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2007-2008



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Introduction

Welcome to this year's Societies End of Year Book. With 86 societies including a number of new ones it was a very busy year. The large increase in activity and financial turnover which marked the previous year continued this year unabated. The Societies expenditure this year was almost one million euro with over one third of that going to charity. In the last six years NUI Galway Societies have raised over one and a quarter million euro for charities both at home and abroad. Societies' commitment to community engagement and providing educational opportunities for their members was an integral part of many of the societies action plans for the year. The Musical Society for example introduced the inaugural Schools Musical Competition which saw its members provide workshops in second level schools in County Galway as well as attending the schools musicals and hosting an Oscar style ceremony on campus for all the participating schools. They also co-hosted the first NUIG's Got talent Competition with Dansoc. For these innovations and an all round fantastic year they won Most Improved Society at the National BICS Society Awards.

As you read the report you will be able to share in the many triumphs and successes of the Societies throughout the year. The report comprises a piece from each society on their year plus their events calendar which is taken from the societies' daily calendar which is why it is in the future tense, plus full details of committee members and an income and expenditure record is also included.

The report highlights the major contribution which Societies make to campus life. Their committee members volunteered man-hours equivalent to 53 full time civil servants. They enriched campus life, created communities, contributed significantly to their members' holistic education and provided numerous opportunities for thought provoking debate, entertainment and fun.

The on going development of the on-line supports and the role of the SocsBox in supporting the work of the Societies were very successful. 82% of first years signed up to societies at the start of the year and societies in general reported increased attendance at their events. As the societies continue to develop it will be important to constantly devise new ways to engage students and provide them with the opportunities to feel a valuable part of the university community. Societies are a valuable asset in the fight against loneliness and isolation and departmental societies in particular provide an important link between students and academics. Support from staff is very important for the on going success of departmental societies in particular.

Challenging as always this year was the lack of space but the year also saw progress on the design of the refurbishment of Aras na Mac Leinn which will, when it is completed, create a centre and home for the Societies. The Muscailt Arts Festival also created a focal point for the artistic societies to display their creativity and talent. The Society Awards in March were a fitting celebration at the end of the Societies year with many deserving winners and a great night of entertainment.

I hope you will enjoy the report and the insight it gives to Society life and the student experience in NUI Galway.

Riona Hughes
Societies officer

Society Awards 2008

The Society awards took place in the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill on 9/4/08. Guest speakers include NUI Galway President James Browne and Vice President Mary O' Riordan. Entertainment was provided by Dansoc, David O'Leary (Opera), Shaannon Reeves (Violin), DJ Society. Music was provided by 'No Banjo' MC for the evening was Riona Hughes.

Society of the year: Biz Soc

Most improved: Musical Soc (GUMS)

Best New: Nothing Specific Society

Best Individual: Laura Freyne (International Students Society)

Best fresher: Nora Ni 'Dhomhnaill (Lit & Deb & Cumann Staire)

Best Event: Rotaract 'Socs in the City Fashion Show'

Best Poster: GUMS 'Back to the 80's

Best Website: Cumann Staire

Best Departmental: Law Soc

Best Charity: Art Soc Rag Week Events

Best Cultural Contribution: Malaysian Soc Malaysian Cultural Week

Best Small Publication International Students Society 'Treasure ARRR-Land' Brochure

Best Multi media/ Large Publication: The Cairnes Review (Biz Soc)

Best photo: Chess Soc

University Societies Committee

Chairperson: Maire Aine Mannion (French Dept)

SU Societies Chairperson: Muireann Dwyer

Student Representatives

Debating and Political Societies: Donna Cummins

Social and Gaming Societies: Patrick O'Flaherty

Artistic and Performing Societies: Jack Stenson

Social Action / Religious Societies: John Collins

Departmental: Russell O Riagain

Staff Representatives

Gar Hartigan (Buildings Office)

Tim Higgins (Chemistry Dept)

Fionualla Gallagher (Arts Officer)

Pdraig MacNeela (Psychology Dept)

Fr. Iomar Daniels (Chaplain)

An Cumann Craic Society

I mbliana ba chumann sisialta sinn a d'eagraigh oícheanta bríomhara do mhic léinn Gaeilge an choláiste. Chomh maith leis sin, bhí sé mar sprioc againn go pearsanta go n-aiséireois an cumann chun go mbeadh coiste na bliana seo chugainn in ann ballraíocht níos mó a eagrú.

This year we organised lively nights out for the Irish language students of the college, where they had an environment to use their native language. Also, personally, we wanted to re-invigorate the society so that a working committee could organise student recruitment for next year.

An Cumann Craic Events

This year the society had a total of 19 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Oiche na Mac Léinn ran for thirteen weeks in *Árus na nGael*, beginning on Thursday, 17/1/2008.

Oiche mór le Ceol agus Craic!!!!

Special Events

This year we held 6 special events.

EGM » *Áras na Gaeilge (téatar) on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.*

Beidh EGM ag an gcumann dé Céadaoin le coiste a roghnú. The society will have an EGM on Wednesday to choose a committee

'Cruinniú' » *An Róisín Dubh on Wednesday, 14/11/2007.*

Beidh gnáth 'cruinniú ag an gcumann dé Céadaoin seo chugainn ag a hocht a chlog sa Róisín Dubh. Beidh comhrá, comhluadar agus, gan amhras, craic againn. Tá súil againn gach éinne a fheiscint ann!

Eurofís as Gaeilge! » *Téatar Áras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 6/3/2008.*

Ár Eurofís Gaelach! Bígí ann.. Fáiltiú fíona ar a seacht!

Tráth na gCeist » *Club Árus na nGael on Thursday, 13/3/2008.*

Tráth na gceist le tacaíocht a thabhairt do seachtain na Gaeilge.

ÁRAINN » *Árainn on Friday, 14/3/2008.*

Turas chultúrtha go hÁrainn.

