

NUI Galway Societies End of Year Book

2005/2006

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NUI Galway Societies win three awards at BICS national Awards

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A Word from the Societies Officer

Societies had an exceptional year this year with an increase in membership, in the number of events carried out and in their support structures. Achieving sponsorship from the AIB for the SocsBox, the societies support, information and ticket desk in the Hub, was very exciting and a testament to the importance of societies to campus life. The sponsorship also included a new award for events of excellence which provided a bursary of €3000 which was divided among the six winning societies. Included in this report are 71 societies who submitted end of year reports. There are also a number of societies who became inactive during the year but who have not yet become dormant. This year also saw the formation of a number of new societies, with a few more hoping to start up in September 2006.

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

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

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

All the accounts are now done online from funding requests through to producing comprehensive Financial Report Completed society accounts are archived ready to start a new year, (note: unreconciled cheques are not included in this years expenditure but remain live for the following year). The societies have had another busy year financially with expenditure of €561,420, of which €141,000 came from university grants, the remainder from other sources. Societies' largest expenditure this year was on charity with €184,274 being donated to various charities which represents 32.82% of their total expenditure. This brings the total which societies have given to charity in the last four

years to €613,160. The old adage that all societies do is 'drink their money' was again disproved with a meagre 3.04% spent on receptions which the societies organised in conjunction with guest speakers and other special events.

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

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

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

Ríona Hughes, Societies Officer.

Archaeology Society

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

Arch Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

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

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

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

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

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

Christine Grant, expert on Burren Archaeology.

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

Explore artefacts and relics - participate and watch the exhibition grow.

Visiting Speaker » *Colm O hEocha on Wednesday, 8th of March* Dr Graeme Warren, UCD, Mesolithic Archaeology

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Tara Graham

Vice-Auditor: Clare Hennigar

Treasurer: Lasairfhiona Swift

Secretary: Russell O'Regan

GCM: Siobhan McDermott

PRO: Bride Greene

GCM: Amanda Balfe

Committee 2006/2007

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Secretary: Russell O'Regan

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GCM: Amanda Balfe

Society Finance Details

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

		Society transport	€30
		Speaker accommodation	€350
		Speaker travel	€32
		Teacher fees	€120
		Expenditure Total	€1237.7
		Closing Bank Balance	€122.55
Total	€1360.25	Total	€1360.25

Other Information

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

Art Society

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

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

A new aim for this year was to set up a second weekly class to deal with the demand for classes, and to provide even more variety in artistic skills to our members.

We held classes twice a week, which produced our annual exhibition 'Stranger than Paradise' and our first comic book 'Lunatic Fringe'. The exhibition was dedicated to our friend Tommy Cox, ArtSoc P.R.O. 04-05.

The Art Society feels that it has had an extremely successful and exciting year!

Art Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 31 events that took place.

Regular Events

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

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

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

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

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

Special Events

This year we held 15 special events. These events were as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Jessica Tuohy

Treasurer: Roisin Ni Chonghaile

O.C.M.: Gerard Coady

Vice-Auditor: Eibhlin Ni Fhállamhain

Vice-Auditor: Emma Finn

Secretary: Jenny Coleman

O.C.M.: Ivan Landy

O.C.M.: Kate Bluett

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Emma Finn

Treasurer: Roisin Ni Chonghaile

O.C.M.: Gerard Coady

Vice-Auditor: Roisin Ni Chonghaile

Secretary: David Reilly

O.C.M.: Anna Kenny

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	151.75	Bank charge	€3.75
Greenform	€148.03	Equipment misc.	€153.56
Members Contributions	€183.75	Materials	€152.53
Múscailt	€169	Printing	€364.8
Socs box	€318.5	Prizes	€60
Societies day	€132	Reception	€281.29
Ticket Sales	€201.71	Teacher fees	€1089.19
USC Grant	€1710		
		Expenditure Total	€2105.12
		Not included Uncashed Cheques	(€440)
		Cash In Hand	€0.06
		Closing Bank Balance	€909.56
Total	€3014.74	Total	€3014.74

Other Information

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

Baha'í

The Baha'í Society holds talks, workshops and events inspired by the teachings of the Bahai Faith. This year the Baha'í Society had a relatively quiet year despite over 70 people showing interest at Societies day in September. We held monthly 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 discussions arose. We hope to revisit some of these topics next 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 Bahai Cultural Society in UCC who expressed interest in collaborating in an inter-varsity event next year.

Baha'í Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

EGM » SC20A on Wednesday, 28th of September.

First meeting to elect a new committee.

Discussion Group » Smokeys on Wednesday, 19th of October.

A discussion on what the Baha'í faith is. All are welcome.

Discussion Group » Smokeys on Wednesday, 16th of November.

Discussion on the 'Equality of Men and Women'.

Discussion Group » Smokeys on Wednesday, 15th of February.

Topic: 'Can Science and Religion go hand-in-hand?'

Final Discussion Group » Smokeys on Wednesday, 22nd of March

For our final discussion group we will take a look at social inequality due to the extremes of wealth and poverty.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Sahar Rahmani

Treasurer: Sarah McCullough

Vice-auditor: Jalal Rushdy

Secretary: Iona Sweeney

OCM: Kyle Sweeney

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Non-alcoholic refreshments	€50
Members contributions	€75	Socs day expenses	€25
		Expenditure Total	€0
		Unreconciled cheque total	€0

		Closing Bank Balance	€0
Total	€75	Total	€75

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 15 and we have submitted our list of members to the Societies Office.

Biotechnology Society

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

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

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

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

Biotech Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

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

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

Christmas party-night at the dogs » *Greyhound Track & Fibber McGee's on Wednesday, 30th of November.*

Join us for a night at the dogs followed by a party in Fibber McGee's. All welcome.

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Martin Melvin

Vice-Auditor: Anthony Guinan

Treasurer: Lisa Flynn

Secretary: Eoin Murphy

Public Relations Officer: Deborah Waters

General Committee Members: Pauline Conroy

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Dinner	€50
Fundraising	€70	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€40
Societies day	€60	Prizes	€100
Sponsorship	€200	Promotions	€250
USC Grant	€180	Reception	€10
		Expenditure Total	€450
		Closing Bank Balance	€60
Total	€510	Total	€510

Other Information

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

Botany Society

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

Botany Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

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

Ireland's Bird life & Habitat Conservation » *Mairin De Valera room, Áras de Brun on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

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

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

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

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

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

The Botanical Ecology of Stone Walls » Mairin de Valera, Botany Dept. Áras de Brun on Tuesday, 21st of February.

Desmids-diversity in Connemara - a hot spot » Botany Dept. seminar room on Wednesday, 1st of March.

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Helen Carty

Vice-Auditor: George Percival

Treasurer: Anne Patten

Secretary: Sally Marshall

PRO: Caitriona Maher

Staff liaison: Dr. Dagmar Stengel

ZooSoc Liaison Officer: Marie Duffy

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Kieran Hall

Vice-Auditor: Niall Higgins

Treasurer: Mark Loughnane

Secretary: Rory Hodd

OCM: Aine Bird

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€6.28
Members' Contributions	€240	Dinner	€333.72
Societies day	€3.02	Reception	€529.89
Sponsorship	€45	Society accommodation	€338
USC Grant	€2365.85	Society transport	€480
		Speaker accommodation	€50
		Speaker travel	€120
		Expenditure Total	€1857.89
		Does Not included Uncashed Cheque	(€71.85)
		Closing Bank Balance	€795.98
Total	€2653.87	Total	€2653.87

Other Information

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

Business Society

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

Business Society Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Michael Keane, the newly appointed Dean of Commerce and President of our society gave his first address to the students at Business Soc. He spoke about the need for students to get involved in societies like this and how delighted he was to see that the university now had a group of students that were willing to promote commerce in the University. We also had our EGM to elect a first year rep.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Invest Like the Best' Talk » Concourse on Wednesday, 18th of January.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Globalisation Discussion. This was an experiment which went extremely well. The Business Society and Socialist Workers teamed up to discuss the economics of globalisation. Lecturers from the Economics and Politics Departments spoke both for and against globalisation. As expected there were some ideological differences between Economics lecturers and commerce students against Soc and Pol Lecturers and Socialist Workers members. However both sides respected each other and some remarkably admitted that their viewpoint on world economics had changed because of the discussion. Our aim was to get people thinking about topical economic issues and to hear both sides of this argument and we feel this meeting did more than accomplish these aims.

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

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

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

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

CEO of Aer Arann, Mr. O'Ceide, gave an excellent speech about entrepreneurship and how the Irish economy needs students that will not just go to university to learn how to become a doctor, an accountant or a scientist but students that get involved in societies and create ideas and have fun. With a large amount of people below him he feels he would hire people with more society experience than people with just high grades. He acknowledged the need for the Business Society and was delighted to see that students are ready to think for themselves and shape their own education. He wished that when he was a student that a society like this existed as it would have prepared him a lot for the difficulties one encounters in the business world.

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

Rag Week Intersoc's Football- the Business Society, along with German Soc organised the Intersociety Football competition in aid of Special Olympics. With 20 Teams of 10 entered at €50 each we made our aim of €1000.

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

Large event to celebrate the end of the year. Part funded by the society, part funded by the faculty. Should be a good night for all and also gives us a chance to appeal to the students that didn't turn up this year and get them involved for next.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: David Keane

Vice-Auditor: Darren Glynn

Treasurer: Joe Duggan

Secretary: David Lynch

Membership Officer: Lorraine Hosty

SDO: Shane Ryan

PRO: Bryan Connolly

Communication Officer: Shane Duffy

First Year Rep: Sinéad Barry

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	20.53	Ball	€17675
Balls	€18829.22	Bank charge	€18.38
Members Contributions	€880	Dinner	€107.8
Sponsorship	€750	Entertainment	€624.15
USC Grant	€3252.9	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€35.15
		Reception	€935.25
		Society transport	€3389
		Stationary	€25
		Expenditure Total	€22809.73
		Not included Uncashed Cheques	(€18.50)
		Closing Bank Balance	€922.92
Total	€23732.65	Total	€23732.65

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 700 members.

Chemistry Society

The Chemistry Society for the 2005/2006 year has run a series of lectures aimed at postgraduate and staff level, but 4th year undergraduates were encouraged to attend also. These lectures detailed research work carried out at different universities in Ireland, the United Kingdom and America by visiting lecturers. Some lectures were also carried out by the staff of NUIG. A reception was held after all the lectures and the visiting lecturer was brought to dinner after the reception.

A number of gatherings were organised for the postgraduates of the chemistry department including a welcome night for the new 1st year post grads, a Christmas party and a weekend away. A 4th year undergraduate party was also held for the current 4th years, with the aim of introducing the postgraduate students and answering any questions on postgraduate studies in the college which they may have had.

Chemistry Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

Prof. Desmond Cunningham » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 3rd of November*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trip to Ballybunion » *Ballybunion on Sunday, 26th of March*
Prof. A.L. de Silva » *Dillon Theatre on Sunday, 26th of March*
It's a Gas Life » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 28th of March*
Dr. Maria Navarro » *Dillon Theatre on Monday, 3rd of April*
Prof. Mann » *Dillon Theatre on Monday, 10th of April*
Dr. Stephen E.J. Bell » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 20th of April*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Steven Dooley

Treasurer: Laverne Mullen

Secretary: Ciara Mc Donagh

P.R.O.: Orla Gibbons

Corresponding Secretary: Neil Maguire

Society Finance Details

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

Other Information

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

Chess Society

Describing our society this year? Right, well, we played chess. Total members came to somewhere around 150. Active members came to around 30 regulars. What did we do? Besides playing chess? Well, not much. We sent a team to intervarsities, but there again all we did was play chess...We also organised a charity event for RAG week. However, due to our complete lack of imagination, yet again I'm afraid we played chess. Yes, we played some highly successful chess this year...

Chess Soc Events

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

Regular Events

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

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

Special Events

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

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

Chess » AC214 on Thursday, 19/1/2006.

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Fintan Hegarty

Treasurer: Barry Curran

P.R.O.: Claire Roche

GCM: Chris Green

Vice-Auditor: James Lovett

Secretary: Beartla de Búrca

GCM: Sorcha Schnittger

GCM: Joe Hall-Reppen

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Zaidan Zulkipli

Treasurer: Mark Jennings

Vice-Auditor: Fintan Hegarty

Secretary: Chris Green

Society Finance Details

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

		Society accommodation	€210
		Expenditure Total	€1719
		Closing Bank Balance	€10
Total	€1729	Total	€1729

Other Information

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

Chocolate Society

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

Chocolate Society Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

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

Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory » *AM150 O'Tnuthail on Thursday, 1st of December.*

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Grace Flannery

Treasurer: Ross Lydon

Events Officer: Jennifer Gouailhardon

Events Officer: Jessica Keber

Press Officer: Chloe Farkas

Vice-Auditor: Domhnall O'Shaughnessy

Secretary: Erica Gillingham

Events Officer: Stephanie Perry

Events Officer: Brian Toft

Events Officer: Ashley Maguire

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Domhnall O'Shaughnessy

Treasurer: Ross Lydon

Vice-Auditor: Jessica O'Shaughnessy

Society Finance Details

Income

Expenditure

Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1001.6	Bank charge	€7.5
Greenform	€420	Fundraising/charity	€681
Societies day	€453	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€290
USC Grant	€200	Returned Money	€420
		Expenditure Total	€1398.5
		Closing Bank Balance	€676.1
Total	€2074.6	Total	€2074.6

Other Information

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

Choral Society

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

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

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

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

In April the choir competed in Italy and Cork (for the first time in 20+ years) where we came second in the youth choir section. In May we travelled to Navan for the choir of the year competition. We won best youth choir, best ladies choir and choir of the year.

A new development for the choir has been the use of new line CDs that are made by Louise Malone, Wexford, who emails them as mp3 files which are then downloaded by the choir members who can listen and learn new material. We have found this to be a most efficient way of learning music quickly. Rehearsals are now every Monday night and every second Tuesday night and again this has benefited the choir immensely. We also emailed music and

newsletters to choir members as this was the most efficient way to give out both. Our bulletin boards and ChoralSoc announce emails were used extensively during the year to keep members informed of what was happening.

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

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

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

Choral Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 36 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:

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

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

Special Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Choral Soc: Cork Choral Competition » *May 2006.*

Choral Soc: Navan Choir of the Year Competition » *May 2006.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Peter Mannion

Treasurer: Laverne Mullen

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	-463.27	Affill/Mem fees	€150
Fundraising	€958	Bank charge	€61.47
Members' Contributions	€11130	Costumes	€231
Socs box	€230	Entry fees	€1200
Societies day	€220	Equipment misc.	€317
Sponsorship	€1885	Hall hire	€300
USC Grant	€17465.68	Materials	€2313.22
		Performing rights	€1305
		Printing	€1600
		Society accommodation	€9803
		Society transport	€9277
		Expenditure Total	€26557.69
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€1140
		Closing Bank Balance	€4867.72
Total	€31425.41	Total	€31425.41

Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €1140 and this brings the total expenditure to €32565.41

Other Information

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

Christian Union Society

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

Christian Union Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 24 events that took place.

Regular Events

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

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

2nd Semester Meetings ran for 10 weeks in the Common room in the Chapel, beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

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

Special Events

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

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

Conference ran by IFES Ireland. It's a coming together of all Christian Student Societies around Ireland. Guest speakers and seminars throughout the weekend.

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

Weekend away ran by Ifes Ireland. It's a gathering of all Christian Student Societies in the Republic of Ireland. Guest Speaker for the weekend.

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

Leadership training weekend.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Helen Lane

Vice-Auditor: Naomi Black

Treasurer: Declan Kelly

Secretary: Muireann O'Loughlin

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Naomi Black

Vice-Auditor: Muireann O'Loughlin

Treasurer: Helen Lane

Secretary: Alice Dawson

Music coordinator: Declan Kelly

Society Finance Details

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

Other Information

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

Classics Society

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

Classics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

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

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

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

AGM » *The Hub on Thursday, 24th of November.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Suzanne Young

Vice-Auditor: Linda Jardine

Treasurer: Patricia Bergan

Secretary: Jane O

P.R.O.: Julie-Anne Meaney

SPECIAL EVENTS: Anthony Daly

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	510.37	Affill/Mem fees	€42.94
Members Contributions	€2945.19	Bank charge	€5.32
Societies day	€26.26	Dinner	€466.5
Ticket Sales	€460	Materials	€12.55
USC Grant	€3732.57	Reception	€365.59
		Society transport	€4033
		Speaker accommodation	€441.75

		Speaker travel	€304.38
		Expenditure Total	€5672.03
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€2002.36
Total	€7674.39	Total	€7674.39

Other Information

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

Comedy Society

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

Comedy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Kieran Lawless

Vice-Auditor: Giles Brody

Treasurer: Eoin Shaughnessy

Secretary: Darren Nestor

PRO: Karen Walsh

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Kieran Lawless

Vice-Auditor: Giles Brody

P.R.O.: Karen Walsh

Society Finance Details

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

Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM.

Complementary Therapy Society

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

Complementary Therapy Soc Events

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

Modern Dance Class ran for 3 weeks, beginning on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.

Special Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Ciara Brady, Andi

Vice-Auditor: Eoin M. Rabbitt -Bowles

Treasurer: Louise Gleeson

Secretary: Andi Ludden Reilly

OCM: Jimmy Butler

PRO: Conor Graham

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	296.43	Dinner	€250
Fundraising	€40	Fundraising/charity	€40
Greenform	€624.75	Materials	€75
USC Grant	€690.4	Printing	€101.75
		Reception	€100

		Speaker accommodation	€75
		Speaker travel	€11.9
		Teacher fees	€561.1
		Expenditure Total	€1214.75
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€436.83
Total	€1651.58	Total	€1651.58

Other Information

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

Computer Society

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

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

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

The highlight of the year came in April when we held the Youth Outreach Programme, sponsored by AIB as part of their Event of Excellence Awards. During the day 17 students from 4 schools animated their own clay movie, composed music, set-up a video conference, broadcast their own version of the news and weather live on the Internet, built a Lego robot, designed a 3D room for a game, built both a wired and wireless lab network, and put together a flash movie for the Internet. The society are very grateful to Tom Callanan and Alan Fitzpatrick from Galmac, Sean O'Brien from HEAnet, Brendan Smith from DERI, Fergal Costello and Darren Doherty from the IT Department in NUI, Galway who all helped out on the day by giving talks, demos and tutorials.

CompSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

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

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

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

TechTalk » AC215 on Friday, 11th of November.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AGM » IT125G on Thursday, 30th of March.

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Patrick O Flaherty

Treasurer: Shane Duffy

OCM: Gabriel Garret

OCM: Rory Donohue

Vice-Auditor: David Gilmore

Secretary: Fionnuala Gibney

OCM: Nicholas Geoghan

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: David Gilmore

Treasurer: Nicholas Geoghan

Vice-Auditor: Patrick OFlaherty

Secretary: Colm McLean

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2053	Bank charge	€3.75
Greenform	€400	Dinner	€307.6
Societies day	€410	Equipment misc.	€1027.61
USC Grant	€1130	Gifts	€149.9
		Reception	€683
		Speaker accommodation	€180.55
		Expenditure Total	€2352.41
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€312.13
		Closing Bank Balance	€1640.59
Total	€3993	Total	€3993

Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €312.13

Other Information

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

Cumann de Barra/Fianna Fáil Society

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

This year Cumann de Barra has a membership exceeding 300. The cumann excelled under the guidance of Chairman Darragh McShea and not only expanded its membership but also by actively engaging in student life. Cumann de Barra developed a position on the national stage over the course of the last 12 months. In October a delegation of 20 travelled to the party's Árd Fheis in Killarney, Co. Kerry. In December, the cumann hosted a

Christmas Party in The Cellar Bar, Eglinton Street, Galway. Representatives from across the country were in attendance for what can only be described as a great social occasion. The cumann hosts guest speakers on a regular basis. This affords our membership the opportunity to actively engage with politicians of every level, including Ministers, TDs, Senators and Councillors.

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

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

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

Cumann de Barra Events

This year the society held a total of 29 events.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cumann Meeting » AC204 on Monday, 16th of January.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

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Secretary: Eoin O'Niallain

Joint Treasurer: Joe O'Neill

Events Officer: Susan Treacy

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	326.17	Affill/Mem fees	€50
Members Contributions	€3553.75	Ball	€60
Sponsorship	€1345	Bank charge	€11.25
USC Grant	€5393.5	Dinner	€1331.23
		Entertainment	€2208.05
		Entry fees	€2780
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€10
		Promotions	€79.15
		Society accommodation	€1980
		Society transport	€523.5
		Speaker accommodation	€550
		Expenditure Total	€9583.18
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€90
		Closing Bank Balance	€1035.24
Total	€10618.42	Total	€10618.42

Other Information

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

Cumann Dramaíochta

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

The Cumann Dramaíochta is an excellent way to improve your Irish and meet with people who speak Irish. All you need is an interest in the language and a smile, not amazing acting skills! The society host workshops on a regular basis in which we reveal hints for acting and confidence boosters on stage. The craic continues then to Club Áras na Gael. This year NUI Galway hosted the national college's festival. The cumann entered three dramas in the festival and they all did very well. There were colleges from all over Ireland present including, UCC, UCD, St. Pat's Drumcondra and Belfast University. It was an excellent weekend.

Cumann Dramaíochta Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

Ceardlann dramaíochta » *Teatar, Áras na Gael on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

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

Ceardlann Dramaíochta » *Teatar, Áras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 19th of October.*

Ceardlann Dramaíochta » *Teatar, Áras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

Eisteachtaí » *Teatar Áras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 18th of January.*

Ceardlann Dramaíochta » *Teatar, Áras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

Feile na gColáistí Múscailt 2006 » *téatar Áras na Gaeilge and BOI theatre on Friday, 24th of February.*

Beidh feile dramaíochta na gcolaíste ar siúl i nGaillimh i mbliana sa téatar in Áras na Gaeilge agus sa BOI téatar.

The Irish drama intervarsities will be held in Galway this year over the weekend of the 24th and 25th. The festival will take place in the theatre in Áras na Gaeilge and in the BOI theatre.

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Bairbre Ni Mhaille

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Internet: Dualta Mac Lochlainn

Vice-Auditor: Bairbre Ni Fhlatharta

Secretary: Blaithin Seoige

Member: Aisling Dee

Irish officer: Maitiu de hAI

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	772.86	Bank charge	€10.91
Socs box	€350	Costumes	€1599
Sponsorship	€1860	Dinner	€640
Ticket Sales	€560	Entertainment	€157
USC Grant	€2675	Equipment misc.	€109
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€60
		Society accommodation	€1020
		Expenditure Total	€3595.91
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€2621.95
Total	€6217.86	Total	€6217.86

Other Information

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

Cumann Éigse Society

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

Cumann Éigse Events

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

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

Óiche Sóisialta (Semester 2) » ran for 7 weeks in Áras na Gaeilge, beginning on Tuesday, 17/1/2006.

Special Events

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

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

Óiche Dansa (arís) » Téatar Áras na Gaeilge on Tuesday, 25/10/2005.

Teacht le cheile le haghaidh dansa gaelach a dhéanamh.

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Beartla de Búrca

Treasurer: Fintan Hegarty

Vice-Auditor: Pádraigín Ní Ghallchóir

Secretary: Máirtín Ó Fátharta

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ronan MacDiarmaida

OCM: Beartla de Búrca

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	46.99	Bank charge	€1.68
USC Grant	€680	Prizes	€100
		Reception	€92
		Society transport	€400
		Expenditure Total	€593.68
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€133.31
Total	€726.99	Total	€726.99

Other Information

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

Dance Society

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

DanSoc Events

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

Regular Events

This year we held 6 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

Modern Jazz ran for 4 weeks in the Racquetball Court, beginning on Monday, 23/1/2006.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Irish dancing for those with experience beyond beginners level

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

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

Special Events

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

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

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

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

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

Intervarsities » Áras na Mac Léinn on Friday, 10/3/2006.

