165.49
Fundraising	€3873.88	Dinner	€200

Greenform	€165.49	Fundraising/charity	€3322
Sponsorship	€244.08	Makeup/Props	€214
USC Grant	€640	Materials	€1490
		Society accomm	€500
		Society transport	€1226
		Expenditure Total	€7117.49
		Closing Bank Balance	€715.67
Total	€7833.16	Total	€7833.16

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 115 members.

Orchestra Society

This year, the Orchestra Society celebrates its seventh year in existence in the college and by all accounts it has been a successful one. After much success last year, we are again performing some major works such as Haydn's Symphony 101 "The Clock", while also performing another Irish Premiere. This year, it is the much-anticipated Premiere of work by American composer, George Frederick McKay.

The highlight of the year so far was our performance to a packed Siobhan McKenna Theatre for our Christmas fundraising concert, where we raised money for an orphanage in Sri-Lanka. Yet to come this year are performances in Birr and Galway at the end of March.

Orchestra Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 20 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:

- Rehearsal ran for 4 weeks in Aula Maxima, beginning on Monday, 30/10/2006.
- Orchestra Practice - Every Monday at 6:30 until 8pm in the Aula Maxima.
- Orchestra Rehearsal ran for 11 weeks in Aula Maxima, beginning on Monday, 15/1/2007.
- Orchestra rehearsal takes place every Monday at 6.30 in the Aula Maxima

➤ **Special Events**

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

- **Christmas Concert** » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Monday, 27/11/2006.

Fundraising Concert in conjunction with the Psychology Department to raise funds for Sri-Lankan orphanage. Refreshments at 6, Concert at 6:30.

- **Múscailt Concert** » Aula Maxima, Lower on Tuesday, 6/2/2007.

NUI, Galway Orchestra - Conductor Hugh Kelly. The programme will include works by Svendsen, Delius and Haydn.

- **Birr Weekend Trip 07 & Concert** » Birr on Friday, 23/3/2007.

Orchestra Soc bring their mix of new and old, unheard of and well-known pieces on tour to Birr this year.

- **Concert** » Lower Aula on Monday, 26/3/2007.

Performing works by Haydn, Svendsen, Delius and the European Premiere of work by American composer Frederik McKay. A concert not to be missed!

- **A.G.M.** » Da Roberta's Salthill on Thursday, 29/3/2007.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Aileen Maloney
 Secretary: Alison Condell
 Event Organiser: Maeve Bryan
 New Members Liaison: Lesley Ní Dhorchaidhe
 PRO: Pdraig O'Cathain

Treasurer: Aileen Maloney
 Librarian: Linda Hughes
 PRO: Laura McNamara

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Aileen Maloney
 Treasurer: Aileen Maloney
 Librarian: Linda Hughes

Vice-Auditor: Linda Hughes
 Secretary: Allison Condell
 Concert Organiser: Pdraig O'Cathain

Orchestra Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	213.78	Bank charge	€35.84
Bank Charge refunded	€23.82	Dinner	€450
Members Contributions	€2217	Gifts	€198.56
Muscalt	€200	Hall hire	€350
Ticket Sales	€530	Performing rights	€388.12
USC Grant	€5041.12	Printing	€55.73
		Prizes	€27.41
		Society accomm	€3900
		Teacher fees	€2450
		Expenditure Total	€7855.66
		Cash In Hand	€95.16
		Closing Bank Balance	€274.9
Total	€8225.72	Total	€8225.72

Other Information

We held 1 committee meeting during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 47 members.

ALIVE Participants Orchestra Society		
Aileen Maloney	Auditor	108 hours
Linda Hughes	Vice-Auditor	100 hours
Ruth Donnellan	Treasurer	75 hours
Pdraig O Cathain	PRO	63 hours
# Hours Volunteered:	346 hours	

Palestinian Solidarity Society

The Palestinian Solidarity Society was created this year, in order to draw attention to the ongoing plight of the Palestinian people in the illegally occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank and the Palestinian refugees spread throughout the Middle East. We attempted to counter the unbalanced and biased mainstream news coverage of the conflict. We did this by vigorously protesting the shameful invitation extended to the Israeli Ambassador to speak at an event organised by another society. A Palestine Solidarity week was held in November, Al Haq a Palestine based Human Rights group held a workshop and various films were presented by their directors. We showed numerous films throughout the year. We actively wrote to newspapers and media outlets highlighting the biased nature of their coverage. We lobbied political groups within Ireland and abroad. The esteemed Human Rights activist and politician, Michael D. Higgins spoke at one of our meetings. NUIG students and Palestinian activists Tahseen El Ayyin and Khalid Quzmar gave workshops about the situation on the ground. We also actively cooperated with the branch of the Ireland Palestinian Solidarity Campaign based in the city on their various campaigns.

Palestine Solidarity Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

- **EGM & Discussion on Israeli Ambassador's** » AC201 on Tuesday, 3rd of October.

The Societies EGM as well as a discussion on the visit to the University of the Israeli ambassador to Ireland Dr. Zion Evrony. All welcome to attend!

- **Meeting** » Smokey Joes on Thursday, 5th of October.
- **Film-Paradise Now** » IT250 on Wednesday, 11th of October.

The Palestinian Solidarity Group are showing the Oscar nominated Paradise Now, A film which deals with two suicide bombers in the West Bank. It is the first Palestinian film to be nominated for an Oscar. After the showing a Palestinian student from Ramallah will give a little talk about the conditions he lives under, the realities of his daily life and so on.. hope to see you all there

- **Paradise Now and meeting** » D'Arcy Thompson lecture theatre on Monday, 23rd of October.

Paradise Now, Oscar nominated film will be shown at 7:30pm. At 6:30pm we will have a meeting regarding the upcoming Palestine solidarity week. All are welcome to come along and share their ideas.

- **Al Haq Lectures and workshop** » Aras Moyola on Monday, 6th of November.

Workshop with Palestinian Human Rights Organisation, as part of Al Haq's Speaking tour of Ireland, to raise awareness of specific legal and factual issues relating to the situation in the Occupied Territories, with Legal Researchers Gareth Gleed and Mays Warrad

- **Film and Presentation** » Human Rights Centre on Tuesday, 7th of November.

Domhain Eile a newly established media project run by students in Ireland and Scotland, their documentary "Welcome to Inspection Point" was filmed in the summer of 2006 in Palestine. Questions and answers afterwards

- **Film** » O'Flaherty on Wednesday, 8th of November.

Khaled Ajameih's film 'From Hell to Heaven', which was nominated for the Palestinian film awards, will be shown followed by a talk by the director.

- **Film and Presentation** » Larmor on Thursday, 9th of November.

Khaled Quzmar's film 'Stolen Youth' will be shown followed by a questions and answers session.

- **Protest** » Atlantic Homecare on Saturday, 2nd of December.

Protest at Atlantic Homecare in support of International Movement to boycott Israeli Produce until the Israeli State complies with International Law

- **Film** » Tyndall on Saturday, 13th of January.

Al Haq produced film 'Caught in a Spiders Web', followed by talk with Human Rights lawyer Tahseen El Ayyin

- **Michael D. Higgins T.D. Palestine** » IT125 on Monday, 26th of February.

Mr. Michael D. Higgins will discuss the current human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Followed by a Questions and Answer session. Open to the Public

- **Demonstration** » Shop Street on Sunday, 4th of March.

Blood Diamonds- Campaign against the Israeli trade in illegally obtained diamonds from war situations in Africa

- **Dancing in the streets** » Throughout Galway on Saturday, 21st of April.

Al Quds folk group will put on a display of traditional Palestinian music and dance through the streets of Galway

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Silva Nurmio

Vice-Auditor: Christina Gallagher

Treasurer: Francis O'Connor

Secretary: Andy Fogarty

Vice-Treasurer: James Groarke

Palestine Solidarity Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	243.32	Bank charge	€26.53
USC Grant	€390	Entertainment	€240
		Reception	€56
		Society accomm	€77
		Speaker accomm	€65
		Speaker travel	€175
		Expenditure Total	€639.53
		Closing Bank Balance	€-6.21
Total	€633.32	Total	€633.32

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 125 members.

Philosophy Society

Philosophy meant Love of Sophia, Goddess of Wisdom, in Ancient Greece, but has accumulated different meanings since then. To study Philosophy in an institution nowadays limits you to what the academic collective recognises, but we at the Philosophy Society are here to provide a forum for everyone to come, get involved, share and learn what is 'The Best Life' for you, for us as a community. Life experience and an open mind are a must. Do you qualify? We are interested in all things philosophical, academic and otherwise. Because philosophy can be about anything we do not feel that this society is restricted to any area in particular. One way to explore ideas is to talk about them. This we do by holding informal discussions and talks on a wide variety of topics. Also we do trips (to a Zen Dojo this Autumn semester,)show philosophical films, hold table quizzes, raise money for charity, have parties and well... anything that comes into our heads. Regular informal discussions at 7.00, Monday evenings in IT205. Wednesday evenings in the Philosophy Department, one volunteer prepares a presentation of roughly half and hour on some area of his or her interest to introduce to the group. This is followed by a discussion. Our website contains topics we have covered, news updated regularly (fortnightly) of society's goings-on, photos, a forum, interesting links and lots more...

Philosophy Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 23 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 workshop ran for 9 weeks in seminar room, philosophy department, beginning on Wednesday, 4/10/2006.

- Weekly workshop ran for 11 weeks in seminar room Philosophy dept., beginning on Wednesday, 17/1/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

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

- **Libertarianism :-)** » Philosophy Dept. on Wednesday, 25/10/2006.

Are we by nature criminals, as conservative PD government policies suggest, needing strict controls and limits, or potentially lovable beings that flower with a little gentle watering, as the Greens might say? One of our American guests will give a short talk on libertarian theories, followed by an open discussion. Phil. dept. is house next to AM car park. Everyone welcome, come and share your views.

- **Can women philosophise?** » T.B.C. on Monday, 13/11/2006.

Did you know Sophia, a woman, was the Greek goddess of Wisdom, and philosophy originally meant 'love of wisdom'? Traditionally in the west, however, the role of the clear-thinking human has been assumed by males, and women have been labelled as irrational and passionate, with minds clouded by emotion. We will challenge this idea, and examine the role of emotion in thinking, striving also to examine men's lack of emotional intelligence. No experience of philosophy recommended!

- **Weekly workshop: Prof O'Gorman** » Moore Institute on Wednesday, 28/2/2007.

Attention!!! This week's talk will take place in the Moore Institute at 7:00 PM!! A short talk in the area of the presenter's interest is followed by a discussion of the ideas and issues raised. The aim of these talks is to provide an arena for discussion of philosophical issues in an approachable way. The speakers generally assume little or no back-ground knowledge in the subject presented and try to provide the group with enough information to foster a lively discussion. This is a great chance to be introduced to new ideas and to join in an interesting conversation.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Roisin Lally

Vice-Auditor: Robert McNamara

Treasurer: Thomas Zimmerman

Secretary: Daniel Bradley

Committee: Sorcha Gavin

Committee: Kirk Rankin

Committee: Donal Kitt

Committee: Shane Connolly

Philosophy Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	151.69	Bank charge	€1.96
USC Grant	€40		
		Expenditure Total	€1.96
		Closing Bank Balance	€189.73
Total	€191.69	Total	€191.69

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 289 members.

Photo Society

This year Photosoc gave a lot to anyone who participated in the committee and attended photo soc meetings. We went on an outing with the Mountaineering soc. We had numerous local photographers come in to give talks and workshops on photography. We ran tutorials on how to manipulate photographs using computers and photoshop. We held darkroom tutorials. The society also got involved with Sin news paper. The highlight was covering Martin Sheen's attendance at NUIG. We had a few competitions and slide shows of member's photos this year. The photo soc

website was re-designed very effectively to host a member's photo gallery and tutorial area where members or the public can get handy photography tips and tricks.

Photography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 20 events.

- **PHOTOSOC EGM** » The Hub on Wednesday, 27th of September.
- **Introductory meeting** » The HUB on Wednesday, 4th of October.
- **Beginners Workshop** » Tyndall Theatre on Wednesday, 11th of October.

Do you want to learn more about photography? make your own prints? Don't be shy come along and find out more about the basic principles of photography in this beginners workshop with Paul Fennell a well established local wedding and portrait photographer! Not to be missed

- **Landscape/workshop** » IT250 on Wednesday, 18th of October.

An action packed schedule this week kicking off at 7pm with a talk on landscape photography by Sean Mc Cormack to coincide with our trip to Connemara with the mountaineering club Sun 22nd Oct (not to be missed)! Followed at 8pm by our beginners workshop hosted by one of Galway's most accomplished photographers Paul Fennell! So come along and brush up on your skills! For more info check out www.photo-soc.com

- **Landscape Photo trip!** » Maamturk Mountains- Connemara on Sunday, 22nd of October.

Feeling fit?!! Photosoc will be teaming up with the Mountaineering Club to go on a walk in the picturesque area of Connemara this Sunday. Bus leaves the quad at 10am sharp. To see the gear we're required to take- check out the Mountaineering Club website: <http://student.nuigalway.ie/~mountaineering/equipment.php> Don't miss it- great pictures guaranteed and a bit of craic!!

- **Beginners Workshops week 3** » IM001 -Aras Uí Chathail on Wednesday, 25th of October.
- **Paint Shop Pro Tutorials** » Arts Faculty Suite (Rm 229A) on Thursday, 26th of October.

If u want learn more about image editing, enhancing your jpegs, colour balance, etc...come along...we don't bite!

- **Beginners Workshop week 4** » IT 125 on Wednesday, 1st of November.
- **Paint Shop Pro Tutorials** » Arts Faculty Suite (Rm 229A) on Thursday, 2nd of November.
- **Members Slideshow & Party** » IT125 on Wednesday, 8th of November.

Come along and view a spectacular display of photographic skills provided entirely by Photosoc members! Landscape photographs from our trip will be included.....followed by the after party...

- **Society Day!** » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer on Wednesday, 17th of January.
- **Second Semester First Meeting** » D'Arcy Thompson- on concourse near bank on Wednesday, 24th of January.
- **Peter Harkin- Professional Photographer** » D'Arcy Thompson- On concourse near bank on Wednesday, 31st of January.

Professional photographer Peter Harkin addresses NUIG Photosoc on the contemporary commercial photography market in Ireland. Don't miss this great insight into the professional photographic worlds of fashion, portraiture and weddings...

- **Focus '07 Annual Exhibition** » Arts Millennium Building on Monday, 5th of February.

The annual Photosoc exhibition, Focus '07, is running from the 5th-9th Feb. in the arts millennium building. If you would like to submit some photographs either drop them into socsbox in the hub, or email them in before the 1st Feb.! Don't be shy! Its a great chance to see your images in print...

- **Focus '07 Launch** » Arts Millennium Building on Monday, 5th of February.

The Photographic Society's annual exhibition entitled 'Focus '07' features a wide range of photographs portraying the unique photographic talents of NUI Galway students and staff. The exhibition will run all week from the 5th-9th (AMB).....be sure to come along!

- **Leigh Bishop - Underwater Photography** » O' Flaherty Theatre on Friday, 23rd of February.

Leigh Bishop, professional diver and underwater photographer extraordinaire, all the way from the UK addresses Photosoc and the Sub-aqua club on his field of expertise...one not to be missed

- **Guest Speaker Kelvin Gillmor** » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre (on Concourse) on Wednesday, 7th of March.

Kelvin is a specialist photographer for Architectural, Portrait photography & Landscape. Kelvin won the title 'Irish Professional Classical Portrait Photographer Of The Year' at The Royal Sun Alliance Photographic Awards in The Burlington Hotel in April 2006.