A.G.M » *Téatar Áras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 10/4/2008.*

Cruinniú bliantúil le coiste na bliana seo chugainn a phiocadh

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Dónal Ó Catháin

Treasurer: Séagh Mac Siúrdáin

Rúnaí: Pádraig Deiseach

Oifigeach Riaracháin:

Laura Dolan

Cúntóir na hoifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí:

Pauline Ní Chualain

Oifigeach na Céad Bliana:

Eimear Nic An Airchinnigh

Leas oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí:

Aideen Óg Nic An Airchinnigh

Vice-Auditor: Caoimhe nicGiollarnáith

Secretary: Pádraig Deiseach

Cisteoir: Séagh Mac Siúrdáin

Leas-Reachtair:

Caoimhe nicGiollarnáith

Reachtair:

Dónal Ó Catháin

Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí:

Laura Mullins

Leas-Rúnaí:

Ailbhe ní Fhoghlú

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Séagh mac Siúrdáin

Treasurer: Ailbhe ní Fhoghlú

Aire Ghnóthaí Eachtracha:

Dónal Ó Catháin

Aire Ghnóthaí Eachtracha:

Aideen Óg MacInerney

Vice-Auditor: Caoimhe nic Giollarnáith

Secretary: Alice Daly

Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí:

Pauline Ní Chualáin

Oifigeach Aistriúchán:

Paul Gunning

Society Balance Sheet

Income

Opening Bank Balance	€19.85
USC Grant	€1,118.75

Total €1,138.60

Expenditure

Non Alcoholic Refresh	€51.35
Printing	€350.00
Reception	€176.30
Society Accommodation	€200.00
Society Transport	€342.00
Expenditure Total	€1,119.65
Un-reconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
Cash In Hand	€0.00
Closing Bank Balance	€18.95

Total €1,138.60

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 215 members.

An Cumann Dramaíochta Society

Is muid an cumann drámaíochta Gaeilge in Ollscoil na hireann, Gaillimh. Cuireann muid drámaí trí Ghaeilge ar an stíitse agus bíonn ceardlanna dramaíochta againn freisin. Bíonn deiseanna ann léiriú, stiúriú agus aisteoireacht chomh maith le bainistíocht stáitse, smidiú, soilsí agus fuaim a fhoghlaim. Agus fiú mura bhfuil suim agat sna rudaí sin féadfaidh tú do thacaíocht a thabhairt dúinn agus a bheith ann don chraic!!! Téann muid chuig drámaí Gaeilge freisin, sa Taibhdhearc de ghnáth. Agus bíonn an chraic is fearr againn nuair a théann muid ar chamchuart leis na drámaí ar fud na tíre!!

An Cumann Drámaíochta Events

This year the society held a total of seven events.

Drama agus Coisir!! » *An Taibhdhearc/Arus na nGael on Thursday, 11th of October.*

Beidh An Cumann D ag dul chuig an drama Scath an Oilc sa Taibhdhearc oíche Deardaoin. Aistriuchan ata ann ar “The Power of Darkness” le John McGahern. Ta an drama ag tosu ag 8pm agus beidh muid ag castail le cheile in Aras na Gaeilge ag 7.30pm. Ta praghas speisialta socraithe againn leis an Taibhdhearc (€10 an duine). Ma ta suim agat teacht cuir d'ainm ar an liosta ata crochta ar chlar na bhfograi in Aras na Gaeilge! Chomh maith leis sin beidh muid ag dul chuig choisir i gClub Arus na nGael (Sraid Doimínic) i ndiaidh an drama. Ta an choisir seo a eagra do mhic leinn le Gaeilge agus a gcairde.

Beidh 'solaisti' saor in aisce ar fail!! Beidh an choisir fein ag tosu ag 9pm. An-oiche agus an-chraic go deo ata geallta!!! Ta suil againn go bhfeicfidh muid ann sibh!

Oireachtas na Gaeilge '07 » *Cathair na Mart on Friday, 2nd of November.*

Beidh an bus ag fagail inniu (De hAoine) ag 2.30pm on Airse in aice leis an gCearnog (an Quad). Ta muid ag fanacht i mbru, i mB&B agus i dteach. Beidh na liostai maidir le cen ait a mbeidh gach duine ag fanacht a dtabhairt amach sa mbus. Na bigi deireanach!!!

Eisteachtaí Dramaíochta » *Teatar, Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 21st of November.*

Beidh drama nua a dheanamh ag an gCumann tar eis na Nollag. Beimid ag dul chuig Feile na gColaisti i mBAC agus ar chamchuart leis an ndrama. Nil aon taithi aisteoireachta ag teastail!! Ta daoine ag teastail le haghaidh gach cuid den leiriuchan - ni chaithfidh tu a bheith páirteach san aisteoireacht!! Failte roimh chuile dhuine!!! Bíonn craic iontach againn gach bliain!!!!

Ceardlann Dramaíochta » *Teatar, Aras na Gaeilge on Monday, 21st of January.*

Beidh Bearla O Flaithearta ag teacht chun na hollscoile an Luan seo chun ceardlann dramaíochta a chur ar suil. Ag tosnú ar a 7.30 in Aras na G. Bigi gleasta in eadaí compordacha agus brogai reatha mas feidir. Oíche iontach a bheidh againn. Bigi ann!!!

Drama 'Cuig Peso ar an Domhnach' » *Teatar Aras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 28th of February.*

Bigi ann chun an chead leiriú don drama 'Cuig Peso ar an Domhnach' a fheiceáil. Failtíú fíona ina dhiadh.

Dráma 'Cúig Peso ar an Domhnach' » *Téatar Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 12th of March.*

Bigi ann chun an Dráma 'Cúig Peso ar an Domhnach' a fheiceáil. Dráma grá suite i Meicsicea a bhuaigh gradam ag an bhFéile Drámaíochta an tseachtain seo chaite. Fáiltíú fíona roimhe agus céilí ina dhiadh!!

A.G.M. » *Téatar Aras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 17th of April.*

Más mian libh bheith páirteach leis an gcumann an bhliain seo chugainn, bí linn anocht.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Niamh Ní Argáin

Vice-Auditor: Sláine Ní Chathalláin

Treasurer: Pádraic Déiseach

Secretary: Ciarán Ó Murchú

Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí: Rita Donnellan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€-202.43	Bank Charge	€39.79
Members Contributions	€1,155.00	Costumes	€30.00
Socs box	€30.00	Received Money Returned	€414.50
Sponsorship	€820.00	Society Accommodation	€2,825.00
USC Grant	€2,521.40	Society Transport	€630.50
		Expenditure Total	€3,939.79
		Un-reconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€384.18
Total	€4,323.97	Total	€4,323.97

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 134 members.