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

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Secretary: Catherine Carey

PRO: Selina McCarthy

PRO: Andrea Byrne

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Andrea Byrne

Vice-Auditor: Siobhan McMorrow

Treasurer: Gillian Healy

PRO: Alison McGreevy

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	222.4	Bank charge	€7.5
Greenform	€79	Dinner	€231.28
Members Contributions	€811.5	Equipment misc.	€150
Societies day	€1289	Materials	€1060
Ticket Sales	€385.8	Promotions	€40
USC Grant	€1802.25	Reception	€361.22

		Society transport	€30
		Speaker accommodation	€79
		Speaker travel	€451
		Teacher fees	€865
		Expenditure Total	€3275
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€2.5
		Closing Bank Balance	€1312.45
Total	€4589.95	Total	€4589.95

Other Information

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

DJ Society

DJ Society aims to develop and promote the art of DJing amongst its members and to provide members with an outlet to enjoy themselves through music, performance and interaction with other members. It's about people coming together, having fun, enjoying good music, and developing a talent for DJing. DJ Society currently has 252 members - an increase of 110 from 2004/2005. A live set was performed on both Societies Days with turntables, CD decks, PA and speakers to attract new members. The previous year's members on the mailing-list were invited to join again. New members are always welcome to attend open-deck sessions in the Ruby Room, which are promoted twice weekly via posters in town and on campus. We also entertained in Áras na MacLeinn during the University Open Day in December. As we run regular gigs in the Blue Note, the King's Head and Áras na nGael, we were able to get high quality glossy colour posters and flyers done up by these bars. Posters for ALL events were put up and flyers handed out twice weekly both on campus and in town. DJ Soc DJs promoted DJ Soc events on Flirt FM regularly. DJs playing a particular night spread the word massively amongst friends. As the year progressed, more and more people heard of DJ Soc events through word of mouth. Text messages were sent out to members for almost all events. 62 emails were sent to the 'DJ Society-announce' mailing-list during the year. All events were submitted to the Socs Calendar Website also. As many of our events are located off campus and open to the public, outside promotion is essential. Getting professional DJs from the GPO, Halo and OASIS to attend the Ruby Room sessions, as well as judging internal competitions, helps spread the word outside the college and build links with clubs in town. Again, the glossy colour posters were put up and flyers handed out in most bars and clubs in town. Many DJ Soc DJs promote DJ Society events during their regular slots on Flirt FM which broadcasts off-campus.

DJ Soc Events

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

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

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

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

Special Events

This year we held 21 special events. These events were as follows:

Socs Day 1 » Áras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 22/9/2005.
Open Day » Áras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 1/12/2005.
ABU » Áras na nGael on Thursday, 12/1/2006.
NUIG DJ Battle » Aula Maxima on Saturday, 14/1/2006.
Socs Day 2 » Áras na MacLeinn on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.
Girls' Night Out » The Blue Note on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.
DJ Lessons & Practice Session » The Ruby Room, King's Head on Tuesday, 31/1/2006. .
Nurses' Ball » Salthill Hotel on Friday, 3/2/2006.
Weekly Gig » The Blue Note on Wednesday, 8/2/2006.
ABU » Áras na nGael - Dominick St on Thursday, 9/2/2006.
Practice Session » The Ruby Room, King's Head on Tuesday, 14/2/2006.
Student Night » The Blue Note on Wednesday, 15/2/2006.
NUIG DJ Battle of the Decks » Aula Maxima on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.
Girls' Night Out » The Oasis on Friday, 24/2/2006.
DramSoc Party » BOI Theatre on Friday, 24/2/2006.
DJ Soc DJs man the decks at DramSoc end of Múscailt Party.
RAG Week » Kings Head on Monday, 27/2/2006.
Ruby Room Sessions - LIVE » King's Head on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.
RAG Week - DJSOC » College Bar on Thursday, 2/3/2006.
ABÚ » Áras na nGael on Wednesday, 8/3/2006.
AGM + PARTY » De Burgho's on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.
Intersarsity DJ Battle » The Pod, Dublin on Thursday, 6/4/2006.
First ever Intersarsity DJ Battle. Winner receives loads of cool gear and a spot at Global Gathering.

Committee 2005/2006

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Treasurer: Eoghan O'Brien

Secretary: Liam Griffin

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Treasurer: Eoghan O'Brien

Secretary: Liam Griffin

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	146.96	Equipment misc.	€760
Members Contributions	€150	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€430
Sponsorship	€295	Society accommodation	€150
USC Grant	€1570	Society transport	€100
		Socs day expenses	€120
		Teacher fees	€400
		Expenditure Total	€1960

		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€201.96
Total	€2161.96	Total	€2161.96

Other Information

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

Drama Society

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

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

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

Dramsoc Events

This year the society had a total of 35 events that took place. 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 10 weeks in BOI theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 21/9/2005.

Our weekly night of improv, games, sketches and general madness. The night provides a chance to show off your theatrical ability in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and even if you prefer to sit back and watch proceedings the evening always promises plenty of laughs and entertainment!

Special Events

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

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

This was a celebration of our 100th birthday! It took place on the first night of the first DramSoc production for the year. It was a mini reunion with some past members such as Paraic Breathnach attending. We had a wine reception with a further reception in the College Bar after the production. We searched through the archives, found many old programmes,

photographs etc. from which we got three large boards made up, depicting the last one hundred years of the society. These are still hanging in the theatre foyer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Staged & Confused » *Held in the Bank of Ireland Theatre on the following dates: Wednesday 18/1/2006, Wednesday 25/1/2006, Wednesday 1/2/2006, Wednesday 8/2/2006, Wednesday 15/2/2006.*

Staged and Confused is a improvisation/fun and games night. Come along for the craic and don't worry about getting involved-it is totally voluntary. After the night we usually head off to the Open Mic Night downstairs in the Cellar Bar. There are often free passes to Cuba handed out. We're looking forward to seeing everyone from last semester but as always we would love to see fresh faces. Spread the word! It's never too late to come along for the laugh.

One-Act Play Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.*

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

Checkers by Lauren Mikov

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Red Roses and Petrol" by Joseph O'Connor, directed by Rob Mc Feely. Red Roses and Petrol is a domestic Drama set in suburban Dublin. Enda Doyle's death brings about a family reunion. An autobiographical video collection of Enda's is found and it releases, in a whirlwind, years of familial tension. Bubbling below the surface of the Doyle family is a lifetime of love, hurt, joy and hate and an audience can't but find introspection as the ghost of the Doyle family emerges. Tickets are available in the Hub and on the door - 3euro for students and 5euro for non-students For more information visit <http://dramsoc.nuigalway.ie/>

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

ISDA » *UCC on Sunday, 19/3/2006.*

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

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Rob McFeely

Treasurer: Ciara Norman

Webmaster: Andy Regan

Society Development Officer: Deirdre O Doherty

Voice of Reason: Tracy Bruen

Vice-Auditor: Caitriona Mulhall

Secretary: Caitriona Mulhall

Production Coordinator: Ronan McMahon

PRO: Aileen Bradley

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Caitriona Mulhall

Treasurer: Darragh Finn

SDO: Rob McFeely

Tech Manager: Liam Harkin

Vice-Auditor: Rebecca Ryan

Secretary: Stella Keary

PRO: Kate Conneeley

Production Co-ordinator: Emma Flaherty

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2833.59	Affill/Mem fees	€350
Members Contributions	€610.07	Bank charge	€3.75
Socs box	€739	Dinner	€1255
Societies day	€114.23	Entertainment	€810
Sponsorship	€105.87	Entry fees	€1350
Ticket Sales	€1316	Equipment misc.	€45
USC Grant	€5305	Gifts	€120
		Hire Bus	€1046.45
		Makeup/Props	€340.06
		Materials	€894.55
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€166.7
		Performing rights	€1045
		Phone	€420
		Printing	€195
		Reception	€515
		Set	€586.8
		Society accomm.	€687
		Society transport	€735.54
		Teacher fees	€200
		Closing Bank Balance	€257.91
Income Total	€11023.76	Expenditure Total	€10765.85

Other Information

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

Ecology Society

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

Ecology Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

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

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

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

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

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

The launch of 'Ireland from Below', a new monthly newspaper reporting community struggles.

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

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

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

Rossport Camp Meeting » *Smokeys on Saturday, 28th of January.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: David Jack Hallinan

Vice-Auditor: Maeve O Connor

Secretary: Pauhla McGrane

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Pauhla McGrane

Vice-Auditor: David Jack Hallinan

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount

Opening Bank Balance	2863.27	Bank charge	€3.75
Greenform	€120	Society accommodation	€120
Societies day	€100	Speaker travel	€221.85
USC Grant	€842		
		Expenditure Total	€345.6
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€425
		Closing Bank Balance	€3579.67
Total	€3925.27	Total	€3925.27

Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €425

Other Information

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

Engineering Society

Eng Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 0 events.

Committee 2005/2006

Eng Ball Committee: Caroline Hopkins

Eng Ball Committee: John O'Dwyer

Eng Ball Committee: Grainne McRedmond

Eng Ball Committee: Mairead Atcheson

Eng Ball Committee: Joanne Tierney

Eng Ball Committee: Ciara Gillespie

Eng Ball Committee: Niamh Ni Chroinin

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	173.01	Ball	€15604
Balls	€19055	Bank charge	€10.47
USC Grant	€30	Dinner	€840
		Entertainment	€1680
		Fundraising/charity	€820
		Returned Money	€30
		Expenditure Total	€18984.47
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€90
		Closing Bank Balance	€183.54
Total	€19258.01	Total	€19258.01

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet.

Fantasy & Science Fiction Society

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

FanSci Events

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

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

Special Events

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

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

Performed by FanSci Society

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

Sandman by Neil Gaiman, adapted and performed by FanSci Society

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

Itzacon Eire is Galway's only gaming convention, now in it's second year. It shall be running from Friday the 10th of March until Sunday the 13th. The event shall be taking place in the Aula Maxima, and will involve lots of activities during the day, ranging from role-playing games to card games to a giant snakes and ladders tournament! After the convention, we'll be heading to the town for fun and frolics for all. For more information, head on over to www.itzaconeire.com.

Friday 10th: 6pm until 9pm GURPS Horror, Werewolf, Eberron - D&D 7pm to 9pm.

Open Demos Saturday 11th RPGS, Legend of the five rings, Harry Potter, Team Synergy 1.5 LARPS: Erasure: Time Travel

Other: Chez Geek Tournament 10am - 1pm, Harry Potter Erasure: Time Travel 11am to 1pm, Team Synergy 1.5 Open

Demos from 1pm 2pm - 5pm. RPGS: Paranoia in the Great Library, Hellboy, Spelljammer. LARPS: In Nomine 3-5pm.

Munchkin Tournament 6-9pm: RPGS: Abyssals, Call of Cthulhu, Classic D & D Others: Zombies / Frag - 6pm to 8pm

LARPS: Requiem

Open Demos from 8pm Sunday 12th 10-1pm RPGS: Game of Thrones, Serenity, Mage, LARPS: Changeling Others. Open

Demos from 11am Pirate - 12pm to 2pm 2pm-5pm: Discworld, Masque of the Red Death, Godlike. LARPS: Memories of

Justice Others: Carcassone - 3pm to 5pm Monopoly 3-5pm.

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Padraig Murphy

Vice-Auditor: Brian Dolan

Treasurer: Kieran McGee
Entertainments Officer: Niamh Dolan
Librarian: Pól MacFhionngaile
PRO: Yolande O'Brien

Secretary: Karl Kavanagh
Entertainments Officer: Edel Crowley
Games Convenor: Patrick Ryan

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3352.84	Affill/Mem fees	€828.55
Fundraising	€230	Ball	€1.96
Múscailt	€47.86	Bank charge	€3.75
Ticket Sales	€1661	Dinner	€100
USC Grant	€2655	Entry fees	€1568
		Equipment misc.	€250
		Promotions	€280.85
		Society accommodation	€259
		Society transport	€800.32
		Speaker accommodation	€194
		Expenditure Total	€4286.43
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€947.25
		Closing Bank Balance	€3660.27
Total	€7946.7	Total	€7946.7

Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €947.25

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have not yet held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 168 members.

Film Society

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

Film Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

Societies Day » Áras na MacLeinn on Wednesday, 21st of September.

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

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

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

Rocky Horror Picture Show » AM250 on Monday, 24th of October.
Kill Bill 1 » AM 150 on Thursday, 27th of October.
Gerry Stembridge Directors » Siobhan McKenna on Tuesday, 1st of November.
Terry McMahon Screenwriters » AM107 on Wednesday, 2nd of November.
A Night of Irish Film Shorts » Áras Na Gaeilge on Thursday, 3rd of November.
Taxi Driver » AM 150 on Thursday, 17th of November.
Pre-production meeting, script workshop » AM 107 on Thursday, 12th of January.
Martin Mc Gagh Workshops » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 17th of January.
Societies Day 2 » Áras na MacLeinn on Wednesday, 18th of January.
The Nightmare Before Christmas » AM 150 on Thursday, 19th of January.
Inside I'm Dancing » AM 150 on Thursday, 26th of January.
Crash » AM150 on Thursday, 2nd of February.
Rosemary's Baby » AM 150 on Thursday, 9th of February.
Film Festival » Cinema Mobile on Monday, 20th of February.
Short & Bitter Sweet » Mobile Cinema near to Áras na MacLeinn on Tuesday, 21st of February.
Directors & Producers Workshop » Arts Millennium Building Room 107 on Thursday, 23rd of February.
Film-soc Shorts: Post-Discussion » AM 150 on Thursday, 9th of March.
The Shawshank Redemption » Kirwin on Tuesday, 14th of March.
Goodfellas » AM 150 on Thursday, 16th of March.
"THE BIG LEBOWSKI" » Kirwin on Tuesday, 21st of March.
AGM and Reservoir Dogs » AM 150 on Thursday, 23rd of March.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: James McWalter	Vice-Auditor: Cian Carney
Treasurer: Shaun Murray	Secretary: Henry Martin
PRO/Website: Meabh Haiceid	Equipment Officer: Robert Dodey
SDO: Aimee Levey	OCM: Jack Stenson
PRO: David Burke	

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Jack Stenson	Vice-Auditor: Daniel Regan
Secretary: John Burke	Equipment Officer: Robert Dooley
PRO: Garry Henry	

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	596.61	Bank charge	€3.75
Greenform	€100	Dinner	€19.8
Múscailt	€184.46	Entertainment	€176.9
Socs box	€15	Equipment misc.	€225.7
Societies day	€260.78	Materials	€97.5
Sponsorship	€0.65	Reception	€193.71
USC Grant	€391.04	Socs day expenses	€24.13
		Speaker accommodation	€100

		Speaker travel	€79
		Stationary	€9.5
		Teacher fees	€369
		Expenditure Total	€1298.99
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€249.55
Total	€1548.54	Total	€1548.54

Other Information

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

French Society

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

French Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 65 events that took place. 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 De Burgo's, beginning on Wednesday, 28/9/2005.

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

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

Learn Breton dancing with an experienced teacher!

French Choir » ran for 8 weeks in AM205, beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

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

Soiree Francaise (Semester 2) » ran for 1 week in De Burgo's, Augustine St., beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

Special Events:

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

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

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

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

'La vie est un long fleuve tranquille'.

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (2) » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 11/10/2005.

'Un long dimanche de fiancailles'.

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (3) » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 18/10/2005.

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (4) » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 25/10/2005.

'La 317e Section'.

Lorient Jazz Duo » De Burgo's on Thursday, 27/10/2005.

Jazz duo all the way from Lorient, Brittany!

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (5) » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.

'La Bataille d'Alger'.

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (6) » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 15/11/2005.

'Jeux d' Enfants'.

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

Learn modern French songs!

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

'The Last Mitterand'.

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

'Le père noel est une ordure'.

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

Auditions for French play 'le père noel est une ordure'.

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (7) » Patrick Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 22/11/2005.

'Harry, he's here to help'.

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

Learn modern French songs!

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

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

5-course French meal!

Soiree Cinema (8) » O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 17/1/2006.

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (9) » O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 17/1/2006.

Societies Day » Áras na MacLéinn on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

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

Soiree Cinema (10) » O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.

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

Soiree Cinema (11) » O Tnuthail Theatre (AMB) on Tuesday, 31/1/2006.

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (12) » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 7/2/2006.*

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (13) » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 14/2/2006.*

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

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

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (14) » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.*

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

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

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (15) » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.*

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (16) » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 7/3/2006.*

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (17) » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 14/3/2006.*

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

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

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

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

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (18) » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 21/3/2006.*

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

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

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

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

FrenchSoc Soiree Cinema (19) » *O Tnuthail Theatre on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.*

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Chloé Diskin

Treasurer: Caitriona Joyce

OCM: Nicola Doyle

Post Grad Rep.: Maura Stewart

PRO: Adam White

Vice-Auditor: Eoin Ó Cuilinn

Secretary: Rory Spellman

OCM: Sheenaz Ahmadnia

T.O.: Louise Derrien

OCM: Edel Carrigy

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	761.08	Affill/Mem fees	€313.56
Fundraising	€560	Bank charge	€6.27
Members Contributions	€1600	Dinner	€223.81
Ticket Sales	€19.9	Entertainment	€152.63
USC Grant	€2410	Equipment misc.	€18.05
		Society transport	€4138.2
		Stationary	€11.99
		Teacher fees	€60
		Expenditure Total	€4924.51
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€426.47
Total	€5350.98	Total	€5350.98

Other Information

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

Geology Society

RocSoc- the not so dormant society: We host a lecture series throughout the year covering topics from Dinosaurs to mountain building. This year we had several guest speakers including Prof. Ian Sanders and Prof. Patrick Orr and we also managed to squeeze in a few movie nights and a weekend away in Bundoran, Co. Donegal. (It may have been dubbed "tacky" by the Lonely Planet guidebook but we loved it!)

Geology Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Stone, bones, axes and collapses » AC206 Geology dept in the Quad on Thursday, 6th of October.

A virtual excursion to the Gregory Rift East Africa

Committee meeting » Ac206 on Thursday, 10th of November.

Finalising details for the fieldtrip, i.e. travel times, accommodation and researching information on various localities in the area.

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

Quartz welding and a late snowball earth phenomenon in Scandinavia

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

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

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

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

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

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

To discuss what events will be held in semester 2.

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

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

Committee meeting » AC203 Geology dept in the Quad on Thursday, 16th of March.

Passing information to incoming committee members.

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

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Secretary: Rachel griffin

Vice P.R.O.: Niamh McMahon

Public Relations Officer: Anna Bunyan

Treasurer: Aoife Brady

Web Consultant: Aileen Fitzgerald

Web Consultant: Rachel Griffin

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Edward Lynch

Treasurer: Warren Beattie

Vice-Auditor: Daithí MacGearailt

Secretary: Rachel Griffin

Society Finance Details

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

		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€131.64
Total	€1322.29	Total	€1322.29

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM and our total membership stands at 212 members.

German Society

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

German Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 41 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:

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

Weekly indoor soccer! » ran for 11 weeks in Sports hall, beginning on Thursday, 12/1/2006.

Bar Abend (Semester 2) » ran for 8 weeks in The Living room, beginning on Tuesday, 31/1/2006.

Special Events

This year we held 10 special events. These events were as follows:

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

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

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

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

GermanSoc would like to invite all members and friends to our big kick-off party for 2006! We are hoping to attract as many people as possible! There are always plenty of international students and it's a great chance to get a slice of international culture! Specifically, there will be plenty from Germany and some from France but we hope to see all nationalities on the night as all are welcome! It's on in De Burgo's and I will email all subscribers with details and posters will be pinned up!

1st Barabend of 2006 » De Burgo's on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.

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

The GermanSoc Burren Weekend is a long lasting annual tradition dating back some 15 years. Its open to members to spend a German speaking weekend away at the Burren. Tickets cost 20 euro and that includes 2 nights accommodation, transport to and from NUIG, and meals. Its always proved thoroughly enjoyable!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Eoin Kelly

Vice-Auditor: Breda Kelly

Treasurer: Cliona Murray

Hon. Treasurer & Departmental Liaison Officer: Vincent O Connell

P.R.O.: Brian O Connell

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	6.92	Costumes	€270
Fundraising	€990	Entertainment	€2614.4
Socs box	€995	Makeup/Props	€230
Sponsorship	€0.09	Materials	€572.2
Ticket Sales	€1079.83	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€168
USC Grant	€965		
		Expenditure Total	€3854.6
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€182.24
Total	€4036.84	Total	€4036.84

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 250 members.

GiGSoc (Gay in Galway)

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

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Events

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas Party » Club De Burgo's, Augustine Street on Tuesday, 29th of November.

Mind, Body, Soul » *Cindy Dring's Office, The Hub on Monday, 23rd of January.*
First Meeting of Semester 2: Who Are We? » *IT204 on Tuesday, 24th of January.*
Smells Like Queen Spirit » *An Pucán (upstairs) on Thursday, 2nd of February.*
USI Discussion Group » *IT204 on Tuesday, 7th of February.*
Auditions for 'The Birdcage' » *IT202 on Wednesday, 8th of February.*
Gay Acceptance Week » *NUI, Galway on Sunday, 12th of February.*
Gay Wedding Invitation » *Aula Maxima, NUI, Galway on Tuesday, 14th of February.*
Film Night: The Bird Cage » *IT 204 on Tuesday, 21st of February.*
Charity Slave Auction » *Club Áras na nGael on Tuesday, 28th of February.*
GiGSoc Unplugged » *Buskers Browns on Tuesday, 7th of March.*
Blind Date » *Strano's on Tuesday, 14th of March.*
The Birdcage » *Town Hall Theatre Studio on Wednesday, 22nd of March.*
AGM » *IT 204 on Tuesday, 28th of March.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Jo

Secretary: Liam

Education Officer: Jeff

New Members Liaison Officer: Daire

Treasurer: Sean

Auditor: Alan

Extraordinary Committee Member: Liz

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Jeffrey Rockett

Secretary: John Gilmore

Co-Auditor: Rachel Lynch

Extraordinary Committee Member: James Coughlan

Treasurer: Raymond Flynn

New Members Liaison Officer: David Quinlivan

Public Relations Officer: Amy Boland

Education Officer: Kiran Emrich

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	494.9	Affill/Mem fees	€784.16
Fundraising	€176	Bank charge	€8.38
Greenform	€600	Costumes	€304.89
Ticket Sales	€694	Dinner	€70
USC Grant	€1663.17	Entry fees	€111.3
		Equipment misc.	€490
		Makeup/Props	€81
		Materials	€70
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€38.7
		Printing	€50
		Prizes	€40
		Promotions	€55
		Reception	€271.7

		Society accommodation	€14.8
		Society transport	€225
		Socs day expenses	€100
		Teacher fees	€90
		Expenditure Total	€2804.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€823.14
		Unreconciled cheque total	€0
Income Total	€3628.07	Expenditure Total	€3628.07

Other Information

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

Goal Society

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

Goal Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Alan Dunne

Vice-Auditor: Colin Lyons

Treasurer: Laverne Mullen

Secretary: Crona Glynn

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Colin Lyons

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	493.08	Bank charge	€1.12
Fundraising	€2424.53	Fundraising/charity	€3200
Sponsorship	€400	Prizes	€100
USC Grant	€300	Reception	€140
		Expenditure Total	€3441.12
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€176.49
Total	€3617.61	Total	€3617.61

Other Information

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

The Green Party Society

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

Green Party Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 34 events.

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

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

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

Weekly Meetings (X6) » Weekly meetings were held in AM108 on the following dates: Wednesday 5th of October, Wednesday 12th of October, Wednesday 19th of October, Wednesday 26th of October, Wednesday 2nd of November, Wednesday, 9th of November.

Waste/Energy week, event no.1 » *Larmour Theatre on Monday, 14th of November.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trip to National convention » *Eyre Square on Friday, 18th of November.*

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

Fair-trade Fr. Ted » *IT125 on Wednesday, 30th of November.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The First annual Young Greens @ NUI, Galway International Independent Film Fleadh. A week long series of films on various issues. First Film: 'The Corporation' in IT 125 on Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AGM » AM108 on Wednesday, 22nd of March.

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

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

Fair-trade Fr. Ted. II » IT125 on Tuesday, 18th of April.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Joanne Coffey

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OCM: Rachel Sukeforth

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Vice-Auditor: Andrew Murphy

Secretary: Shane Connolly

OCM: James Hope

PRO [Press]: Niamh Mulvey

Irish Officer: Eoin Golden

Society Finance Details

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

Other Information

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

History Society

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

This year we continued to provide students with lectures both on and off campus and we continued with the Ruby Room Lecture series which was began last year in the Kingshead. This year we had interesting lectures on topics from "Vietnam and Iraq and the American collective attitude to War by Dr. David Ryan" to "Travellers: people persecuted historically In Ireland North and South?" on campus. While in the Ruby Room we had a lecture by Maura Walsh of our own department on Early Medieval Music which was followed by an impromptu seisiún cheoil.

The Society also travelled to Dun Eidin in Edinburgh in January in an attempt to create a link between the History Soc here at NUIG and the one at the University of Edinburgh. Unfortunately we are still in discussion about this and nothing has been arranged fully as of yet. However luckily for us and those who joined us on our weekend in Edinburgh there are plenty of historical monuments in the city and we did manage to visit a few, including the beautiful castle and we were treated to a private guided tour of The House of Parliament by the Scottish Nationalist Party and we also showed the residents some Irish craic.