- **Sarah O'Sullivan--Photo Journalist** » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre (on Concourse) on Wednesday, 14th of March.

Sin Chief photographer Sarah O'Sullivan addresses Photosoc on the world of photo-journalism...this presentation also includes her very own unique blend of photographic skills! Come along, All welcome!

- **Ron Rosenstock Landscape Photography** » IT 250 on Wednesday, 21st of March.

Don't miss this great chance to see world renowned landscape photographer Ron Rosenstock. Another great highlight of semester two. Early arrival advisable.

- **Photosoc AGM** » The HUB on Tuesday, 27th of March.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Emma Brennan

Vice-Auditor: Ben Ruddy

Treasurer: Joseph Hyland

Secretary: Kevin Doyle

Darkroom Manager: Ronan Shaw

Photography Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	357.37	Bank charge	€39.66
Muscalt	€100	Dinner	€42.57
USC Grant	€2769.3	Equipment misc	€1400
		Printing	€50
		Reception	€9.8
		Society accomm	€250
		Speaker travel	€190.35
		Teacher fees	€770
		Expenditure Total	€2752.38
		Closing Bank Balance	€474.29
Total	€3226.67	Total	€3226.67

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 204 members.

Physics Society

The physics Society aim to promote an interest in physics, and physics related concepts to the students of NUI, Galway. To this end we organise Physics related events, activities and speakers to give talks to the Society.

Physics Soc Events

This year the society held a total 3 of events.

- Post-Grad Christmas party Kings Head 14/12/06
- AGM 6th march 07
- Speaker: Prof Philip Walton: Pros and cons of nuclear energy in Ireland.
June 6th IT 125 7.30pm.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Arlene Smith
Treasurer: Oliver Ryan

Vice-Auditor: Gary Kenny
Secretary: Mark Foley

Physics Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2244.13	Ball	€18704.08
Balls	€21028	Bank charge	€14.53
Bank Charge	€10.78	Dinner	€1185.5
		Promotions	€214.2
		Reception	€750
		Speaker travel	€50
		Expenditure Total	€20918.31
		Cash In Hand	€14.5
		Closing Bank Balance	€2350.1
Total	€23282.91	Total	€23282.91

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 145 members.

Poker Society

Poker Soc was run every Monday evening at 6pm in the Hub in Áras na Mac Léinn. It was very successful and every week there was a large turnout. Buy in was €10 with rebuys at €5.

Poker Events

This year the society had a total of 16 events that took place.

- Poker ran for 5 weeks in the HUB, beginning on Monday, 9/10/2006.
€10 buy in, €5 rebuys and €5 top ups at the break. All welcome to attend - no experience required!
- Poker ran for 11 weeks in The Hub, Aras na MacLeinn, beginning on Monday, 15/1/2007.
Weekly poker tournament in the Hub. Buy-in is €10 with a re-buy of €5 available on the night. Come early for registration. All are welcome!

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Conor Hurst
Secretary: Barry O'Halloran

Treasurer: Jason Cullen

Poker Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	271.25	Prizes	€4310.04
Socs box	€4310	Equipment misc	€170

		Expenditure Total	€4480.04
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€101.21
Total	€4581.25	Total	€4581.25

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 210 members.

Political Discussion Society

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Political Discussion Society which was founded by Minister Seamus Brennan in 1967. This year has been a highly successful year with a variety of speakers from the Bulgarian and Swedish Ambassadors to Senator David Norris, and author Michael Nugent as well as Minister Noel Treacy.

In the first semester we held a hugely successful Voter Registration Drive in conjunction with the Wimps programme and we managed to sign almost 500 students up to vote in the upcoming general election. We came second in the AIB Societies Event of Excellence Award for this event. The committee have worked very hard to ensure that this year was a highly successful one, and we hope that our successes will be carried on next year.

Political Discussion Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

- **Pizza Eating Competition & Fun Hour** » College Bar on Monday, 18th of September.

What better way to start Fresher's week? A pizza-eating competition to help everyone meet new people. It will be followed by a fun hour with lots of spot prizes on offer!

- **Orientation Meeting** » The Cellar Bar on Monday, 25th of September.

After our successful sign-ups on Socs' Day last Wednesday, we are holding an orientation night this week. This is being held in a friendly, laid-back location and the purpose is for everyone to meet the committee and get to know each other. We'll also be filling everyone in on our plans for the upcoming year. There will be refreshments available on the night and everyone is welcome.

- **Ann Summers Party** » The Cellar Bar on Monday, 2nd of October.

This week is Marie Keating Breast Cancer Awareness Week and in order to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity we are hosting an Ann Summers Party for the girlies tonight. A great night of fun and frolic's is guaranteed. And it's all for a good cause. Also keep an eye out for us on campus with our buckets and when you see us, dig deep and give generously!!

- **Poker Night** » The Cellar Bar on Tuesday, 3rd of October.

So the girls had their Ann Summers Night last night, now it's the turn of the guys. A poker tournament will be held tonight in the Cellar. Buy in will be €10 with two rebuys at €5 each in the first hour. All money raised will be donated to the Marie Keating Foundation. And do keep an eye out for us with our buckets around campus... when you see us, dig deep and give generously.

- **Neutrality in 21st century Europe** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 9th of October.

The Swedish Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Nils Daag, will address the society on the question of neutrality and whether it is really the way forward for our two countries. He will be assisted by Lieutenant Eamon Colclough from the Renmore Barracks.

- **Ramblings of an Ancient Activist** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 16th of October.

Senator David Norris will address the society tonight on many aspects of his public and probably also his private life! It promises to be a highly interesting and entertaining night.

- **Internet revolution of Ireland?** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 23rd of October. 'From Banjaxed to Blogs and Bebo - How the Internet is Revolutionising Irish Society'. Michael Nugent, author of 'Ireland on the Internet', political campaigner and co-writer of the comedy musical 'I Keano', will talk about:

1. Web 2.0: the power of interactive websites
2. Is Big Brother really more popular than politicians?
3. How the State can know every website you visit
4. Has anyone seen those e-voting machines?

Michael has used the Internet since 1995 to campaign on conservation and Northern Ireland peace issues, the European Investment Bank appointment scandal of 2000, and the FAI sale of Irish football rights to Sky television in 2002. In his most recent book, 'Absurdly Yours', he wrote to the Government offering to buy one of the stored e-voting machines so his family could vote on what to have for dinner. He is a former Students Union president.

- **Questions & Answers** » RTE, Dublin on Monday, 6th of November.

We make our annual trip to Dublin tonight for the broadcasting of Questions and Answers. Guests on tonight's show include David McWilliams and Michael Martin.

- **European Enlargement: How Much Further?** » Cairnes Theatre on Tuesday, 14th of November.

The Minister for European Affairs Noel Treacy TD will address students and staff on the topic: "European Enlargement. How Much Further?" He will be joined in this by the Ambassador of Bulgaria Her Excellency Mrs Bisserka Benisheva. This event will be jointly hosted by the European Movement of Ireland.

- **Schools' Public Speaking Final** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 20th of November.

Over the past month or so we have organised a Public Speaking Competition for all schools in the Connacht area and tonight is the grand final where the crème de la crème of Schools' speakers will battle it out verbally to be announced as the winner.

- **Animal Rights Debate** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 22nd of January.

We are hosting this controversial subject in the form of a debate tonight with the motion "That This House Believes All Animal Hunting Should Be Banned". Speakers in favour of this motion include a representative from the Young Greens, the Auditor of the Animal Rights Society and an active Animal Rights campaigner. Speaking in opposition will be representatives from the Irish Hunting Association.

- **SU Hustings** » IT250 on Wednesday, 7th of March.

Tonight PDS hosts its annual SU Hustings. All the candidates running for election in the SU full-time elections will be in attendance and will be answering all questions and queries from the student body.

- **AGM** » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 26th of March.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Claire Mc Gowan

Secretary: Nora McMahon

First Year Liaison: Hilary Waldron

Treasurer: Niall O'Tuairisg

P.R.O.: Pearse Heneghan

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Hillary Waldron

Treasurer: Niall O'Tuairisg

Vice-Auditor: Pearse Heneghan

Political Discussion Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	35.76	Bank charge	€91.66
Fundraising	€8.65	Dinner	€885.51
Members Contributions	€726.55	Fundraising/charity	€726.55
Sponsorship	€500	Gifts	€149

USC Grant	€2200	Prizes	€210
		Reception	€781.3
		Speaker accomm	€241.2
		Speaker travel	€201.78
		Expenditure Total	€3287
		Closing Bank Balance	€183.96
Total	€3470.96	Total	€3470.96

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 250 members.

ALIVE Participants Political Discussion Society		
Niall O Tuairisg	Treasurer	39 hours
Claire McGowan	Auditor	520 hours
Hilary Waldron	Liaison Officer	60 hours
Hours Volunteered:	619 hours	

Presidents Award (Gaisce Society)

The President's Award (Gaisce) Society aims to help students and staff obtain 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. This is in 4 steps: community involvement, learning a new skill, a physical activity and an adventure project. The society hopes to create well-rounded people who are of benefit to business and the college community. The award is open to any and all people, regardless of any discriminating factor, except age where applicants for the award are between 15 and 25 years of age.

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

- **Trip to Estonia** » Venevere on Monday, 29th of May.

The trip is an opportunity for our gold participants to complete their adventure project. Fundraising was done in order to finance the trip to rural Estonia.

- **EGM** » IT206 on Monday, 9th of October.

Meeting to let people know what the President's Award is all about. We will be electing people for positions of Treasurer and OCM (Ordinary Committee Member). Nominations and voting on the night.

- **Meeting for PALs, Estonia and Canoeing** » AC204 on Monday, 16th of October.

Information meeting for PALs and the people going on the Estonia and Canoeing trips. Deadline for applications for PALs, Estonia trip and Canoeing trip. Applications can be submitted at the meeting.

- **Deadline for Estonia deposit** » Socs Box on Monday, 22nd of January.

- **Charity Gig** » College Bar on Thursday, 15th of March.

Charity gig tonight to raise money for the Gold participants' trip to Estonia. There will be two amazing bands playing - The Burning Shades from Sligo and Byzantium, the winners of witless '07, and three NUIG students -

Steven Kiely, Jacqui Pratt and Philip Morrow. There will also be a raffle. Spread the word, promises to be a great night!

- **Bake Sale** » HUB on Tuesday, 20th of March.
- **AGM** » IT207 on Tuesday, 27th of March.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Aoife Kernan
 Treasurer: Steven Kiely
 PRO: Gearóid Ó Treasaigh
 PAL (Silver): Roseanna White
 OCM: Mairead Keane

Vice-Auditor: Elizabeth Reidy
 Secretary: Ann Browne
 OCM: Pat Newell
 PAL (gold): Lorraine Tansey
 PRO: Katie Cosgrove

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Aoife Kernan
 Treasurer: Fiona Gillespie
 OCM: Mairéad Keane
 PRO: Katie Cosgrove

Vice-Auditor: Gearóid Ó Treasaigh
 Secretary: Aideen MacInerney
 OCM: Frances Conlon

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	23.42	Bank charge	€8.25
Fundraising	€1783	Entry fees	€330
Members Contributions	€240	Gifts	€991.77
Socs box	€655	Hire Bus	€250
USC Grant	€3890	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€62.1
		Prizes	€59.3
		Society transport	€4890
		Expenditure Total	€6591.42
Total	€6591.42	Total	€6591.42

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 141 members.

ALIVE Participants Presidents Award (Gaisce) Society		
Aoife Kernan	Auditor	140 hours
Gearóid Ó Treasaigh	Public Relations Officer	25 hours
Hours Volunteered:	165 hours	

Psychological Society

The Psychological Society aims to ensure that psychology in all its forms is promoted and projected to as wide an audience as possible. The only requirement for membership is an interest in psychology (whether mild or intensely passionate!) and an eagerness to meet others and engage in a wide range of activities incorporating both the serious side of psychology, and the light-hearted social side; both equally interesting and enticing!

This year the society ran events that ranged from frequent guest speakers to society parties. Our Start-of-Term parties and Halloween party were very popular. We held a Psychology Ball (a first for our society) and organised a trip to the PSI Congress in UCD. We held two fundraising events; a students versus lecturers quiz and a soccer tournament.

We held our ball in the Galway Bay Hotel on March 22nd. Pictures from the night are now available in the Societies Gallery. As it was the first year of the event we were using it to measure students' interest, we received such positive feedback we have decided to make the Psychology Ball an annual event, though we plan to hold it earlier next year. The 'Students Vs Lecturers' quiz is also set to become a yearly event.

Our guest speakers helped the society to promote our more academic side. Over the year we hosted talks that either were relevant to students' coursework (Dr. Mike Hogan's study skills lecture had one of our highest turn-outs) or were of particular interest to individual members. Overall this year we feel that our society has lived up to what we had expected to achieve and provided our members with many enjoyable events.

Psychological Society Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

- **Halloween Party.** » The Living Room. Thursday, 26th of October.
It's that time of year again, break out the Fancy Dress or come as you are. Prize for the best Fancy Dress. Raffle on the night for mystery prizes. Remember we don't just analyze, we socialize.
- **Lecture by the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland** » IM001 (Aras Uí Chathail) on Monday, 13th of November.
Des Mulligan of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland will present a lecture on the causes of the disease, what is being done to treat it and the work of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland. Refreshment served afterwards. All welcome.
- **Lecture by Todd Morrison. N.U.I.Galway.** » I.T.250 on Wednesday, 15th of November.
A lecture on the subject of discrimination of gay men and lesbian women in society. In association with GIG Soc. All welcome, reception afterwards.
- **Lecture by John Bogue, N.U.I.Galway.** » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre. on Monday, 20th of November.
A lecture on the subject of Forensic Psychology. All are welcome. Reception afterwards.
- **Professor Michael Fitzgerald.** » A.M.200 on Monday, 11th of December.
Professor Fitzgerald will give a lecture on Attention-deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. This lecture will be open to the public, so come early. Reception afterwards.
- **Christmas party** » The Living Room on Friday, 15th of December.
It's the end of exams and it's time to celebrate with the Psychological Society Christmas Party! Food and festive cheer for all.
- **Sri Lanka Volunteering Info Night** » St. Anthony's Lecture hall 1 on Monday, 12th of February.
An information night for psychology students interested in volunteering in Sri Lanka. Followed by Reception. All Welcome!
- **Psychology of Courage and Cowardice** » Lecture Theatre 1, St Anthony's on Monday, 26th of February.
Visiting Lecturer Neil Walshe will tell you all you need to know about Organizational Psychology, and everything you were afraid to ask about. Cool down after Rag Week, reception afterwards. All are welcome
- **Students Vs Lecturers QUIZ** » The College Bar on Monday, 5th of March.

Find out for once and for all who's smartest; Students or lecturers. Our quiz will test your knowledge of movies, music and general random facts to the limits, and all for fabulous prizes and the possibility to gloat for a few days! Entry fee: €20 per table of four.

- **Study Skills Lecture** » Kirwan Theatre on Monday, 12th of March.

Dr. Mike Hogan will present a lecture on study skills and dealing with stress in the run up to exams. All welcome!

- **Psychology Ball!** » Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday, 22nd of March.

The Psychology Ball will take place in the Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday 22nd of March. Tickets are available from the Socs Box for €40 each. Come along for a good meal and a great line-up of entertainment. Doors open at 7:30pm and dinner will be served at 8:30pm. The ball is open to anybody who wants a good night out, you don't have to be a psychology student. Remember, we don't just analyse, we socialize!

- **PSI Congress** » UCD on Friday, 30th of March.