An Cumann Eigse Society

Eagraíonn muid díospóireachtaí, léachtaí trí Ghaeilge, oícheannta sóisialta, turais as baile agus neart eile! Tá fáilte roimh chách i gcónaí!! Tuilleadh eolais in Áras na Gaeilge agus ar an leathanach seo.

An Cumann Éigse agus Seanchais Events

This year the society had a total of 20 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Cruinniú ran for 8 weeks in Aras na Gaeilge, beginning on Wednesday, 3/10/2007.

Teacht le cheile neamh-oifigiúil in Aras na gaeilge. Bigi linn!

Cruinniú ran for 8 weeks in Cafe Aras na Gaeilge, beginning on Wednesday, 23/1/2008.

Teacht le cheile sóisialta in Aras na Gaeilge. Tae agus caife ar fail. Bigi linn!!

Special Events

This year we held four special events.

Cuairt o Des Bishop » Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 10/10/2007.

Bigi linn chun aithne a chur ar an Gaeilgeoir nua! Oíche amach ina dhiadh chomh maith.

Coisir ranga Gaeilge » Club Aras na nGael on Thursday, 11/10/2007.

Beidh coisir ar siúl i gClub Aras na nGael ar Shraid Doimínic. Beidh ceol agus craic an oíche ar fad. Bigi ann!

Coisir na Gaeilge » Club Aras na nGael on Thursday, 24/1/2008.

Coisir mór Gaeilge ag dul ar aghaidh i gClub Aras na nGael chun Oíche na Mac Leinn a chur chun cinn. Neart ceoil agus craic den scoth. Bigi linn!

Díospóireacht-Pósadh an tSagairt » Téatar in Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 13/2/2008.

Beidh Eddie Beartla O Connaighle agus Dara O Maoidhlearc ag teacht chun na hollscoile ag ple na ceiste faoi phosadh an tsagairt. Failtiu fiona roimhe ag tosnu ar a seacht. Bigi ann!!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Niamh Ní Argáin

Treasurer: Ciaran O'Murchu

Secretary: Padraic Deiseach

Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Daire O'Logain

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€301.90	Bank Charge	€3.08
Fundraising	€185.00	Entertainment	€300.00
Sponsorship	€1,500.00	Prizes	€30.00
		Reception	€60.61
		Society Transport	€45.00
		Expenditure Total	€438.69
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,548.21
Total	€1,986.90	Total	€1,986.90

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 56 members.

Animal Rights Society

The Animal Rights Society is composed of people who really care about proper treatment of animals. Our committee members are deeply concerned with abuse of animals. But where would we be without our members? Our members are buzzing with ideas of promoting the rights of animals and full of aspirations of an animal-cruelty-free world. At meetings members discuss anecdotes, statistics and laws regarding animals. We are never without a complaint closely followed by a possible solution. As secretary, I have watched some of the discussions like engrossing tennis matches. Admittedly not all of our ideas came into play. Nonetheless I believe we made a big attempt to spread the message of an end to animal cruelty. We focused on local issues which would be the most relevant to us. Some members researched information on different topics such as Fox-Hunting in rural Ireland or whale hunting. We then shared our findings to educate those present at meetings regarding a specific topic. However we extended our message to non-members too. This year we succeeded in spreading awareness of animal welfare among students in the college by

- distributing several petitions e.g. anti-fur
- hosting a vegetarian friendly party
- contacting the Minister who passed law condoning cruelty
- requesting the sale of free-range eggs on campus
- partaking in an anti-hunting debate with Lit&Deb and Countryside society
- holding a talk with Tom Hardiman about banning fox hunting

An idea that was repeatedly postulated was to display posters of visual evidence of animal cruelty around campus or condemning individuals for choosing not to be vegetarians. These ideas were considered too fanatic and were not carried out but clearly showed the desperation our members felt in pursuing proper treatment of animals. We were careful not to impose radical ideas on others or shove disturbing images on unsuspecting college students. It was difficult for some to accept this rule. Although all our members who got involved and showed an interest in animal rights enjoyed our society.

Animal Rights Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Animal Rights E.G.M » *The Hub on Thursday, 18th of October.*

Animal Right's Soc E.G.M, election of new committee, introduction and refreshments.

Animal Rights Meeting » *The Hub on Monday, 26th of November.*

Animal Rights Soc will meet this week to discuss plans for next semester and plan the upcoming anti-fur awareness event outside Brown Thomas in Galway (Saturday 15th December)-Come Along :D

Fox Hunting Talk » *IT125 (Ground Floor) on Friday, 22nd of February.*

A discussion on fox hunting with guest speaker, animal rights activist, Tom Hardiman. All welcome.

Hunting Discussion with Guest Speaker » *IT 125 on Monday, 25th of February.*

Discussion of Hunting with Geast Speaker Tom Hardiman of www.banfoxhuntingcrueltyireland.com

GRA Week & Animal Rights » *Arus na Mac Leinn Foyer on Thursday, 28th of February.*

Animal Rights Soc will join Human Right Soc during GRA week to give information and discuss issues relating to animal rights.

Hunting Debate » *Kirwan Theatre Concourse on Wednesday, 5th of March.*

Animal Rights Soc, Country Side Soc, Political Discussion Society and Literary and Debating Society come together to discuss the motion "This House Believes Hunting Should Be Banned". Speakers include Olivia Lally, David Scallon, Councilor Niall O' Brolochain and Chairman of the hunting Association of Ireland Gavin Duffy.

Animal Rights Dvd and snacks » *IT125 on Monday, 14th of April.*

Animal Rights Soc and Veggie Soc host 3 DVDs on the ever popular and controversial subject of Bloodsports in Ireland. We will show a DVD provided by the Irish Council Against Bloodsports, a documentary of Tom Hardiman made by a Dublin student and depending on whether people are interested footage of an actual hunt, we will be showing that also. Reception after as it is our last event of the semester!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Olivia Lally

Vice-Auditor: Peter Kennedy

Treasurer: Andrea Croke

Secretary: Joan Healy

OCM: Raymond Keary

PRO: Matthew O'Toole

OCM: Ruth McNally

OCM: Orla Monaghan

OCM: Dave O'Leary

OCM/Photographer: Maria Duddy

No Financial Transactions Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 65 members.