Thanks to the Department for their help and who encouraged links with Edinburgh Professor Steven Ellis and a counterpart from the University of Mainz, Germany; Prof Ludolf Palizaeus. The society is forging links with the University of Mainz History Society and we hope to visit them and to receive a return visit from them to Galway in the next academic year. This link is supported and encouraged by the Departments in both universities. Both these are attempts to aid those who wish to pursue post grad work. The Society also sent five post grad speakers to the Annual Irish History Societies Conference in Limerick, these were supported by three members of the Committee and the Head of The Department Steven Ellis.

And how could we forget the hugely successful Arts Ball at the Radisson SAS in Galway at which 900 students attended, (the number was originally 700 but demand was so great we had to provide 200 additional tickets). With purchase of a ticket everybody received a booklet containing the upcoming events of the Fleadh Imboilg of which the Ball was the centrepiece. The evening was a fantastic success with pre-reception at Bar903 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 the Lewd Tunes, a popular local band, and DJ Byrno played tunes for us into the small hours of the following morning. The next morning a discounted breakfast was organised for those who had wristbands from the night before in Bar903 and entertainment was provided in the Collage Bar after which the wristbands were once again useful to holders in gaining free entry for them into the Cuba* nightclub that night.

History Soc / Cumann Staire Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

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

Arts Ball Tickets Queue » <http://brockman.nuigalway.ie/~historysoc> on Wednesday, 1st of February.
Arts Ball tickets go on Sale » Áras na MacLéinn on Thursday, 2nd of February.
Vietnam, Victory Culture and Iraq » Téatar Fottrell Theatre (AM200) on Wednesday, 22nd of February.
Guest Speaker: Dr. Ludolf Palizaeus » O'Tnuthail theatre, A.M. Building on Wednesday, 8th of March.
James VI & I and the Witches of Mac Beth » Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 14th of March.
The Real Naomh Pádhraig » Ruby Room of the Kings Head on Wednesday, 15th of March.
Travellers and the State 1922-70 » IT125 on Monday, 20th of March.
"Sensuality without responsibility"?: » AC214 on Wednesday, 22nd of March.
Reconstructing French identity, 1944-46 » CSHSHC on Monday, 27th of March.
The response of the Allied Powers in Europe » CSHCHC on Tuesday, 28th of March.
CCB - AGM » IT207 on Thursday, 30th of March.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Tadhg Ó Broin

Treasurer: Sé Ó Duibhir

Ionadaí Tríú Bliana/3 Year Rep: Grace Ní Shealbhaigh

Rúnaí Chomhfhreagrais/Secretary: Claire Ní Ghallchoir

Ionadaí Chéad Bliana/1 Year Rep: Enda Breathnach

Oifigeach Chaidreamh Poiblí/PRO: Eoghan Mac Siurtain

Oifigeach Seirbhísí Teicniúla: Pait Ó Flaitheartaigh

Vice-Auditor: Tommy Ó Murchú

Secretary: Fiona Nic Eoghain

Oifigeach IHSA: Diarmuid Ó hUrthuile

Ionadaí Íarchéime/Postgrad Rep: Rose Anne de Faoite

Ionadaí Dara Bliana/2 Year Rep: Michael Barter

Eagraí don Arts Ball 2006: Tonaí Ó Roduibh

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Tonaí Ó Roduibh

Secretary: Tadhg Byrne

Ionadaí Bhliain Deirneach /Final Year Rep: Claire Ní Ghallchoir

Treasurer: Sorcha Turner

Ionadaí Dara Bliana/2 Year Rep: Enda Breathnach

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

Eagraitheoir don Arts Ball 2007: Sé Ó Duibhir

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	177.83	Bank charge	€13.66
Greenform	€50	Dinner	€192.1
Members Contributions	€585.67	Entry fees	€165
Sponsorship	€200	Equipment misc.	€20
USC Grant	€2028.5	Reception	€356.04
		Returned Money	€108
		Society accommodation	€1042.16

		Society transport	€330
		Speaker accommodation	€95
		Speaker travel	€145
		Expenditure Total	€2466.96
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€30
		Closing Bank Balance	€575.04
Total	€3042	Total	€3042

Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €30

Other Information

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

Horse Racing Society

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

Our main event, as ever, was our Cheltenham Preview night, held this year on the 6th of March in the Salthill Hotel. The night was a record breaking success with a crowd of approximately 550 attending. A sum in the region of €22,000 was raised for Direct Aid For Africa on the night, and the society would like to thank all those who contributed time and money to this worthy cause, especially our many sponsors. All this was achieved solely through the work of society members, and without any funding from the college.

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

Horse Racing Society Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

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

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

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: William Morris

Treasurer: Bobby Glavin

PRO: Ronan Byrnes

Vice-Auditor: David McElroy

Secretary: Brian Morris

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: William Morris

Treasurer: Brian Morris

Vice-Auditor: David McElroy

Secretary: Bobby Glavin

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1075.17	Bank charge	€15
Fundraising	€500	Fundraising/charity	€19903
Sponsorship	€19903	Hire Bus	€605
		Expenditure Total	€20523
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€955.17
Total	€21478.17	Total	€21478.17

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 150 members.

The Human Rights Society

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

Human Rights Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

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

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

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

GRÁ events» Across Campus on Monday, 6th of March.

GRÁ week events» AC215 on Tuesday, 7th of March.

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

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

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Laura Heneghan

Vice-Auditor: Patricia Descambes

Treasurer: Joanne Coffey

Secretary: Thomas Meehan

Society Finance Details

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

Other Information

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

International Students Society

The International Student's Society is open to all visiting and Irish students. We encourage multicultural activities and the sharing of diverse cultures. We do this through planning trips, social events and our famous 'Dincert' which celebrates food, culture and music of the world. Our committee meets every Thursday at 5pm in the Hub. We are always looking for new ideas and members. We meet socially every Wednesday at 9pm at the Kings Head. All are welcome.

International Students Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Trip to the Cliffs of Moher » *Cliffs of Moher on Saturday, 1st of October.*

Trip to Belfast » *Belfast on Friday, 4th of November.*

Trip to Burren » *Burren on Thursday, 10th of November.*

Trip through Connemara » *County Galway on Monday, 21st of November.*

Trip to the Cliffs of Moher » *Cliffs on Friday, 27th of January.*

AGM » *Aula Maxima on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

International Student's Society dincert » *Aula Maxima on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Gamuledu Nthaba

Vice-Auditor: Ashfaaq Maher

Treasurer: Lisani Ntoni

Secretary: Faridah

Additional Members: Ali Al-Sharek

Mentor: Saud Al

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	726.43	Bank charge	€7.5
Members Contributions	€2500	Dinner	€200
Socs box	€1250	Society accommodation	€3354.55
Ticket Sales	€725.48	Society transport	€480
USC Grant	€1325		
		Expenditure Total	€4042.05
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€1650
		Closing Bank Balance	€2484.86
Total	€6526.91	Total	€6526.91

Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €1650

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 500 members and we have submitted our list of members to the Societies Office.

Italian Society

The Italian Society has this year succeeded in creating awareness of our presence and activities throughout the college. With a committee composed mainly of returned Erasmus students, we felt it was highly important to bring some of the culture we experienced last year to the University, as well as to promote greater links with the Italian community at NUIG.

The society focused on social events such as meetings in Massimo's, a Carnivale masquerade ball and a table quiz. It was felt that we needed to emphasise the social aspect of the society as it is in this way that connections can best be made between Italian and Irish students. Whether between Irish people, or with Italians involved, everyone made an effort on these evenings to make some practical use of the language we study in college.

The Carnivale event was perhaps our best event focused on culture. Italians in Galway seemed delighted that they didn't miss out on what in Italy is one of the biggest events of the year. *Áras na nGael* proved a highly successful venue, allowing us to ask along a group of Neapolitan musicians who made sure we were all dancing by the end of the night.

Our Italian History lecture drew a large crowd, comprising of Italians, Irish students, and a surprising number of non-students who came along out of interest. It proved that good advertising can go a long way! It was followed by a wonderful, spontaneous debate on the nature of Italian identity, and a wine reception.

Italian Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

AGM/Welcome Party » *Áras na nGael on Saturday, 15th of October.*

Table Quiz » Massimo's on Saturday, 5th of November.

Get Together » Massimo's on Wednesday, 25th of January.

History Talk » Siobhan McKenna Theatre (first floor AM Building) on Thursday, 26th of January.

Carnivale » Áras na nGael on Thursday, 16th of February.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Éanna Conneely

Vice-Auditor: Sinéad Geoghan

Treasurer: Lisa Leahy

Secretary: Éilis Ryan

P.R.O: Michael Nolan

Honorary Treasurer: Maeve Egan

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	50.84	Affill/Mem fees	€30.85
Members Contributions	€861	Bank charge	€3.75
Ticket Sales	€40	Entertainment	€327.15
USC Grant	€1132	Gifts	€21
		Society accommodation	€232
		Society transport	€1192
		Socs day expenses	€16
		Expenditure Total	€1822.75
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€261.09
Total	€2083.84	Total	€2083.84

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 160 members.

Juggling Society

The main aim of the Juggling Society is to encourage and develop juggling, other circus skills and physical performance in NUI, Galway. In particular we seek to provide a space for practice, socialising, skill sharing and performance. Also, we organise trips to juggling events and host our own. In doing this we hope to provide an alternative means of recreation which is physically and mentally active, productive, progressive, yet non-competitive. The juggling society juggles things, spins things, throws things and swings things. We teach and learn juggling, diablo, poi, acrobalance, spinning plates, devil sticks, staff, cigar boxes, hacky sack, yo-yo, Rola-bola, Frisbee and anything else we can think of.

Juggling Soc is one of the few performing arts societies in the college. We provide a medium for the expression of visual skills based performance on a non-competitive level. We encourage active participation from students from all departments and walks of life. The social aspect of the society is especially fostered in the skills sharing sessions. We have attracted

numerous foreign students to the sessions to learn diverse skills and make new friends while visiting our country and university.

Juggling Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 97 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

This year we held 6 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

Ball-Passing Workshop » ran for 5 weeks in Circus Culture, beginning on Wednesday, 7/9/2005.

Ball-passing Workshop with Circus Culture

Cup of Tea and Relax in the college bar » ran for 12 weeks in College Bar, beginning on Tuesday, 10/1/2006.

Acrobalance classes » ran for 3 weeks in Art Gallery in the Quad, beginning on Wednesday, 25/1/2006.

Acrobalance in association with Mind, Body and Soul programme and circus culture in the Art Gallery.

Open Sessions of Juggling » ran for 9 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Thursday, 2/2/2006.

Open Sessions of Juggling (change of venue) » ran for 2 weeks in Áras Na Mac Léinn Sports Hall, beginning on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.

Open Sessions of Juggling » also ran for 2 weeks in BOI Theatre or Áras na Mac Léinn Atrium, beginning on Thursday, 30/3/2006.

Special Events

This year we held 62 special events. These events were as follows:

Ball-Making Workshop » The Hub on Sunday, 4/9/2005.

Anyone who still doesn't own 3 balls has a chance to make their own: Ingredients provided.

Socs open day » Áras na Mac Léinn on Wednesday, 21/9/2005.

Introduction to 3 Ball Juggling » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 26/9/2005.

An invitation to all new members of the society to take the first steps in learning to juggle 3 balls.

Workshops: 3 Ball and Acrobalance. » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 27/9/2005.

A further workshop on juggling 3 balls for beginners as well as in introduction to acrobalance. Open juggling session for those not involved in the above.

Clonakilty Juggling Convention » Clonakilty on Friday, 30/9/2005.

Clonakilty Juggling Convention (Day 2) » Clonakilty on Saturday, 1/10/2005.

Open Session of Juggling » BOI Theatre on Monday, 3/10/2005.

An open session for all members to share skills and have fun.

Workshops: Acrobalance and Poi » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 4/10/2005.

A workshop hosted by the experienced Kiki who is from a circus school in Berlin. Open session of juggling for all those not involved.

Open Session of Juggling » BOI Theatre on Monday, 10/10/2005.

Workshop: Devil Stick and Advanced Poi » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 11/10/2005.

Circus Culture will give a beginners workshop in this discipline. We only have enough sticks for 20 people so come on time if you want to participate. Also this week we are joined by Ronan, Ireland's premier poi swinger, who will be teaching at an advanced poi workshop.

Open Session of Juggling » Áras na Mac Léinn Racquetball Courts on Monday, 17/10/2005.

Workshop: Beginners' Poi » *Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 18/10/2005.*

Beginners' Poi workshop. Bring your own if you can. Open session of juggling for those not involved.

Society Party! » *Bar903 on Tuesday, 18/10/2005.*

There will be a Juggling Soc Party in Bar 903 (under Cuba). There will be free food and passes to Cuba afterwards. Everyone is welcome and it should be great craic!

Cluain Mhuire Fundraising in the Warwick » *Warwick Hotel on Thursday, 27/10/2005.*

Open Session Of Juggling » *BOI Theatre on Monday, 31/10/2005.*

Workshop: Beginners' Staff » *Áras na Mac Léinn Racquetball Courts on Tuesday, 1/11/2005.*

Bring your own staffs, mop and broom handles or whatever else and we'll supply the rest! Open session of juggling for those not involved.

Tralee Juggling Convention » *Tralee on Friday, 4/11/2005.*

This will take place from Friday November 4th 'til Sunday November 6th. We are arranging transport, accommodation and convention registration. Look out for further emails or talk to Nick or Colm at meetings for more info on price and convention details.

Toby Walker: World's Greatest Juggler » *Siobhán McKenna Theatre on Monday, 7/11/2005.*

Juggling Performance from the legendary Toby Walker, the world's finest club juggler and friends in Renegade Show.

Workshop: Advanced 3 Club » *Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.*

Club juggling workshop given by Toby Walker. Places will be limited to 25 so make sure to be there early and bring your equipment.

ABU with DJ Soc » *Áras na Gael on Thursday, 10/11/2005.*

Fire performance in Áras Na Gael.

Open Session of Juggling » *BOI Theatre on Monday, 14/11/2005.*

Workshop: Acrobalance » *Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 15/11/2005.*

This week Circus Culture, featuring Ronan from Paris, will run an Acrobalance workshop.

Open Session of Juggling » *Áras na Mac Léinn Racquetball Courts on Monday, 21/11/2005.*

Skill Sharing Session and Workshop » *Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 22/11/2005.*

Open Session Of Juggling » *Áras na Mac Léinn Racquetball Courts on Monday, 28/11/2005.*

Open Session Of Juggling » *BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 29/11/2005.*

University Open Day Performance » *Áras na Mac Léinn Atrium on Thursday, 1/12/2005.*

Juggling for future prospective members of the university!

Open Session Of Juggling » *Áras Na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Monday, 5/12/2005.*

Open Session of Juggling » *BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 6/12/2005.*

Night out in Roisin Dubh » *Roisin Dubh on Wednesday, 7/12/2005.*

Open Juggling Session » *BOI theatre on Monday, 12/12/2005.*

Christmas Party! » *Kayak Shed in Fisheries Field on Friday, 16/12/2005.*

This year again Juggling Soc are joining the Kayak club for a Christmas Party to round off the year and put an end to the exams. All are welcome! Remember to bring your own nutrition and, as it's a shed, dress warm. It promises to be a great night so come along!

Juggling equipment arrival & distribution » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 4/1/2006.*

Juggling equipment order arrival and distribution.

Open Session of Juggling » *Áras na Mac Léinn Racquetball Courts on Monday, 9/1/2006.*

Society Party (New members welcome!!) » *5 New Avenue Wood on Monday, 9/1/2006.*

Our first independent party of the year. All are welcome!

Workshops: Beginners' 3 Ball and 3 Club. » *Áras na Mac Léinn on Tuesday, 10/1/2006.*

A chance for newbies to learn the basics and dive head-first into the wonderful world of juggling! Open Skills Sharing Session for those not involved.

Teddy Bear Hospital Juggling Performance » *Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Friday, 13/1/2006.*

A new society, DocSoc, are looking for us jugglers to entertain kids aged from 3-7 at their Teddy Bear's Hospital. The day involves children having their teddy bears examined by nursing and med students. They'll then get a 'prescription' which

they'll take to the 'Pharmacy' to get fruit to make their teddies better. 365 children are expected to attend. The kids don't expect world class jugglers so everybody is welcome to come and perform. They will be an appreciative audience! It would be great if society members would give one hour to entertain some children and it should be a great day.

Intermediate Poi workshop » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 17/1/2006.

Societies Day 2 Floor Show » Áras Na Mac Léinn Atrium on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

Come along for a juggle. We'll have a stand set-up & all the equipment will be there. Remember to bring any friends or random strangers that may be interested in signing their lives away to the Juggling Society.

Workshops & an Open Session of Juggling » Áras Na Mac Léinn on Monday, 23/1/2006.

Juggling Workshops » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.

Workshops in Hula-Hooping & 3-ball Juggling » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.

This week we will host an Introduction to 3-ball juggling alongside a beginners Hula-hoop workshop. Marion from Sicily will be joining us to teach the Hula-hooping. As always feel free to come along and practice whatever else you like and don't be afraid to ask others for help.

Devil-stick Workshop » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 31/1/2006.

This week, in association with Circus Culture we will host a beginners Devil-stick workshop. We only have enough sticks for 20 people so come on time if you want to participate. Following juggling we will be heading to the bar for tea/minerals. Come along!

Múscailt Launch & Photo shoot » The Quadrangle on Monday, 6/2/2006.

Múscailt Arts week is being launched this Monday. Come along for a juggle. A professional photographer will be present to shoot for the upcoming brochures. Its a great photo opportunity for the society and will be a fun day out. New members are welcome to come along! Wear: ideally Juggling Soc hoodies or bright coloured t-shirts and black / dark coloured trousers, (not essential!)

Beginners Diabolo Workshop » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 7/2/2006.

This week we will host a beginners Diabolo (<http://www.diabolotricks.com/>) workshop. Again please bring your own diabolos if you have any!!

Belfast Juggling Convention » Belfast on Friday, 10/2/2006.

Intermediate Diabolo Workshop » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 14/2/2006.

This week we will be joined by Eimhin; a professional juggler who will teach an Intermediate Diabolo Workshop. Again please bring your own diabolos if you have any!!

Beginners/Intermediate Poi Workshop » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

This week we will host a beginners/intermediate Poi (<http://www.homeofpoi.com/>) workshop. We'll supply the equipment but bring your own if you have it.

Múscailt Impromptu performance on campus » All over Campus on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.

Outdoor Extravaganza & Fire Show » Outside Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.

Juggling Soc Outdoor Extravaganza & Fire Show

Soccer - Juggling soc v. NCBES postgrads » St. Anthony's Soccer Pitch on Friday, 24/2/2006.

Chinese State Circus » Black Box on Friday, 24/2/2006.

If you have paid for your circus ticket, we will be meeting at the Black Box @ 7:30. Following the show we will be going to Salthill for a society party. Everybody is welcome!

Competed in Intersoc soccer tournament » Daingean sports complex on Monday, 27/2/2006.

Ball-passing workshop » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.

This week we will host a ball-passing workshop. We'll supply the balls but bring your own if you have any so that we have enough.

Open Session of Juggling » Arts Millennium Building Atrium on Monday, 6/3/2006.

Intermediate Ball-passing workshop » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 7/3/2006.

Open session of juggling » Áras na MacLeinn Atrium on Thursday, 9/3/2006.

Dublin Juggling Convention » Dublin on Friday, 10/3/2006.

Dublin Juggling Convention: Fire show on Friday night 8-10 in Market Square, Temple Bar. Workshops and open session of juggling in Larkin Hall, Cathal Brugha Street, 10a.m. - 6p.m., juggling show in Ambassador Theatre 7:30-9:30 and then games and workshops from 11-5 in Larkin Hall on Sunday.

3-Club Workshop » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall. on Tuesday, 14/3/2006.

This week we will host a beginners and intermediate 3-club juggling workshop. Bring your own if you have any.

Open session of Juggling » BOI Theatre on Thursday, 16/3/2006.

St. Patrick's Day Parade » Galway and Westport on Friday, 17/3/2006.

Members participated in parades in Galway with Macnas and also in Westport.

Contact-Staff workshop. » Áras na Mac Léinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 21/3/2006.

This week we will host a Contact-Staff workshop. We'll supply the staff but bring your own if you have any.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Richard Lyons

Treasurer: Colm Pattwell

Events/Society Development: Anna

Events/Society Development: Katie

Equipment Team member: Stephen Rourke

New Members Liaison: Liza

Equipment Team member: Luke Dillon

Health & Safety Officer: Orla Curry

Events/Society Development: Eimhin Shortt

OCM: Fiona

Vice-Auditor: Brendan Fahy

Secretary: Louise

Events/Society Development: Rachael Mahon

Equipment Team member: Philip McVeigh

New Members Liaison: Conor

Event Coordinator: Nich Dolan

Secretary/ Web master: Daniel McGill

Photographic Officer: Steve Boyd

OCM: Liz

OCM: Dave

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Brian Mc Ginley

Treasurer: Richie Lyons

Equipment Officer/P.R.O: Stephen Rourke

Equipment Officer/P.R.O: Luke Dillon

Equipment Officer/P.R.O: John Heavey

New Members Liaison: Laura Heneghan

Co-Secretary: Rachael Mahon

Vice-Auditor: Nick Dolan

Secretary: Seamus Cawley

Photographic Officer: Steve Boyd

Event Coordinator: Colm Pattwell

Safety Office: Orla Curry

Co-Secretary: Daniel McGill

Co-Secretary: Brendan Fahy

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	20.17	Bank charge	€6.84
Members Contributions	€1199	Costumes	€1293.73
Socs box	€825	Dinner	€60
Societies day	€180	Entertainment	€885
Sponsorship	€250	Entry fees	€480
USC Grant	€5073	Materials	€66
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€120
		Society accommodation	€930

Society transport	€144
Speaker accommodation	€105
Speaker travel	€105
Teacher fees	€600
Expenditure Total	€4795.57
Unreconciled Cheque Total	€2698.77
Closing Bank Balance	€2751.6

Total €7547.17

Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €2698.77

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 528 members.

Karting Society

The Karting Society was started up and run by enthusiasts of the sport of go-karting and motor sport in general. During the societies first full year of activity we provided opportunities for people to get involved with motor sport in both recreational and competitive settings. In the future however we see that it may be necessary to include a broader spectrum of people in the society. The focus of next year will be to maintain and expand the sporting activity, while also providing a social and educational aspect for people who are interested in the artistic and intellectual spheres so abundant in the world of competitive motor sport and throughout the diverse automotive world.

Karting Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

E.G.M. » *AC203 on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

An introduction to the Karting Society and a run-down of events that will be taking place over the next semester. Also we will be looking for competitors interested in trying out for one of two teams to go the Intervarsities.

Trip to Pallas Karting » *Pallas Karting, Tynagh on Monday, 13th of February.*

A thrilling afternoon of high speed, high action go-karting at Ireland's and Europe's largest Go-Kart track! Spending our entire budget means the cost is only €26 and the bus is free! A must for anyone interested in karting.

Playstation Competition » *Back room, college bar on Tuesday, 28th of February.*

This event, in support of rag week, was held in the college bar on the Tuesday evening of rag week. We held a Playstation competition with the Formula One 2005 game. Two contestants at a time competed against each other in front of the big screen with points earned for placing and a winner stays on format. Contestants could then re-enter and increase their overall points tally with the chance at the end of the night of winning one of 6 amazing prizes which included: 200 euro sponsored by Eagle Star Life, dinner for two at Milano, a 65 euro voucher for Charlie Byrnes, a 50 euro voucher for Ryan Menswear, a wash and cut at MRHC and a wash and cut at Savoy Barbers. There were also spot prizes available on the night from Hanley Menswear, John Deeley Menswear, Hairy Legs and Zhivago Music Store. We'd like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity and everyone who showed up on the night and took part.

Karting Intervarsity » *Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford on Saturday, 4th of March.*

All-Ireland competition against some of the very best amateur karters in the country including the current Irish National Karting champion Adrian Fallon. A team event with four per team in a grand prix style race preceded by 8 timed heat laps.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: David McDonagh

Secretary: Sean Healy

Public Relations Officer: Colum Charlton

Vice-Auditor: Enda O'Connor

Health & Safety Officer: Jason McNamara

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Affill/Mem fees	€610
Members Contributions	€154	Prizes	€200
Socs box	€260	Stationary	€4
Sponsorship	€200		
USC Grant	€200		
		Expenditure Total	€814
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€
Total	€814	Total	€814

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 502 members.