The annual Psychology Students of Ireland Congress will be hosted by UCD from Fri 30th of Mar until Sun 1st of April. The bus will be departing from the bus station in Galway city on Fri morning so be prompt. Tickets for transport and accommodation will be available from the SocsBox on the 19th of March. Watch out for emails and posters over the next few weeks with more details.

- **EGM** » The Hub on Monday, 16th of April.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Remona Roper -Hurst
 Treasurer: Cormac Duffy
 Health & Safety: Louise Glynn
 Audio-Visual: Alex McDonagh
 Health & Safety: Kevin Hogan
 Assistant P.R.O.: Elaine Glynn

Vice-Auditor: Kevin Hogan
 Secretary: Lisa Healy
 P.R.O.: Peter Collins
 Assistant P.R.O.: Alex McDonagh
 Assistant Treasurer: Karen Talty
 General Assistant: Louise Glynn

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Cormac Duffy
 Treasurer: Kevin Hogan
 Webmaster: Kevin Doyle

Vice-Auditor: Lisa Healy
 Secretary: Karen Talty
 P.R.O.: Alex McDonagh

Psychological Society Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	695.04	Affill/Mem fees	€580
Balls	€535	Ball	€2710
Fundraising	€714.5	Dinner	€60
Socs box	€2585	Materials	€22
USC Grant	€3298.75	Reception	€118
		Society accomm	€558
		Society transport	€885
		Speaker accomm	€499
		Expenditure Total	€5432
		Cash In Hand	€36.5
		Closing Bank Balance	€2359.79
Total	€7828.29	Total	€7828.29

Other Information

We held 28 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 388 members.

Quiz Society

Quiz soc had an eventful and interesting year hosting a variety of table quizzes and adaptations of popular TV game show quizzes. The society got off to a great start in September when they held their own version of the popular TV game show 15-1 in aid of Enable Ireland. The event raised 320 Euro. Following on from the success of TV game show themed quizzes, the society ran their own version of the Weakest link in November. The event was a great success and lots of fun. In the second semester the society hosted many table quizzes in conjunction with other societies. One particularly successful quiz was with the Dram Soc. The event raised 450 Euro for Habitat for Humanity. The society went out with a bang when they hosted a "Sex Drugs and Rock n Roll" quiz during SHAG week. The quiz aimed to raise awareness of important sexual health issues.

Quiz Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

- **Enable Ireland Gameshow Quiz** » IT250 on Tuesday, 19th of September.

QuizSoc's first big event of the year will be the Gameshow Quiz! We're using 15 to 1 as our inspiration this time so everyone who wants will be able to participate. Even if you don't want to be a contestant, come along anyway as it should be a great night and you could win one of our many fantastic spot prizes! Many societies are already involved and we welcome many more to it, all proceeds will go to Enable Ireland, so any donation you can make will be hugely appreciated! Hope to see you there!

- **The Weakest Link 2006** » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre on Monday, 16th of October.

QuizSoc are returning with yet another fantastic Gameshow quiz- this time its the Weakest Link! We'll be taking a leaf out of Anne Robinson's book and hosting a quiz full of winking,(bad) insults and more fun general knowledge than you can handle! Contestants have already signed up by email but if you come along on the night we'll make sure you won't be left hanging, even if you just want to watch you'll have a chance of winning some great prizes, so make it your business to show up! Hope to see you there...

- **Table Quiz** » College Bar on Thursday, 18th of January.

A table quiz in aid of Habitat For Humanity. Hosted by Quiz Soc in conjunction with Drama Soc.

- **Sex, Drugs & Rock n' Roll SHAG week Quiz** » College Bar on Thursday, 15th of February.

QuizSoc are back again doing what we do best- table quizzes! For SHAG week, QuizSoc are hosting a Sex, Drugs and Rock n' Roll quiz with rounds about... Sex, Drugs and Rock ' n Roll! (how bout that?!) We'll have rounds about music, sex, films, rock stars and more! It should be a fun night with great prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and spot prizes will be given also. Come along!

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ruth McNally

Vice-Auditor: Emma Conway

Treasurer: Liam Harkin

Secretary: Nora McMahan

Quizmaster General: Paddy Duffy

President for Life: Michael Coyne

QuizSoc Enforcer: Andrew Gibbons

Executive Supervisor: Liam Harkin

PRO: Marie Monaghan

Quiz Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	461.12	Bank charge	€9.44
Fundraising	€320	Fundraising/charity	€320

USC Grant	€430	Prizes	€460
		Expenditure Total	€789.44
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€421.68
Total	€1211.12	Total	€1211.12

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 290 members.

Radio Society

RadioSoc is a society for anyone with an interest in any aspect of radio, such as broadcasting, production, interviewing and documentary making or even just listening! We work closely with Flirt FM, the NUIG/ GMIT campus radio station, but the society and the station are separate organisations.

This year we got our own weekly slot on Flirt FM, and from the start of the year we set about giving our members an opportunity to host their own radio show. Each week, different members had to prepare and present an hour long show. This proved to be very popular with all those who availed of the opportunity. As a result of the show, some members were offered their own weekly slot on Flirt FM. Others were content to fulfil their dream of presenting their own show, even just once!

We also organised talks and training on radio related themes. At the beginning of the year we had our Media Law lecture, and we also had Galway Bay FM's news editor Bernadette Prendergast in to share her story with us.

This year we held a number of successful social events for both our members and Flirt FM volunteers. We were also proud to support the Halloween Ball which was organised by DJ Society.

RadioSoc Events

This year the society had a total of 33 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:

- Radio Society Show ran for 8 weeks in Flirt FM, beginning on Monday, 9/10/2006.

The Radio Society Show is for members that have no experience. We allow people to produce, research and present their own show on Flirt Fm. If you are interested come along to our meetings, call into Flirt Fm or email us. We will also be uploading these shows onto the website soon.

- Radio Soc Show ran for 10 weeks in Flirt Fm Station, beginning on Monday, 15/1/2007.

This is a radio show for beginners. This allows volunteers to be able to talk about what interests them and to play their own music. But there will be people there to guide the show smoothly along. At the end you will get a recording of your show to bring home and listen to. You can also do this more than once! Call into Flirt Fm if you are interested in future shows.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 15 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Corrib Princess** » Salmon Weir on Wednesday, 20/9/2006.

This is being spearheaded by DJ Society. It is titled DJ Soc Floats Yer Boat. We are proud to be a part of this event. We are joined by Writer's Society and Juggling Society (Best Society 2005-6).

- **EGM & Introductory Meeting** » Rush @ The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn on Monday, 25/9/2006.

We are having our EGM to fill some committee positions. Everyone is welcome to join, no experience necessary, just lots of enthusiasm! Also in this introductory meeting we will be getting a general consensus about what time would be suitable for an hour radio show in Flirt. So bring your timetables! See you there.

- **Marie McGonagle** » Cairns Theatre - concourse on Monday, 9/10/2006.

Marie McGonagle will be giving a lecture on Media Law regarding slander and libel. This is essential for all volunteers in Flirt Fm and anyone who wants to go on air with Radio Society in the future.

- **First night out!** » King's Head on Monday, 9/10/2006.
- **Bernadette Prendergast** » Kirwan Theatre - Concourse on Tuesday, 7/11/2006.

Bernadette Prendergast is the Head of News at Galway Bay Fm. She also teaches a class for the MA in Journalism in NUI, Galway. In this talk Ms. Prendergast will be giving us the inside track on what goes on behind the scenes of a commercial radio station. Just because Galway Bay is local does not make it small. Jobs there are coveted by all ambitious young radio presenters wanting to hit the big time. Come along if you want to be in on the trade secrets.

- **Christmas Party** » Flirt Fm Radio Station on Thursday, 23/11/2006.

Meeting for Members and Committee » HUB/Rush Aras na Mac Leinn on Thursday, 11/1/2007.

We are having a meeting to find volunteers for the Radio Soc Show. This is where people with no experience can have a half an hour or hour to play their own music and to talk about what they are interested in. There is total freedom with this show. Also past Radio Soc Show presenters should come along to get a copy of their show. I might also need volunteers for Society's Day 2 which is happening next Wednesday the 17th/01 this will just involve people sitting at a table taking names of new members. I also need lots of volunteers for Múscailt where people will be doing interviews and helping produce a show called Múscailt Beo! This will be happening around the 6th February, which will be running for 4-5 days. I will tell you more on the night.

- **Welcome Back Party** » Flirt FM Station on Wednesday, 17/1/2007.
- **Múscailt Beo Production Meeting** » Flirt Fm Office on Tuesday, 30/1/2007.

This is a meeting for all members and radio volunteers who want to get involved in the production and presenting of Múscailt Beo. All are welcome.

- **Múscailt Beo Show** » Flirt Fm Office on Monday, 5/2/2007.

This is a one hour show on 105.6 Flirt Fm during Múscailt which will highlight the events being organised by the Universities societies. On Tuesday and Thursday we will be having outside broadcasts from Smokies. Text into the show 0857771056. For more information check out www.muscailt.nuigalway.ie

- **Meeting** » Flirt Fm Office on Tuesday, 27/2/2007.
- **Secondary Schools Radio Class** » BOI Theatre & Flirt FM on Monday, 12/3/2007.

This event is in association with the BCI and Seachtain na Gaeilge. Radio Soc and Flirt FM will be doing a radio class with secondary school students. The students will be given an introduction session in the morning, and later they will be split into 3 groups of 4 to record a show which they will have prepared in the morning. RadioSoc members will assist in running the event.

- **Tour of TG4** » TG4 Studios on Saturday, 24/3/2007.

This is a tour of TG4 in Baile na hAbhann. This is a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes and visit the sets of Cula4, the news room, the weather studio and more! We will see actual presenters at work and see how this national television station stays on air. Very limited places available.

- **AGM** » Larmor on Monday, 26/3/2007.
- **End of Year Party** » Friars Pizzeria on Thursday, 29/3/2007.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Corina Duggan

Vice-Auditor: Aidan McEivilly

Treasurer: Patrick O'Flaherty

Secretary: Aidan McEivilly

Promotions Officer: Josh Clarke

OCM: Declan O'Connor

PRO & Corresponding Secretary: Michelle O'Mahony

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Aidan McEvilly

Vice-Auditor: Michelle O'Mahony

Treasurer: Patrick O'Flaherty

Secretary: Declan O'Connor

PRO: James McGrath

RadioSoc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	368.36	Bank charge	€11.99
Bank Charge Refund	€8.1	Costumes	€305
Fundraising	€200	Dinner	€162
Muscailt	€147.23	Equipment misc	€160.33
Societies day	€48.47	Materials	€35.65
Socs box	€75	Reception	€335.27
USC Grant	€494.21	Society transport	€20
		Speaker travel	€114.56
		Stationary	€7.5
		Expenditure Total	€1152.3
		Cash In Hand	€74.1
		Closing Bank Balance	€114.97
Total	€1341.37	Total	€1341.37

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 165 members.

ALIVE Participants RadioSoc		
James McGrath	OCM	37 hours
John Collins	Breakfast show host and ordinary member	27 hours
Corina Duggan	Auditor	160 hours
Francis Glancy	Volunteer	40 hours
Michelle O'Mahony	Public Relations Officer & Corresponding Secretary	26 hours
Declan O'Connor	O.C.M.	30 hours
Aidan McEvilly	Vice Auditor & Recording Secretary	20 hours
Pat Keaveney	Volunteer	20 hours
Hours Volunteered:	360 hours	

Rotaract Soc

2006-2007 was Rotaract's first year as a full society and it proved to be a successful one, with a huge sign-up rate on Socs Day in September, and a core of dedicated members that never missed an event or meeting. We ran a number of charity events, which were all popular within the society and beyond, which benefited charities from the Jaipur Limbs Fund to Cancer Care West and Console. The Galway Rotary club helped us a lot throughout the year, offering us advice, guidance and support of every kind. Despite our inexperience, we never encountered any problems with any event, due to the participation of our members. Our profile on campus was raised greatly by our fashion show, "Socs In The City," which raised approximately €8,000 for Cancer Care West, to assist in the building of their new treatment centre in UCHG, Inis Aoibhainn. We hope to build on this successful year and go on to bigger and better things in 2007-2008.

Rotaract Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 30 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:

- Meeting ran for 6 weeks in AC214 - on the concourse, beginning on Wednesday, 18/10/2006.
- FASHION SHOW REHEARSAL ran for 3 weeks in the Hub, beginning on Tuesday, 16/1/2007.
- Meeting ran for 9 weeks in IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse), beginning on Wednesday, 24/1/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 12 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Dodgeball tournament** » Áras na MacLéinn on Wednesday, 27/9/2006.

Dodgeball tournament in the sports hall. 6 people per team, €5 a head. Come sign up on soc's day at the Rotaract stand or on Monday in Smokey's on the concourse from 12. All proceeds go to charity!

- **Introductory Meeting** » AC214 - on the concourse on Wednesday, 4/10/2006.
- **Coffee Morning for new members** » The Hub (Aras Na MacLeinn) on Wednesday, 11/10/2006.
- **Halloween meeting** » AC214 - same place as usual on Wednesday, 1/11/2006.
- **Acoustic night** » The Cellar bar on Monday, 13/11/2006.

Come along to Rotaract's acoustic night in the Cellar. Each performer will play three songs, with a prize for the winner (decided by our own panel of judges) and spot prizes throughout the night. It's two euro to watch, five euro to enter the competition (tickets to enter are on sale in Socs box now) and all money will go to charity. Bring instruments if you want, but guitars will be supplied. Come and strut your stuff for charity!

- **Disney Movie Night** » Siobhán McKenna Theatre on Monday, 20/11/2006.

A bit of light entertainment to ease the stress of the impending exams. We're showing 'The Lion King' and 'Beauty and the Beast' in association with Film soc. Entry is €2 with all proceeds going to the Barretstown Children's fund.

- **Fashion show models** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 24/11/2006.
- **Fashion Show Rehearsals** » The Hub on Wednesday, 10/1/2007.
- **Socs in the City Fashion Show Launch** » The Kings Head on Monday, 15/1/2007.

The launch of NUI, Galway's first fashion show, sponsored by the Kings Head. With food etc provided as well as entertainment by the Pyramids and dj's. It promises to be a great night, all welcome!!

- **Socs in the city Fashion Show** » The Radisson Hotel on Monday, 5/2/2007.

The much awaited Fashion Show brought to you by the Rotaract and French societies! See NUIG's finest strut their stuff in clothes from Galway city's most popular shops, from sports wear to formal; we have it all. Also featuring performances from Dansoc, GUMS, Orchestra society, Juggling Society, Trad soc and more!! Tickets (on sale from the SocsBox) include free entry into the after party.

- **"Socs In The City" Wrap Party** » King's Head on Thursday, 15/2/2007.

If you missed out on the actual show, it's not too late to catch the glitz and glamour of the biggest event of 2007! The show will be screened in full and all the official photos will be on display, as we salute everyone who made our evening possible

- **AGM** » IT202 on Wednesday, 14/3/2007.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ruth Donnellan

Treasurer: Jennifer O'Neill

PRO: Aoife Ní Chearbhaill

Charity officer: Bríd Ní Ghráinne

Social Events/New Member's officer: Kate Conneely

Vice-Auditor: Danny Hanna

Secretary: Edward O'Mahony

International officer: John Collins

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Ed O'Mahony

Treasurer: Aisling McMahon

PRO: Aidan McEvelly

Social Events Officer (SEO): Maebh Naughton

International Relations Officer: Sinead Harrison

New Members Officer: Sarah Buckley

Vice-Auditor: John Collins

Secretary: Jennifer O'Neill

Charities Officer: Dannie Hanna

Rotaract Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€45.18
Fundraising	€12662.92	Equipment misc	€420
Socs box	€2293	Fundraising/charity	€3567.46
Ticket Sales	€2633.5	Lights	€3799.4
USC Grant	€300	Materials	€38
		Performing rights	€20
		Printing	€1381.51
		Prizes	€76
		Expenditure Total	€9347.55
		Closing Bank Balance	€8541.87
Total	€17889.42	Total	€17889.42

Other Information

We held 22 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 375 members.