Archaeology Society

The Archaeology Society is the social outlet par excellence for all budding archaeologists and interested scholars in NUI, Galway. The society provides a platform for professional lecturers to talk on their areas of speciality on a bi-weekly basis. Furthermore, the society organises a yearly archaeology trip. The 2007/2008 trip to Cymru was a truly enjoyable feast of Prehistoric tombs and Medieval castles! The society provides students with the opportunity to present papers at annual conferences, and organises fundraising events for worthy social causes. Most of all however, the society is a fantastic place to get down and meet other students and make the most of your college year!

Arch Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

AGM » *Archaeology Library on Saturday, 19th of May.*

Prof John Glassow, UC Santa Barbara » *TBC on Thursday, 6th of September.*

'Archaeology on California's Channel Islands' Prof. John Glassow for the University of California opens up the year's proceedings for the Archaeology Society with what promises to be a fascinating talk.

EGM » *McMunn on Thursday, 20th of September.*

EGM to be held to finalise committee membership and to present an outline of the coming year's events

Coffee Morning » *Careers Service Seminar Room on Wednesday, 3rd of October.*

The Archaeology Society are running a charity coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd October from 9.00 to 12.00 in the Careers Seminar Room in conjunction with the Global Womens Strike in order to raise awareness of the various problems at present being encountered by indigenous women in the Oaxaca Valley in Mexico.

Film Night » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 16th of October.*

The Archaeology Society presents the archaeologically-themed movie 'Quest for Fire' the first of many this year. This event will take place in the Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 16th October at 8pm.

Em. Prof. Peter Woodman » *AM 150 O Tnuathail on Tuesday, 30th of October.*

Emeritus Professor Peter Woodman presents a talk entitled 'The Mesolithic in Ireland - 40 Years a Growing.' Peter Woodman has been Ireland's foremost authority on the Mesolithic in Ireland, and this is an excellent opportunity for all those interested in archaeology to hear more about his work.

Teachers From the Oaxaca Valley » *AM 200 Fottrell Theatre on Thursday, 1st of November.*

The Archaeology Society presents, in association with the Archaeology Dept and the Global Women's Strike, two teachers from the Oaxaca Valley talking on the repression of the indigenous communities in the area and the plundering of their cultural heritage

'Raising the Boyne Ship' Holger Schweitz » *O' Tnuthail on Tuesday, 13th of November.*

Mr. Holger Schweitzer, from the Dept. of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, will be speaking to us about his excavation in the past year of a ship from the bed of the Boyne River. This excavation was carried out by the Underwater Archaeology Unit of the National Monuments Section of the Dept. of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The ship was clinker built and is thought to date to the Late Medieval period. The remains are now undergoing post-excavation analysis and conservation in Drogheda. This is an opportunity to hear from the director of one of this year's most interesting archaeological excavations, on the construction, excavation and conservation of the ship, and its implications for archaeology and history in Ireland. The talk is entitled 'Raising the Boyne Ship'.

Rachel Barrowman » *Fottrell/AM200 on Tuesday, 22nd of January.*

The Archaeology Society proudly presents Rachel Barrowman from GUARD and the University of Glasgow, who will give a talk entitled "A Royal Fortress at Tintagel?: Arthurian Legends and Archaeological Realities".

Guest Lecture by Con Manning » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 19th of February.*

The Archaeology Society are proud to present Con Manning, from the Conservation Unit of the National Monuments Service, Dept. of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Con will be presenting a talk on the excavations at Glanworth Castle.

Trip Abroad » *Wales on Tuesday, 18th of March.*

The yearly Archaeology Society field-trip abroad. The 2007/2008 trip took the society to Wales for a jam-packed tour of many famous prehistoric and medieval sites.

Career's in Archaeology Seminar » *Careers Service Room on Thursday, 3rd of April.*

The career's in archaeology seminar provides up-to-date information for all archaeology students on career prospects after graduation.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Russell O'Riagain

Treasurer: Sarah Collins

PRO: Margaret Mannion

Postgraduate, Campaigns and Conferences:
Clare Hennigar

Vice-Auditor: Amanda Balfé

Secretary: Ben Ruddy

Trips Officer: Brian McArdle

OCM:
Martin Lonergan

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Mags Mannion

Vice-Auditor: Clare Henniger

Society Balance Sheet

Income

Opening Bank Balance	€790.71
Members Contributions	€420.00
Socs box	€3,325.00
USC Grant	€4,303.11

Expenditure

Bank Charge	€18.87
Dinner	€615.89
Entertainment	€200.00
Entry Fees	€582.09

Income

Expenditure

		Equipment Misc	€680.00
		Fundraising/Charity	€41.50
		Reception	€65.00
		Society Accommodation	€2,048.21
		Society Transport	€3,500.00
		Speaker Accommodation	€110.00
		Speaker Travel	€450.52
		Expenditure Total	€8,312.08
		Closing Bank Balance	€526.74
Total	€8,838.82	Total	€8,838.82

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at one hundred and 55 members.

Art Society

This year the society was a success as always. We started off with perspective drawing in and outside the Quadrangle, followed by the first comic soc, a skills assessment, and we also tried coming up with ideas for a design logo for the comic Lunatic Fringe. For the first semester the classes were divided into Clay Modeling in the hub, Life Drawing in the Quadrangles Gallery, Comic soc in the Arts Millennium building, and not forgetting the sociable excursions to Bier Hauss and the Róisín Dubh. The clay modeling produced some interesting pieces from grotesque to genteel, contemporary to traditional busts. With life drawing we all have improved a lot, getting a more realistic finish yet retaining our own original styles of drawing with various mediums. The comic soc was exhilarating, and we all pitched in our ideas for the logo of the comic book Lunatic Fringe. As well as producing some masterpieces of animation. The second semester kick started with a cultural city break to Amsterdam. The city often associated with liberal views on psychedelics, herbals and fornication also has a lot to offer from a cultural perspective. A city abundant in museums such as the Gough Museum, the Rijks museum, the Joods Historisch to name but a few. Along with many other cultural experiences abound. Also the same semester the ArtSoc exhibition took place with a great turnout and a few buyers. We had a pianist play the most beautiful background music that really set the tone of the event. We also did mask making which was new, and turned out to be a success as the class was filled to capacity every week.