Labour Youth Society

The Labour Youth Society has striven to increase engagement with political processes amongst the student body. We have firmly believed that such engagement is a fundamental element of a Democratic state. Throughout the year our campaigns, meetings, forums, discussion groups and conferences have been as open as possible to facilitate such interaction and we have been extremely pleased with the high level of input from students.

This year we felt rewarded by the positive response to the different campaigns we highlighted. The Breast Cancer Awareness campaign which saw Deputy Liz McManus, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and its spokesperson on Health, address a meeting in conjunction with several other societies. The Workers' Rights Awareness Week, a winner of a society's award of excellence, proved immensely informative and provided a safe and knowledgeable forum for students to explore their employment rights with representatives from all the major trade unions in Ireland.

Labour Youth Events

This year the society held a total of 19 events.

Colombia - The Untold Story » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 15th of September.*

The current situation in Colombia from the Irish delegation that visited the country this summer. David Geary, Chair of the Branch, who went on the delegation will give a short talk followed by Augustine O'Donoghue of the Socialist Workers in NCAI. A video of the delegation's trip and a report will also be covered. Please note that some elements of the video are quite emotional and it would be remiss of the society not to warn sensitive people. All welcome to attend. Cellar Bar reception afterwards.

Societies Day Meeting » *The Hub on Thursday, 22nd of September.*

Annual Campaign Meeting » *AM105 on Thursday, 29th of September.*

The Dáil visit » *Leinster House, Dublin on Thursday, 6th of October.*

General Meeting » *Am105 on Thursday, 20th of October.*

Liz McManus, Labour Health Spokesperson » *Am250 on Tuesday, 25th of October.*

Launching Breast Cancer Awareness week in conjunction with the Political Discussion Society. A discussion on Breast Cancer care in Ireland, Breast Check and the Marie Keating Foundation. Speakers include Liz McManus TD, Senator Margaret Cox and a representative from the Marie Keating Foundation. All are welcome to attend.

Conference Planning » *Am105 on Thursday, 3rd of November.*

National Conference » *The Arts Millennium Building on Saturday, 5th of November.*

Labour Youth's National Conference hosted by the Noel Browne (NUIG) branch of Labour. A high standard of debating and policy formation is expected. For a programme please log onto www.labouryouth.ie. Delegates must be registered by October 31st. People wishing to attend (no voting entitlements) must register between 9am and 11:30am each day.

Workers Rights Awareness Week » *AM Building on Tuesday, 8th of November.*

A workers rights fair featuring union reps from across the board in the Arts Millennium Building and Áras na Mac Léinn. In the evenings we will have meetings in the Siobhan McKenna Theatre. For a programme of events please check out our posters around the campus.

General Meeting » *AM105 on Thursday, 17th of November.*

General Meeting (Semester 2) » *on Wednesday, 11th of January (venue to be confirmed)*

Meeting » *AM105 on Wednesday, 25th of January.*

Labour Youth » *AM105 - Arts Building on Wednesday, 1st of February.*

Film Night & Meeting » *AM105 on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

EGM & General Meeting » *AM105 on Wednesday, 15th of February.*

General Meeting » *AM105 (Arts Millennium Building) on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*

Society General Meeting » *AM105 (Arts Millennium Building) on Friday, 10th of March.*

The Future of the Left in Ireland » *TBC on Thursday, 30th of March.*

National Conference » *The Helix, DCU on Friday, 31st of March.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: David Geary

Treasurer: Fiona Coyle

Staff Treasurer: Dr. Brendan Flynn

Equality Officer: Jenny Hickey

Vice-Auditor: Éilís Fallon

Secretary: Sinead Magee

Press Secretary: Ronan Moyles

OCM: Nicola McGarry

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: David Geary

Vice-Auditor: Fiona Coyle

Staff Treasurer: Dr. Brendan Flynn

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	216.38	Bank charge	€14.66
Sponsorship	€900	Dinner	€159.8
USC Grant	€1525.2	Equipment misc.	€495.2
		Reception	€1294.45
		Returned Money	€455
		Speaker accommodation	€170

		Expenditure Total	€2589.11
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€52.47
Total	€2641.58	Total	€2641.58

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 210 members.

Law Society

Although one of the oldest societies in the University, the Law Society of NUI Galway continues to remain one of the most progressive and vibrant on campus. The society promotes learning and interaction among law students through a range of academic and social events. Meeting on Wednesdays in the Cairnes Theatre the Law Society provides a forum for discussion of day to day national and worldwide issues and hears speakers on both the more academic and practical sides of law and the legal system.

This year the society hosted solicitor Gerald Kean, the honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, President of the Law Reform Commission, John Lonagan, Governor of Mountjoy Prison and speakers from Kings' Inns and Blackhall Place to advise members on career opportunities. The Society also co-hosts a Debating Intervarsity, the National Law Debates, with the Literary and Debating Society.

The Law Society organises purely social events as well. A faculty party was held in September and the hugely successful Law Ball in January.

The Society is proudly sponsored by Matheson Ormsby Prentice.

Law Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

Maiden Speakers' Competition » Cairnes Theatre on Thursday, 29th of September.

Gerald Kean » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 5th of October.

Gerald Kean is a famous celebrity lawyer from Dublin and is head of Kean & Co Solicitors. He will address the Law Society on Media Law.

How to Study Law » IT 250 on Tuesday, 18th of October.

King's Inns Information Lecture » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 18th of October.

Presentation by Sarah McDonald Dean of Education and Marcella Higgins, Director of Education at the Honourable Society of the King's Inns.

Author Cox » Held on Tuesday, 18th of October.

Presentation by partners and trainee solicitors at one of Ireland's leading law firm.

Author Cox » Held on Wednesday, 19th of October.

A & L Goodbody » TBA on Thursday, 20th of October.

Presentation by partners and trainee solicitors at one of Ireland's leading law firm.

William Fry » IT Building on Tuesday, 25th of October.

Patrick King » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 9th of November.

Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 16th of November.

Law Ball » Bar903 and the Galway Bay Hotel on Tuesday, 24th of January.

Tickets on sale for the Law Ball at Smokeys on the Concourse 10AM-6PM and 6-7PM 24th-27th January. Law Ball takes place in the Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday the 2nd February. Full tickets - €60.00 Afters Tickets - €25.00

Donal Toolin and Grainne Archer » IT202 on Wednesday, 25th of January.

Nuala Kelly from the ICCL » AC214 on Wednesday, 8th of February.

National Law Debates » Arts Concourse on Friday, 10th of February.

Debating Intersarsity.

John Lonergan » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of March.

Gerard Quinn » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 15th of March.

A.G.M. » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 22nd of March.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Laura Cunningham

Treasurer: Eoghan Kenny

Education Officer: Daniel Curran

Marshall of the House: Amy Kelly

PRO: Cathal MacDonncha

Communications Officer: Orla Molloy

Vice-Auditor: Patrick Lloyd

Secretary: Michael Walsh

Speakers Convenor: Cathal Grennan

Social Secretary: Aisling Whelan

Assistant Social Officer: Caoimhe Mullins

Debates Convenor: Sharon Dillon-Lyons

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Orlaith Molloy

Treasurer: Sarah Bruen

Social Secretary: Michael Clancy

PRO: Christopher Lynch

Debates Convenor: John Moriarty

Vice-Auditor: Cathy Egan

Secretary: Christopher Campbell

Education Officer: Michelle Daly

Speakers Convenor: Cathal Grennan

Marshall of the House: Lisa Flood

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	628.77	Affill/Mem fees	€1464.1
Balls	€21070	Ball	€12949.8
Members Contributions	€300	Bank charge	€32.21
Socs box	€125	Dinner	€1676
Sponsorship	€7085.35	Entertainment	€142.2
USC Grant	€2163	Entry fees	€213.06
		Fundraising/charity	€3000
		Gifts	€315
		Hire Bus	€360
		Prizes	€350
		Promotions	€3400
		Reception	€1021.61
		Society transport	€454
		Speaker accommodation	€176
		Speaker travel	€140.42

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1,487 members.

Students for Life Society

The 2005/06 academic year was a somewhat quieter one than recent years for the society. On the whole, the year was made up of small meetings with a greater emphasis on charity fundraising events. In all the society raised around 1,200 euros in three events: two fundraising collections outside Áras na Mac Léinn, one in aid of AWARE and the other going towards the Samaritans as part of Rag Week. The latter raised around 630 euros alone. A table quiz, with the proceeds going to Special Olympics Ireland was a success with around 160 euros raised.

The society sent a delegation of seven to the Life Issues Conference in NUI, Maynooth in late February where journalists Ronan Mullen, David Quinn, Dr. Berry Kiely of the Pro-Life Campaign and British pro-life activist Peter Mallon discussed various current topics relevant to the pro-life cause. In October the society was well represented at a public information meeting at the Ardilaun House Hotel on the topic of Stem Cell research hosted by the REMEDI Institute based in NUI, Galway. A range of speakers gave a variety of informative presentations on this contentious issue. The society also re-forged links with the World Youth Alliance (WYA), an international voluntary body based on the theme of the dignity of human life. Society members received training packs as well as the chance to work on the WYA's 'Habitat' project in Romania next August, involving the building and orphanage.

In November, the society successfully disassociated itself in 'SIN' from the controversial Ultrasound (a Youth Defence linked body) organised tour of pro-life meetings where two American speakers, one of whom was Gianna Jasson, discussed their experiences of surviving abortion. The meeting, which flagrantly breached university society regulations, was successfully prevented from taking place. Despite this incident, the Life society will continue to strive to highlight the pro-life cause in a compassionate and rational manner without religious and political bias.

Life Society Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Societies Day social gathering » Galway on Wednesday, 21st of September.

Collection for Aware » On campus on Friday, 30th of September.

Stem Cell conference » Ardilaun House Hotel on Friday, 11th of November.

Table Quiz in aid of Special Olympics » Collage Bar on Wednesday, 8th of February.

Rag Week Collection For the Samaritans » On Campus on Thursday, 23rd of February.

Life issues conference » NUI Maynooth on Tuesday, 28th of February.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Seán Clancy

Treasurer: Myles Monaghan

HLM: Paul Smith

O.C.M.: Seán Small

Vice-Auditor: Katie O Driscoll

Secretary: Maria O hAodha

P.R.O.: Anthony Doherty

O.C.M.: Colin Smith

HLM: Sarah O Driscoll

O.C.M.: Sarah Pickering

HLM: Éilis Donohue

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	216.55	Bank charge	€1.4
Fundraising	€860	Fundraising/charity	€2144.33
Members' Contributions	€1327.73	Printing	€35
USC Grant	€740	Prizes	€100
		Returned Money	€300
		Society accommodation	€198
		Socs day expenses	€15.75
		Expenditure Total	€2794.48
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€349.8
Total	€3144.28	Total	€3144.28

Other Information

We held 40 committee meetings during the year and we have not yet held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 180 members.

Literary & Debating Society

The 159th Session of the Literary & Debating Society was all in all quite a successful year. The society exists in two parts; the external competitive element, and the internal meetings we run. We have taken on new schools competitions, and re-invigorated our workshop training programme for novice debaters, ensuring that committee members always had something to do.

From a competitive side the society has had notable success, particularly at the UCD and TCD intervarsity competitions where teams reached the semi-final stages, at the UCC IV where a fresher team reached the final of the Novice Competition, and at the UL IV where another fresher team made it to the final of the main competition. We have also had participants in break rounds at the World University Debating Championships, in the semi finals of the Irish Times and Irish Mace Competition, and more recently in both the Final of the London School of Economics Intersvarsity and the Inner Temple Intersvarsity. The Vice Auditor is the Irish Representative on World's Council, and the Connaught Rep on the Irish World Schools Council.

The internal organisation of the society is the other half of our activities. Several high profile and well received events were organised. Most notably The Irish Times Final, chaired by Senator David Norris, was a huge undertaking for the society and the Republicanism Debate, which pitted Michael McDowell against representatives from both branches of Sinn Fein. We also had meetings on issues such as immigration policy with Patrick Eston, leader of Veritas, and Philip Watt, chair of the National Consultative Council, and on racism and abortion with Frank Crummey of the Marie Stopes Foundation, and Ronan Mullen of the Irish Examiner, as well as a host of internal competitions and student led debates on topics such as US Foreign Policy, Educational Policy in Ireland and censorship of the media.

Lit & Deb Events

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

GIB's Night » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 22nd of September.

Colours Debate » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 29th of September.

Oxford Run-Off's Final » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 6th of October.

George Bush Debate » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 13th of October.

Staff Vs Students » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 20th of October.

Halloween Debate » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 27th of October.

Iran Debate » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 3rd of November.

Inter Socs » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 10th of November.

Literary Evening » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 17th of November.

Christmas Meeting » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 24th of November.

TP O'Connor Competition » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 12th of January.

The Republicanism Debate » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 19th of January.

Maiden Speakers Final » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 26th of January.

Immigration Debate » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 2nd of February.

Richard E Kirwin Final » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 9th of February.

Inter Facs » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 16th of February.

Criterion Launch » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of February.

Irish Times Debate Final » Kirwin Theatre on Friday, 24th of February.

Debating Workshops » IT Building on Tuesday, 7th of March.

Denny West Of Ireland Schools Final » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 9th of March.

Abortion debate » Kirwin 8 p.m. on Thursday, 16th of March.

Speaker Of The Year » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of March.

AGM » Kirwin Theatre on Thursday, 30th of March.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Steven Nolan

Treasurer: Seán Butler

Public Relations Officer: Jeffrey Rockett

Corresponding Secretary: Robert Rooney

Literary Officer: Anthony Doherty

Promotions Officer: Steven Lydon

External Convenor: John Moriarity

Vice-Auditor: Sharon Dillon Lyons

Secretary: Patrick B. Cluskey IV

Schools Convenor: Roisin McGrogan

Society Development Officer: Cathy Egan

Clerk of the House: Vincent Lacey

Internal Convenor: Donna Cummins

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Donna Cummins

Treasurer: Vincent Lacey

Vice-Auditor: Patrick Cluskey

Secretary: John Moriarty

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	262.92	Bank charge	€22.89
Fundraising	€1625	Costumes	€484
Greenform	€3368	Dinner	€5116.91

Members Contributions	€360	Entertainment	€904
Múscailt	€992	Entry fees	€8582
Sponsorship	€2200	Equipment misc.	€240
USC Grant	€16878.59	Fundraising/charity	€50
		Materials	€252.2
		Printing	€992
		Prizes	€375
		Reception	€2142.45
		Society transport	€4428.67
		Speaker accommodation	€956.42
		Speaker travel	€404.5
		Stationary	€30
		Affil/member fees	€375
		Expenditure Total	€25356.04
		Closing Bank Balance	€330.47
Total	25686.51	Total	25686.51

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 300 members.

Malaysian Society

Malaysian Society (MSNUIG) is a fully registered society under NUI, Galway and the Malaysian Student Department (MSD). This society was formed on the 17th of October 2005. The Malaysian Society was created mainly for the Malaysian students in NUIG. Our primary aim is to bring all the Malaysians of Galway together; including all races, cultures and religions. This includes the promotion of mutual helpfulness and recreation between the Malaysian students and to provide a support base for newly arrived Malaysian students. As it was apparent that the Malaysian students in Galway did not have a society within the university, a few Malaysians came up with the idea of forming one where all the students will unite. The Malaysian Society also aims to liaise with the Malaysian Students Department in Dublin (MSD) and relay information on the latest events and inform members about relevant issues. In other words, Malaysian Society will be acting as an intermediary; should the students themselves have any concerns that would like to be enlightened to the MSD, we will be happy to convey it for the students. Not many people may realize this but Malaysia is actually a multi-cultural country. Not every Malaysian is of Malay heritage. There are about 30% of Chinese and 8% of Indians that make up the 25 million population of Malaysia. Though of different cultures, we are happy to announce that our country is very much integrated and united. Thus this society aims to add the integration towards the Malaysian students in Galway, the same way it felt back home. The Malaysian Government has sent students all over the world hoping that each and every individual does not become completely segregated from the Malaysian community. Of course this does not mean that the Malaysian Society completely ignores the Irish students of the university. This society has also happily allowed 60 Irish students to join.

Malaysian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Eid Mubarak, Deepavali and Launch » *Aula Maxima, Lower on Saturday, 12th of November.*

Visit of Deputy Health Minister » *Large Lecture Theatre, CSI on Monday, 30th of January.*

Meeting of the MSNUIG Committee Members » *Stephanie's place, Dun Áras on Tuesday, 31st of January.*

International Student Supper and Concert » *Aula Maxima, Upper and Lower on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

MSNUIG's Survey Form -Malaysian Students » *http://www.malaysian.nuigalway.ie on Saturday, 1st of April.*

Malaysian Society Website Construction » *http://www.malaysian.nuigalway.ie on Sunday, 2nd of April.*

MSNUIG's Survey Form UK and Ireland -Malaysian Students » *UK and Ireland on Friday, 21st of April.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Zool Raimy Abdul Ghaffar

Vice-Auditor: Adilla Nur Halim

Treasurer: Chee Peng Hor

Secretary: Izzatul Aini Mohamad Idris

General Committee Member: Sarinah Hamidon

Events Coordinator: Sheila Bingkasan

Events Coordinator: Noor Farahnadiah

General Committee Member: Esther Sumi Anak Lis

General Committee Member: Nasrul Hadi Omar

Public Relations Officer: Nurafza Ahmad Hisham

Public Relations Officer: Stacey Tan

Webmaster: Ahmad Fairuz Abdul Shokri

General Committee Member: Stephanie Cinthu

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Zool Raimy Abdul Ghaffar

Vice-Auditor: Adilla Nur Halim

Secretary: Izzatul Aini Mohamad Idris

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€6.55
Members Contributions	€230	Reception	€300
Sponsorship	€935.86	Socs day expenses	€200
USC Grant	€200		
		Expenditure Total	€506.55
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€859.31
Total	€1365.86	Total	€1365.86

Other Information

We held 19 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 160 members.

Marine Society

The NUI Galway Marine Society was established in order to highlight marine related issues on campus and indeed around Galway. Although it is a relatively small society it is full of ambition as it seeks to attract students to the wonderful world of marine life: dolphins, sharks, jellyfish, squid, octopuses and many more. We promote marine knowledge and help members learn about marine life, threats to their existence and insanely interesting facts.

Although we had a quiet year this year we did have a table on Societies Day and we organised a Halloween party in the Cellar Bar. We donated €500 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution which the society felt strived to promote and protect that which the society dedicates itself to, as well as actively saving lives at sea. The Society was thrilled to be in a position to support this noble organisation and looks forward to forging closer links with the group in the future.

Marine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

Halloween Party » *The Cellar Bar on Thursday, 27th of October.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Michael Devaney

Treasurer: Deirdre Duggan

Post. Grad. Rep.: Lonneke Goddijn

Third Year Rep: Mark Quinn

Webmaster: Hazel Farrell

P.R.O: Darragh Moran

Staff Treasurer: Martin White

Vice-Auditor: Rory O Connell

Secretary: Celine Mangan

Second Year Rep.: Micheal Devaney

Assistant P.R.O.: Margaret O Callaghan

First Year Rep: Caroline Heaney

Fourth Year Rep: Naomi Soffer

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	603.52	Fundraising/charity	€500
USC Grant	€80		
		Expenditure Total	€500
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€183.52
Total	€683.52	Total	€683.52

Other Information

We held 1 committee meeting during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 15 members.

Maths Society

The newly reformed Maths Society got going in semester two of this year when we were granted provisional recognition as a society. Our aim is to provide a social forum for all interested in all things mathematic and to further debate in our subject.

Maths Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Thomas Duddy » *Larmour Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of March.*

The Invisible Interpreter: Sir William Rowan Hamilton as Poet and Philosopher. Guest Speaker Dr. Thomas Duddy on the life of Ireland's greatest mathematician.

Guest Speaker: Prof Pashcal O'Gorman » *Larmour Theatre on Wednesday, 15th of March.*

Why Philosophy can't afford to ignore Mathematics. Guest speaker Prof Pashcal O'Gorman on the influence of mathematics on philosophy.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Jennifer Cruise

Treasurer: Jim Lovett

OCM: Aine Houlihan

OCM: Antje Luebke

OCM: Darragh Ryan

OCM: Erica Bolo

Vice-Auditor: Ciara Phelan

Secretary: Liam Naughton

OCM: Patrick Farrell

Webmaster: Ciara Fitzgerald

OCM: Dave Higgins

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	-3.75	Gifts	€25
USC Grant	€150	Reception	€121
		Expenditure Total	€146
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.25
Total	€146.25	Total	€146.25

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 30 members.

Mature Student Society

The aim of this society is to provide a peer network to support mature students and to also offer advice on coping with the stress of college life. This was a good year for mature students as there was an information evening on the 24th January and there was an attendance of about 30 people. The information evening gave advice on exams and postgrad courses, fees and grants, which was very beneficial to all students. Then in March there was a race night in the college bar. This was a huge success with very good attendance and there were also good spot prizes. The highlight of the year was the trip to Paris which took place in April from the 2nd to the 5th. It was a wonderful and very enjoyable experience. 13 mature students went and we got to see the Eiffel Tower, to take a boat cruise on the Seine and we also got to visit the Louvre and other interesting historical sites. So being part of the mature students committee has been a very beneficial experience from an academic and a social viewpoint.

Mature Students Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Welcome Evening » Massimo's New St. West on Saturday, 1st of October.

Halloween Party » Foxes Bar Foster Street on Monday, 31st of October.

Information Meeting » AM250 on Tuesday, 24th of January.

Race Night » College Bar on Wednesday, 15th of March.

Trip to Paris » April 2nd to the 5th

The society spent a few days in Paris enjoying the sights and visiting many important historical sites.

Annual General Meeting » Smokeys on the concourse on Monday, 10th of April.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Martin Power

Treasurer: Eugene Jordan

Committee: P. O'Flatharta

Committee: B. Ní Loidgain

Committee: Michelle McCormack

PRO: Eugene Jordan

Committee: John Rafferty

Committee: Fiona Gavin

Vice-Auditor: Ann Marie Leonard

Secretary: Anna Cunningham

Committee: Annette Neary

Committee: Eoin Dillon

Committee: Pat Hynes

Committee: Marie Lavin

Committee: Brendan Fahy

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Fiona Gavin

Treasurer: Anna Considine

Committee: Rita Commerford

Committee: B. Ní Loidgain

Committee: Sandra O'Donoghue

Committee: Eugene Jordan

Vice-Auditor: Brian Homan

Secretary: Liura Casserly

Committee: Martina Costello

Committee: Liam Burke

Committee: Suzanne Young

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	16.36	Printing	€50
USC Grant	€1493	Prizes	€50
Members' contributions	€1690	Promotions	€100
		Reception	€50
		Society transport	€2949
		Expenditure Total	€3199
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.36
Total	€3199.36	Total	€3199.36

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 160 members.

Medicine Society

Our main role as a society is to plan the Med Ball. Our official role is to let students know what they are up against for the academic year and to act as an intermediary between the Dean and students. If students have any complaints we pass the information on and hopefully find a solution. The various class reps organise the class trips and inform the class of cancelled lectures, tutorials and events.

Med Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

First and second year introduction night » *CSI on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

Third and fourth year introduction night » *CSI Large lecture theatre on Wednesday, 5th of October.*

Final year introduction talk » *CSI large lecture theatre on Wednesday, 12th of October.*

Fifth year introduction talk (part 2) » *CSI large lecture theatre on Thursday, 13th of October.*

Med Ball » *Radisson SAS hotel on Tuesday, 13th of December.*

Research meeting » *CSI large lecture theatre on Wednesday, 8th of February.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Ruth Martin

Vice-Auditor: John Morley

Treasurer: Anne Marie Ní Chualáin

Secretary: Adrienne Rogers

IMSA rep: Paul Sexton

Entertainment Officer: Emily O'Halloran

International Students Officer: Kheshwant Gill

Press Officer: David Coyle

International Students Officer: Mohd Farris Mohd Roslan

Sports Rep: Niall Kelly

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1875.33	Ball	€28419.98
Balls	€24408.72	Bank charge	€3.75
Members Contributions	€2645	Dinner	€122
Societies day	€302.6	Entertainment	€1331
Sponsorship	€6150	Printing	€1415
USC Grant	€1700	Society accommodation	€2620
		Society transport	€800
		Expenditure Total	€34711.73
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€460
		Closing Bank Balance	€2369.92
Total	€37081.65	Total	€37081.65

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 600 members.

Microbiology Society

The Microbiology Society is basically a community of students from the Microbiology Department who share a keen interest in microbiology. The society acts by bringing all of its members together to engage in various activities both in the areas of leisure and academics. Throughout the year Micro Soc has organised many events, all of which have had great attendance. The Annual Fancy Dress Christmas Party was once again well attended with most people dressing up and getting into the Christmas spirit. For the first time this year Micro Soc organised a bingo night in the college bar which was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. Also, in collaboration with 4th year Microbiology, a trip to the Aran Islands was organised. Of course the fortnightly microbiology seminars continue to attract large crowds and attendance from Micro Soc is always strong. All in all this year Micro Soc has been busy trying to integrate the whole of the microbiology department while trying to have a bit of craic in doing so.