ALIVE Participants Rotaract Society	
Sinéad Harrison	OCM
Ruth Donnellan	Auditor
Jennifer O'Neill	Treasurer

Sarah Buckley	OCM
Ciara Cunningham	OCM
Dannie Hanna	Vice-Auditor
Kate Ni Chonfhaola	Social Secretary
John Collins	International Relations Officer, Photographer, Health and Safety Officer
Bríd Ní Ghráinne	Charities Officer
Liane Mullers	OCM
Aidan McEville	OCM
Hours Volunteered:	774 hours

Ógra Sinn Fein Society

This was an important year for Sinn Fein nationally and the college cumann at NUIG - Cumann Darcy/Hurson played its role in this. Full quota of delegates attended the Special Ard Fheis on Policing along with many members of the cumann on visitor passes. Members of the Cumann were also active in canvassing for the 26 Counties general election in constituencies and in wards for the Northern Assembly elections, such as Galway West, Galway East, Clare, Kerry North, Waterford and South Belfast.

The cumann was also very active on the Shell to Sea campaign, taking our place on the picket line with many other groups and individuals fighting for the rights to our national resources. Tuesday meetings were a mixture of (lively!) internal debate and visiting speakers.

Sinn Féin Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 31 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:

- General Meeting Semester 1 ran for 8 weeks in AC 201, beginning on Tuesday, 26/9/2006.
- General Meeting Semester 2 ran for 11 weeks in AC 214, beginning on Tuesday, 9/1/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 12 special events. These events were as follows:

- **Commemorative Tree Planting** » OÉ Gaillimh on Friday, 5/5/2006.

A tree was planted on college grounds to mark the 25th Anniversary of the death of Bobby Sands MP. This was a solemn event with a small procession behind a bag piper and the national flag, followed by a vigil in town.

- **Bobby Sands MP Vigil** » Bothár an Siopa, Gaillimh on Friday, 5/5/2006.

A solemn candle light vigil at the Hunger Strike Commemorative plaque on Shop Street to mark the 25th Anniversary of the death of Óglaigh Bobby Sands MP.

- **New Members Meeting** » AC 201 (on Concourse) on Tuesday, 26/9/2006.
- **Shell to Sea Information Desk** » Áras na MacLeinn on Monday, 9/10/2006.

An information desk will be run by Cumann members around the issue of natural resources and the Corrib Gas Pipeline.

- **Educational Talk** » AC203 on Tuesday, 17/10/2006.

Vincent Woods will give an educational lecture on the workings of the Sinn Féin party and how those structures can be used to the benefit of members and Cumann

- **Team Building Night Out** » Leisuredome on Monday, 13/11/2006.
- **Shell to Sea Picket** » Statoil (Newcastle) on Thursday, 16/11/2006.

A picket at Mill St. Garda Station in response to the Garda beatings in Maigh Eo last week. One of many Shell to Sea pickets supported by Darcy/Hurson Cumann.

- **Book Launch** » Arts Millennium Building on Thursday, 23/11/2006.

Denis O'Hearn, author of the recent biography of the famous H-Block Hunger Striker Bobby Sands, 'Nothing But An Unfinished Song', will be launching his book in the Arts Millennium Building tonight. All welcome!

- **Bloody Sunday Anniversary** » AC 214 on Tuesday, 30/1/2007.

NUIG Lecturer Níall Ó Dochartaigh guest lecture on 'Events leading up to Bloody Sunday' on the 35th anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

- **Changing the face of Irish Politics** » TB 305 on Wednesday, 7/2/2007.

Guest Speaker Toireasa Ferris on what its really like to be young, female and a politician.

- **Guest speaker: Eibhlin Glenholmes** » AM 109 on Monday, 26/2/2007.

Eibhlin Glenholmes is the head of Sinn Féin's Equality department. A discussion was held on the controversial policy of positive discrimination for the balancing of gender representation.

- **Debate on Irish Language Acts** » Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 13/3/2007.

Sinn Fein Debate (as nGaeilge) on the relevance of the Irish language acts North and South. Speakers Donnacha O'hEallaithe, Ferghal Enright, Ciaran Benstead ACHT and chaired by long time republican Irish language activist Cioreall McCurtain.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Dianne Nolan
Treasurer: Amanda Burke
PRO: Amanda Donnellan

Vice-Auditor: Caitlin Ni Ruanaigh
Secretary: Fiona Moran
Social Officer: Aengus O'Dochartaigh

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Dianne Nolan
Treasurer: Amanda Burke

Vice-Auditor: Caitlin Ní Ruanaidh
Secretary: Fiona Moran

Sinn Féin Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	251.72	Reception	€82
Fundraising	€70	Returned Socs Money	€306
USC Grant	€699.7		
		Expenditure Total	€388
		Closing Bank Balance	€633.42
Total	€1021.42	Total	€1021.42

Other Information

We held 19 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 90 members.

Slainte Society

Sláinte Soc is a relatively new society concerned with promoting health issues. We aim to provide an outlet for the students of NUI Galway to contribute to society in many ways. Many of our members are studying for a future clinical career but the society is open to anyone who has an interest in health. We aim to equip students with skills such as communication skills and teamwork that will benefit them in their clinical careers. We focus on matters such as creating awareness and fundraising.

This year was very successful and we ran many events. These included a fundraiser for Cancer Care West to help fund the construction of one of their new buildings, a Teddy Bear Hospital, a blood drive in the college and organ donation stands.

Slainte Soc. Events *

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

- **Welcome Meeting** » O'Flaherty on Wednesday, 18th of October.

This is a chance for new members to meet the committee, hear about our plans for the year and join in on the projects they are interested in.

- **The Lewd Tunes & Guests** » The College Bar on Thursday, 16th of November.

Help us fundraise for Cancer Care West's new residence and cancer support centre in UCH Galway and see the Lewd Tunes in the process! Tickets €6 (from Socs Box) €8 (on door).

- **Teddy Bear Hospital Meeting** » Arts & Science Building, TBA on Wednesday, 10th of January.

Teddy needs YOU! The 2007 Slainte Soc/I.F.M.S.A. Teddy Bear Hospital is happening on Jan 12th 2007, come along to this meeting to find out how you can help out on the day.

- **Teddy Bear Hospital** » Sports Hall, Aras na MacLeinn on Friday, 12th of January.

Four hundred school children will be bringing their sick teddies to the hall to be treated by health science students. We need medical, nursing, OT, speech therapy and psychology students to examine the teddies and teach the kids that hospitals and illness are a part of everyday life and not necessarily something to be afraid of. The 'hospital' will include a waiting area with toys and a bouncy castle, a clinic, an x-ray department and a pharmacy where sick teddies will be given toys and sweets. Every faculty is welcome to volunteer and help out! Come along and check it out!

- **I.B.T.S Blood Drive** » Aula Maxima on Tuesday, 30th of January.

I.B.T.S blood drive hosted by Slainte Soc will take place in the Aula Maxima so please come along. Blood donation is an extremely worthy cause and vital to hospitals. Your generosity can save a life!

- **Organ Donation Promotion** » Áras na MacLéinn on Monday, 12th of February.

There will be a stand where Organ donor cards will be available and where anyone can obtain information about Organ donation issues. A survey on attitudes toward organ donation will also be carried out.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Claire Reynolds

Treasurer: Rita Flaherty

MCO (Pre-Clinical): Simon O'Connor

Project Manager: Nuala Kane

MCO (Clinical): Aogan Ó Muircheartaigh

Assistant Project Manager: Maitu Ó Tuathail

Vice-Auditor: Tadhg Sullivan

Secretary: Laura Flood

Project manager: Gerard Healy

PRO: Moayed Hamza

FLO: Lorna Kyne

Slainte Soc. Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	95	Bank charge	€19.06
Socs box	€120	Entertainment	€604.4
Sponsorship	€400	Fundraising/charity	€600
Ticket Sales	€526.83	Hall hire	€490.2
USC Grant	€907.2	Materials	€250
		Expenditure Total	€1963.66
		Closing Bank Balance	€85.37
Total	€2049.03	Total	€2049.03

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 241 members.

ALIVE Participants Slainte Society		
Tadhg Sullivan	Vice-Auditor	90 hours
Gerard Healy	OCM and Project Manager	11 hours
Rita Flaherty	Treasurer	49 hours
Claire Reynolds	Auditor	40 hours
Nuala Kane	Project Manager	158 hours
Simon O'Connor	Pre-clinical medical liaison officer	42 hours
Michael O'Sullivan	OCM	9 hours
Kapil Sharma	OCM	10 hours
Matthew McGovern	OCM	8 hours
John Collins	OCM	8 hours
Hours Volunteered:	425 hours	

Social Action Movement Society

Each week we met in the Westside Community Centre to help children from the area with their homework. The number of children ranged between 10 and 15 each week. We also brought them on a trip to the university at the end of the first term. They were shown around the zoology department, lecture halls and had a lecture with a Sociology and Politics lecturer in one of the halls.

Social Action Movement Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 13 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:

- Homework club restarting ran for 12 weeks in Westside Community Centre, beginning on Thursday, 1/2/2007.

SAM is starting up again in Westside this Thursday. The homework club for the kids of the area will run until the end of April. All welcome.

➤ **Special Events**

This year we held 1 special event. This event was as follows:

- **ALIVE meeting** » Westside Community Centre on Thursday, 28/9/2006.

SAM starts tonight and after there will be a short meeting about the ALIVE program. I hope to explain the workings of ALIVE and how your involvement in SAM can lead to you getting your cert. Hope to see you all there.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Pauline Boyle

Treasurer: Pamela Boyle

P.R. officer: Laura Heavey

Vice-Auditor: Aileen Fitzgerald

Secretary: Laura Flannery

Irish officer: Sinead Queeney

Social Action Movement Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	6.05		
Bank Charge	€0.05		
USC Grant	€25		
		Expenditure Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€31.1
Total	€31.1	Total	€31.1

Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 34 members.

ALIVE Participation Social Action Movement Society	
Laura Heavey	PRO
Pauline O'Boyle	Auditor
Pamela Boyle	Treasurer
Laura Flannery	Secretary
# Hours Volunteered:	162 hours

Socialist Soc

The Socialist Society is an extension of the Galway Socialist Party. The Socialist Party is the only party in Ireland which fights for the interests of working class people against privatisation and attacks on living standards. We are committed to a socialist society where all those who produce the wealth in society should be in control of how it is spent. None of the existing Dáil parties represent the interests of working class people. The Socialist Party stands for taking economic power out of the hands of the bankers, speculators and wealthy industrialists and transferring it to those who do the work and create the wealth: working class people.

Socialist Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

- **What is Socialism?** » AC 215 on Thursday, 5th of October.

There will be a brief talk by a party member on the basic principles of socialism and the policies of the Socialist Party. After the talk the floor will be opened to questions and comments by all those in attendance.

- **Middle East** » AC215 on Wednesday, 18th of October.

Middle East: How can imperialism be defeated? The Middle East has been ravaged by imperialism for hundreds of years. This meeting will focus on both the history and present day situation in one of the most war-torn regions in the world. The meeting will conclude with a discussion on how imperialism can be defeated and a better society established.

- **Socialism 2006** » Teachers Club, Parnell Square, Dublin on Friday, 20th of October.

A weekend of debate and discussion hosted by the Socialist Party, of which the Socialist Soc is a branch. Debates include:

'Is there an alternative to the capitalist market?' David McWilliams (author, journalist, economist & broadcaster) and Joe Higgins TD (Socialist Party)

'Lebanon... Palestine... Israel - How can the conflict be ended?' Colm Breathnach (Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign) and Stephen Boyd (Socialist Party)

'Capitalist offensive against workers... The need for new mass workers parties' Philip Stott (CWI in Scotland), and Lucy Redler (WASG, Berlin) and Cllr. Clare Daly (Socialist Party)

- **North Korea: The Socialist View** » AC215 on Wednesday, 1st of November.

This meeting is on the topic of North Korea and Nuclear Disarmament. It will take the form of a short talk and a debate after. All are welcome to attend

- **Hungarian Revolution 1956** » AC215 on Wednesday, 8th of November.

The Socialist Party will be holding a discussion on "The Hungarian Revolution of 1956" this Wednesday in AC215 at 8pm. The format will be a short talk by a party member and an open debate on issues raised.

- **GAMA DVD showing** » Imperial Hotel, Eyre Square on Wednesday, 22nd of November.

Showing of DVD, 'The GAMA strike - a victory for all workers' the story of a historic struggle by Turkish GAMA workers against super-exploitation by state sponsored big business. The DVD will be introduced by socialist party councillor for Dublin South West, Mick Murphy, who brought the GAMA controversy to the fore and played a leading role in organising the strike.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Danny Byrne

Vice-Auditor: Steven Kelly

Treasurer: Richard Manton

Secretary: Liam Carolan

Socialist Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€12.84
USC Grant	€150	Reception	€41.5

		Speaker travel	€42.6
		Expenditure Total	€96.94
		Closing Bank Balance	€53.06
Total	€150	Total	€150

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 41 members.

Socialist Worker Party Society

SWSS is a branch of the Socialist Workers Party. We have held various meetings on different issues, relating to our socialist, anti-capitalist politics. We are at the forefront of the anti-war campaign in the university. We are also involved with the 'Shell 2 Sea' campaign. We have worked with different societies on these campaigns including the Socialist Student Society, Ecology Society and People Before Profit Student Society.

Socialist Worker Student Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

- **SWP Educational** » AC201 on Saturday, 20th of May.

A discussion on four topics:

-Introduction on Socialism, Marxism.

-Marxist theories: War and Imperialism; the Middle East and the U.S. Empire today.

-Trade Unionism: Connolly, Larkin tradition T.U. and Partnership today.

-Neo-liberalism, privatisation, public/private partnership, corporate globalisation.

There will be two speakers, both SWP comrades: -Kevin Wingfield, people before profit-Ballymun -Kieran Allen, head of sociology dept. at UCD, and SIPTU activist. An opportunity to learn about SWP politics and ideas and ask questions. There will be a break for lunch during the event.

- **International Day of Action** » Parnell Square, Dublin on Saturday, 23rd of September.

International Day of Action against the War. Protest in Dublin assembling at the Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square at 1pm. Bus leaving the Cathedral car park in Galway at 9.15am. Cost €6 for students. Email k.emrich1@nuigalway.ie to book your seat.

- **Meeting** » AC204 on Wednesday, 27th of September.

- **Socialist Educational** » AC214 on Saturday, 30th of September.

A discussion on socialism, liberalism and conservatism through a Marxist interpretation. Discussion led by Brian O'Boyle of the Economics Department at NUIG.

- **NUIG Against War** » AC204 on Wednesday, 11th of October.

Meeting of the NUIG Against War group. To discuss plans for the year and the meeting with Bob Doyle, a veteran of the Spanish Civil War who will be speaking at NUIG on the 24th October.

- **Land and Freedom** » IT125G on Thursday, 19th of October.

Showing Ken Loach's 'Land and Freedom'. A film about the Spanish Civil War and the divisions left that destroyed the revolution there.

- **SWP Educational** » ac201 on Saturday, 18th of November.

Educational meeting giving an explanation of Marxist Economics. Discussion led by Brian O'Boyle of the Economics Department.