Art Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 36 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Comic Book class ran for 7 weeks in AM 110, beginning on Wednesday, 3/10/2007.

Introduction to graphic art and discussions about the upcoming art novel.

Class - Comic Book ran for 8 weeks in AM122, beginning on Wednesday, 23/1/2008.

Mask Making Class ran for 4 weeks in IT207, beginning on Tuesday, 12/2/2008.

Mask making classes. Class will cost 3.50, sign up to the class in the SocsBox on the first night. Space limited so get your name in early.

Special Events

This year we held 17 special events.

Art Class » *Entrance to the Quad on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.*

This will be an outside class where we will do perspective drawing.

Clay classes » *The Hub on Tuesday, 9/10/2007.*

We will be working with clay making sculptures of a model's head. Bring plates, old clothes and some newspaper. Tickets can be bought in the SocsBox on the day and cost €3.50

Clay classes » *The hub on Tuesday, 16/10/2007.*

This will be the second half of our clay classes and again our model will be coming in so we can finish off our clay heads. Only those who attended last week's class can attend this week's class. Payment for the class (€3.50) can be made at the Hub on the Tuesday from 10am.

Life Drawing » *Art Gallery (right hand side of the Quad) on Tuesday, 23/10/2007.*

In these classes we will be having a model in to draw. You can sign up to the classes, on that Tuesday, at the hub which costs €3.50. To respect the model, the class will start strictly at 7pm and no late comers will be let in.

Life Drawing » *Art Gallery in the quad on Tuesday, 30/10/2007.*

Sign up to the class at the SocsBox for €3.50 on that Tuesday.

Life Drawing class » *Art gallery (quad) on Tuesday, 6/11/2007.*

Still Life Classes » *Art Gallery (Quad) on Tuesday, 13/11/2007.*

Our teacher will be bringing in some objects which we can draw. These classes will cost €3.50 and you can sign up for them at the SocsBox on that day.

Class » *AM110 on Wednesday, 21/11/2007.*

This is the last time art soc are meeting before Christmas and we are collecting all the pieces everyone has done so that we can put them up on the web site.

Class » *IT207 on Tuesday, 15/1/2008.*

This is our second last class before the exhibition so everyone is to bring in their pieces for Caroline to inspect. The class costs €2 and you can sign up for it at the SocsBox on that Tuesday.

Class » *IT207 on Tuesday, 22/1/2008.*

Class costs €2 at the SocsBox. It is the last class before the exhibition so I will be collecting up everyone's pieces that they have prepared.

Class » *IT207 on Tuesday, 29/1/2008.*

This is the last class before the exhibition so everybody is to bring in their finished pieces.

Comic Book class » *AM122 on Wednesday, 30/1/2008.*

This is the final class before the comic book is launched so we will be getting things sorted.

Up on the Down Side Exhibition » *Aras na Mac léinn Foyer on Monday, 4/2/2008.*

Up on the Down Side, taking its inspiration from the Ocean Colour Scene song, the society have challenged themselves to interpret this intriguing concept in a visual way. Members of NUI Galway's Art Society have collaborated to present an exciting and thought provoking exhibition of artwork on the theme of "Up on the down side". They will also launch their Annual comic book "Lunatic fringe" which they've been working on throughout the year! Food, refreshments and music will be on offer at the launch. The exhibition runs all week.

Class » *IT207 on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.*

This week we will be doing caricatures!!

Workshop » *Áras Na Mac léinn on Tuesday, 11/3/2008.*

Artsoc are getting together with Ecosoc to hold a workshop where we will make sculptures out of recycled goods. Bring along anything interesting looking and also lots of glue and string.

Final Class » *IT207 on Tuesday, 1/4/2008.*

Final class! We will be having some party food and refreshments. Probably very little art will get done, but we will catch up from our Easter break. Hoodies will also be handed out.

Final Comic Class » *Am112 on Wednesday, 2/4/2008.*

Final class before summer exams.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Orna O'Halloran

Vice-Auditor: Emma Finn

Treasurer: John Mac Géidigh

Secretary: Paul Kearney

Travel officer: Marie Jeanne Jacob

O.C.M.: John Burke

O.C.M.: Nina Drozd

O.C.M.: David Reilly

Society Balance Sheet

Income

Opening Bank Balance	€114.77
Fundraising	€1,240.00
Members Contributions	€309.00
Muscailt	€817.77
Socs box	€496.50
Sponsorship	€140.00
USC Grant	€3,352.81

Expenditure

Bank Charge	€14.66
Costumes	€500.00
Dinner	€140.00
Equipment Misc	€1,276.48
Fundraising/Charity	€1,240.00
Reception	€423.81
Set	€309.50
Society Accommodation	€400.00
Society Transport	€474.06
Teacher Fees	€1,037.05
Expenditure Total	€5,815.56
Closing Bank Balance	€655.29

Total €6,470.85

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Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 222 members.

Biochemistry Society

As a departmental society our goal is to promote the subject of Biochemistry to the entire university population. Anyone with an interest in Biochemistry is very welcome to attend any of our events held throughout the academic terms. This year we had two events with large turn outs to both. The Hallowe'en Ball in the Warwick Hotel went off without a hitch. The costumes were breath-taking (and scary) and everyone had a wonderful time. The Science end of Year Party was a great success also, raising money with Spot prizes and a fundraising head shave for the Zambia project. All our events were under taken in conjunction with other societies this year. We had successful inter-society cooperation and all the events were a great success, and promoted Biochemistry Soc through out the university.