Microbiology Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 17 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Seminars » ran for 14 weeks in Dunican Lecture Hall, beginning on Friday, 21/10/2005.

Special Events

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

Micro Christmas Party » Kings Head on Thursday, 8/12/2005.

Micro Soc Fancy Dress Christmas Party. The theme this year is 'cartoons' so come along as anyone from Mickey Mouse to Spiderman. Finger food and prize for best costume on the night.

Bingo » College Bar on Thursday, 16/2/2006.

Microbiology Bingo Night, spot prizes for both lines and full houses. Plenty of craic and entertainment guaranteed.

Aran Trip » Aran Islands on Friday, 10/3/2006.

Micro Soc, together with 4th year Microbiology, are organising a trip to the wild and wonderful Aran Islands. This is a chance to meet up with all the members and also to explore the island. A must for everyone.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Pamela Ryan

Treasurer: Siobhan Heanue

Website coordinator: Paul McCay

Society Development Officer: Christina Forbes

Vice-Auditor: John Fox

Secretary: James McGarrigle

Public Relations Officer: Carina Hosty

Public Relations Officer: Ruth Hanrahan

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	349.3	Dinner	€230
Fundraising	€579.2	Entry fees	€50
USC Grant	€1415.41	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€76.13
		Society transport	€1417
		Expenditure Total	€1773.13
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€570.78
Total	€2343.91	Total	€2343.91

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 70 members.

Musical Society

This year began with a positive start in that our society, (GUMS), was recognised as an official society in the college. The main event organised by the Musical Society was a performance of one of the longest-running Broadway musicals of all time 'The Little Shop of Horrors'. This ran in the Black Box theatre from the 7th to the 11th of February. This musical was a great success thanks to a huge team effort. In March 2006 our AGM was held where committee representatives were elected and a plan for the year ahead was set into action.

Meetings were held every Tuesday at 6pm to discuss the production particularly. With a whole committee on board, many fresh, new vibrant ideas became available. Due to the success of hiring a professional director last year we decided to do the same again by hiring Fiona Kelly. This proved to be very helpful and was a great idea. Our musical director, Mairead Crushell, played a huge part in the success of this show. There was also a team of choreographers on board, so the styles of dance varied. The topics for discussion at the meetings were mainly relating to promotion, funding, sponsorship, set design, costume design, and the plant. Closer to the show itself, items on the agenda included band, patrons, props, light and sound etc.

It was evident from the onset of the academic year that GUMS generated huge interest amongst the student body. This was highlighted by the abundance of students who signed up for the musical on society's day. From there auditions were held and fifty students were selected as cast. Rehearsals began immediately. Singing took place in Áras Ui Chathail most Tuesdays. Dancing took place most Wednesdays in the Aula Maxima and acting took place on Thursday evenings in a range of different venues. Many friendships were quickly cultivated during these rehearsals between cast members from all over the country and indeed the world.

On the 27th of October and again on the 22nd of February a fundraising show was put on in the Bank of Ireland Theatre. Nicola Coughlan, our societies liaison officer, contacted DramSoc to see if they were interested in a joint performance. They agreed and the show was a success. It was called "GUMS vs. Dramsoc". The audience was small, mainly consisting of friends and families of society members that could make it. The price at the door was €2 per person. The money raised from this allowed us to begin work on sets and costumes. A table quiz was also held in the college bar on the 20th of March, as part of this fundraising initiative. This was great fun with a 1st prize of €100.

In the weeks leading up to the show, the committee, under the leadership of Yvonne Jacob, Jennifer Keane and Liam Hennelly, concentrated on promoting the show. Posters were put up all over campus and around town. The cast

dressed up and did a run through town singing songs from the show. This proved successful as we sold a number of tickets on the street and it was also great fun. The week of the show came around very quickly, but thanks to the hard work of the cast, director, musical director and choreographers we were well prepared. Our matinee show, on the Tuesday, did not sell as well as hoped but it was a great experience to get a full run through the show with an audience, even if small. Pat O'Reilly and Mike Dervan provided lighting and sound respectively. The band was organised by Jen Sheahan and incorporated a range of musicians both from the college and locally. The band had a number of rehearsals before the beginning of the show.

The musical was a great success. However, we did experience a slight debt at the end of term. This was rectified by patronage money and also the implementation of a quiz. Great friendships were formed during the time of the show through set building weekends, cast trips out and promotional events, and also those many nights out on the town. This has hopefully created lasting memories. We had a musical ball on the 7th of March in the Galway Bay Hotel where we watched a DVD recording of the musical, ate to our hearts content, and then danced the night away. It was a fantastic year for the official GUMS, and hopefully it will continue that way well into the future.

Musical Society (GUMS) Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

Tickets on Sale for Musical » *The Black Box Theatre on Tuesday, 24th of January.*

Little Shop of Horrors! » *Black Box Theatre on Tuesday, 7th of February.*

This year GUMS present Little Shop of Horrors, the classic story of boy meets girl, plant eats world... The show will begin on Tuesday 7th of February and continue until Saturday the 11th. There are two 11pm matinees (for all you early birds!) and the rest are evening shows which begin at 8pm sharp. Student tickets are only €7 and are available from the SocsBox, the Town Hall Theatre or on the door.

Variety Show: GUMS vs. DramSoc » *BOI Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of February.*

Dramsoc turn into all-singing all dancing Broadway wannabes? GUMS take on straight acting? This year for Múscaillt, two of the biggest performing arts societies on campus go head to head in a battle of talents where the main point is generally to take the Mickey out of one another! It's worth coming along if not only to see musical members grapple with Shakespeare, but also because of the fact that until you've seen DramSoc try to dance you've seen nothing. Tickets for this event are only €3 and are available from the SocsBox.

Fundraising Quiz » *College Bar on Tuesday, 21st of March.*

Quiz takes place in the College Bar to help raise funds for GUMS, the Musical Society who recently brought us The Little Shop of Horrors. Fun guaranteed!

Committee 2005/2006

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Promotions Assistant: Jennifer Keane

Sets: Delia Lowery

Committee 2006/2007

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PRO: Kelly McDermott

Staff Treasurer: Sean O Leancháin

Treasurer: Cara Walsh

Socs Liaison Officer: Jennifer Bannon

PRO Assistant: Kathleen Garrity

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	355.33	Affil/Mem fees	€65
Fundraising	€1216.1	Bank charge	€33.56
Greenform	€4983.1	Costumes	€1170
Múscailt	€3900	Equipment misc.	€80
Socs box	€2115	Gifts	€100
Sponsorship	€1005	Hall hire	€4000
Ticket Sales	€3470	Lights	€713.6
USC Grant	€550	Makeup/Props	€553
		Materials	€350
		Performing rights	€1813.46
		Printing	€1028
		Reception	€130
		Set	€1739.81
		Sound	€2383.5
		Teacher fees	€3158
		Closing bank Balance	€276.6
Income Total	€17594.53	Expenditure Total	€17594.53

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 300 members.

Music Society

Music Soc is a society that hopes to promote music within the college. Throughout the year this has been achieved through the organisation of gigs, table quizzes, trips and our main 'battle of the bands' type of competition; Witless.

MusicSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

Meeting » *Smokey Joe's on Tuesday, 10th of January.*

We will be discussing plans for the coming semester and of course; Witless.

Witless Launch » *College Bar on Monday, 16th of January.*

Launch of Witless! Bands performing include: Zero Moda, Aula Maxima and the Quads, and Tahiti's Dream. MC: Fintan Murphy.

Witless- Heat 2 » *College Bar on Monday, 23rd of January.*

Witless Solo Heat » *Róisín Dubh, Dominick St. on Tuesday, 24th of January.*

Witless » *College Bar on Monday, 30th of January.*

Witless- Heat 4 » *College Bar on Monday, 6th of February.*

Ghostwood Project » *College Bar on Monday, 20th of February.*

Galway band provide the music for the opening night of the Múscailt festival: the Monster Mosh. Prizes for fancy dress too plus Zombie DJ and classic horror movies!

Acoustic Gig » *The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn on Tuesday, 21st of February.*

Witless Solo Competition Acoustic Gig » *The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn on Tuesday, 21st of February.*
Original Music Showcase » *De Burgo's, Augustinian St. on Wednesday, 22nd of February.*
Busking » *Campus wide on Thursday, 23rd of February.*
Witless Final » *College Bar on Thursday, 23rd of February.*
Witless Showcase » *Róisín Dubh on Monday, 13th of March.*
AGM » *The Cellar bar on Thursday, 30th of March.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Brid Ryan
Treasurer: Ciara Clancy
Society Development Officer: Kevin Bergin
Webmaster: Niall Farrell
OCM: Peadar Mac Donncha
PRO: Rosa Ladner

Vice-Auditor: Ronan Moyles
Secretary: Edel McCormack
Radio Show: Jenny De Lacy, John Moriarty
Event Managers: James Keaveney, Dermot Moran
OCM: David O'Leary

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ronan Moyles
Treasurer: Joe Murphy
Webmaster: Niall Farrell
PRO: Aoife Kernan

Vice-Auditor: Ronan Moyles
Secretary: Conor Walls
Radio Show:, Matthew Clarke and The Dean

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1320.58	Dinner	€116.24
Fundraising	€188.6	Equipment misc.	€248.2
Greenform	€166.98	Fundraising/charity	€188.6
Múscailt	€1295	Reception	€361
Societies day	€106.71	Society accommodation	€1000
Ticket Sales	€600	Society transport	€425
USC Grant	€625	Socs day expenses	€20
		Sound	€680
		Stationary	€182.13
		Expenditure Total	€3221.17
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€80
		Closing Bank Balance	€1081.7
Total	€4302.87	Total	€4302.87

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 200 members.

Muslim Youth Society

Our mission is to unify, foster brotherhood and represent the Muslim students of NUI Galway. We also work to promote better understanding of Islam and Muslims in the university and society. We have 111 members comprised of both Muslim and non-Muslim students of NUI Galway. As a means of developing Islamic knowledge, character and the skills of Muslim students, we organize a weekly meeting with the local Islamic leader in the Clinical Science Institute, as well as a weekly Arabic Class for our members. We are also involved in giving a warm welcome to the Muslim freshers in NUI Galway last September and organised a freshers trip to the Cliffs of Moher. MYS acts as a medium for communication between Muslim students and the university staff, the press as well as other societies, both inside and outside of the university.

We are also actively involved in charity collecting for the victims of natural disasters around the world and other groups in need. This year, for the first time ever, MYS organized a trip to Spain bringing 21 students to re-live and understand the history of Muslims of Andalusia, Spain and the impact they have left on today's world civilization.

Muslim Youth Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 130 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 11 special events. These events were as follows:

Book sale » Sports Centre on Sunday, 1/5/2005.

This event was done in conjunction with the Malaysian Food Fair which was held in the sports hall foyer on the 1st May 2005. Since we had a lot of books left from the ICW event, we took this opportunity to sell them. MYS was given a booth which mainly sold books and a few other things such as the "End the Occupation" t-shirts, the holy Quran, and hijabs.

MYS Introductory session to the freshers » CSI on Saturday, 17/9/2005.

Freshers trip to Cliffs of Moher » Cliffs of Moher on Saturday, 1/10/2005.

As a show of our warm welcome to the new students who arrived in Galway in September 2005, we organised a trip to the Cliffs of Moher to show them the wonderful views of Ireland. We prepared lunch for the freshers, had a 'breaking the ice' session and within a short time we managed to tighten the bond between the old and new members. It was a successful trip and we plan to organise more successful trips in the near future.

One Day Fast Programme » CSI on Wednesday, 19/10/2005.

During this event, we invited everyone regardless of their religion to fast with us on this day while collecting charity money for the victims of the Kashmir earthquake. For those who agreed to fast, we provided them with the guidelines on fasting during the day and at what time they are able to break their fast. We held a small reception in the CSI on 19 October 2005 to show our appreciation towards those who had participated. We worked in collaboration with VSA and Human Appeal International, as well as a few of the students from GMIT who had contributed their time and energy for the success of the One Day Fast event. This year we managed to collect a total of 6000 euros and hope to collect even more in 2006.

Trip to Spain » Andalusia, Spain on Saturday, 17/12/2005.

Trip to Andalusia, Spain: to re-live and understand the history of Muslims of Andalusia, Spain and their impact on the world civilization. This was a 1 week trip and one of the most memorable trips that all of us have ever had. We took back a lot of knowledge with us. Our initial intention about going to Spain was to find materials for the ICW in January, since our ICW theme for this year was Islamic Civilization. At the end of the trip we had not only found the materials we were looking for, but we found and realised the importance of history in everyone's life. A lot can be learnt from history, no matter how good or bad the history is, as long as a lesson can be learnt from it to prevent future downfalls. We managed to convey our knowledge and materials we brought back from Spain during the ICW and not only was it a successful event but it was our most memorable one since tons of effort was put into it. It was a grand trip and if time and budget allow, we'll definitely organise another trip somewhere else in the coming future.

Islamic Cultural Week » Áras Na Mac Léinn Foyer on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.

Final Journey Programme » IT 125 on Saturday, 28/1/2006.

Muslims Role in the West : ZiaUllah Khan » CSI on Thursday, 16/2/2006.

ICW Appreciation Ceremony » Hub, Sports Centre on Friday, 3/3/2006.

After all the hard work for the ICW, the MYS committee agreed to hold a ceremony just to forward our gratitude and appreciation towards the MYS members who had contributed so much for the grand event of the year. A food reception was held in the Hub. At the end of the food reception we had a discussion and evaluation on all the activities that we had done throughout the year. Weaknesses and strengths were pointed out and we discussed how we could make next year a better year for all of us. A short photography session was carried out at the end of the whole ceremony.

AGM » CSI on Friday, 10/3/2006.

MINDA programme » Cong, County Mayo on Friday, 7/4/2006.

Committee 2005/2006

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Publication Officer: Adzleen Mohmood

Committee 2006/2007

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Campaigns Officer: Adilla Nur Halim

Publication Officer: Aman Akbar Adam

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1797.16	Bank charge	€2.2
Fundraising	€6280.01	Dinner	€482.4
Members Contributions	€750.19	Fundraising/charity	€6370.01
Sponsorship	€651.09	Gifts	€7.26
USC Grant	€5381	Prizes	€388.72
		Society transport	€3019

		Speaker accommodation	€265
		Speaker travel	€615
		Stationary	€229.64
		Teacher fees	€400
		Expenditure Total	€11779.23
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€170.51
		Closing Bank Balance	€2909.71
Total	€14859.45	Total	€14859.45

Other Information

We held 11 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 111 members.

Orchestra Society

The Orchestra Society has had a very successful year. We are continuing to expand and this year had a woodwind and brass section for the first time. This enabled us to perform a symphony, by Hayden, which was our ultimate goal from the beginning. We performed three Irish premieres and hope to continue this trend of finding new and old unheard music and bringing it to Galway. We had a trip to Clifden and played a concert there. We also had a very educational workshop with the ConTempo quartet.

Orchestra Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

Open Day » *Áras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 1st of December.*

Orchestra Múscailt Concert » *Orbsen Building Foyer on Tuesday, 21st of February.*

End of Year Concert » *Church of Ireland, Clifden on Sunday, 26th of March.*

End of year Concert » *Aula Maxima, Upper on Monday, 27th of March.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Johnny Berrill

Treasurer: Hazel Fahy

Secretary: Conor Hurley

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1777.21	Returned money	€1700
Fundraising	€250	Dinner	€468
Múscailt	€200	Equipment misc.	€625.35
Sponsorship	€350	Hall hire	€200

Ticket Sales	€1040	Materials	€148.5
USC Grant	€3105	Printing	€59.58
		Society accommodation	€1807
		Teacher fees	€1500
		Expenditure Total	€6508.43
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€213.78
Total	€6722.21	Total	€6722.21

Other Information

We held 1 committee meeting during the year and we have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 43 members.

Philosophy Society

The Philosophy Society had a fun and successful year starting as we did from scratch. Weekly talks were given on philosophical themes by experts such as The Phenomenology of Technology, Adventure, and Illusion, followed by discussions. There was an emphasis on simplicity, getting not just students of philosophy but other students involved. With that sentiment, we had a fortnightly discussion forum on topics of universal interest: love, truth, and freedom. We were the first Irish philosophical organisation to get the showing rights of the new movie on Heidegger. Students enjoyed a trip to a Zen *dojo*. Feedback was positive on the talks and the objective was achieved: a substantial amount of non-philosophy students were thrilled with the talks, getting thoroughly involved and subsequently interested in reading and living philosophy.

Philosophy Soc Events

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

Informal Discussion forum » ran for 2 weeks in AM204, beginning on Monday, 21/11/2005.

We meet to discuss topics of universal interest; love, truth and freedom.

Informal Discussion Forum (Semester 2) » ran for 5 weeks in AM204, beginning on Monday, 30/1/2006.

We meet again to discuss topics of universal interest; love, truth and freedom. All are welcome.

Special Events

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

Dan Bradley: Illusions » Philosophy Dept, Seminar room on Thursday, 2/2/2006.

Dan Bradley of the Philosophy department will convince us that everything is an illusion.

Phenomenology of Technology » Philosophy Dept. Seminar Room on Monday, 6/3/2006.

There will be a post graduate talk on how the technology of any given age reflects on the culture and morality of the people.

Phenomenology of Adventure » Philosophy Seminar Room on Thursday, 16/3/2006.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Conor Graham
Treasurer: Lee Hughes
Liaison Officer: Shane Connolly

Vice-Auditor: Austin Dwyer
Secretary: Rachelle McCaney
Public Relations Officer: Daniel Leufer

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.13	Bank charge	€0.28
Societies day	€32	Costumes	€0.56
USC Grant	€440.4	Dinner	€100
		Materials	€130
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€30
		Reception	€60
		Expenditure Total	€320.84
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€151.69
Total	€472.53	Total	€472.53

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 20 members.

Photo Society

This year we ran black and white photography tutorials as well as holding talks giving tips on how to take better photographs. A day trip to the Ballinasloe horse fair last autumn was also organised. Members had some of their work published in the SIN newspaper as well as the Alumni magazine. We also took part in the 'What Is Ireland?' exhibition as part of the Washington Ireland Initiative. The highlight of our year was when students got the chance to display some of their work in the 'Focus '06' exhibition held as part of the Múscailt Festival.

Photography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

Meeting » IT 202 on Wednesday, 28th of September.

Guest Speaker » IT 250 on Wednesday, 5th of October.

Guest Speaker » IT 250 on Wednesday, 12th of October.

A total of five Meetings were held on the following dates » Venue: IT 250 on Wednesday 19th of October, Wednesday 26th of October, Wednesday 2nd of November, Wednesday 9th of November and Wednesday 16th of November.

First PhotoSoc Meeting Of The 2nd Semester » AM 214 on Wednesday, 25th of January.

Meeting » IT 250 on Wednesday, 1st of February.

Meeting » IT 250 on Wednesday, 8th of February.

What Is Ireland Exhibition » NUI Galway and Galway City on Friday, 10th of February.

Meeting » IT 250 on Wednesday, 15th of February.

Focus '06 Exhibition » Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer on Monday, 20th of February.

'Focus '06' » Áras Na MacLeinn Foyer Area on Tuesday 21st of February, Wednesday 22nd of February, Thursday 23rd of February, Friday 24th of February, Saturday 25th of February.

Meeting » IT 250 on Wednesday, 8th of March.

AGM » IT250 on Wednesday, 15th of March.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Catherine Carey

Treasurer: Elizabeth Helliesen

Darkroom Tutor: Ben Ruddy

Darkroom Tutor: Cyrene Padley

Vice-Auditor: Lee Hughes

Secretary: Mihai Basa

Darkroom Tutor: Charity Shumaker

Darkroom Manager: Nat Cafolla

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	513.41	Affill/Mem fees	€190
Members Contributions	€165	Bank charge	€13.39
Múscailt	€130	Materials	€264.65
Socs box	€110	Society Transport	€110
USC Grant	€650	Dinner	€338
		Entertainment	€120
		Non-alcoholic refreshments	€35
		Reception	€40
		Returned money	€100
		Expenditure Total	€1211.04
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€357.37
Total	€1568.41	Total	€1568.41

Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year and we have not held our AGM as of yet. Our total membership stands at 1224 members.

Physics Society

The Physics Society of NUI Galway hosts meetings and talks about this exciting area of science.

Physics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Science Ball » Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday, 3rd of November.

Pre-drinks start at 6pm. Dinner at 8pm. Piano by Sacha and Band 'Blue Moose' and DJ is Alan Quinn from Cuba.

Christmas Party » McSwiggan's on Tuesday, 13th of December.

Join us for festive fun! All welcome.

New Years Get Together » Massimo's on Monday, 9th of January.

What better way to start of the year than joining us in Massimo's. All welcome.

Speaker: Matt Redmond » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Thursday, 16th of March.

Topic: 'How to make a star'. Join us afterwards in Massimo's for a St. Paddy's Day Party. All Welcome.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Don Phelan

Vice-Auditor: Larry Murray

Treasurer: Andrew Cronin

Secretary: Mark Foley

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	16328.52	Ball	€17112.24
Socs box	€840	Dinner	€325.55
Ticket Sales	€4177	Reception	€1663.6
		Expenditure Total	€19101.39
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€2244.13
Total	€21345.52	Total	€21345.52

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 55 members.

Poker Society

The aim of the Poker Society is to promote the increasing popularity of Texas Hold 'Em Poker in NUIG and to organise friendly and low cost poker tournaments. During our first year we have run weekly poker tournaments in the Hub. They have been well attended and the proceeds for the evenings have been divided each week as winnings.

Poker Events

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

Regular Events:

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

Poker Tournament » ran for 9 weeks in The HUB, beginning on Monday, 19/9/2005.

Poker Tournament (Semester 2) » ran for 6 weeks in The HUB, beginning on Monday, 30/1/2006.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: John Daly

Vice-Auditor: Oisín Murray

Treasurer: Neill Kennedy

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: John Daly

Treasurer: Cathal Grennan

Vice-Auditor: Neil Kennedy

Secretary: Caitriona DePaor

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€3.75
Fundraising	€7035	Equipment misc.	€112
Societies day	€112	Prizes	€6760
		Expenditure Total	€6875.75
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€271.25
Total	€7147	Total	€7147

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 360 members.

Political Discussion Society

This year we had a specific aim to improve student involvement and participation in politics. To this end we insured that all meetings and events had a question and answer period at the end when the floor was open to any member to ask or discuss a topic with those participating in the event. We felt that this would help students feel more involved in the event and engage them more with the discussion. We particularly tried this year to move away from the past forms of meeting wherein a politician would speak on a topic of their choice and when finished would leave without any student involvement or participation.

Political Discussion Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

Country V City » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 26th of September.

Eyre Square Meeting » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 3rd of October.

Ann Summers Party » Cellar Bar, Eglinton Street on Monday, 10th of October.

Breast Cancer Awareness Meeting » O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 17th of October.

Trip to Question and Answers » RTE Studios on Monday, 24th of October.

Ringu Tulku Rinpoche » O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 7th of November.

Political Awareness Week » All over Campus on Monday, 14th of November.

Inter-Party Debate » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 23rd of January.

Public Speaking Competition » O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 6th of February.

Haughey the DVD » O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 13th of February.

Trip to Westminster Abbey » London on Wednesday, 1st of March. .

British Ambassador Stuart Eldon » O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 6th of March.

SU Hustings » O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of March.

Lunch Time Meeting with Tanaiste Mary Harney » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Monday, 20th of March.

Mark Little » O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 20th of March.

Schools programme » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of March.

Annual General Meeting » O Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 27th of March.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Pamela Prendiville

Treasurer: Jeffrey Rockkett

PRO: Steven Lydon

Vice-Auditor: David Geary

Schools Conveyer: Claire McGowan

Promotions Officer: Stephanie Joyce

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Claire McGowan

Treasurer: Niall O Tuairisg

Vice-Auditor: Jack Evans

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	490.52	Bank charge	€14.04
USC Grant	€2997.55	Dinner	€764.50
Sponsorship	€1,635	Gifts	€1174.77
Members' contributions	€135.50	Prizes	€125
		Reception	€680.15
		Society accommodation	€610
		Society transport	€40
		Speaker travel	€180.85
		Speaker accommodation	€210
		Teacher fees	€342
		Equipment misc.	€53
		Printing	€1028.50
		Expenditure Total	€5222.81
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€65
		Closing Bank Balance	€35.76
Total	€5258.57	Total	€5258.57

Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €65 and this brings the total expenditure to €5417.07

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM and our total membership stands at 347 members.