- **Stop Islamophobia!** » AC203 on Wednesday, 22nd of November.

Discussion on "Why we Should Defend the Muslim Community", against the Islamophobia of the 'War on Terror' and its advocates. Speakers: Dr. Kieran Allen, head of Sociology at UCD and Sheik Khalid Sallabi, Imam of Galway Mosque.

- **Sir, No, Sir** » Tyndall Theatre on Wednesday, 24th of January.
Showing 'Sir, No, Sir', an anti-war film based on soldiers experiences in the Vietnam War and the anti-war movement then. Organised together with Galway Alliance Against War.
- **Bob Doyle** » AM105 on Thursday, 15th of February.
Bob Doyle, the last surviving Irish veteran of the Spanish Civil War will be speaking about his experiences there. A short DVD will also be shown. This is to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War. Organised jointly with People Before Profit and Galway Alliance Against War.
- **Shell 2 Sea Demo** » Bellanaboy on Friday, 16th of February.
Morning Shell 2 Sea demo at Rossport, to protest at the Shell pipeline. Bus going from Galway, organised by Galway Shell 2 Sea group.
- **Raytheon 9** » McMunn Theatre on Thursday, 22nd of February.
Member of the Raytheon 9 speaking about what happened when they entered the Raytheon factory in Derry, and about the subsequent trial which is still ongoing. Organised together with People Before Profit and Galway Alliance Against War.
- **Marxism** » ATGWU Hall, Dublin on Friday, 9th of March.
Marxism is the annual national conference of SWSS. Speakers include Eamon McCann, Catherine Connolly, Maura Harrington, Eamon Ryan, David McWilliams, John Boorman, Kieran Allen, Duncan Stewart, Bernadette McAlliskey and Frank Connolly.
- **Anti-War Demo** » CityWest Hotel, Dublin on Saturday, 24th of March.
Anti-war demo outside the Fianna Fáil Ardfeis to protest at the Irish Governments complicity in America's illegal war, and use of Shannon Airport. Bus going from Galway. Demo organised by Irish Anti-War Movement.
- **Shell 2 Sea Demo** » Iggy Maddens Depot, Galway on Friday, 30th of March.
Shell 2 Sea demo at the depot to protest at Maddens co-operation with Shell. Members of Rossport 5 will attend. Demo called by Galway Shell 2 Sea group.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Kiran Emrich

Vice-Auditor: Luca Valentini

Treasurer: Brian O'Boyle

Socialist Worker Student Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	110.52	Bank charge	€3.75
USC Grant	€735	Dinner	€77.09
		Society transport	€10
		Speaker accomm	€160
		Speaker travel	€262.91
		Expenditure Total	€513.75
		Cash In Hand	€95
		Closing Bank Balance	€236.77
Total	€845.52	Total	€845.52

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 56 members.

Spanish Society

This year the Spanish society took a big step in organising its first trip to Spain for the members. This was the highlight of the year for all involved and the trip to Malaga was an outstanding success. Other activities included weekly film screenings, many of which were part of student modules and therefore academically helpful as well as entertaining. The various parties held in the King's Head served as a meeting point for all nationalities and many friendships and language exchanges were formed. Salsa was another weekly highlight in the society's timetable and classes were taught by a passionate Spanish native. The committee members are currently working on a hoody design and hope to have these out before the end of exams or for the beginning of next semester.

Spanish Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 35 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:

- Salsa ran for 8 weeks in Hub, beginning on Wednesday, 24/1/2007.
- Spanish movie ran for 9 weeks in O' Thuthail Theatre, AM, beginning on Monday, 29/1/2007.

We have a great selection of Spanish movies this semester so come along for some entertainment!

➤ **Special Events**

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

- **Spanish Society EGM** » Smokies! on Tuesday, 19/9/2006.
- **Sign-up for salsa classes** » The Hub on Monday, 25/9/2006.
- **Spanish Soc First Fiesta** » Upstairs in The King's Head on Tuesday, 3/10/2006.

SPANISH SOC FIRST FIESTA on Tuesday 3rd of Oct in the King's Head at 8.30pm with finger food (so arrive early), refreshments and free passes to Cuba and more importantly... EVERYBODY WELCOME!! SO COME ALONG & BRING A FRIEND FOR A FUN-FILLED SPANISH FIESTA!

- **"Meet your Intercambio" night** » the Kings Head on Tuesday, 10/10/2006.

Tonight is "Meet your Intercambio" night in the Kings Head at 8.30pm with finger food and live music -Spanish people should wear either red and/or yellow -Irish people should wear either green and/or white This is everybody's chance to get a partner to speak English/Spanish with... So Be There! As usual, everybody is welcome.

- **Che Guevara film and get together** » O'Flaherty Theatre and the King's Head on Tuesday, 17/10/2006.

Spanish Soc team up with Film Soc to show "The Motorcycle Diaries"/"Diarios de motocicleta"(a film about Che Guevara),on Tuesday in the O'Flaherty Theatre at 7pm. Drinks afterwards in the Kings Head. This should be a great evening so don't miss out! As usual everybody is welcome.

- **Salsa Classes** » The HUB on Wednesday, 18/10/2006.

The day you've all been waiting for has finally arrived!! Tomorrow at 8.00pm in the Hub will be the first of weekly Salsa classes. So get your dancing shoes on - literally. (If you want to get the full enjoyment from your Salsa experience try not to wear shoes with rubber soles.) There will be six classes till the end of term. Together they cost only 5 euro. That works out at less than 1 euro per class. Come along early to sign up to avoid disappointment, as there are a limited number of places left. Total beginners welcome!!

- **Spanisocs film** » Tyndall theatre on Monday, 23/10/2006.

Our weekly film will kick off with Mar adentro at 7pm in the Tyndall theatre on the concourse. It promises to be a great evening of entertainment and as usual all are welcome.

- **D-Juggling-Hola Party!** » The Cottage Bar, Lower Salthill on Tuesday, 24/10/2006.

Spanish Fiesta at 9pm on Tuesday 24th : DJ and Juggling Socs will be joining us in the Cottage Bar in Lower Salthill. Tapas served at 9pm. so be there early! Spectacular juggling 9:30-12pm, then were going to a house to continue the fiesta. Its free so hope to see everyone there! -Venue: Cottage Bar, Lower Salthill. If anyone doesn't

know where it is look out for posters/flyers with maps or you can meet the committee outside the Arts Millennium at 8:30pm to walk out there...Any problems call 0857779606

- **Salsa Classes** » The Hub on Wednesday, 25/10/2006.
- **Spanish Soc Halloween Party** » AN PUCAN on Tuesday, 31/10/2006.

Come and meet both Spanish and Irish students at the SPANISH SOC HALLOWEEN BALL! It's fancy dress, with a prize for everyone that arrives in costume! Enjoy the live covers band, and dance the night away with the DJ SOC DJ's! Free finger food! Tickets are on sale now, at 7euro from the socsbox. But hurry, they wont be around forever! In aid of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. In conjunction with DJ, ISS, Juggling and Radio societies.

- **Weekly Film** » D'Arcy Thompson theatre on Monday, 13/11/2006.

We will be showing the musical comedy 'El Otro Lado De La Cama' tonight at 7pm in the D'Arcy Thompson theatre on concourse. A great evening of entertainment. See you there.

- **Spanisocsoc paintballing trip** » Limerick on Friday, 17/11/2006.

Paintballing in Limerick Bus leaving Aras de Brún at 17:30 Fri Nov 17th. Arriving at Jury's Hotel Limerick 19:30 approx. We will go out in Limerick city on Fri night and we will get 50% discount on admission to the top night club. Leaving Jury's Hotel Sat morning at 10 o'clock. Arriving at CombatZone at 10:30 approx. We will play paintball wargames over the next 4 hours. Leaving CombatZone at 15:30 heading back to Galway City. Full cost of this trip is €55 per person. This entitles you to bus travel with Healy's Coaches, Overnight stay in Jury's Hotel, 50% Discount on Night Club and Admission to CombatZone where they will provide all gear and equipment + 200 paintballs per player. Spaces are limited and it will be run on a first come first served basis. Fee payable to Socsbox in the Hub. See you there!

- **Spanish party** » Kings Head on Tuesday, 30/1/2007.
- **El Porqué de las Cosas** » Bank of Ireland theatre on Tuesday, 6/2/2007.

Even if you can't speak Spanish but you want to see what is not normally seen, come and see this play.

"El Porqué de las Cosas", (What is it all about?) is based on the novel by Quim Monzó, dramatised by Fernando Bernués and adapted by Sara Álvarez-Jiménez who directs this production. In this play people are going to talk about what no one talks about because talking about it is something to be talked about.

Producer: Pilar Alderete-Diez. Cast: Katie Bertrand, Stevie Boyd, Niamh Kelly, Stephen Kiely, Manuel Mayoral, Kim McCafferty, Berta Melgosa, Pamela O'Hanlon, Natalia Perez and Jara Rodilla.

- **Salsa** » Hub on Tuesday, 13/2/2007.
- **El porque de las cosas** » Bank of Ireland theatre on Saturday, 17/2/2007.

A really fun Spanish play that delves into things which most people think should be left unsaid:) Note: Sunday's show takes place at 6pm.

- **Malaga Trip meeting** » Hall, AMB on Monday, 26/2/2007.

A general info session for all those coming on the Malaga trip

- **Spanish soc trip to Malaga** » Leaving Quad on Saturday, 3/3/2007.

Our gang is leaving Quad at 2pm sharp. Back to Galway 10pm Mon.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Pól Ó Flatharta

Treasurer: Gary Marron

International Liason Officer: Maite Lerga

Health & Safety Officer: Aisling Walsh

President: Paul Flaherty

Event Organizer: Natalia Perez Manzano

Event Organizer: Berta Melgosa Martinez

Vice-Auditor: Breda Kelly

Secretary: Pamela O'Hanlon

P.R.O: Sinead Madigan

O.C.M: Ann Burke

P.R.O: Sergio Ortega

Creative Director: Katie Bertrand

Spanish Society Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	8.6	Bank charge	€10.02
Socs box	€1800	Dinner	€180
USC Grant	€2434.09	Society accomm	€1100
		Society transport	€2976
		Expenditure Total	€4266.02
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€-23.33
Total	€4242.69	Total	€4242.69

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 475 members.

Suas Society

Ever wished you could make a difference but were not quite sure how to get involved? Suas Soc offers a really fun way to get involved with volunteering in your college! Interested in creating awareness about a certain campaign or helping to organise student events to fundraise for the education of children from slum areas of India and Kenya? If any of the above tickle your fancy then the Suas Society is definitely something for you! Suas offer an easy outlet for students to get involved whether you wish to volunteer on a once-off or regular basis. You will meet a group of like-minded people who carry out projects and you'll never be too far from having lots of fun while you're at it! After all isn't that what Society life is all about? What we do: * Community Work: Organising, supporting and running community-based projects such as Computer Clubhouses, Homework Clubs, Radio Clubhouses and Cultural Awareness Programmes for disadvantaged children. Societies have also set up Refugee Mentoring Programmes which teach refugees English language and facilitate cultural exchange on a one-to one basis. * Fundraising for our partner schools: Street collections, Gig nights, Speed Dating Fundraisers, Rubber Ducky Races, bag packing, sponsored sports events, sponsored waxathons and lots of other creative initiatives. * Development Education: Get involved with our Global Issues Series. Educate yourself about the developing world. * Awareness Raising Events: Planning, organising and running campaigns, debates and awareness meetings. Examples included The Make Poverty History Campaign, Making A Difference Week (MAD Week) and Fair Trade awareness evenings. * Social Events: Get to know other Suas Society members from all around the country at our annual Intervarsity and Suas Committee Training Weekends. It's a really fun way to get to know lots of new people!

Suas Society Events

This year the society had a total of 14 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:

- Suas Meeting ran for 3 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Wednesday, 10/1/2007.

➤ Special Events

This year we held 11 special events. These events were as follows:

- **First Meeting!!** » The Hub on Wednesday, 4/10/2006.
- **Suas Meeting** » The Hub on Wednesday, 11/10/2006.
- **SUAS Coffee Morning** » Upstairs, college bar on Tuesday, 17/10/2006.

Coffee morning in the college bar, all proceeds go to the Suas partner schools in India and Kenya. Good chance for all Suas members and those interested to come along and have a chat-Photos and videos from the summer programmes will be shown. Malteaser cake for all!!:)

- **SUAS GLOBAL ISSUES COURSE** » AM107 on Wednesday, 18/10/2006.

The first evening of the Suas Global Issues 6 week course.

- **Weekly Meeting** » Back of the hub on Wednesday, 25/10/2006.
- **Suas Extraordinary Lives Series** » Aula Maxima on Wednesday, 1/11/2006.

SUAS EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONCERN PRESENTS: Suas Extraordinary lives event series: The Alternative Careers Roadshow! Featuring Tom Arnold, CEO of Concern, Nicola Mc Grath, general manager of Traidlinks and Noeline Blackwell, Director General, Free Legal Aid Centre. Do what you love doing...just change the world while you are at it :-)!Refreshments to Follow....

- **Building Unity through Diversity Week:** » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer on Monday, 6/11/2006.

Building Unity through Diversity Week: The Students' Union, kindly supported by the National Action Plan against Racism, is proud to present a celebration of cultural diversity on campus from 6th-10th November. For the whole week, in conjunction with Concern, Suas, the Baha'i society and the National Action Plan against Racism, we are delighted to have the 1000 Families exhibition in the foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn. The exhibition consists of 25 large images of families from across the globe. The images are sourced from a book entitled "1000 Families – The Family Album of Planet Earth" which is a compilation of photographs taken by German photographer Uwe Ommmer as he travelled across 130 countries meeting with families just before the millennium. In the book family members discuss their lives and their hopes and dreams for the new millennium. The objective of the exhibition is to act as a catalyst for discussion o a wide variety of issues from interculturalism in Ireland to development issues and reciprocity to what it means to be a family. However, the main theme is- everyone has a family, regardless of who you are or where you're from: as the popular quote says, "The earth is but one country, and mankind it's citizens". The exhibition will be launched on the 6th of November with UniTEA- a tea and coffee morning from 11 a.m. - 1p.m. The photos will be accompanied by many thought-provoking quotes on interculturalism. Please come along to show your support for this very worthy cause. The International Students Society DinCert: A collaboration between the International Students' Society, the International Students' Office, the Students' Union, and kindly supported by many other societies, Building Unity through Diversity Week ends with a dinner and concert in the Hub and the College Bar. Everyone's welcome, provided you bring food! Why not get together with a group of friends to prepare a dish from your region? The dinner starts at 8 p.m., with a whole range of intercultural entertainment to follow in the College Bar, from Irish dancing to choral music to salsa. Further details on this event available from: intstudents@soc.s.nuigalway.ie or su.equality@nuigalway.ie. Competition: The Equality Officer is currently seeking submissions for a Building Unity through Diversity competition. Participants are asked to submit a piece (art, photograph, or whatever you like!) which they feel depicts diversity in Ireland today. 1st prize is €100 and 2nd prize is €50; all pieces will be shown in an exhibition just before Christmas. Closing date: 1st December For more details on Building Unity through Diversity Week or any of its events, please contact Yvonne at su.equality@nuigalway.ie

- **Ceili Mór** » College Bar on Tuesday, 14/11/2006.
- **SUAS Volunteer Programme 2007 launch** » Fottrell Theatre on Wednesday, 22/11/2006.