Biochemisty Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Halloween Ball!!!! » *The Warwick Hotel, Salthill on Wednesday, 31st of October.*

SOCIETIES' HALLOWEEN BALL 07 The Roll Models Band, Fancy Dress - spot prizes, DJsoc sur les Decks College Bar pre-party from 8pm DJ, party games, finger food, juggling, face painting! Free busses to the Warwick (arrive early to get your place) Kicking off in The Warwick Hotel Salthill from 10pm Tkts €7 in advance from the Socs Box or €10 on the door. All proceeds go to Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. ----- Courtesy of... DJsoc, ISS, Juggling, Compsoc, Musical, Hispano Soc, Flirt FM, Biochem and Radiosoc!

Science End of Year Party » *College Bar on Tuesday, 1st of April.*

Join Biochemistry, Physics and Chemistry for our end of year Science Party. Tickets on sale in the College Bar €5 Tickets include entry to Cuba. Spot prizes and fundraising head shave for Zambia project.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Gary Grant

Vice-Auditor: Julie Carty

Treasurer: Anna Isermann

Secretary: Clodagh Kivlehan

P.R.O.: Rory Crowe

Society Balance Sheet

Income

Opening Bank Balance €407.14

USC Grant €250.00

Total €657.14

Expenditure

Reception €250.00

Expenditure Total €250.00

Closing Bank Balance €407.14

Total €657.14

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 57 members.

Biotechnology Society

This year Biotech Soc continued in its aim to promote biotechnology and science on campus, and to provide a medium through which students of biotechnology in all four years of study can meet and interact. September saw Biotech Soc's AGM and the election of the now outgoing committee. The committee aimed to organise social events such as parties, club nights, table quizzes and race nights. This year the society provided a service through which Biotech hoodies could be ordered by Biotech students of all years. The committee hopes that the society's membership will grow in the coming years through continued effort to promote interaction between Biotech students in all years of study and promotion of biotechnology on campus.

Biotech Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 13 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Hoodie Orders ran for 4 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Monday, 24/9/2007.

A representative from the Soc will be in the Hub taking orders for hoodies over the next few weeks. If you would like one of these very trendy, fashionable, desirable and not to mention comfortable hoodies of the highest quality just bring yourself and your wallet on down to the Hub any Monday lunch time for the next few weeks. Why not order one for a friend as a Christmas present? They'll thank you!

Hoodie Orders ran for 7 weeks in *The Hub*, beginning on Monday, 21/1/2008.

A representative from the Soc will be in the Hub taking orders for hoodies over the next few weeks. If you would like one of these very trendy, fashionable, desirable and not to mention comfortable hoodies of the highest quality just bring yourself and your wallet on down to the Hub any Monday lunch time for the next few weeks. You've seen your BioTech friends and peers wearing them not get yours this Monday, don't allow another academic year to close without get your very own BioTech Hoodie.

Special Events

This year we held 2 special events.

Hoodies Are In » *The Hub on Tuesday, 30/10/2007.*

The long awaited BioTech Hoodies have arrived. You can collect yours from a Soc rep at lunch time but if that isn't suitable they can be collected any time thereafter from the SocsBox. Remember to bring your ID, no ID - No hoodie!!

Hoodies Are In » *The Hub on Wednesday, 19/3/2008.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Tara Sugrue

No Financial Transactions

Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 76 members.

Business Society

Our society attempts to get more students thinking about business and opening their mind to new ideas. The business society's goal is to help any student that wants to get involved in business in any form in the future and provide a structure for building contacts. Its objective is to educate those of us that have an interest in any form of commerce and want to hear from people outside the lecture hall, people that have had experience in the workplace. We also feel that it is a very important social society and we are proud to say that if societies are there to bring people of similar minds together, the business society accomplishes this. Our aim is to provide a more practical forum for sharing business knowledge and experience for all members of the University. This year we won best Society in the NUIG Society Awards.

BizSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Bill Cullen Talk » *AM250 on Wednesday, 26th of September.*

The Business Society 'Bizsoc' will be having our first meeting on Wed the 26th of September in AM250 (Arts Millennium Building). We have Bill Cullen head of Renault Ireland and author of bestseller book 'Golden Apples' giving the talk 'Be a winner!.....Six simple steps to success'. Bill is a fantastic speaker so it should be a really interesting meeting! And if that's not enough to welcome you all to the society, we decided that we would raffle off a Laptop, kindly sponsored by Bank of Ireland, so come and WIN A LAPTOP! We will also have some free food and refreshments in the Skeff afterwards, so be sure to come along! Don't miss out on a great night!

Michael Coyle-Chamber of Commerce » *AM250 on Wednesday, 3rd of October.*

Guest Speaker: Michael Coyle - will talk on the Chamber of Commerce and how it works. All welcome. Party in the Skeff after.

John Boyle » *AM250 on Wednesday, 10th of October.*

John Boyle of Boylesports bookmakers is guest speaker for Bizsoc this Wednesday 10th of October, AM250 8pm. Come hear John's amazing success story. Refreshments etc in the Skeff bar afterwards with free passes to Karma. Don't miss out on a great night !

Investing on a student Budget. » *AM250 on Wednesday, 17th of October.*

Susan Hayes, final year Financial Maths and Economics student and Regional manager of "Invest Like The Best", is guest speaker at Bizsoc this Wednesday the 17th of October at 8pm in AM250. Susan will talk about investing on a student budget and making money. Susan is a professional student investor with lots of experience and will be offering practical advice to students. Refreshments etc in the Skeff bar afterwards with free passes to Karma. Don't miss out on a great night!!

Gary Kennedy » *AM250 on Wednesday, 24th of October.*

Gary Kennedy is guest speaker at Bizsoc this Wednesday the 24th of October 8pm AM250. Gary is former CFO of AIB and former President of Nortel Europe. Gary has lots of experience in the Business world and his talk entitled 'Crisis management to Business excellence - Career thoughts and lessons' is one not to be missed. Post reception in the Skeff bar with free passes to Karma. Don't miss out on a great night.

Sign up Mystery trip » *The Hub on Monday, 5th of November.*

Mystery trip » *Secret on Wednesday, 7th of November.*

The Business Society are going on a mystery trip to a secret location this Wednesday the 7th of November. We will meet at the foyer of the Arts Millennium at 7pm. The cost of the trip is €5. Places need to be pre-booked on Monday the 5th in the Hub between half twelve and half one. Don't miss out on a great night.