President's Award/Gaisce Soc

The President's Award (Gaisce) Society aims to help students and staff attain their goals towards receiving the Bronze/Silver/Gold President's Award. The President's Award is the only state award of excellence available to Irish people. Our hope this year is to bring 8 students to Estonia to literally 'build bridges'. The Gaisce Society encourages young people to set and achieve a demanding challenge for themselves in each of four different areas -

1. Community involvement (e.g. helping the elderly)
2. Skill (e.g. learning to play a new instrument)
3. Physical (e.g. swimming)
4. An adventure project.

Each member is assigned a PAL to help them along their journey. Through society events such as trips to Petersberg and Estonia we encourage personal development, teambuilding and self confidence.

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Petersberg » Mayo on Saturday, 18th of February.

AGM » IT 202 on Wednesday, 22nd of March.

Committee 2005/2006

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Vice-Auditor: Jill Masterson

Treasurer: Ann Browne

Secretary: Una Duffy

OCM: Caitriona Callanan

Public Relations Officer: Nick Geoghegan

OCM: Gearóid Ó Treasaigh

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Aoife Kernan

Vice-Auditor: Elizabeth Reidy

Treasurer: Conor Burns

Secretary: Ann Browne

OCM: Marian Slattery

PRO: Gearóid O Treasaigh

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	56.97	Affill/Mem fees	€2636
Fundraising	€906.45	Entertainment	€65
Members Contributions	€640	Fundraising/charity	€464
USC Grant	€1585		
		Expenditure Total	€3165

		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€23.42
Total	€3188.42	Total	€3188.42

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 56 members and we have submitted our list of members to the Societies Office.

Psychological Society

The Psychological Society was set up to promote the study and understanding of psychological issues on campus, to host meetings on topics related to the study of the discipline and to maintain close links with the Psychological Department.

Psychological Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

EGM » *AM250 on Sunday, 2nd of October.*

Emergency General meeting to elect new committee, Followed by reception. all members welcome.

Psychopathy: The mean side of the Dark T » *AM 250 on Monday, 10th of October.*

A lecture by Prof Robert Hare on the ongoing research into Psychopathy. A reaction to follow in the foyer of the building all welcome.

General Knowledge Table Quiz » *Students Bar. on Monday, 17th of October.*

A Table Quiz in order to raise funds for the Society. Prizes for the winning team and Best Name of team, teams of four required.

Talk on Sri Lanka » *Lecture Theatre 1, St Anthony's. on Monday, 24th of October.*

A talk on the situation in Sri Lanka by graduates who spent some time working there. Reception after in foyer, all welcome.

Fancy Dress Halloween Party » *The Living Room on Thursday, 27th of October.*

A fancy dress party in the Living Room, prizes given for the best costumes. All welcome.

EGM » *AM 250 on Monday, 23rd of January.*

Emergency General Meeting called to elect new members of the committee. Reception after, all welcome.

Suicide: all you want to know. » *AM250. on Monday, 6th of March.*

Prof Kevin Malloy will give a lecture on the latest studies on suicide. Reception afterward in foyer, all welcome.

End of Year Party » *The Living Room. on Thursday, 23rd of March.*

Time to unwind after a hard year. Free finger food and prizes. All welcome.

Psychological Students of Ireland Congress » *NUI Maynooth on Friday, 7th of April.*

PSI Congress 2006 held in NUI Maynooth. Leaving by bus at 11.00, staying at the Glen Royal Hotel, Maynooth. Prize giving/dinner on Saturday night at 20.00. Return by bus on Sunday morning.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Kevin Hogan

Vice-Auditor: Remona Roper-Hurst

Treasurer: Cormac Duffy

PRO: Sharon McHugh: PRO

Web Administrator: Niall Lally

PRO: Peter Collins: PRO

Safety Officer: Remona Roper-Hurst
PRO: Eimear Lee

Event Photographer: Caoimhe Speakman

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	316.54	Bank charge	€7.5
Fundraising	€470	Entertainment	€61
Socs box	€3180	Entry fees	€830
Societies day	€165	Society accommodation	€500
USC Grant	€1630	Society transport	€300
		Speaker accommodation	€3248
		Expenditure Total	€4946.5
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€225
		Cash In Hand	€120
		Closing Bank Balance	€695.04
Total	€5761.54	Total	€5761.54

Note: The Total does not include the Unreconciled cheque total €225 which brings the total Expenditure to €

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 20 members.

Quiz Society

QuizSoc are the finest purveyors of interesting trivia and thought-provoking questions this side of the Atlantic seaboard. We're a young society (only our third year in college) but we've a strong and loyal group of supporters. We've been known for our various challenging quiz features in the past, and this year was no exception. We planned on having a big event every month and have succeeded in doing so with new and innovative events like the QuizSoc Game Show and Weakest Link theatre quizzes proving a huge success, as well as our old favourite, the pub table quiz.

As proud as we were of hosting such events that thankfully went down very well, we're equally proud of our contributions to charity this year. So far we've raised just under €1,000 for various charitable organisations such as Enable Ireland, Console, the Special Olympics and the Irish Wheelchair Association, at different events over the course of the year. But we're not ones to rest on our laurels at QuizSoc and we've already got some great plans for next year!

Quiz Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Inter-County Table Quiz » *College Bar on Tuesday, 27th of September.*

Represent your county, state, province or principality with pride in an intense bout of territorial quizzing action and win some big money prizes! All proceeds go to Enable Ireland.

QuizSoc Game show » *IT 125 on Monday, 24th of October.*

Paying homage to such classics as Fifteen to One, Countdown, Going for Gold and Blockbusters, the inaugural QuizSoc Game show is a brand new innovation this year in our series of Theatre Quizzes. For this event a large and plucky group of Galway's finest quizzers battle it out in an attempt to win the most prestigious prize of the year: the Richard Whitely Memorial Trophy.

Weakest Link, Galway Style! » McMunn Theatre on Wednesday, 30th of November.

The Weakest Link, but without the narky Miss Robinson! Twelve students go down, only one shall come up, but who will be the Strongest Link? Come along to find out!

Disability Awareness Week Table Quiz » College Bar on Thursday, 26th of January.

QuizSoc's first event of the new year takes place in aid of Disability Awareness Week (starting 23rd January). €20 per table of four with big money prizes at stake! All proceeds going to Enable Ireland and the Irish Wheelchair Association.

Múscailt Performance Table Quiz » College Bar on Tuesday, 21st of February.

It's that time of year again, and to celebrate the wonderful week that is Múscailt we are putting the jewel in QuizSoc's crown: The Performance Table Quiz! Now in it's third glorious year, the Performance Quiz is always entertaining, pleasantly surprising and just a little bit mental...So come along to join in the craic!

Now That's What I Call QuizSoc! » College Bar on Monday, 27th of March.

To culminate what has been a busy but thoroughly enjoyable year, we're joining forces with MUSIC SOC to create an end of year extravaganza: 'Now That's What I Call QuizSoc!' will be ten rounds of music mayhem, with special rounds, performances and lovely, lovely, prizes on the night. All proceeds are going to charity so come along and shake off those study blues, quiz style!

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Paddy Duffy

Treasurer: Duffy/Gibbons

Superman: Patrick Mulrennan

Vice-Auditor: Andrew Gibbons

Secretary: Liam Harkin

President for Life: Michael Coyne

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ruth McNally

Treasurer: Liam Harkin

Quizmaster General: Paddy Duffy

President for Life: Michael Coyne

Vice-Auditor: Emma Conway

Secretary: Nora McMahon

Executive Supervisor: Liam Harkin

QuizSoc Enforcer: Andrew Gibbons

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	601.12	Fundraising/charity	€800
Fundraising	€620	Prizes	€90
USC Grant	€160	Society transport	€30
		Expenditure Total	€920
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€80
		Closing Bank Balance	€461.12
Total	€1381.12	Total	€1381.12

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 200 members.

Radio Society

This year we wanted to give our members the chance to learn new skills in radio broadcasting and production. Also to obtain the knowledge of the wider media marketplace.

For example our speakers, Maria McGonagall (Media Law Lecturer, NUI Galway), Alison Curtis (The Last Splash, Today FM) and Andrew O' Baoill (1st Flirt FM Manager) gave an insight into what it takes to be a presenter and producer on Irish radio and how radio in Ireland is changing rapidly.

As a society we aimed to facilitate the development of student journalism and to promote radio in the University as it is a substantial part of media in Ireland. This society has been successful in forming a stronger bond with Flirt FM and its members. This has helped us give our members an opportunity to be involved in and to learn about radio broadcasting and production first hand, be it through training or taking part in our live broadcasts during Rag Week.

In addition to our objectives, we are a society which promoted involvement at all levels with the development of skills and friendships. Hopefully this society has helped many to see their true potential and help them to work in radio in the future.

Radio Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 29 events that took place. 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:

Acoustic Wednesdays » ran for 4 weeks in De Burgos, beginning on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.

Special Events

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

EGM » AC214 on Monday, 26/9/2005.

Media Law Lecture » Dillon Theatre on Wednesday, 28/9/2005.

Alison Curtis » Áras Ui Cathail on Friday, 21/10/2005.

Presentation and Interview Training » Flirt FM on Wednesday, 26/10/2005.

Halloween Party » De Burgos on Wednesday, 26/10/2005.

Desk Training » Flirt FM on Thursday, 27/10/2005.

Additional Desk Training » Flirt FM on Tuesday, 1/11/2005.

Cool Edit Training » Flirt FM on Wednesday, 2/11/2005.

Presentation and Interview Training » Flirt FM on Monday, 7/11/2005.

Minidisk Training » Flirt FM on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.

Minidisk Training (2) » Flirt FM on Monday, 14/11/2005.

Cool Edit Training » Flirt FM on Tuesday, 15/11/2005.

Christmas Party » Leisureworld on Wednesday, 23/11/2005.

Andrew O'Baoill » IT Building on Wednesday, 11/1/2006.

EGM and Introduction » SC200A (near Smokeys) on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.
Desk Training & Presentation Skills » Flirt FM on Monday, 20/2/2006.
Mini Disk & Cool Edit Training » Flirt FM on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.
Presentation & Desk Training » Flirt FM on Thursday, 23/2/2006.
Rag Week Special » Flirt FM on Monday, 27/2/2006.
RAG WEEK: Acoustic Wednesday » De Burgo's on Wednesday, 1/3/2006.
AGM » IT125G on Thursday, 30/3/2006.
End of Year Party » The Bierhaus on Thursday, 30/3/2006.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Emma Doyle

Vice-Auditor: Aidan McEvilly

Treasurer: Patrick O Flaherty

Secretary: Corina Duggan

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Corina Duggan

Vice-Auditor: Aidan McEvilly

Treasurer: Patrick O'Flaherty

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	482.17	Dinner	€95
Greenform	€129	Entertainment	€198.65
USC Grant	€974.06	Equipment misc.	€376.99
		Reception	€214.3
		Returned Money	€182.93
		Society transport	€20
		Speaker accommodation	€129
		Expenditure Total	€1216.87
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€134.56
		Closing Bank Balance	€368.36
Total	€1585.23	Total	€1585.23

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 270 members.

Ógra Sinn Fein Society

Over the past year Sinn Féin has been extremely active around college and in the city. This year we have managed to build on the solid base of last year by acquiring a large number of new and committed activists. We immediately solidified our membership by throwing the full resources of the cumann into both the 'Rosspoint 5' and 'Shell to Sea' campaigns and soon we became the driving force behind both campaigns. Over the period of the R5's incarceration we took part in a number of well supported pickets at the Newcastle Statioil Station. Our protests culminated with our

members marching in protests in both Dublin and Galway soon after the leader of the Rosspoint 5, Miceál O'Seighin, addressed supporters in college as Gaeilge. Although not our first speaker of the year he proved by far the most popular.

While Sinn Féin remained at the centre of this cause we also immersed ourselves in other just causes around Ireland and on the 24th of September members took part in the Irish Unity March on the streets of Dublin. Soon after our members went to Belfast to take part in political and cultural tours of the city and the surrounding area. Over the past year our cumann took part in many events around the country. These included: the Bloody Sunday Commemoration March in Free Derry and the Ógra Sinn Féin National Congress on the 3rd and 4th of February.

One very important event the society played an active role in was the Frank Stagg 50th Anniversary Commemoration. The cumann provided both colour party members and marchers for this event, which was very well received by both the Stagg family and the local community in Ballina Co. Mayo. Through our support we helped, along with Republicans from all over Ireland, to mark a very special man who died on hunger strike for his country.

Only one week after the Ballina Commemoration our cumann supplied three delegates and a number of visitors to the Sinn Féin Árd Feis. At this hugely important event members helped to decide future party policy on the possibility of coalitions in the 26 counties and policy issues in the occupied 6 counties.

Over the last year Sinn Féin has worked tirelessly to both politicise and radicalise the student body of the college, most of our work has centred around the 25th Anniversary of the 1981 H-Block Hunger Strikes. On this issue we hosted the National Hunger Strike Exhibition which is touring Ireland, as well as respected journalist and political commentator Danny Morrison. However there is no doubt that our greatest success of the past year has been the 1981 Hunger Strike Commemoration held in Richardson's Bar. This event was organised solely by the college cumann and featured speakers from our cumann as well as entertainment provided by Free Derry's own rebel band 'Póg Mo Thóin'. This event was extraordinarily well attended and raised a great deal of awareness of the Hunger Strikers.

What we have achieved by our efforts over the last year is too great to list, what we have still to achieve is much greater. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the D'Arcy/Hurson Sinn Féin Cumann to thank all who have helped to make this year, the 100th Anniversary of Sinn Féin, the best year in the history of our college cumann. I would like to extend a special thanks to our activists in the college who have worked tirelessly for our cause, as well as the college itself who have supported us in all of our endeavours.

Sinn Féin Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 34 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Weekly Meeting for members » ran for 10 weeks in AC203, beginning on Tuesday, 27/9/2005.

Weekly Meeting for members (Semester 2) » ran for 12 weeks in IT250, beginning on Tuesday, 10/1/2006.

Special Events

This year we held 11 special events. These events were as follows:

Frank McBrearty » AM250 on Sunday, 11/9/2005.

Speech by Frank McBrearty on his incarceration by a corrupt Dublin government.

Make Partition History March » *Baile Áth Claith on Wednesday, 19/10/2005.*

Céad Bliane - 100yr Exhibition » *Áras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 1/12/2005.*

Ógra Shinn Féin National Congress » *Áth Claith on Friday, 3/2/2006.*

Bloody Sunday March » *Free Derry on Sunday, 5/2/2006.*

Frank Stagg Commemoration » *Ballina Co. Mayo on Sunday, 12/2/2006.*

50th Anniversary of the death of Hunger Striker Frank Stagg, murdered by British policy. Imprisoned in death by the Fine Gael/Labour Coalition.

Sinn Féin Árd Feis » *Áth Claith on Friday, 17/2/2006.*

Hunger Strike Commemoration » *Richardson's Bar #1 Eyre Sq. on Saturday, 25/2/2006.*

National Hunger Strike Exhibition » *Áras na Mac Léinn on Monday, 27/2/2006.*

Danny Morrison Lecture » *Richardson's Bar on Wednesday, 1/3/2006.*

Lecture to educate on the impact of the 1981 Hunger Strikes

AGM » *IT203 on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Aengus O'Dochartaigh

Treasurer: Jarlath Tourish

Vice-Auditor: Conor McGuinness

Secretary: Daniel Delargy

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Eamon Mac an Rí

Treasurer: Jarlath Tourish

PRO: Amanda Donnellan

Ass. Treasurer: Amanda Burke

Ógra Officer: Conor McGuinness

Social Officer: Aengus O'Dochartaigh

Vice-Auditor: Diane Nolan

Secretary: Fiona Moran

Ass. PRO: Andrew Hayes

Irish Officer: Tomás O'Caidhain

Recruitment Officer: Daniel Delargy

IT Officer: David Thornton

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	83.25	Bank charge	€5.71
Greenform	€86	Dinner	€60
USC Grant	€1881	Society accommodation	€980
Members' contributions	€443.18	Society transport	€500
Fundraising	€170	Speaker accommodation	€166
Sponsorship	€400	Affil/Member fees	€95
Ticket Sales	€892	Entertainment	€810
		Equipment misc.	€7
		Prizes	€45
		Materials	€1035
		Expenditure Total	€3703.71
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€306
		Closing Bank Balance	€251.72
Total	€3955.43	Total	€3955.43

Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €306 and this brings the total expenditure to €4261.43

Other Information

We held 52 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 65 members.

Sláinte Society

The society this year was a very busy one. We began with fundraising for various charities, for example the Marie Keating Foundation. As well as this, a lot of time and hard work went into the organisation of our largest project of the year; the Teddy Bear Hospital. This was held in January and was a great success. After this we focused on recruiting new members and raising awareness, especially in the area of organ donation just before RAG Week.

Throughout the year we were kept going with many small projects, such as fundraising, and involving as many interested students as possible from the college.

Sláinte Society Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Breast Cancer Talk » *Campus on Monday, 10th of October.*

Teddy Bear Hospital » *Áras na MacLéinn on Friday, 13th of January.*

Organ Donation Week » *Campus on Monday, 13th of February.*

In conjunction with the Irish Donor Network, Sláinte Soc will be promoting Organ Donation throughout the week by distributing Organ Donor Cards and providing information on the subject.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Liz Concannon

Treasurer: Caroline Cowley

PRO: Nuala Kane

Vice-Auditor: Claire Reynolds

Internal Officer: Gerard Healy

External Officer: Donna Cummins

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Equipment misc.	€625
Sponsorship	€1500	Gifts	€50
		Materials	€478.36
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€200
		Stationary	€30
		Expenditure Total	€1383.36
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€21.64
		Closing Bank Balance	€95
Total	€1500	Total	€1500

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 350.

Social Action Movement Society

The Social Action Movement Society works with children from the Westside area helping with a homework club run in conjunction with Le Cheile. We met weekly with anything up to twenty members and helps up to thirty students each week. We organised weekly social events for our members and held our AGM in March.

Social Action Movement 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:

Homework Club ran for 9 weeks in Westside Community Centre, beginning on Thursday, 29/9/2005.

Weekly Home work club with children in the Westside Community centre. If you are interested in helping out with both national and secondary school pupils. Retiring to the College Bar after the homeworkclub please join us.

Homework Club ran for 10 weeks in Westside Community Centre, beginning on Thursday, 19/1/2006.

Special Events

This year we held 1 special event. This event was as follows:

AGM » Westside Community Centre on Thursday, 23/3/2006.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Lorraine Devans

Vice-Auditor: Gerrard Kennedy

Treasurer: Margaret Mary Hanifin

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Pauline Boyle

Vice-Auditor: Aileen Fitzgerald

Treasurer: Pamela Boyle

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	6.05		
		Expenditure Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€6.05
Total	€0	Total	€0

Other Information

We held 1 committee meeting during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 20 members .

Socialist Workers Student Society

The Socialist Workers Student Society is an affiliate of the Socialist Workers Party. We are a left wing political society with a belief that revolution is needed to overthrow the current capitalist system. On campus this year we held a variety of meetings. We had speakers, showed films and participated in a debate with the Business Society. We participated in protests against the war in Iraq and in support of the Irish Ferries workers. We worked together with a number of other societies on the anti-war and 'Shell to Sea' campaigns. We also attended the annual national SWSS conference in Dublin. This year's committee consisted of four members, compared to the three of last year. We worked together very closely, all making vital contributions which helped the society grow in size and presence on campus.

Socialist Worker Student Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

Anti-war Protest » *Shannon on Saturday, 24th of September.*

SWSS has organised a bus to the anti-war protest in Shannon. The march will start in Shannon town centre and walk to the airport. There there'll be a rally with local and national activists speaking, followed by musical performances by a number of Irish bands including The Revs.

New Orleans and Iraq » *AC214 on Wednesday, 28th of September.*

Dan Buckley, member of the Dublin SWP, will speak about the situation in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and the connection between the damage there and the war in Iraq. As it is our first meeting of the year it will also be a chance for new members to meet the other members. Meeting will be followed by a wine reception.

Film Showing » *SC200a on Wednesday, 12th of October.*

Showing the Charlie Chaplin film 'Modern Times'. The film details the dehumanisation of factory workers.

Coffee Morning » *The Hub on Tuesday, 18th of October.*

A coffee morning with a twist. New members or prospective members are encouraged to come along and find out about the party's politics in an informal setting.

Stop Global Warming » *The Hub on Friday, 28th of October.*

Jonathan Neale, an American environmental activist will speak on the effects of global warming and what we can do about it.

Film Showing » *AC214 on Wednesday, 2nd of November.*

Showing 'The Battle of Algiers'. A powerful film about the struggle against imperialism in Algeria.

Socialist Day school » *AC201 on Saturday, 5th of November.*

Kieran Allen, member of the Dublin branch and head of Sociology Department in UCD, will talk about four issues related to the Socialist Workers Party, revolution, Marxism today, the need for a new left and left parties and movements.

Benefit Gig » *De Burgo's on Thursday, 10th of November.*

Benefit gig in support of the 'Shell to Sea' campaign. Also commemorating the 10th anniversary of Nigerian protester and prize winning poet Ken Saro-Wiwa. It will comprise of a mix of Irish and African music.

People Before Profit » *AC214 on Wednesday, 23rd of November.*

Rory Hearne, member of the Dublin branch of SWP, will speak on the issue of People Before Profit and the need for a new left in Ireland.

Irish Ferries Demonstration » *Cathedral on Friday, 9th of December.*

A demonstration will take place in support of the workers of Irish Ferries. The demo will start at the Cathedral and will go down Shop Street to a rally beside the Spanish arch. This demonstration is one of many happening around the country. All members should attend as we must stand up for workers' rights.

Meeting » *Smokeys on Thursday, 12th of January.*

SWSS Soc Organisational meeting to plan for societies day and the weeks ahead

Anti-War meeting » *Smokeys on Tuesday, 17th of January.*

A meeting between different societies to discuss the anti-war cause and the forthcoming demo on March 18th.

Video on Palestine » McMunn Theatre on Wednesday, 25th of January.

Socialist Workers student Society show video of Jenin, detailing the Israeli attack on the refugee camp of Jenin.

SWSS SOC: Anti-war meeting » Room E212(civil engineering building) on Wednesday, 1st of February.

Inter-society meeting aiming to set up a broad college alliance against the war.

SWSS Soc: 'White Phosphorous in Fallujah' » IT250 on Thursday, 9th of February.

The SWSS in conjunction with the Galway Alliance Against War and other college societies will be showing the documentary 'White Phosphorous in Fallujah'. This will be followed by a talk by retired Irish army commandant Ed Horgan who has been vocal in his opposition to the occupation of Iraq and has been arrested on a number of occasions for plane spotting in Shannon.

Socialism in Latin America » AC215 on Thursday, 16th of February.

A discussion led by Rory Hearne on Socialism in Latin America. The meeting will include a report back from the World Social Forum.

Globalisation » Larmour theatre on Wednesday, 22nd of February.

Discussion with the Business Society on the issue of globalisation. Speakers for SWSS are Dr. Su-Ming Khoo (Soc and Pol lecturer at NUIG) and Rory Hearne (Member of Geography Dept. at Trinity College and member of the SWP). Speakers for the Business Society are Brian O'Boyle (Economics dept) and David Keane (Auditor of Biz Soc).

Marxism Conference » Dublin on Friday, 3rd of March.

We will be organising to attend the annual Marxism conference in Dublin. This conference is made up of a number of talks by prominent speakers on issues affecting our world today.

American War Veterans » Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 7th of March.

Two American war veterans from the Vietnam war and first Gulf war speak against the current war in Iraq. Organised by the NUIG Against-War group.

Marxism Report » Room E212(in civil engineering building) on Wednesday, 8th of March.

Members who attended the Marxism conference will be giving a report back on the issues discussed there. We will also be planning for the international day of protest on March 18th.

Anti-war organisational Meeting » The Hub on Monday, 13th of March.

Film Showing » Kirwin Theatre on Wednesday, 15th of March.

Showing a documentary on Fallujah and the Iraq war. Also planning for the Global Day of Protest on Saturday.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Kiran Emrich

Vice-Auditor: Daniel Burdett

Treasurer: Kate-Marie Hearne

Secretary: Mary McGuinness

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	274.97	Affill/Mem fees	€20
USC Grant	€1414.75	Dinner	€50
		Hire Bus	€300
		Society transport	€229
		Speaker travel	€258.8
		Expenditure Total	€857.8
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€436.45
		Closing Bank Balance	€831.92

Total

€1689.72

Total

€1689.72

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 130 members.