Do you want to make a difference this summer? The Suas volunteer programme is looking for enthusiastic young people to volunteer in education projects in India or Kenya for ten weeks next summer. You and your team will participate in academic and extra curricular activities including: sports, IT training, drama, music and individual tuition. Interested? Deadline for applications is December 15th. For more information and to apply log on to www.suas.ie Information evening with returned volunteers will be held on Wed 22nd Nov @ 19.30 in Fottrell theatre where you can find out more about the Volunteer Programme. Reception to follow..

- **SUAS Intervarsity** » Arts Millennium on Friday, 16/2/2007.

The Suas society highlights the importance of education to the creation of a just and fair society. The annual SUAS intervarsity will bring together the 11 Suas societies from around the country, and this year Galway is the host city! Table quizzes, comedy sketches, talks and workshops on development issues, some boogying and some special surprises. Not to be missed. Contact the society by email if you would like to reserve a place.

- **ST PATRICKS DAY FUNDRAISER** » Galway City Centre on Saturday, 17/3/2007.

Calling all volunteers who want to take part in an alternative Paddy's day. We will be taking to the streets and pubs of Galway with face paints and buckets collecting money for Suas Educational Development Society. If you would like to give some of your free time to Suas and help out on this fun-filled day just sign up on www.suas.ie or email ciara.farrell@nuigalway.ie with your details and times available.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Kathryn O'Shea

Vice-Auditor: Clare Mc Quillan

Treasurer: Yvonne McDermott

Secretary: Darina Flynn

O.C.M.: Patricia McHale

O.C.M.: Aisling Semple

Events Planner: Ciara Farrell

Suas Society Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	196	materials	€120
Bank Charge	€4.7	Bank charge	€29.77
Fundraising	€5456.23	Dinner	€170.15
Members Contributions	€199	Fundraising/charity	€4200
Sponsorship	€165	Reception	€194.85
USC Grant	€403.57	Society transport	€120
		Expenditure Total	€4834.77
		Closing Bank Balance	€1589.73
Total	€6424.5	Total	€6424.5

Other Information

We held 22 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 238 members.

ALIVE Participation Suas Society		
Yvonne McDermott	Treasurer	50 hours
Caitriona Callanan	OCM	30 hours
Cathal Clarke	Homework Club Volunteer	11 hours
Hours Volunteered:	91 hours	

Traditional Music Society

Trad soc 2006/07 went from strength to strength under the dynamic leadership of Auditor David Doocey. While this is the case, as with most things, he didn't do it alone. Along with a dedicated team of musicianers, dancers, singers and havers of craic, 2006/07 was a wonderful year. This year saw the College Bar finally being utilised as the fine Ceili venue we all knew it could be, as well as seeing the return of DJ Paddy spinning the pumping trad tunes on the decks for us. The Crane sessions have gone from being one lone piano accordion player in the corner to being a full-blown raucous jamboree, featuring not one, but three accordions on one occurrence. Not only that, but the incidences of sean-nós and brush dancing were much higher than in previous years. Trips away included Ennis Trad Festival, UL Campus Trad and the UCC TradFest. As in previous years, the NUIG TradSoc members put in a fine showing and left the other colleges green with envy. A number of collaborative society events during the year also featured TradSoc Musicians, with the College Bar céilí raising money for Suas, Goal and VSA. Trad soc musicianers performed during Múscailt Fleadh Imboilg at the Spraoi Bhríde, the Socs in the City fashion show, and during the Arts Ball in the Radisson.

Trad 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:

- Session ran for 12 weeks in Crane Bar, Sea Road, beginning on Tuesday, 9/1/2007.

A weekly Tuesday night session. Everyone is welcome! A great night of music and craic is always guaranteed. Arguably one of the best society events of the week!

➤ **Special Events**

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

- **Committee Meeting** » Crane Bar, Sea Road on Tuesday, 10/10/2006.

- **Céilí and Trad Disco!!** » College Bar on Tuesday, 14/11/2006.

Trad Soc, in association with a host of other societies present the inaugural TRAD SOC CÉILÍ AND TRAD DISCO in the College Bar this Tuesday from 8pm. Entry is free and a great night is guaranteed. Bígí go léir ann!

- **Shindig in the Síbín** » College Bar on Tuesday, 6/2/2007.

The transformation of the College Bar to a traditional Síbín wherein a céilí will be held and good wholesome fun will be had by all. Trad soc will be performing.

- **Arts Ball Céilí** » Radisson on Wednesday, 7/2/2007.

Another collaboration with our good friends an Cumann Staire - Trad soc will be playing a céilí

- **Meeting** » Outside the Library on Sunday, 22/4/2007.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: David Doocey

Treasurer: Joe Moloney

GM: Ronan Donnellan

GM: Doireann McCombe

Oifigeach Poiblí: Mary Butler

Vice-Auditor: Kenneth O'Donoghue

Secretary: Diarmaid Hurley

Enthusiast: Pádraig O'Connor

IT Consultant: Darragh Logan

Consultant Accordionist: Conor Fleming

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: David Doocey

Secretary: Siobhan McGinty

Treasurer: Kenneth O'Donoghue

Traditional Music Society Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	393.11	Bank charge	€1.12
Greenform	€250	Sound	€250
USC Grant	€580		
		Expenditure Total	€251.12
		Cash In Hand	€290
		Closing Bank Balance	€681.99
Total	€1223.11	Total	€1223.11

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 144 members.

Voluntary Services Abroad Society

Voluntary Services Abroad (VSA) has been bringing medical aid to developing world hospitals for thirty years. Through a myriad of fundraising activities, some novel and some annual, VSA raises a phenomenal sum of money, having raised over €500,000 in the last four years. As the charity is run on a purely voluntary basis, all money raised is used exclusively to purchase essential medical equipment, supplies, and drugs for hospitals in some of the most impoverished countries in the world. Fifth year medical students personally bring this aid to such hospitals, where they undertake a self-funded 2 month elective placement.

This year, a record 36 students will travel to countries such as Tanzania, Zambia, the Philippines and the disaster-stricken Kashmir region of Pakistan. This year has seen a continuation of annual fundraising events such as the Bed Push to Limerick, the Halloween Ball (which sold out over 3 days), the Swing Ball and the VSA Christmas Concert which raised a record sum of money this year. Some of our more novel activities included the organisation of black-and-white and traffic light balls, and the release of the VSA Christmas Concert DVD. As ever though, the largest proportion of our money has been raised through smaller fundraisers such as bag-packing, carol singing on Shop Street and pub collections.

A huge development this year was the construction of an award-winning official VSA website. This has served as a new and critical medium of communication between VSA and its members, and includes a facility for secure on-line donations.

This year also saw the retirement of the society's founder, Dr. Dom Colbert, from his role as mentor to VSA. His 30 years of guidance has helped to change the lives of hundreds of medical students and hundreds of thousands of people in the developing world. The 30th reunion ball that took place in the Ardilaun Hotel on St. Patrick's night served as a fitting farewell to Dr. Colbert.

VSA owes a great debt of gratitude to the people of Galway and Connaught for their continuing support and overwhelming generosity, which has changed the lives of so many for three decades.

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

- **Travellers Tales** » Fottrell Theatre Am200 on Wednesday, 20th of September.

The fifth Med students return to describe their adventures while volunteering abroad. Hear tales from such far away places as Zambia, Philippines, Vietnam and Peru. Slide shows and photos... next best thing to going yourself! Refreshments served. All welcome.

- **VSA Hallowe'en Ball** » The Radisson SAS on Tuesday, 31st of October.

VSA Halloween Ball will be THE event of the month! Vampires, witches, cowboys, supermen (and women!), fairies ... you are wanted in the Radisson on Hallowe'en night! With fantastic prizes, ripping tunes and crazy characters, this night is one definitely not to be missed!!

- **VSA Black and White Ball** » Halo nightclub on Thursday, 16th of November.

After the success of the Halloween Ball VSA are launching new event, the 'Black and White Ball'. All you have to do is wear black and white, masks will be provided on the door and there are prizes sponsored by Brown Thomas for best dressed. Tickets €7 from socsbox and college bar on 14th, 15th, 16th. Doors open 10.30pm.

- **VSA Christmas Concert** » O' Flaherty's theatre on Thursday, 23rd of November.

It's that time of year again when the medical years battle it out for VSA concert glory. There'll be tears, anger and by God, there'll be more than a few laughs! There'll be more Spielbergian videos, more dodgy acting, and more nerdy jokes than you can shake a urine-analysis dipstick at. Hardi har har! Night out after in the Warwick and transport will be provided. See you there!

- **VSA Swing Ball** » Radisson SAS Hotel on Saturday, 27th of January.

An annual event to mark the new year, featuring the suavest swing dancing to be found in Galway! It is chiefly attended by non-consultant hospital doctors, but also by patrons of the society.

- **VSA Traffic Light Ball** » Cuba Nightclub on Wednesday, 7th of February.

Green means "ready to go", amber means "could be persuaded", and red means "sorry buddy, taken!". This novel event hosted in association with GiGSoc has been organised as part of the Múscailt Fleadh Imboilig Festival.

- **VSA Treasure Hunt and more!** » Living Room on Thursday, 8th of March.

Missed Rag Week? Never fear - VSA is here! We've organised a night of madness kicking off at 7pm (sharp or you won't win!) in the Living Room with a Pub Treasure Hunt, taking you all around Galway City collecting treasure and stamps along the way. Then back to the Living Room for 9pm for the 'Lovely Girl' Competition á la Father Ted - both girls and boys should enter to test their skills of sandwich making and walking. Finally we'll be finishing up with 'Singstar Superstar' - karaoke where even the tone-deaf can win! Entry five euro per head for the night with all proceeds to VSA

- **VSA Bed Push to Limerick** » Galway to Limerick! on Saturday, 10th of March.

An annual weekend-long ritual whereby fifth year medical students risk life and limb to push a hospital bed the whole way to Limerick, raising on the way

- **VSA Céilí** » Cuba nightclub on Thursday, 15th of March.

Featuring music from the beautiful people in TradSoc and dancing demonstrations from the Duracell-powered ladies in DanSoc

- **VSA 30th Reunion Ball** » Ardilaun Hotel, Taylor's Hill on Saturday, 17th of March.

A tribute to the 30 years of service from Dom Colbert to VSA and a chance for alumni to meet up and reminisce about the heady days of VSA when they were in college.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Neasa O'Keefe

Treasurer: Anne Marie Ni Chualain

PRO: Megan Greally

Student Liaison Officer: Deirdre Glynn

Webmaster: Shahzad Javid

Letter Writing Officer: Ailene O'Hehir

Vice-Auditor: Patricia Marley

Secretary: David Coyle

PRO: Tessa Palokkaran

Treasurer: Emer McCarthy

Bag Packing Officer: Emma O'Doherty

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Balance Sheet - 2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	42189.63	Ball	€27001.61
Balls	€35696.92	Bank charge	€551.8
Bank Charge	€540.55	Entertainment	€71.56
Fundraising	€212881.75	Entry fees	€2700
Greenform	€1186	Equipment misc	€3895.89
Members Contributions	€48555	Fundraising/charity	€228807.25
Societies day	€3287.63	Gifts	€102
Socs box	€3618	Materials	€120.25
Sponsorship	€8050	Printing	€364.1
USC Grant	€1046.95	Prizes	€1260
		Reception	€242.39
		Society transport	€41651
		Stationary	€548.45
		Vaccinations	€9760
		Expenditure Total	€317076.3
		Closing Bank Balance	€39976.13
Total	€357052.43	Total	€357052.43

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 447 members.

Writers Group Society

The Writers' Society offers the student body a means where by they can freely and creatively express any thoughts, feelings, reactions and beliefs which are provoked by this unpredictable kaleidoscope of a world. We meet every week in the Arts Millennium building, Room 107 at 7pm. Meetings last up to two hours and we usually retire to the college bar after, if not down into the dregs beyond the bridge...Our Web site offers Discussion Boards, an e-novel: 'The Kiss' by Rab Swannock Fulton and a poetry space for the publication of literary works. Students are invited to submit work of any fashion.

Writers Group Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

- **Múscailt Writers' Literary Evening** » Fottrell theatre on Tuesday, 6th of February.

An evening of literary events with readings from guest authors and poets including the presentation of awards for our Annual Literary Competition.

There will also be a reception, and the launch of the Writers Society's 'Limited Edition' Sharp Review, a professionally produced magazine featuring the winners and runners up from our competition.

- **Poetry Wall** » Smokey Joes on Wednesday, 7th of February.

The unveiling of the wall of poetry, written and arranged by members of the Writers Society, will coincide with the launch of the 'Poetry Special' of the Sharp Review, which will preserve a collection of the best work on display and can be obtained freely at the wall throughout the week.

There will be pages provided with the beginnings of poems for anyone who likes to write them and space to put them up. The poems collected here and during other events will comprise a special edition of poetry called 'Chinese Whispers'. Forms for Chinese Whispers will be cunningly smuggled around campus during the festival.

- **Poetry Slam** » Fottrell theatre on Wednesday, 7th of February.

A live poetry competition, open to everyone, with fantastic prizes! Slam Poetry is for anyone who can write and read verse, and poetry is judged on the merit of its presentation as well as its content. For more information about Slam Poetry, visit <http://www.slampapi.com>. There will be workshops for newcomers to slam poetry in the weeks leading up to the festival.

- **The pen versus the Sword** » The Hub on Thursday, 8th of February.

This Múscailt, find out the answer to the age-old question; which is mightier, the pen or the sword? Writers Soc's team of slam poets will face off Lit & Deb's crack debating team in a showdown that's been dubbed 'the next battle of the Titans'. Come along for an enjoyable lunchtime of slam poetry and impromptu comedy.

- **Writing Workshop** » AM109 on Thursday, 8th of February.

A prose writing workshop, given by Galway-based writer Susan Millar DuMars. Susan's work has been published both in Ireland and abroad, and she has recently completed her first novel, *Outside Redhead World*. If you wish to take part in the workshop please forward a sample of your prose to writers@socs.nuigalway.ie (this is to help Susan facilitate the workshop).

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Shannon Reeves

Treasurer: Fiona Gillespie

Vice-Auditor: Ruth Hamilton

Vice-Auditor: Dave Rock

Secretary: Dara Cussen

S.D.O./P.R.O.: Liz Riedy

Writers Group Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	-20.18	Bank charge	€8.05
Greenform	€759	Equipment misc	€21
Sponsorship	€1000	Printing	€759
USC Grant	€235	Prizes	€610
		Reception	€125
		Teacher fees	€100
		Expenditure Total	€1623.05
		Closing Bank Balance	€350.77
Total	€1973.82	Total	€1973.82

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 102 members.

Young Fine Gael Society

It's been a busy year for Young Fine Gael; we had a very successful Societies Day and signed up in excess of 250 people. In semester one our branch was visited by Deputy Padraic Mc Cormack, Deputy Shane McEntee, Senator JP Phelan, Fidelma Healy Eames MCC and Garret Fitzgerald. We also had a debate on the dangers of alcohol and raised 3,500 euro for Treshold.

In semester two our branch was visited by Lizzie Munnely, Sean Finan, Risteard Mulcahy, Michael Ring, Cllr Sean Kyne. In January we visited the European Parliament in Brussels and we also had a debate with the members of the Letterfrack Young Fine Gael. We finished the year with an AGM.

Young Fine Gael Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

- **1st Meeting of Young Fine Gael** » AC 215 on Wednesday, 20th of September.

- **Pádraic McCormack TD** » AC 201 on Monday, 25th of September.

Pádraic McCormack TD visits the branch. New members are especially welcome.

- **The Dangers of Alcohol** » AC 201 on Wednesday, 4th of October.

Discussion on the effect of alcohol on society. New members and people who wish to express their views on this topic are especially welcome. Guest speaker representing Galway nightlife.