Website Launch » *Socs Day 2 on Wednesday, 16th of January.*

We are launching our brand new website www.nuigbizsoc.com today. Come down to the stand and talk to us about all the events planned for this semester and our annual trip details.

Socs Day 2 Party » *College bar back room on Wednesday, 16th of January.*

Commerce Ball tickets » *Aras na Macleinn on Monday, 21st of January.*

Commerce Ball Pre-Party » *College bar on Wednesday, 30th of January.*

BizSoc Commerce Ball 2008 » *Radisson on Wednesday, 30th of January.*

The most anticipated event of the year BizSoc's Commerce Ball 2008. Building on last year's success of 998 people attending the event and headlined by Republic of Loose, this year's events promised to be a not-to-be-forgotten night. Aslan are confirmed as part of the line up on the night. The Coronas will also preform along with Dj Byrno on the night.

Commerce Ball After party » *College Bar on Thursday, 31st of January.*

Bowling » *Leisure World on Wednesday, 6th of February.*

BizSoc goes bowling in leisure world this week. Meet there at 8pm. BizSoc Bowling €2.

Cairnes Review Launch » *Siobhan McKenna theatre -Arts Millennium on Wednesday, 12th of March.*

The Business Society launches its annual publication The Cairnes Review this Wednesday at 6.30 in the Siobhan McKenna theatre in the Arts Millennium Building. Prizes will be presented for the Best articles. Refreshment will also be provided. It's a fantastic magazine so come check it out.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Marie O'Gorman

Treasurer: Kate Monohan

OCM: Ronan Neacy

Strategic Adviser: Shane Duffy

OCM: Erris Cawley

PRO: Rachel Geary

Vice-Auditor: Grainne O'Connor

Secretary: Christina Browne

OCM: Roddy O'Connor

Speakers Convener: Neil Harte

OCM: James Sammon

Society Development Officer : Sarah Callanan

OCM: Paddy Hennelly

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€16466.58	Affil/Mem Fees	€43.86
Members Contributions	€2,650	Bank Charge	€36.56
Socs box	€1,260	Costumes	€520.00
Sponsorship	€8,000	Dinner	€851.97
USC Grant	€5,492.50	Entertainment	€343.50
Cairnes Review	€1150	Gifts	€70.00
Commerce Ball	€44881	Hire Bus	€375.00
		Materials	€165.25
		Printing	€500.00
		Prizes	€700.00
		Received Money Returned	€1,390.00
		Reception	€2,103.65
		Society Accommodation	€841.79
		Society Transport	€4,672.09
		Socs Day Expenses	€1,100.95
		Speaker accomm	€124.00
		Stationary	€97.64
		Cairnes Review	1598.12
		Commerce Ball	45524.86
		Expenditure Total	€61059.24
		Closing Bank Balance	€18840.84
Total	€79900.08	Total	€79900.08

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 699 members.

Botany Society

This semester 2007/2008 the Botany Society organised several talks covering a wide range of topics from wildlife biodiversity to botanic gardens. The society also organised a trip to Connemara which was attended not only by Irish society members but also by visiting student members. Each event held by the botany society had a large turn out by people from many different classes and subjects due to the wide range of topics covered in the talks. We were pleased with the results of our society at the end of the year, and proud of the fact that we were able to put some money back into our accounts.

Botany Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Fields of Demeter DVD » C315, Aras de Brun, Top Floor Tuesday, 2nd of October.

Join us for the first viewing of the Fields of Demeter DVD on October 2nd at 7pm in the Máirín de Valera Seminar Room or C315, found on the top floor of Aras de Brun. This DVD examines the concept of a cultural landscape in Europe and what it means to the EU members. The Botany Department's own Prof. Michael O' Connell contributed to the making of this DVD. Join us and broaden your mind!

Trip to Connemara » Letterfrack on Sunday, 14th of October.

Learn and see different habitats of Ireland and see landscapes

Education in Botanic Gardens » C315, Aras de Brun, Top Floor! Friday, 19th of October.

Emily Wood from the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh will give us a talk about the role of education in botanic gardens and will share some of her personal experiences.

Talk: Cut Away Peat Bogs » C315, Aras de Brun, Top Floor! Tuesday, 30th of October.

Tara Higgins from the National University of Galway will be giving a talk on Cut Away Peat Bogs in the Midlands. The talk is on at 7pm in the Máirín de Valera seminar room, top floor of Aras de Brun. There will be a small reception afterwards.

Talk: Invasive Species » Máirín de Valera seminar room on Wednesday, 14th of November.

John Kelly, research associate at Quercus, Queens University Belfast and former graduate of NUI, Galway, will be presenting an enthralling and informative talk entitled "Invasive Species: Towards a Coordinated Response" at 7:30pm at the Máirín de Valera seminar room (top floor), Aras de Brun on the 14th of November. The talk will concentrate on the work currently performed by Quercus and description of invasive species which are of high risk to Irish flora and fauna. This entertaining talk will be followed by a reception. Come one, come all!

Table Quiz » College Bar on Tuesday, 20th of November.

BotanySoc and QuizSoc have joined forces to bring you the best in intellectual exercises! Fear not, it's not all about plants! Join us at the College Bar, bring friends and a sense of humour and at a mere €20 per table, prepare yourself for an evening of being stumped, laughter and fun with a sprinkling of spot and booby prizes!!!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Triona Horan

Treasurer: Yvonne Sice

Secretary: Helen McGrath

PRO: Kieran McGee

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€167.57	Dinner	€78.65
Fundraising	€50.00	Materials	€72.99
Socs box	€297.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€19.94
USC Grant	€621.00	Society Accommodation	€465.00
		Society Transport	€84.00
		Expenditure Total	€720.58
		Cash In Hand	€27.87
		Closing Bank Balance	€387.12
Total	€1,135.57	Total	€1,135.57

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 48 members.

Chemistry Society

The Chemistry Society for 2007/2008 has held a series of educational guest lectures aimed at both staff and postgraduates as well as organising various social events during the year.