Spanish Society

What a year for the Spanish Society! It began in Morgan's bar where glasses of sangria were toasted as both Spanish and Irish students chatted to the sounds of Latino tunes. This was to become quite the regular occurrence as we met up several more times during the year thanks to the hospitality of the staff in Morgan's. The year moved swiftly along with the showing of Spanish language movies every second week in the college, such as 'María plena de gracia', 'Como agua para Chocolate' and 'Abre los ojos'.

Creative expression was nurtured in February as both Spanish department members and students collaborated on the writing, production and performance of a unique comedy about the trials and tribulations of young, modern love 'Por amor al arte', with special thanks to Pilar Alderete and Sara Alvarez.

Another fun night out was had by all in February when the society hosted a bilingual table quiz in the college bar with MC's Alberto Avezuela and Colette Burke. Prizes included gift vouchers, bottles of wine and chocolates, with even a consolation prize for the losers.

Spanish Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Get Together » *Morgan's, Forster Court hotel, Forster St. on Tuesday, 24th of January.*

Social evening with finger food and a chance to meet up after the new year. All welcome

Table Quiz Night » *The College Bar on Tuesday, 7th of February.*

The Spanish Society is throwing a table quiz with questions in both Spanish and English.

Por amor al arte » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 13th of February.*

An original Spanish comedy about love. Produced, performed and written by the students and staff of the NUIG Spanish Dept. Runs for three nights from 13th, 15th and 17th February. Be sure to see this novel obra del arte.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Colette Burke

Vice-Auditor: Claire Murphy

Treasurer: Iona Sweeney

Secretary: Tony Creavin

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	-0.84	Affill/Mem fees	€190
Fundraising	€120	Bank charge	€0.56
USC Grant	€290	Prizes	€210
		Expenditure Total	€400.56
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€8.6

Total

€409.16

Total

€409.16

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 80 members.

Suas Society

Suas Soc hopes to highlight the importance of education to the creation of a just and fair society. Suas Nationwide is a registered N.G.O and charity which involves itself in highlighting education and providing a volunteer program for students to teach abroad. We raise money for our partner schools in India and Kenya throughout the year and also get involved with volunteering on a local basis. In addition we run a Development Education course for students to familiarise themselves with development-related issues. Check out <http://www.suas.ie/>.

Suas Society Events

This year the society had a total of 59 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Weekly Meeting ran for 29 weeks in AM107, beginning on Tuesday, 6/9/2005.

DevEd Course ran for 6 weeks in BS001, beginning on Tuesday, 4/10/2005.

Suas Development Education Course ran for 7 weeks in BS001- Cairnes Business School, beginning on Tuesday, 14/2/2006.

Special Events

This year we held 17 special events. These events were as follows:

Fancy Dress » Bar One, CP's on Monday, 26/9/2005.

Human Rights Lectures » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre on Monday, 14/11/2005.

'Volunteer Locally' Information Evening » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 15/11/2005.

Make Poverty History » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 16/11/2005.

Stop Violence Against Women » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 16/11/2005.

'Volunteer Abroad' Information Evening » Colm o hEocha Theatre on Thursday, 17/11/2005.

Big Night Out » Bar 903 on Thursday, 17/11/2005.

Meeting » The Hub on Thursday, 12/1/2006.

Suas meeting » AM107 on Tuesday, 24/1/2006.

Meeting » AM107 on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

Suas Development Education Course » BS001 (New Cairnes Building) on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

There are still places available in the Suas Development Education Course. You can enrol at www.suas.ie. This is an opportunity to deal constructively with development-related issues such as Globalisation, Health, HIV/Aids, Third World Debt and more! Runs for 6 more weeks- cost €20

Mini Rubber Duck race » Áras na Mac Léinn on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.

Early evening fun » College Bar on Tuesday, 28/2/2006.
Nicaraguan Visitors » O hEocha Theatre on Monday, 13/3/2006.
Alivera Kiiza » IT125 on Tuesday, 14/3/2006.
Paddy's Day Fundraiser » All over town on Friday, 17/3/2006.
A.G.M. » AM107 on Tuesday, 21/3/2006.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Yvonne McDermott
Treasurer: Patricia McHale
PRO: Genevieve Joyce
Society Liaison Officer: Laura Heneghan
Poker Events Manager: Thomas Meehan
PRO: Sharon Conneely

Vice-Auditor: Clare McQuillan
Secretary: Niamh O'Loughlin
PRO: Gillian Lavelle
Volunteer Liaison Officer (local projects): Lauren Kierans
Volunteer Liaison Officer (projects abroad): Darina Flynn

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Kathryn O'Shea
Treasurer: Yvonne McDermott
O.C.M.: Clare McQuillan

Vice-Auditor: Anna Nic Con Iomaire
Secretary: Darina Flynn
O.C.M.: Patricia McHale

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.65	Bank charge	€42.5
Fundraising	€1381.56	Equipment misc.	€11.9
Members Contributions	€70	Fundraising/charity	€1267.22
USC Grant	€428	Prizes	€30.49
		Reception	€130
		Society transport	€106
		Speaker travel	€89.47
		Stationary	€6.65
		Expenditure Total	€1684.23
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€195.98
Total	€1880.21	Total	€1880.21

Other Information

We held 37 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 206 members.

Traditional Music Society

A forum for both learning and listening to traditional Irish music. All styles catered for.

Trad Soc 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 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks. This event was as follows:

Sessions » ran for 14 weeks in Crane Bar, Sea Road, beginning on Tuesday, 10/1/2006.

Special Events

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

Trad Session (1) » Smokey Joe's on Monday, 20/2/2006.

Trad session (2) » Smokey Joe's on Tuesday, 21/2/2006.

Trad Session (3) » Smokey Joe's on Wednesday, 22/2/2006.

Trad Session (4) » Smokey Joe's on Thursday, 23/2/2006.

AGM » Crane Bar, downstairs on Tuesday, 28/3/2006.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Diarmaid Hurley

Vice-Auditor: Olive McTague

Treasurer: Liz Coleman

Secretary: Cáit Nic Fhionnlaóich

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: David Doocey

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	71.29	Bank charge	€1.68
		Dinner	€50
		Entertainment	€100
		Gifts	€20
		Society transport	€108
		Expenditure Total	€279.68
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€393.11
Total	€71.29	Total	€672.79

Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 40 members.

Voluntary Services Abroad Society

Voluntary Services Abroad (VSA) is an NUI Galway based charity which enables medical students to deliver desperately needed medical supplies and to assist in healthcare to the Third World. All of the monies raised go directly to towards development and sustained support of these services.

This year's fundraising efforts included The Naked Calendar, a Travellers Tales event, Table Quiz in the Quays, The Annual Halloween Ball in the Radisson, Flag Day, Selling Santa Hats at Christmas, Carol Singing, NCHD Swing Ball in the Radisson, Bed-push to Limerick, Cycle to Sligo, bag packing, 90s night in Cuba and a Golf Classic. In addition to these fundraisers all VSA members raised money in their hometowns throughout the year.

This summer 32 fifth year medical students are going on self-funded trips to the Philippines, India, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi and Zambia to assist in their hospitals and provide medical aid with the money they have raised. The society is going from strength to strength and next year's VSA committee is already gearing up for another year of fundraising.

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Christmas Concert » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 24th of November.*

VSA Christmas Party

90s Night » *Cuba on Monday, 20th of March.*

VSA presents a 90's night in Cuba. Tickets €5 from the Socs Box

Speed-Dating » *Living Room on Wednesday, 5th of April.*

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Roisin Nee

Vice-Auditor: Muireann Leonard

Treasurer: Sarah Burke

Secretary: Molly MacLoughlin Row

Press Officer: Lisa McAnenna

Class Reps Liaison: Eoin Storn

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	5982.82	Bank charge	€324.85
Balls	€6070	Dinner	€4630
Fundraising	€122662.1	Entertainment	€2120
Members Contributions	€4909	Equipment misc.	€420
Socs box	€4750	Fundraising/charity	€98498.35
Societies day	€1046	Hall hire	€1100
Sponsorship	€8571.06	Materials	€3853.7
USC Grant	€1445	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€210
		Printing	€55
		Prizes	€120

		Reception	€1740
		Stationary	€174.45
		Expenditure Total	€113246.35
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€15172.2
		Closing Bank Balance	€42189.63
Total	€155435.98	Total	€155435.98

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 253 members.

Writers Group Society

Over the past year 2005-2006 the Writers' Society of NUI Galway have put on many events for its members and students of the college. In Semester 1, on 21st September, Societies' day saw the launch of the September issue of 'The Sharp Review'. The E.G.M took place the following week on the 28th. Six general meetings took place in semester 1 on the 5th, 12th and 19th October, and 2nd, 9th and 16th of November, where members got together to read and discuss each other's own writing and to offer advice on how to improve it. Two poetry readings were held in The Ruby Room, the first on the 11th October, and the second on the 23rd November. 'The Sharp Review' was published every month, with Halloween and Christmas specials. A Haiku workshop took place on the 10th November with Gabriel Rosenstock and a trip to the Blackbox was organised for members who went to see 'Waiting for Godot'. In Semester 2 five general meetings took place on the 18th and 25th January, 8th February, and the 8th and 15th March. One poetry reading took place in The Ruby Room on 1st February. Múscait dominated this semester's events with the Literary Evening taking place on 20th February, which awarded the winners of the literary competition and also saw the launch of 'Limited Edition Sharp Review'. The 21st saw the unveiling of the poetry wall and launch of the poetry special 'Sharp Review'. On the 22nd a prose workshop with Susan DuMars took place and on the 24th the Writers' Society Literary Party was held in The King's Head. On the weekend of 10th-12th March the Murder-mystery weekend was held in Achill Island. On the 20th another trip to the theatre was organised. 'The Walworth Farce' was being performed in the Town Hall Theatre, and there was a pre-show talk from the playwright Enda Walsh.

Writers' Group Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 24 events.

E.G.M. » AM 104 on Wednesday, 28th of September.

General Meeting » AM 104 on Wednesday, 5th of October.

Poetry Reading » The Ruby Room on Tuesday, 11th of October.

General Meeting » Meetings were held in AM 104 on the following dates: Wednesday 12th of October, Wednesday 19th of October, Wednesday 2nd of November, Wednesday 9th of November.

Haiku Workshop » AM 104 on Thursday, 10th of November.

General Meeting » AM 104 on Wednesday, 16th of November.

Waiting for Godot » Black Box on Thursday, 17th of November.

Poetry Reading » The Ruby Room on Wednesday, 23rd of November.

General Meeting » AM 104 on Wednesday, 18th of January.

General Meeting » AM 104 on Wednesday, 25th of January.

Poetry Reading » Ruby Room, The King's Head on Wednesday, 1st of February.

General Meeting » AM 104 on Wednesday, 8th of February.

General Meeting » AM 104 on Wednesday, 15th of February.

Launch of 'Limited Edition Sharp Review' » Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Monday, 20th of February.

Unveiling the Poetry Wall » The Concourse, near Smokeys on Tuesday, 21st of February.

An exhibition of students' poetry and the launch of the 'Poetry Special' of the Sharp Review. Submissions for the Wall should be sent to writers@socs.nuigalway.ie before 15th February

Writing Workshop » IT 206 on Wednesday, 22nd of February.

Poetry Slam! » Fottrell Theatre, AMB on Thursday, 23rd of February.

General Meeting » AM 104 on Wednesday, 8th of March.

Murder-Mystery Weekend » Achill Island on Friday, 10th of March.

General Meeting » AM 104 on Wednesday, 15th of March.

The Walworth Farce » Town Hall Theatre on Monday, 20th of March.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Shannon Reeves

Treasurer: Fiona Gillespie

SDO: Dara Cussen

OCM: Eoin Shaughnessy

Vice-Auditor: Matthew Burke

Vice-Auditor: Ciara Banks

Secretary: Teresa Mooney

PRO: Ruth Hamilton

OCM: Maeve Naughton

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Shannon Reeves

Treasurer: Fiona Gillespie

S.D.O./P.R.O.: Liz Riedy

Vice-Auditor: Ruth Hamilton

Secretary: Dara Cussen

Vice-Auditor: Dave Rock

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	703.58	Bank charge	€26.91
Fundraising	€20	Dinner	€73
Múscailt	€1050	Entertainment	€326.35
Socs box	€831.5	Entry fees	€12
Sponsorship	€650	Hire Bus	€700
USC Grant	€1540	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€50
		Printing	€1380
		Prizes	€360
		Reception	€254
		Society accommodation	€1050
		Speaker accommodation	€50
		Speaker travel	€33
		Teacher fees	€500
		Expenditure Total	€4815.26
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0

		Closing Bank Balance	€-20.18
Total	€4795.08	Total	€4795.08

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 300 members.

Young Fine Gael Society

The year began with a successful Societies Day and with a large increase in membership of the Young Fine Gael Society from the previous year. In total we signed up 184 members. We had our first meeting in our new room AC 203, with the new committee and new members introducing themselves. Fearghal Ryan was elected onto the Committee as a 1st year rep. In October we were visited by two prominent public representatives; two Roscommon Fine Gaelers. John Connor, President of the Irish United Nations Association, visited us and spoke about the 'The Importance of Ireland's membership of the U.N.' on a largely successful evening. The following week Senator Frank Feighan spoke about 'The state of small business in Ireland today'. At this time Michelle Perry and David Mc Donagh were co-opted onto the Committee.

Towards the end of October we had an interesting discussion on Civil Unions which brought great debate amongst those in attendance. The general consensus appeared to be that they should be allowed, but with certain limitations on adoption and personal rights. The President and Vice President of Young Fine Gael; Pa O'Driscoll and Lizzie Munnely respectively, also visited the branch .

A major event of the year was the 'Suicide Awareness Seminar' held on Tuesday November 8th. The event was held as part of the YFG organised TALK campaign. A sub committee chaired by Michelle Perry made the event a great success. YFG National Panel Member Conor Cresham gave his personal account of the impact suicide had on himself and his family. Carlow Senator Fergal Browne spoke of the efforts of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, (of which he was a member). A representative of the efforts of The Samaritans stressed the importance of talking or even listening to someone who appears depressed. Some 80 people were in attendance.

As Christmas approached we had our last major meeting of the calendar year. Sean McKiernan, member of the Fine Gael National Executive, spoke on 'Fine Gael's policy regarding neutrality'. There was also a Christmas Party, organised by Keith Stevens, held in late November. There was a great crowd in Murty Rabitte's that night. People travelled from places such as Limerick and Letterfrack for an excellent party.

Semester Two commenced with Societies Day Two where we attracted a further 20 members.

As the National Conference approached, two members of the branch sought a nomination to run for the National Executive of Young Fine Gael. Sean Filan was proposed and seconded for the position of Connaught/Ulster Regional Organiser. David Mc Donagh was proposed and seconded for candidature for the National Panel. Meanwhile we discussed possible policy motions we could submit for the National Conference. An interesting discussion on 'Mandatory Irish for the Leaving Cert' was held. The general opinion of the people assembled was that the system of teaching Irish was failing and needed to be revised. There were mixed opinions on whether it should be compulsory for Leaving Cert or not.

Over the next two weeks, bringing us into the start of February, the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates visited the branch to state their intentions. Firstly, the two presidential candidates, John Fitzpatrick and Lizzie Munnelly, addressed the floor and faced probing questions. The following week the three Vice Presidential Candidates: Maurice Fitzgerald, Simon Harris and Barry Walsh gave their cases.

The next important event was the visit of Gerry O'Connell, Vice President of Fine Gael and former auditor of NUIG YFG. He spoke on 'The legacy and relevance of Michael Collins'. It was a very successful night and was enjoyed by all present. Derrick Geraghty was also co-opted to the committee around this time. The following week, party leader Enda Kenny T.D returned to the Branch once more. He spoke on his 'vision for Ireland' but also answered many questions from those who were assembled. There were 146 people at the meeting.

The National Conference in the Ramada Hotel at Limerick Junction brought great success for the branch. *Three of our members were elected to the National Executive*; Sean Filan to the position of Connaught/Ulster regional organiser with David Mc Donagh & Keith Stephens elected to the National Panel.

In the last month or so, further speakers have addressed our branch. Cllr. Michael Fleming spoke about 'The Undocumented Irish in America'. Denis Naughton T.D spoke on 'Rural development throughout the B.M.W region'. The following day Senator Brian Hayes gave an account on 'How Seanad Éireann needs to be reformed'. Finally, Jim Higgins M.E.P spoke about the European Parliament and 'The direction the European Union is going in'.

As the race for committee positions was coming ever closer, a hosting was held. The four candidates who were then in the race to become auditor: Lorcan Gearty, Emily Hughes, Michelle Perry and Fearghal Ryan responded to questions from Chairperson Paul Hickey and a few other members. On the 29th of March we held our A.G.M. It was extremely successful. 14 Committee positions were filled with Fearghal Ryan being elected Auditor for 06/07.

Young Fine Gael Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 26 events that took place. 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:

Young Fine Gael Meeting » *ran for 12 weeks in AC 203, beginning on Wednesday, 11/1/2006.*

Special Events

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

Visit of President of Young Fine Gael » *AC205 on Wednesday, 26/10/2005.*

Visit of Pa O'Driscoll and Vice-President Lizzie Munnelly.

Suicide Awareness Meeting » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 8/11/2005.*

Suicide Awareness Meeting.

Visit of Sean Mc Kiernan » *AC 203 on Wednesday, 16/11/2005.*

Debate on future of Irish Neutrality.

Debate on Irish Language » *AC205 on Wednesday, 18/1/2006.*

Debate on the Irish Language.

Visit of Gerry O'Connell » *AC 203 on Monday, 6/2/2006.*

Gerry O'Connell addressed us on the significance of Michael Collins.

Presidential Candidates » *AC214 on Wednesday, 8/2/2006.*

Lizzie Munnelly and John Fitzgerald debate as the National Conference and the Presidential election draw closer.

Vice-Presidential Candidates » AC205 on Wednesday, 15/2/2006.

Simon Harris, Maurice Fitzgerald and Barry Walshe debate.

Enda Kenny visit » Darcy Thompson theatre on Monday, 20/2/2006.

Fine Gael Leader Enda Kenny T.D. will discuss his vision for Irish Governance after the 2007 general election. Questions welcomed afterwards. Reception afterwards in Murty Rabbit's (Foster Street).

National Conference » Limerick Junction on Friday, 24/2/2006.

National Conference Huge Success.

Visit of Michael Fleming » AC 203 on Wednesday, 8/3/2006.

Discussion on Irish Illegal Immigrants in America.

Visit of Senator Brian Hayes » AC 203 on Monday, 13/3/2006.

Debate on Future of the Seanad.

Visit of Denis Naughton T.D » AC214 on Tuesday, 14/3/2006.

Discussion on Rural Development.

Visit of Jim Higgins M.E.P » AC214 on Monday, 20/3/2006.

Debate on Future of E.U.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Paul Hickey

Treasurer: Etain Finn

First Year Rep: Fearghal Ryan

Membership Officer: Lisa Maher

O.C.M: Derrick Geraghty

Asst. Secretary: Paul Stanton

Campaigns & Events Officer: Keith Stephens

PRO: David Miskell

Organiser: Brian Flannery

Vice-Auditor: Ultan Hayden

Secretary: Lorcan Gearty

O.C.M: David Mc Donagh

Asst. PRO & Web Designer: Emily Hughes

Joint Treasurer: Chris Cormican

O.C.M: Michelle Perry

Connacht/Ulster Rep: Sean Finan

Policy Officer: Martin Nally

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Fearghal Ryan

Treasurer: Gary Beirne

O.C.M: Killian Harrington

O.C.M: Cathal Masterson

Campaigns Officer: Emily Hughes

Corresponding Secretary: Michelle Perry

Postering Officer: Jonathon Pilkington

Vice-Auditor: Lorcan Gearty

Secretary: Pdraig Fallon

O.C.M: Lisa Maher

Social Secretary: Cian O'Neill

Membership officer: Maire Spillane

P.R.O: David Miskell

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1373.55	Affill/Mem fees	€385
Members Contributions	€597	Dinner	€462
Sponsorship	€804	Entry fees	€100
USC Grant	€1885	Fundraising/charity	€1232
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€120

		Reception	€60
		Society accommodation	€1205
		Society transport	€700
		Speaker accommodation	€155
		Speaker travel	€40
		Expenditure Total	€4459
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€200.55
Total	€4659.55	Total	€4659.55

Other Information

We held 21 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 184 members.

Young Progressive Democrats

This year was the inaugural year of the NUI Galway Young Progressive Democrats (PDs). With the help of too many people to mention individually, a lot of ground work was covered this year to establish the society. Our main focus was to raise our profile on campus by providing an opportunity for students to meet senior members of Government. We also worked to provide a forum for discussion on issues which effect students and explore possibilities of raising awareness of identified issues.

Young Progressive Democrats Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Inaugural Meeting of YPD's » *The Quad on Friday, 17th of February.*

The inaugural meeting of the NUI, Galway Young Progressive Democrats, hosted by Minister for Justice, Michael McDowell.

Coffee With An Tánaiste » *Siobhan McKenna on Friday, 17th of March.*

Come meet An Tánaiste Mary Harney over coffee and biscuits. Informal event hosted in conjunction with the Political Discussion Society.

National Party Conference 2006 » *Limerick – South Court Hotel on Friday, 21st of April.*

We are delighted to announce the Progressive Democrat National Conference, in the South Court Hotel, Limerick, from 21st-22nd of April. Arriving on Friday evening - so you won't miss college! All travel and accommodation is free! Please contact the society if you would like to attend.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Ian Jacob

Vice-Auditor: Conor Herlihy

Secretary: Martina Callanan

Committee 2006/2007

Auditor: Ian Jacob

Secretary: Martina Callanan

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€66.4
Greenform	€66.4	Society Transport	€48
USC Grant	€48		
		Expenditure Total	€114.4
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€0
Total	€114.4	Total	€114.4

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 42 members.

The Zoological Society

NUI Galway's Zoological Society caters for those who have an interest in Zoology (undergraduate, postgraduate and staff) and Natural History in general. We host a variety of events each year including talks, field excursions and social events.

Zoological Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Evolution Lecture » Seminar Room, MRI on Thursday, 2nd of March.

ZooSoc seminar (1) » Siobhan McKenna theatre on Thursday, 9th of March.

ZooSoc seminar (2) » MRI Seminar room on Thursday, 16th of March.

ZooSoc seminar (3) » MRI Seminar room on Thursday, 23rd of March.

ZooSoc seminar (4) » MRI Seminar room on Thursday, 30th of March.

Dolphin watch » Shannon estuary on Sunday, 9th of April.

Committee 2005/2006

Auditor: Ricky Whelan

Vice-Auditor: Rebecca Loftus

Treasurer: Conall Hawkins

Secretary: Ishla Seager

PRO: Noelle McMahon

Postgraduate Rep/Web Consultant: Alan Poole

PRO: Joseph Cawley

Staff Treasurer: Dr Colin Lawton

PRO: Caitriona Meaney

PRO: Anna Buyan

PRO: Niamh McMahon

Society Finance Details

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount

Opening Bank Balance	0.07	Affill/Mem fees	€300
Balls	€85	Bank charge	€3.38
Socs box	€42	Returned Money	€42
USC Grant	€250		
		Expenditure Total	€345.38
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€31.69
Total	€377.07	Total	€377.07

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 203 members.

USC Committee 2005-2006

Chairperson: Sr. Avril O'Regan

Societies Chairperson: Damien Corridan

Secretary: Riona Hughes, Societies Officer

Student Reps:

Departmental Societies: David Geary

Artistic and Performing Societies: Jessica Tuohy

Debating and Politics Societies: Robert Rooney

Social and Gaming Societies: Rory Donohue

Social Action / Religious Societies: Kieran Emrich

Staff Representatives:

Gar Hartigan (Buildings Office)

Maire Aine Mannion (French dept)

Tim Higgins (Chemistry Dept)

Fionualla Gallagher (Arts Officer)

NUI Galway Society Annual Awards

The Society Awards were adjudicated by the USC with 139 applications from the societies for the fourteen possible awards received. The Societies Ball & Awards Ceremony was held in the Galway Bay Hotel on Wednesday, March 29th. A fabulous night was had by the 300 who attended if the dancing into the small hours is anything to go by. The night started with music from Choral Society as the crowds made their way down to the Banquet Hall. Film Socs' film short 'Clown Project' by Henry Martin was shown on the big screen. Choral Soc then took to the stage and treated the enraptured audience to some beautiful harmonious singing. Next the hungry mob descended upon the sumptuous buffet. During dinner the Documentary on the AIB NUI Galway Event of Excellence Award was shown. We were joined on the evening by representatives of AIB who had so generously sponsored the Event of Excellence Award and who have also sponsored the SocsBox for the year.