- **Guest speaker Shane McEntee TD** » AC201 on Monday, 9th of October.

Young Fine Gael while host Shane McEntee TD; victorious for FG in the Meath bye-election last year. Mr McEntee will be speaking on the issue of Transport and Road Safety. All are welcome to attend.

- **A Celebration of Michael Collins** » AC215 on Monday, 16th of October.

Senator John Paul Phelan and Dr. John Cunningham discuss Michael Collins' life.

- **Women in Politics** » AC 201 on Wednesday, 1st of November.

Cllr. Madeline Taylor Quinn from Clare speaks about the role of women in Irish politics. Cllr. Taylor Quinn is FG group leader in Clare County Council and has served 20 years in the Oireachtas both as Senator and TD for Clare. She is a UCG graduate, founder member of Young Fine Gael and stood in the Euro elections in 2004 where her transfers were crucial and successfully elected running mate Jim Higgins to the last seat. She is a Dáil candidate for Clare in the next election.

- **The Treaty Film Showing** » AC 201 on Wednesday, 8th of November.

Film showing of the 1991 film The Treaty starring Brendan Gleeson

- **Dr. Garret Fitzgerald** » Presidents Dinning room on Tuesday, 14th of November.

Short meeting with former Taoiseach, Minister for Foreign Affairs and leader of Fine Gael Dr. Garret Fitzgerald.

- **General Meeting** » AC 201 on Wednesday, 10th of January.

- **Visit of YFG President Elizabeth Munnely** » AC 201 on Wednesday, 17th of January.

Visit of YFG president Elizabeth Munnely.

- **General Meeting** » AC 201 on Wednesday, 31st of January.

- **Visit of Cllr. Sean Kyne** » AC 201 on Wednesday, 7th of February.

Visit of Cllr. Sean Kyne to NUIG YFG. Sean is a candidate for Fine Gael in the Galway West constituency at the next general election.

- **Health: Visit of Prof. Risteard Mulcahy** » Tyndall Theatre on Wednesday, 28th of February.

Professor Risteard Mulcahy speaks about the decaying nature of the health service and possible remedies. Risteard is a retired cardiologist of St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. He is author of the books "Improving with Age" and "Is the Health Service for Healing?"

- **Western Regional Development** » AC 201 on Wednesday, 7th of March.

Discussion on the future development of the Western Region.

- **Debate With Letterfrack YFG** » Letterfrack on Wednesday, 14th of March.

A team of three NUIG Young Fine Gael members will debate against members of the Letterfrack Young Fine Gael group.

- **Visit Michael Ring T.D.** » AC 201 on Tuesday, 20th of March.

Mayo General Election candidate Michael Ring was re-elected to the Dáil in May 2002. Deputy Ring served as Spokesperson on Social and Family Affairs, June, 2002-October, 2004 Formerly an Auctioneer. Winner of All-Ireland Vocational Schools' football medal with Mayo. Michael was named Magill Magazine Heckler of the year in 2006 for effectively challenging the government with unique style of street wit and lively heckling.

- Annual General Meeting » AC 201 on Thursday, 22nd of March.
- FG Ardfheis 2007 » Citywest on Saturday, 31st of March.

Members of the YFG NUIG branch will attend the FG Ardfheis Citywest, Dublin. Sat 31st March

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Enda Howley

Vice-Auditor: Michelle Perry

Treasurer: Sean Small

Secretary: Sinead Kelly

Membership Officer: Nicola Syron

P.R.O: Caomhán O'Connell

Social Secretary: Cian O'Neill

Events and Campaigns Officer: Jonathan Pilkington

Young Fine Gael Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	200.55	Affill/Mem fees	€413
Members Contributions	€1020	Bank charge	€12.58
Societies day	€34	Costumes	€60
Socs box	€1240	Dinner	€450
USC Grant	€3029	Entertainment	€60
		Prizes	€122.41
		Returned Socs Money	€667
		Society accomm	€1972
		Society transport	€1312
		Speaker accomm	€178
		Expenditure Total	€5246.99
		Closing Bank Balance	€276.56
Total	€5523.55	Total	€5523.55

Other Information

We held 21 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 255 members.

ALIVE Participants Young Fine Gael Society	
Gary Beirne	Treasurer
Lorcan Gearty	Vice Auditor
Hours Volunteered:	153 hours

Young PD's

The NUIG Young Progressive Democrats represent all student members of the Progressive Democrats in Galway. We organise various events and travel to the YPD conference and PD conference every year.

Young Progressive Democrats Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

- **Social Meeting** » AM107 - Arts Millennium on Thursday, 5th of October.
- **Your Chance to Meet the Tánaiste!!** » Dublin on Monday, 16th of October.

POLITICAL & SOCIAL EVENING YOUR CHANCE TO MEET THE TANAISTE & NEW PARTY LEADER – MICHAEL MCDOWELL MONDAY OCTOBER 16TH @ 6.45 IN PARTY HQ FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION It gives us great pleasure to invite you to meet the Tánaiste, PD Party Leader and Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform this coming Monday (October 16th) @6.45 in Party Head Quarters in Dublin. The Minister will host a private question and answers session with youth members, followed by a wine reception. If you have any question you'd like to ask please feel free to submit them or ask on the night. This is a great opportunity to get to meet and talk with one of the most talked about politicians of our generation.

YPD National Conference » Dublin on Friday, 17th of November.

The biggest YPD event of the year, our annual National Conference, will be held in Dublin on 17th and 18th November. Accommodation will be provided free of charge and travel refunds will be provided. All members who would like to attend must register by emailing ypd@socs.nuigalway.ie before Wednesday November 8th. On Friday 17th November we will be touring the Dáil, followed by drinks in the Dáil bar. On Saturday morning we will be touring Government Buildings before attending the National Conference. At the national conference we will debate and pass YPD policy, elect a National Chairperson and National Officer Board, elect 8 members to the General Council (the party's policy-making body) and hear addresses from Des O'Malley, Michael McDowell and Liz O'Donnell, before heading into the city for a night on the town.

EGM » AM109 on Monday, 27th of November.

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Michael McHugh
Secretary: Amy McCarter

Treasurer: Bill Daly

We had no financial transactions this year.

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 29 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. Every Monday from 7pm-8pm we meet in AM109 in the Arts Millennium Building.

ZooSoc Events

This year the society had a total of 27 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

➤ **Regular Events**

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

- ZooSoc First Meeting ran for 1 week in Arts Millennium Building Room AM109, beginning on Monday, 2/10/2006.

The First Zoological Society of the year with info on trips away plus mammal specimens on display for examination. Insect documentary with refreshments and nibbles to follow. New members especially welcome.

- Zoology Dept Seminar ran for 1 week in Martin Ryan Marine Institute seminar room, beginning on Thursday, 5/10/2006.
- ZooSoc Weekly meeting ran for 4 weeks in Room AM109 Arts Millennium building, beginning on Monday, 6/11/2006.
- Weekly meeting ran for 16 weeks in AM109 Arts Millennium building, beginning on Monday, 15/1/2007.

➤ **Special Events**

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

- **ZooSoc EGM** » The Hub on Monday, 18/9/2006.
- **ZooSoc Meeting** » Arts Millennium Building Room AM109 on Monday, 16/10/2006.
- Wildlife Volunteering info session » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 7/11/2006.

International wildlife volunteer organisation 'Operation Wallacea' will have a guest speaker in to provide general information about an alternative, fun way to spend your summer, this could be your chance to do something worthwhile and experience things few others do. Current projects and destinations (which are worldwide) along with various other aspects will be covered. This short talk is a must go to for anyone interested in working with animals or nature. The Siobhan McKenna theatre is upstairs in the Arts Millennium Building, for more info contact ZooSoc

- **ZooSoc weekly meeting** » Room AM109 Arts Millennium building on Monday, 13/11/2006.
- **Talk by Fox Hunt Ban Activist** » Arts Millennium Building Room 108 on Monday, 12/2/2007.

As part of ZooSoc and Animal Rights Society's anti fox hunting campaign anti fox and stag hunting campaigner Tom Hardiman will be speaking about his work and what people can do to help. All are welcome

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Eoin Duffy

Vice-Auditor: Jill Greene

Treasurer: Niamh McMahon

Secretary: Anna Bunyan

Zoological Soc Balance Sheet - 2006/2007			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	31.69	Bank charge	€5.43
Members Contributions	€320	Dinner	€71.5
Muscailt	€785.5	Entry fees	€90
USC Grant	€60	Reception	€60
		Society accomm	€306
		Society transport	€436.6
		Expenditure Total	€969.53
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€227.66
Total	€1197.19	Total	€1197.19

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 185 members.

Múscailt Fleadh Imboilg 2007 Societies Report

This year Múscailt expanded its repertoire by incorporating the Fleadh Imboilg festival which had been started the previous year by an Cumann Staire. This collaboration brought a new fun element, encouraged greater society involvement and raised significant funds for charity. The other new popular event this year was the Socs in the City Fashion Show which filled the Radisson Hotel and raised over €8000 for charity.

Preparation for Múscailt Fleadh Imboilg began in earnest in September with a record number of societies and students involved. With an early start date in February the programme, which was produced in a small informative booklet format, was ready for the first week back in January. In a new initiative to encourage student involvement a 'Get Involved' pack which included the Múscailt brochure was distributed to all student residences.

The SocsBox was a major hub for the festival with tickets on sale for many events from early January and it was also a centre of information and support throughout the festival. The brochure was also designed in house by the Societies Officer and Helen Roche one of the SocsBox staff members.

Múscailt Fleadh Imboilg took the campus by storm this year and feedback from the societies and students involved was extremely positive with a great sense of ownership of the week long event. It is now without doubt the highlight of the Societies cultural and social calendar.

Society Events:

Drama & Performance

Dramsoc

The original one act play series was produced by Dramsoc in conjunction with the Societies Officer. The event which included 11 plays over three lunchtimes with an Omnibus edition on the Friday evening. There was capacity attendance at each of the dates and the standard of the productions was excellent.

This Alumni Office Jerome Hynes memorial trophy for the best play was again presented. The Adjudicators were Roz Dixon and Brendan Murray IDAA. There were extra awards this year, in addition to best play there was best actor, best actress, best director, best production and Judges discretionary award. The productions were adjudicated at the omnibus edition and the play which won the coveted Jerome Hynes Trophy was 'The Fourth Wall' by Maedabh Haicead which also represented Dramsoc at ISDA the Student Drama Awards in Belfast, the first time a Múscailt one act play was sent to ISDA. It received a nomination for best new play at the national awards. 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. There was a feedback 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 workshop at the start of the two and a half week rehearsal period where excerpts from all the plays were read and feedback given.

The productions were:

The Morning After the Night Before by Eoghan Cleary
The Fourth Wall by Maedabh Haicead
Three O'Clock by Brid Corrigan
King For The Weekend by Patrick Hynes
Spilt Milk by Fergal McNally
Living Seeds by Bernard Higgins.
Blind Faith by Tara McKeivitt
Caught in Two Minds by Eoin Gannon
The Morning After by Padraic Meehan
Nekorb Traeh by Caoimh McCarthy. directed by Tara Finn.
Echoes by written & Directed by Emer Murray

Jerome Hynes Memorial Award - "The Fourth Wall", written and directed by Meadhbh Haicéid

Best Director - Patrick Hynes, writer and director of "King for the Weekend"

Best Actor - Jeff Rocket for Charles in "The Fourth Wall"

Best Actress - Emily O Halloran for Kelly in "Living Seeds" (written and directed by Bernard Higgins)

Best Production - "Spilt Milk", written and directed by Fergal McNally

Judges Discretionary Award - Eoin Gannon for "Caught in Two Minds"

MA In Drama

“There Are Also Musicians” by MA in Drama

The audience was invited to enter the mind of a conductor as she took them through the powerful effects of music and its industry on the body and the soul; exploring a huge range of emotions felt by everyone involved in any type of musical and rhythmic experience.

Spanish Society

“El Porqué de las Cosas”

El Porqué de las Cosas”, (What is it all about?) is based on the novel by Quim Monzó, dramatised by Fernando Bernués and adapted by Sara Álvarez-Jiménez who directed this production. Producer: Pilar Alderete-Diez. Cast: Katie Bartrand, Stevie Boyd, Niamh Kelly, Stephen Kiely, Manuel Mayoral, Kim McCafferty, Berta Melgosa, Pamela O’Hanlon, Natalia Perez and Jara Rodilla.

The Musical Society

“South Pacific”

The society presented a wonderful production of ‘South Pacific’ in the Black Box Theatre telling of a twin love story through song and dance, with favourites such as “Bali Ha’i”, “Younger than Springtime” and “Some Enchanted Evening”.

Adapted from the James A. Michener’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel “Tales of The South Pacific”. Music by Richard Rodgers Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. Based on an island during World War II, a U.S. Navy nurse, Ensign Nellie Forbush, falls in love with a middle-aged French plantation owner, Emile de Becque. Meanwhile, the restless sailors of the Navy, led by the entrepreneurial Seabee Luther Billis, are lamenting on the absence of women or combat to relieve their boredom, when Lieutenant Joe Cable of the U.S. Marine Corps arrives on the island to take part in a dangerous spy mission that might help turn the tide of the war against the Japanese. Directed by Fiona Kelly, Musical Director Mairead Crushell

The Juggling Society

The society teamed up with the Galway Circus project to organise an afternoon on the green. There was juggling and acrobatics but unfortunately due to the weather the fire juggling had to be cancelled.

Comedy Society

The society performed night of stand-up and sketch comedy written and performed by the members of NUI Galway’s Comedy Society took place in the Bank of Ireland Theatre.

Malaysian Society

Bawang Merah, Bawang Putih – a musical devised and performed by the society in the lower Aula based on a traditional Cinderella style Malaysian folktale.

Visual Art

Visual art was in abundance with the Art Society, Photosoc & Writers Soc presenting two weeklong exhibitions.

The Photographic society Focus ‘07

The Photographic society’s annual exhibition entitled “Focus ‘07” featured a wide range of photographs portraying the unique photographic talents of NUI Galway students and staff. The Photographic Society, in their own dark room, run classes and workshops throughout the year and this exhibition celebrates the fruits of their labour. The exhibition ran all week long. On the Wednesday, a photographic session was held in the Arts Millennium foyer where students and staff could have their photo taken in a professional studio set up.

Art Society

Exhibition and launch of their comic book ‘Lunatic Fringe’

Art Performance:

Art in the Tennis Court. NUI Galway students and colours street theatre company joined to create an Intriguing performance art piece based on exploring the idea of headgear in society.

Film

Film Society showed 13 films during Múscailt, they also organized a film screening for secondary schools students. The Siobhan McKenna theatre was set up as a cinema for the week.

The films shown were the following:

The Constant Gardener, Lords of the Rings: The Two Towers, World Trade Centre, The Squid and the Whale, The Princess Bride, Marie Antoinette, Joyeux Noel, The Wind that Shakes the Barley, Supersize me, Schindler's List and Chicago.

Music

Music Society

Witless band Competition - Music Society:

After weeks of heats the final bands took to the stage in an epic battle to win the coveted Witless prize which includes time in a recording studio. Heats started on Tuesday January 16th for four weeks in the college bar.

Orchestra Society

Orchestral Performance - Orchestra Society:

This year the Orchestra of NUI Galway comprised of string, woodwind and brass sections. It was conducted by Hugh Kelly and the orchestra leader was Conor Hurley. During Múscailt, Orchestra Soc put on a performance which included a European Première of work by American composer Frederik McKay, as well as works by Haydn and Delius. It was a great evening with talented performances and enchanting sounds.

Choral Society

Choral Concert - Choral Society:

NUIG Choral Society is one of the University's longest-running societies and dedicates itself to the appreciation of all types of choral music. Under the baton of their new conductor, Thomas Cryan, they presented an eclectic mix of modern and traditional music

DJ Society

DJ Intervarsity - DJ Society:

Featuring guest DJs from various third level colleges battling it out for ultimate victory; the Heats ran all evening in the College bar with the finals at 11pm- 1pm as part of the festival wrap-up party.

Dance

DanSoc

NUI Galway's Dance Society - Dansoc, presented performed twice their show which was a fusion of tango, hip-hop, Irish dancing, swing, jazz and ballet. All of their choreography was executed on campus and taught by the students of the university. It was an uplifting, bright show with plenty of swings, lifts and twists.

Literature

Lit & Deb & Writers Society

The Pen versus the Sword - Lit & Deb and Writers Soc: battled it out in the HUB to decide which is mightier, the pen or the sword? Writers Soc's team of slam poets faced off Lit & Deb's crack debating team.

Writers Society - Literary Evening: This evening of literary events with readings from guest authors and poets included the presentation of awards for the society's Annual Literary Competition. There was also the launch of the Writers Society's 'Limited Edition' Sharp Review, a professionally produced magazine featuring the winners and runners up from our competition.

Writer Society held three major events: the Writing Workshop, the Poetry Slam Competition and the Poetry Wall. A prose writing workshop was given by Galway-based writer Susan Millar DuMars. The live poetry competition was open to everyone with fantastic prizes! Poetry was judged on the merit of its presentation as well as its content. The Poetry Wall, in Smokie Joes on the concourse all week. Pages were provided with the beginnings of poems for anyone who liked to write them and space to put them up. The poems collected during other events will comprise a special edition of poetry called 'Chinese Whispers'. Forms for Chinese Whispers will be cunningly smuggled around campus during the festival.

The Literary and Debating society hosted the Irish Mace semi-final which was on the motion "That this house believes that gratuitous sex and violence has no place in film". Society hosted teams from Ireland's foremost debating societies, the UCD L&H, the Trinity Historical Society and the Trinity Philosophical Society.

Miscellaneous

Law Society - Mock Trial:

The audience watched familiar faces from campus including President Iognáid Ó Muircheartaigh being interrogated by vicious barristers and sabotaged by hilarious witnesses.

Flirt FM & Radio Society:

In celebration of the festival, Flirt FM provided 24 hour broadcasting throughout the entire week, in many varied locations and some very unusual venues. Radio Soc will also aired a documentary by Goal and the Human Rights Society who are raising awareness about the situation in Darfur. They also places wind up radios broadcasting Flirt FM from unusual venues around campus and created the Radio Heads which were worn around campus.

Maths Society - Mathematical Exhibition:

Many people are unaware of the influence that Mathematics has had on artists in the past, from Escher's fabulous creations, to the development of perspective painting during the Renaissance. In their exhibition MathSoc explained some of these influences and also display some original mathematical art.

Socs in the City Fashion Show: Rotaract society and the French society

The two societies teamed up to bring NUI students and staff an evening of 'Socs In The City', NUI Galway's very first Fashion Show. It was an evening of fantastic fashion, glorious glamour, deadly dancing and all round entertainment. The €8000 raised went to Cancer Care West who are opening their new residence for patients undergoing treatment in Galway in March 2007. The models were all NUI Galway students who had undergone rigorous. There was also performances from NUI Galway's most talented societies, including DanSoc, Juggling Soc and DJ Soc, to mention but a few. As part of the evening Damien Corridan (SU President) and Riona Hughes were given a make-over and got to show off their new look on the catwalk.. The event went on to win best society event at the society awards and Rotaract won best new society at the awards also.

Fleadh Imboilg Events:

The ancient Irish Celtic festival of Imbolg (formerly also written as Imbolc) is the traditional celebration of the start of Spring. This name underlines the fact that the festival is one associated with fertility, of man, beast and land. To mark this festival of renewal and hope the Fleadh Imboilg focused on organising fun events while also raising money for charity.

This year's Fleadh Imboilg spearheaded by Cumann Staire was held in conjunction with Múscailt.

Trip to Gairdín Bhríde - Cumann Staire

Trip to Brigit's Garden with guided tour followed by a treasure hunt & Seisiún Ceoil in Moycullen

Late Night at Roisin Dubh - Cumann Staire

Music by the 'Cartoon Thieves' -

Spraoi Bhríde – Cumann Star, Goal Society and SUAS Society.

Fundraising event in Eyre Square, Shop Street and on Campus. Groups of mummers made their way through Galway City doing impromptu performances and fundraising for charity.

Céilí Mór & Cóisir sa Síbín – Trad Soc, International Students & Food & Drinks Society.

The College Bar was transformed into a sibín for the night with Irish food prepared by the Food and Drinks Society and the International Students bringing dishes from around the world. The night continued with a monster céilí with music from the Trad Soc musicians.

Arts Ball - Cumann Staire

The largest ball on campus held in the Radisson Hotel with music by 'Pyramid' with 900 in attendance it raised €14,000 for charity.

Traffic Light Ball - Cumann Staire, VSA & GIG societies held this popular ball in Cuba.

Imbolg Lá Mór - Cumann Staire

The College Bar was the venue for day long entertainment with music including DJs and popular band 'Lewd Tunes'

Society Awards 2007 Múscailt Award Winners



*Best Muscailt Contribution
Musical Society, 'South Pacific'
Delia Lowrey, Conor Feehily and Mary O'Riordan*



*Society Awards Best Muscailt Innovation for History Soc for
Fleadh Imbolg
Maryo'Riordan, Russell Russell O'Regan and Eva Muller*



*Society Awards Dramsoc win Best Muscailt Event for the Original One-Act-Play Series
Estella Kearey and Cathriona Mulhall*

Society Training

In addition to on-line support, one to one training and workshops throughout the year a full day of training was held at the start of semester one on Saturday 23rd September..

Registration 9.30am in the Arts Millennium Foyer.

Session One 10am-10.45am

Venue; AM200/Fottrell: Opening Session: Achieving Your Potential:

Include a run down on what you can get out of the day. How your society can be the best it can be. Including advice from Brian McGinley outgoing Auditor of the Juggling Society winner of BICS Best Society of the year Award 2006 .

Foyer: Coffee Break 10.45am

Morning Sessions 1 - 11:00-12:00 (choose one of the following 4 workshops)

Workshop A : Fottrell: The schedule of Allowance; making it work for you. Fundraising and Sponsorship - how to fund your fantastic ideas. Facilitator: Riona Hughes

Workshop B: AM109: B1. 11.00-11.30, What is your constitution and what can it do for you. Plus Soc's Box services. Facilitators: David Geary **Workshop C: AM110:** Understanding the USC (University Societies Committee) and getting to know your representatives. Facilitator: Avril O'Regan

Workshop D: S Mc kenna: Audio Visual Equipment. How it works and what is available and how to book it. Facilitator lasairfhiona Swift with representatives of the Radio and Film society

Morning Sessions 2 - 12.00- 1.30 (choose one of the following 4 workshops)

Workshop E: AM 109: Múscailt Planning for the Arts Festival. Múscailt 07 will run from 5th Feb to 10th Feb 2007. Facilitator: Fionnuala Gallagher

Workshop F: S Mc kenna: Being a secretary and the power of minute taking also using the on-line secretary tools. Facilitators: Helen Roche

Workshop G: Fottrell: Event organisation and expanding your events base- fun ideas and things to do. Facilitators: David Geary and Riona Hughes

Workshop H AM110: Alive: How to participate in the Community Knowledge Initiative Alive Programme as a society committee member and receive your Alive Volunteering certificate. Facilitator: Lorraine Tansey

Lunch 1.30-2.30 Friar's Restaurant

Afternoon Session 3- 2.30-4.00 (choose one of the following 4 workshops)

Workshop I: Arts Science Computer Suite: Treasurers how to use the on line accounting package and balancing your accounts. Plus using you bank account. Facilitator: Riona Hughes

Workshop J: Arts Millennium Computer Suite: Web page up keep. How to use all the new features on the societies' website (including group texting and room booking) and an introduction on how to have your own website hosted on the Brockman server. Facilitator: Rory Donohue

Workshop K: S Mc Kenna: 'Team management and the power of delegation. Developing membership and keeping everyone motivated'. Facilitator John Hannon

Workshop L: AM 110: Health and safety developing a safety statement and undertaking a risk assessment. Facilitators: representatives from the final year BSC in Occupational Health and Safety. Facilitators: Jacinta Byrne, Helen Roche & Yvonne McDermott. (note this continues in the next session)

Afternoon Session 4- 4.00-5.00 (choose one of the following 4 workshops)

Workshop M: Fottrell: P.R How to get your message across using a variety of mediums. Plus some advice on getting your literature published. Facilitators: Paula Healy (Flirt FM), Eoin Bannon (Sin) & David Geary.

Workshop N: AM 109: Awards - How to enter the various awards inc. BICS & Soc's awards and the AIB award of excellence. Also discovering what is BICS. (Board of Irish College Societies) and how to become a member of the BICS working group. Facilitator: Riona Hughes

Workshop O: AM 110: Health and Safety Continued.

Workshop P: S Mc Kenna: : 'Harness your transferable skills - develop kick-ass CVs, interviews and career plans from your work with societies' : Facilitator John Hannon

5.00-6.00 Wrap Up Session

Fottrell: The nuts and bolts of running a society what you absolutely must know. Plus feed back from each.

7.00 Dinner and Party College Bar

Venues: AM200, Siobhan McKenna Theatre, AM 109 and AM110 and the Arts Millennium & Arts Science computer suites.

Socs Total Balance Sheet - 2006/2007

Income			Expenditure		
Income Category	Amount		Expenditure Category	Amount	
Balls	€171,402	18.41%	Affill/Mem fees	€6,316	0.70%
Classes	€655	0.07%	Ball	€149,982	16.54%
Fundraising	€249,905	26.84%	Bank charge	€1,960	0.22%
Greenform	€9,106	0.98%	Costumes	€4,240	0.47%
Members Contributions	€93,524	10.04%	Dinner	€32,776	3.61%
Muscaillt	€7,143	0.77%	Entertainment	€22,895	2.53%
Societies day	€4,160	0.45%	Entry fees	€25,502	2.81%
Socs box	€51,945	5.58%	Equipment misc	€21,094	2.33%
Sponsorship	€95,559	10.26%	Fundraising/charity	€293,410	32.36%
Ticket Sales	€75,237	8.08%	Gifts	€3,095	0.34%
USC Grant	€172,597	18.53%	Hall hire	€7,790	0.86%
			Hire Bus	€3,150	0.35%
			Lights	€4,859	0.54%
			Makeup/Props	€1,461	0.16%
			Materials	€9,863	1.09%
			Non Alcoholic Refresh	€2,603	0.29%
			Performing rights	€5,853	0.65%
			Phone	€767	0.08%
			Printing	€18,011	1.99%
			Prizes	€12,265	1.35%
			Promotions	€4,552	0.50%
			Reception	€27,504	3.03%
			Scores	€809	0.09%
			Set	€3,511	0.39%
			Society accomm	€54,867	6.05%
			Society transport	€133,506	14.72%
			Socs day expenses	€1,752	0.19%
			Sound	€4,549	0.50%
			Speaker accomm	€8,967	0.99%
			Speaker travel	€10,379	1.14%
			Stationary	€1,398	0.15%
			Teacher fees	€15,268	1.68%
			Vaccinations	€9,766	1.08%
			Video Hire	€1,996	0.22%
Income Total	€931,234		Expenditure Total	€906,714	
Opening Balance			Closing Bank Balance		
Total	€113,381		Total	€137,184	
			Cash In Hand Total	€716	
Total	€1,044,614		Total	€1,044,614	

Financial Analysis

The Societies have had an extremely busy year with a 62% increase on their expenditure from last year going from €561,420 to €906,714. The societies funding from the university also increased due to the new levy with an 81% increase from €141,019 in 2005-2006 to a total of €172,597 this year. The University funding accounts for 19.39% while 18.41% comes from the sale of Ball tickets and €10.04% is contributed by members themselves towards travel and accommodation on society trips.

By far the largest expenditure is charity fundraising where the societies raised an enormous €293,410 which represented 32.36% of the total expenditure and had increased from €184,274 raised in 2005-2006. In the last five years the societies have raised €906,570 for charity. While VSA raised by far the most money for their work in the developing world the other societies raised €64,603 this year which is 63% of the total amount raised for charity in 2002-2003.

Societies as an alternative to the drink culture was yet again shown as drink receptions accounted for only 3% of the total expenditure.

With additional expenditure also comes additional activity and more students involved in societies. Some of the factors which have encouraged greater involvement are the establishment of the SocsBox which is a ticket desk, information point and support station for the societies and clubs. It is unique in the third level sector and had proved an invaluable resource for the societies. The new sign up method on societies, day while not as effective as the method which was launched in 2007 still saw a marked increase in the number of students on our system. The 'What's Happening Guide' is now sent weekly to 17,000 members with a full list of society activities for the coming year. Now in addition to posters there is e-mail, on line calendar on the societies' website, society information on the LCD screens. The most effective communication development in 2006-2007 was the introduction of a fully integrated texting system for the societies and from Societies day onwards there was a noticeable increase in attendance at events and a record number of student availing of the opportunity to go on trips.

The following table gives an insight into the types of activities funded by the University; note however that 82% of activity is not funded by the University and that fundraisers are not funded. Note also that the figures below refer to the amount of times a request for a specific activity was submitted and many will refer to multiples, a case in point being video hire which was two large requests to pay for multiple films.

Category	No. of activities requested
AGM	44
Capital Equipment And Materials	61
Conference Attending	39
Conference Organising	9
Guest Speaker	155
Prizes	16
Production	24
Publishing	8
Society Travel	85
Special Event	128
Teachers And Workshops	34
Video Hire	2

As Travel makes up a significant amount of society expenditure the following tables make for interesting reading.

Society Travel Breakdown

Category	Total	Total from University Funding
Total Number of Trips	85	€76291.48
Total Number of Travellers	1764	
Total Number of Trips Ireland	58	€29912.65
Total Number of Trips Abroad	27	€46378.83
Total Number of Nights in Accommodation Ireland	44	€18699.4
Total Number of Nights in Accommodation Abroad	41	€16257.24
Total Number of Travellers Ireland	1191	
Total Number of Travellers Abroad	573	
Total Cost of Transport Ireland		€11213.25
Total Cost of Transport Abroad		€30121.59
Transport Total		€41334.84

Destinations visited by societies during 2006/2007

Destinations visited in Ireland

Achill Island
 Aran Islands
 Avoca, Wicklow
 Ballinaboy
 Ballycastle, Co. Antrim
 Belfast
 Belleek
 Birr
 Bundoran
 Carlow
 Castlebar
 Citywest Hotel
 Co. Limerick
 Cork
 Corrib
 Corrib princess
 Dublin
 Dublin airport
 Fota Wild Life Park
 Kilkenny
 Killaloe
 Killary
 Leinster House
 Limerick
 Pallas Karting
 Rossport
 Shannon
 Sligo

The Burren
 Trinity College, Dub
 UCD
 Westport

Destinations visited Abroad

Barcelona
 Berlin
 Brussels
 carcassonne France
 Dusseldorf-Veeze
 Edinburgh
 England
 Estonia
 Europeans
 Glasgow & Edinburgh
 Germany
 Italy
 Krakow, Poland
 London
 Mainz, GERMANY
 Malaga
 Netherlands
 Newquay, Cornwall
 Nottingham
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 Valencia
 Vancouver, Canada
 Venice & Milan