Fionualla Gallagher, Arts officer, presented the Múscailt Awards:

Best originality went to Archaeology for 'Artaeology'-bringing relics to life, Best Impact went to Trad Soc for their week-long sessions in Smokey Joes and Best innovation went to Film Soc for their Film Festival in a mobile cinema.

The Societies awards followed and were presented by Vice President Mary O'Riordan and Susanne from Bank of Ireland who along with CKI and ALIVE were the sponsors of the Society Awards. Thanks to both of them for making the night possible.

Best Small Publication went to FanSci for their ITZACON Brochure,

Best Large Publication went to Art Soc for their Lunatic Fringe Comic Book,

Best Departmental went to French Soc,
Best Cultural Contribution went to Art Soc for their 'Stranger than Paradise' Exhibition,
Best Intervarsity went to Law Soc and Lit & Deb for the National Law Debates,
Best Poster went to Art Soc for their Exhibition poster,
Best Charity Event went to VSA for their Halloween Ball,
Best Website went to Juggling Society,
Best New Society went to Business Society,
Best Improved went to GIG Soc,
Best Fresher went to Andrew Murphy of Young Greens,
Best Event went to Sláinte Soc for the Teddy Bear Hospital,
Best Individual went to Donna Cummins of Lit & Deb and Sláinte Soc.
Best Society went to Juggling Society.

Congratulations to all the winners and to all the societies who submitted the over 120 nominations.

MCs for the evening were Riona and Damien. Following the excitement of the Awards the DanSoc Irish Dancers took to the floor in a spectacular standing ovation inducing display of rhythmic aerobatics to rival Michael Flatley and Jean Butler at their peak. Music was then provided by The Guinness Jazz band and DJ Pete and the dancing went on uninterrupted until 2.30am.

BICS National Society Awards

In the BICS National Society Awards NUI Galway Societies came out on top with three major wins. Best Society went to The NUI Galway Juggling Soc who exemplified all that is best in societies from passion to organization, to promotion of skills and the creation of a vibrant community of members who contribute not only to campus life but to the wider community. They had an exceptional year under the leadership of auditor Brian McGinley (PhD in Engineering). Best New Society went to Business Society who only in their first year have run an extraordinary number and variety of events and have made a significant contribution to campus life under the auditor-ship of David Keane (final year corporate law). Best Society Individual went to Donna Cummins (second year medical student) who is not only incoming auditor of the Literary and Debating society, which had a very successful year which included hosting the Irish Times Final. Donna was also instrumental in forming the new Sláinte Society who ran the wonderful Teddy Bear Hospital which saw students of medicine interact with local children.

The remaining NUI Galway candidates who had won at the Galway Society Awards were Best event: Teddy Bear hospital, Best improved: GIG (Gay in Galway) society and Best fresher was Andrew Murphy of Young Greens Society, All of whom were complemented by their respective judges for their high standard. Best poster was from Art Soc and Best Website Juggling Society. Riona Hughes, NUI Galway Societies Officer and Vice-chairperson of BICS described the University's victory as 'a recognition of the high standard of the societies in NUI Galway and the commitment of their very talented and generous members who add immeasurably to the life of the campus and to Galway city'.

The remaining six BICS awards winners were Best Society in a small college: CIT International Students' Society, Best improved Society: DCU Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Best Society Event: DCU Style Society for DCU Fashion Show 2006, Society Fresher: Breege Clarke, NUI Maynooth, Best Poster: DIT Artichoke Society and Best Website: DIT LGBT Society for www.ditlgbt.com

The BICS (Board of Irish College Societies) National Awards, was hosted by Cork Institute of Technology on April 13th in the Rochestown Park Hotel. The gala evening celebrated the enormous contribution societies and their members make to the social, cultural and humanitarian life of their respective campuses. Societies offer their members the opportunity to acquire very valuable life skills, which complement and enhance their academic programmes and produce well rounded graduates ready to make significant contributions to the wider community.

Representatives from CIT, DCU, DIT, IT Tallaght, NUI Galway, NUI Maynooth and UCC were present on the evening. They all presented portfolios and attended interviews during the rigorous process. So important is the evening that one hundred and seventy society members from forty-one societies were present at a very busy time during their academic calendar. Mr. Mervyn O'Mahony, CIT Societies Officer and awards coordinator described the evening as "the highlight of the Societies calendar and a wonderful opportunity for the best in the country to meet and share ideas".

Special guest for the evening was Mr. Pat Cox, former President of the European Parliament, who presented the nine awards to the winners. During his opening speech Mr Cox praised the members of third level societies and expressed the opinion that everyone present was a winner by virtue of engagement and that societies offered their members the opportunity to turn the knowledge they have internalised into good for their communities. He warmly welcomed BICS and said how proud Cork was to host the prestigious event. He went on to encourage the students present, whom he described as young Europeans, to avoid cynicisms in relation to what the EU has achieved and take pride in the fact that it is now the largest donor of non military assistance and encouraged those present to become engaged in an Erasmus of solidarity to use their gift of education for the greater good. Europeans should take pride in the fact that its enlargement promotes the re-emerging democracies and gives a focus for transformation. It is the first time in history that the subcontinent is united and driven by the free will of free and sovereign governments. His speech was met by a resounding standing ovation.

BICS is a national organisation, constituted in 1995, dedicated to providing a national forum for the societies in Ireland's Universities, Colleges and Institutes of Education. The Board is responsible for the promotion of interest in the activities of Irish college societies and of contact and co-operation between them. Website: www.bics.nuigalway.ie.

AIB NUI Galway Event of Excellence Awards Winners

The new ground breaking initiative between AIB and the Societies Office to promote and support the valuable work of the societies was a very exciting development for the hardworking society committee members. The aim of the award was to support the societies in organising events of social, cultural, humanitarian and educational importance which

enhance the community and enrich the society experience. Twenty-three societies participated, with six societies receiving a bursary for their event.

- 1st place - The Political Discussion Society for it's Schools Programme (€800)
- 2nd place - The Choral Society for it's Sean Fhocail (€600)

RUNNERS UP FOR EVENT OF EXCELLENCE: (€400 each)

- Muslim Youth - Islamic Cultural Week
- Labour Youth - Workers Rights Awareness week
- Film Society - Film Festival
- Comp Soc - Youth Outreach Programme

MÚSCAILT NUI, GALWAY SPRING FESTIVAL

20-25 February 2006

REPORT

Múscailt/Awakening

Report from Fionnuala Gallagher, Arts officer, NUI Galway.

Introduction

The 2006 Múscailt Spring Festival in NUI, Galway was financially supported by the Foundation Office, The Arts Office, NUI Galway and The Arts Council. The SocsBox/Ticket Desk was supported by AIB. The Artistic Directors are Fionnuala Gallagher, Arts Officer and Riona Hughes, Societies Officer, assisted by Andrea Fitzpatrick, Arts office and the SocsBox Staff. The programme represents a strong vibrant mix of professional artists/musicians/writers alongside the original and exciting societies events that highlight the creativity and talent on campus.

For Múscailt 2006, the Arts Office in association with the Societies Office endeavoured to strengthen existing structures and staples e.g. the one act original play series and further develop visual art initiatives and interactive events. There is a growing interest in film on campus and this was included and highlighted with the arrival of the mobile cinema on campus as our very own venue/showcase. Dance is also a growing phenomenon on campus and original pieces were commissioned for the unique opening event in the Bank of Ireland.

Key Developments of 2006:

(1) The Arts Council awarded the Múscailt Festival €6000 under the Small Festivals Awards Scheme. This is an important recognition and will allow Múscailt to grow significantly.

(2) The Jerome Hynes Inaugural Award for Best One Act Play served to highlight and deservedly credit the one act original play series that proves each year to be a stalwart of the festival and a critical moment for defining new talent in playwrighting, directing and acting within NUI, Galway.

(3) The Aisling Gheal, the mobile cinema, was invited onto campus to provide a singular venue for film and a momentous and inaugural occasion for FilmSoc and their original films produced with in-house equipment and facilities.

(4) The Arts Office commissioned a dance piece by Tanya McCrory in collaboration with the ConTempo String Quartet, Galway Ensemble in Residence for the opening event. ConTempo played live and Tanya McCrory and Esti Siles performed 3 original pieces in response to the music of Alec Roth.

(5) There was a parade on campus with MacTeo with an insect theme for Spring that ended in a drumming event sparked off by Sculptor John Coll and his bodhran.

(6) Outdoor Visuals were on display i.e. Pat Comer's large black and white photographs in the Quadrangle.

(7) Interactive Exhibitions:

-Artaeology Relic: making where the public were invited to make a relic from materials provided

-Doodle Day: Artists Kathryn Crowley and Cindy Anderson set in motion a giant outdoor doodle fest with giant chalks on the Friday.

(8) Impromptu Music Sessions:

TradSoc played at Smokeys. Buskers popped up everywhere on Busking day.

Description of Arts Office events

Press Launch

ConTempo String Quartet, Galway Ensemble in Residence played, *Tooth and Nail* Theatre Company performed an excerpt from 'The Bed I Make', a new piece for Múscailt. President Iognáid Ó' Muircheartaigh welcomed everyone and introduced guest speaker alumnus and renowned sculptor John Coll who gave a rousing speech to launch the Múscailt 2006 Programme. Refreshing colourful drinks, strawberries and chocolates were served.

Opening Event

*Carnival Parade around campus featuring Town Crier, Insects, Queen, Drummers inviting everyone to come to Aras na Mac Léinn, outdoors at 1.15pm.

*Tanya McCrory and Esti Siles performed 2 original dance pieces to music by Alec Roth performed live by *ConTempo* String Quartet in the Bank of Ireland Theatre 1pm. Stunning visuals, fresh original choreography commissioned from Tanya McCrory especially for Múscailt 2006.

* John Coll officially launched Múscailt beside his sculpture Cēiluradh and with his bodhrán started off the *MacTeo* Drummers.
*Múscailt Monster Mash
Fancy dress party in Student Bar 9pm with music from *Ghostwood Project* and Ghostly projections followed Irish
Zombie movie in Cinemobile.

Aisling Gheal Cinemobile on Campus

Jointly organised by Arts office and Societies Office, the programme included Irish films, American Films, Experimental Films, Children's films, original in-house NUI, Galway FilmSoc short films.

The Two-day programme included:

*The Banshee Lives in the Handball Alley

*Darklight Film Shorts

*Goldfish Memory

*Dead Meat

*Mad Hot Ballroom

*Howls Moving Castle

*A History of Violence

*Short and Bitter sweet Programme of New Shorts by FilmSoc première.

Concerts

Emer Mayock and Band, renowned flautist and uilleann pipe player with her own contemporary style performed a scintillating concert in the Aula Maxima Lower accompanied by Donal Siggins, strings and Robert Harris, percussion.

Music for Galway - Stephen Kovacevich, piano. Evening concert.

Art Exhibitions, Visual Arts, Performance

Jake Malone, *Other Worlds*, new paintings, Art Gallery

Extremely colourful, gallery was buzzing all week.

Pat Comer, *Same, same but different*. Outdoor black and white photographs hanging in Quadrangle. Elegant and striking from the archway. Provided a backdrop for events in the Aula.

Mary Dempsey, *What happened*, new sound installation in Archway of Quadrangle with reference to Porters' Desk. Reminder of Archway as meeting point.

Declan Shelvey, *Killing Heroes*, Friars Restaurant. An excellent draughtsman, Declan's work is current and interesting. Unfortunately he did not mount and frame the work as was planned and so effect was disappointing.

Kathryn Crowley, *Here and There*, Kathryn had many plans to create a changing mandala work using natural materials by the Yellow X, to have surprise pieces of art in unusual places and to hold a doodle day. The Yellow X was cleaned and flowers were planted in the concrete boxes by the Yellow X but the mandala did not happen due to

inclement weather. Instead, Kathryn ploughed her energy into colourful pieces in the trees by Aras na Mac Léinn and into gathering materials and promoting what was a hugely successful doodle day on the Friday with giant chalk drawings and writings decorating the area outside BOI and the Library.

Dominique Mayer, *Higher Ground*: large collages on display looking out from Parking and Information office on Arts and Science Concourse. Good feedback.

Danny McCarthy, (International Sound Artist), *Beyond the threshold of Quite*, Performance in Art Gallery, Lunchtime. Also illustrated talk, *Listen Out Loud* in Siobhan McKenna at 4pm same day. Cross-section of Galway public attended.

Nigel Rolf (International Performance Artist) *Recent Work*, an illustrated talk in the illuminating discourse on origins and attitudes/changes in performance art in Ireland as told by a veteran.

Live Impromptu Performance on Campus

TradSoc were hired to perform at Smokey Joes at lunchtimes throughout the week. This proved highly popular. Buskers/Jugglers/Artists performed all over campus.

Múscailt 2006 Societies Report

Report from Riona Hughes Societies Officer

Múscailt '06 captured the imagination of the Societies, which was evident from the breadth and scope of the events which they organised. Now in its sixth year the festival has matured and is without doubt the highlight of the artistic and performance societies year. Planning began early in September and the societies embraced Múscailt as their own. The combination of home grown talent and the calibre of the invited guests made this one of the most vibrant festivals to date which according to many independent observers brought unprecedented life, joy and excitement to the campus. As most of the events were free the festival was accessible and open to the university and the wider community who joined us for the week of celebration. The festival is a co-production of the Arts office and the Societies office with the generous support of the Foundation office and this year for the first time the Arts council. In addition to this generous sponsorship the Societies were also successful in raising additional funds and with a healthy box office the festival fared well financially. The Societies SocsBox in the Hub acted as information and ticket desk for the week and thanks are due to AIB for their sponsorship of the facility.

Society Events

Drama & Performance:

Dramsoc: One act play series. This year for the first time the society took on the challenging role of producers for the event which included 10 plays over three lunchtimes with an Omnibus edition on the Friday night. There was capacity attendance at each of the dates and the standard of the productions was excellent. This year the Alumni Office introduced the Jerome Hynes memorial trophy for the best play. The productions were adjudicated at the omnibus edition and the winning play was 'Basin of Myself' by Henry Martin which is also being produced as part of Project '06. The Hynes family were also present for the award ceremony which took place at the end of the Omnibus edition. The Alumni office presented a specially commissioned sculpture by John Coll to the winner. Adjudicators for the evening were Brendan Murray IDAA, Ron McFeeley Dramsoc Auditor and Ríona Hughes. 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 daylong workshop at the start of the three week rehearsal period where all the plays were read and feedback given.

The productions were:

- 'Mary Hegarty Last Mass' by Shona McCarthy
- 'Basin of My self' by Henry Martin
- 'Strings' by Daniel Golden
- 'Authors V Characters = Play' by Thomas Gaffney
- 'Empty' by Candace Driskill
- 'More Dears Than Tears' by Cliona de Bri
- 'Tell Tale Tattlers' by Naomi Moran
- 'The Ache' by Bridget Deevey
- 'Earthed' by Deirdre Sullivan
- 'Frozen' Terry Dineen

Omnibus Edition with award ceremony and wrap up party.

Dramsoc also produced 'Checkers', a humorous one act play, directed by Lauren Mikov, an Erasmus student which was written by one of her fellow students from her home university.

The **FanSci Society:** had a very busy week performing 'Sandman' a dramatic adaptation of Neil Gaiman's graphic novel directed by Yeolanda O'Brien and performed by a cast of twelve to a large appreciative audience.

They also performed 'Men at Arms' & 'Guard Guard' excerpts from Terry Pratchett's Radio-plays 'Guards Guards' and 'Men at Arms' adapted by Stephen Briggs. Both plays were also produced by the society as radio plays and were aired on Flirt FM. Directed by Edel Crowley and Padraic Murphy.

An Cumann Dramaíochta Feile na gColaiste: This two day event will feature productions from Irish colleges in two venues, culminating with the award ceremony in Áras na Gaeilge. The festival was organised in conjunction with An Comhlachas Naisunta and was judged by Brid O'Gallachoir. The plays were:

'Oiliúnt Skinny Spew & Na Cloigne' le Howard Brenton, Cumann Dramaíochta NUI Galway.

'Greasáin' le Neasa Ní Dhomhnalláin, Aisteoirí na Tríonóide

'Comhluadar', An Cumann Dramaíochta UCC

'Cogarnail na Pise', An Cumann Dramaíochta UCC

'Na Tri Bridies' - An Cumann Dramaíochta UCC

'Glór Íseal'- Na Haisteoirí Ildaite, UCD

'An Buachaillín Bán' le Tomás óg Ó Cheilleachair, An Cumann Dramaíochta St. Mary's Belfast

'Eile' le Breandáin mac Gearailt, An Cumann Dramaíochta, Coláiste Phádraig, Droim Conrach.

The **Musical Society**: performed a wonderful production of 'The Little Shop of Horrors' in the Black Box Theatre. The production sparkled with a large talented cast, musicians and back stage crew. This year the production took place the week before the festival to facilitate members of the production attending the events during the week. The Musical Society and Dramsoc went head to head during Múscailt when the Musical crew took on Shakespeare and the Dramsoc tried their hand at singing and dancing with hilarious consequences.

The **Juggling Society** were to be seen impromptu juggling throughout the week with the highlight of their week being a spectacular outdoor extravaganza which attracted a large appreciative audience.

Members of the **Comedy Society** presented an evening of original sketches and stand-up to a very amused audience.

Visual Art:

Visual art was in abundance with the **Art Society's** colourful exhibition 'Stranger than Paradise' which displayed the fruits of the society's biweekly classes and also saw the society launch their imaginative comic book 'Lunatic Fringe' which was a new departure for the society.

The **Photographic Society**: exhibition Focus '06 took place in the student centre and was launched to the strains of the Orchestra Society quartet and displayed works by the society members, many of the pieces having been developed in the societies own darkroom.

The **Archaeology Society**: explored heritage and relics in their delightful Archaeology project by providing the materials and the inspiration and inviting passers by to involve themselves in the creative process. The society set up a table in the student centre and proved very popular with the results of the artistic endeavours proudly displayed.

Film:

One of the undoubted highlights of the festival was the arrival of a mobile cinema from Co Leitrim which housed a two day film festival featuring an eclectic mix of Irish and international films and 'Short and bitter Sweet', a collection of five new films written, directed and produced by the **Film Society**. The line up included Film Shorts from Darklight, Irish made films; 'Gold Fish Memory' directed by Liz Gill, 'The Banshee lives in the Handball Alley' by Michael Fortune and Aileen Lambert and 'Dead Meat' by Conor O'Mahony. International features included French language feature 'Le grand Voyage' directed by Ismael Ferroukhi, 'A History of Violence' directed by David Cronenberg 'Howls Moving

Castle', a Japanese animation directed by Hayao Miyazaki and 'Mad Hot Ballroom' directed by Marilyn Agrelo. The Film Society also ran a workshop on how to make a low budget movie for aspiring film makers.

Music:

Music of all styles was in abundance throughout the week from the societies. There were performances from the **Orchestra Society** and the award winning **Choral Society**, both of which featured premiers of new works. The newly formed **French Society** choir gave their first concert, and sessions from the **Traditional Society** took place daily. The **Music Society** ran the week long Witless festival which featured the grand final of the band and solo competition which ran heats from the beginning of semester two and also a series of gigs during the week in various locations and a vibrant Busking Day. The **DJ Society** organised 'Battle of the DJ's' in which members battled it out for the honour of representing the College at SPINOFF '06, the first All Ireland Intersarsity DJ Clash in Dublin. The Student's Union hosted the semi final of their talent show 'So you think you're famous' the final of which was held the following week during rag week.

Dance:

The **Dance Society** treated their appreciative audiences to two performances of 'Rhythm' which featured a wide mix of dance styles from the enthusiastic and talented members of the various weekly workshops.

Literature:

There was literature a-plenty during the festival with two publications produced, edited and type set. 'Criterion' from Literary and Debating Society and 'Limited Edition' from the Writers Society. The 'Criterion' launch featured special guest playwright and author Patricia Burke Brogan. The Writers Society ran a week long series of events starting on the Monday with a literary evening which featured the launch of their publication with readings from the winners of the writing competition and special guests Mike McCormack and Kevin Higgins. They also organised a prose workshop, a poetry slam, unveiled their innovative poetry wall and hosted a wrap up party.

Miscellaneous:

One of the most prestigious highlights of the week was the **Literary and Debating Society** hosting the Irish Times Final, the two day event saw top debaters from Irish third level battle it out for the all important title. The **Quiz Society** intrigued and confused a lively audience in the College Bar with their intriguing Múscailt table quiz. The **Computer Society** up dated the festival website at www.muscailt.nuigalway.ie.

The Societies are already planning for Múscailt '07.

Membership Analysis

Breakdown of Society member signups on Societies day September 2005

Total signups	9678
Total number of individuals	4645
Percentage of total membership who are individuals	48%

Total student population	14025
Postgrads	2252
Undergrads	11733

Analysis

Percentage of student population who signed up to societies	33%
Percentage of total postgrads who signed up	6%
Percentage of undergrads who signed up	38%

Based on statistics (85% of societies returned signup sheets with student id's which were analysed and total sign up figures for the remaining societies were known)

	%	number	individuals
Percentage of total society membership held by postgrads	3%	290	139
Percentage of total membership held by first year postgrads	1%	97	46
Percentage of total membership held by first year undergrads	51%	4936	2369
Percentage of total membership held by other undergraduate years	45%	4355	209

How many societies do students join?	%	number
Member of 1	48%	2230
Member of 2 or more	52%	2415
Member of 2	27%	1255
Member of 3	13%	604
Member of 4	7%	325
Member of 5	3%	140
Member of 6	3%	138

What are the most popular societies?

	numbers	%	number of societies
Artistic Societies	3961	41%	17
Departmental	2148	22%	20
Social and gaming	1548	16%	13
Socially conscious / Charity and religious	1105	11%	11
Debating and political	916	9%	10

From these figures we can see that a third of all students sign up to societies' on societies' day one. Students also join societies after societies' day and on societies' day two in January. From the statistics 38% are undergrads with only 6% of post grads. Anecdotal evidence however suggests that a greater number of postgrads are actually involved, particularly in departmental societies, which suggests that they don't avail of Societies day as a way to join societies. 51% of first years sign up while the figure for subsequent years is lower, this either suggests disenchantment or more probably that members do not always sign up in subsequent years. This year we are introducing texting for societies based on membership and may therefore receive records of members who sign up at other times as only registered members will be able to receive texts. We are also introducing a new sign up method which will hopefully gives data on 100% of signups from both societies' days this coming year.

Society Total Income & Expenditure

Societies Finance Details – June 2005- May 2006
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Income		Expenditure		
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount	
Balls	€131,875.44	Affill/Mem fees	€11,854.66	2.11%
Fundraising	€151,015.17	Ball	€120,889.34	21.53%
Greenform USC direct payments	€11,581.26	Bank charge	€902.22	0.16%
Members Contributions	€40,281.38	Costumes	€5,353.18	1.86%
Múscailt	€7,988.85	Dinner	€21,868.15	3.90%
Socs box	€17,265	Entertainment	€15,586.48	2.78%
Societies day	€5,166.87	Entry fees	€17,786.36	3.17%
Sponsorship	€64,183.14	Equipment misc.	€6,995.56	1.25%
Ticket Sales	€16,855.72	Fundraising/charity	€184,274.51	32.82%
USC Grant	€129,437.52	Gifts	€2,161.49	0.39%
		Hall hire	€5,600	1.00%
		Hire Bus	€3,011.45	0.54%
		Lights	€713.60	0.13%
		Makeup/Props	€1,213.46	0.22%
		Materials	€10,810.46	1.93%
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€2,705.58	0.48%
		Performing rights	€4,163.46	0.74%
		Phone	€420	0.07%
		Printing	€10,292.31	1.83%
		Prizes	€9,634.21	1.72%
		Promotions	€4,340.46	0.77%
		Reception	€17,046.38	3.04%
		Set	€2,326.61	0.41%
		Society accomm.	€32,396.47	5.77%
		Society transport	€41,106.23	7.32%
		Socs day expenses	€495.88	0.09%
		Sound	€3,063.50	0.55%
		Speaker accomm.	€8,592.82	1.53%
		Speaker travel	€4,254.52	0.76%
		Stationary	€751.51	0.13%
	€575,650.35	Teacher fees	€10,809.29	1.93%
Income Total	€577,550.48	Expenditure Total	€561,420.15	
Opening Balance Total	€60,228.60	Closing Bank Balance Total	€74,026.70	
		Cash In Hand Total	€432.10	
Total	€635,878.95	Total	€635,878.95	