Chemistry Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Talk » *Dillon Lecture Theatre on Thursday, 10th of May.*

"Green Chemistry" by Prof. James Clarke

Weekend away » *Killaloe on Friday, 18th of May.*

The weekend away this year is in Killaloe, Co Clare. We will be staying in holiday homes on the harbour. The mystery activity will be taking place in UL activity centre.

Chemolympics » *Sports hall, Áras na Mac Leinn on Wednesday, 6th of June.*

A number of teams will be competing over a range of sports in the chemolympics. May the best team win.

AGM » *4th year classroom on Friday, 24th of August.*

Table Quiz » *College Bar on Tuesday, 15th of April.*

Chemistry Society Table Quiz, in the aid of Animal Sanctuary (GSPCA)

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: David Frain

Treasurer: Joanna Hajdukiewicz

Secretary: Karen Fahy

Corresponding Secretary: Eoin Moriarty

PRO: B. Kissane

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,304.80	Bank Charge	€44.78
Bank Charge	€11.81	Dinner	€805.00
Fundraising	€505.00	Entertainment	€1,860.20
Members Contributions	€173.00	Fundraising/Charity	€620.00
Sponsorship	€1,600.00	Gifts	€64.70
Ticket Sales	€514.50	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€700.00
USC Grant	€964.67	Reception	€145.33
		Society Accommodation	€1,262.00
		Speaker Accommodation	€55.00
		Speaker Travel	€110.20
		Stationary	€2.30
		Expenditure Total	€5,669.51
		Cash In Hand	€91.37
		Closing Bank Balance	€312.90
Total	€6,073.78	Total	€6,073.78

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 115 members.

Chess Society

This year the chess society played chess. We held weekly meetings, provided beginners' classes, hosted simultaneous exhibitions and lectures from Dr. Yury Rochev and Ireland's top grandmaster - Alexander Baburin, ran a chess-athon during Rag week and raised over a thousand euro for charity, held a photo exhibition which won best photo at the soc awards, and organised a very well-behaved party in the living room with finger food and delightful post-prandial conversation.

Chess Soc Events

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

Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Weekly Meeting *ran for 11 weeks in Smokey Joes, beginning on Wednesday, 12/9/2007.*

We meet every Wednesday in Smokey Joes to play chess!! Woohoo!! All levels of chess player are welcome and we provide beginner's lessons. It's usually a lot of fun and you get to meet great people. Don't worry if you don't have a set as we have 20! Anyway, relax and have a good life. If we see you at the meetings, all the better.

Weekly meeting *ran for 15 weeks in Smokey Joes, beginning on Wednesday, 16/1/2008.*

Every Wednesday we meet in Smokey Joes to play chess. There is no charge. Beginners are very welcome with free tutorials given and advice on better gameplay. Boards and sets are provided along with clocks. So, if you want to have a friendly game of chess and meet some great people; come along!

Special Events

This year we held 9 special events.

AGM + Chess Blitz » *AC 203 on Wednesday, 23/5/2007.*

Chess Rapid Games » *Smokey Joe's on Saturday, 26/5/2007.*

We are going to hold our annual rapid tourney this Saturday. The Venue: Smokey Joe's Time: 10:00 - 4:00 Format of play: 25 minutes each player, 6 rounds Prize : 1. €150 2. €100 3. €50. Free for students, €10 for the public

Alex Baburin (Chess Grandmaster) Lecture » *IT250 on Tuesday, 20/11/2007.*

We are very honoured to have Alex Baburin as our guest next Tuesday (20th November). He is Ireland's only chess grandmaster and has achieved a rating of 2600 in the past (Current FIDE rating of 2545)! He will be giving a chess lecture from 6-7pm in IT250 from 6-7pm. Following this, he will play 20 members of the audience in a simultaneous chess game in AC213 from 7pm. All students and minors will be admitted free of charge whilst a €5 charge will apply to adults.

Chess Party » *The Living Room on Wednesday, 6/2/2008.*

Chess Party! All are welcome. Finger food will be provided. The idea is simple: Meet new people and have fun!

Chessathon!!! » *Smokey Joes on Monday, 18/2/2008.*

There will be a chess board in Smokey Joes all day every day during RAG week!!! If people want to play a game they'll have to contribute €2 into a bucket. All proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity towards building houses in Zambia. Please give at least a euro during the week... It'll go towards a good cause!

Dr.Yury Rochev Lecture » *Kirwan Theatre on Monday, 3/3/2008.*

NUIG Chess Society are hosting Dr.Yury Rochev (FIDE Master) who will be giving a one hour lecture on improving chess play in the Kirwan Theatre in NUIG at 6pm next Monday March 3rd. Dr.Rochev is an esteemed chess Master with years of

experience in chess competitions. Following the lecture there will be a questions and answers session. At 7pm in AC201, Dr.Rochev will engage 20 randomly chosen chess players in a simultaneous game. Entry is free for students and minors whilst a €5 charge will apply to adults. The profits from the event will go towards Habitat for Humanity. All are welcome.

Dr.Yury Rochev simultaneous game » AC201 on Monday, 3/3/2008.

NUIG Chess Society are hosting Dr.Yury Rochev (FIDE Master) 7pm in AC201. Dr.Rochev will engage 20 randomly chosen chess players in a simultaneous game. Entry is free for students and minors whilst a €5 charge will apply to adults. The profits from the event will go towards Habitat for Humanity. All are welcome to attend.

"Chess, another perspective" » Arts Millenium foyer (AM100) on Monday, 10/3/2008.

"Chess, another perspective" is a photo exhibition prepared by the NUIG Chess Society. It's designed to give a different aspect, via the medium of photography, to a well known game. More than that though, it challenges us to look at our lives in different ways and to appreciate the beauty that can exist in any situation. Things we take for granted, such as the way we walk to lectures, can appear so familiar in our daily lives. Yet, there is so much that we don't see or look for. We hope you enjoy the exhibition (Which was generously sponsored by AIB). It will run from March 10th - 14th in the foyer of the Arts Millenium building.

Chess Soc AGM » *Smokey Joes!* on Wednesday, 16/4/2008.

The annual general meeting of the NUIG Chess Society will appoint a new committee and discuss any chess related matters.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Mark Jennings

Vice-Auditor: Chris Greene

Treasurer: Amin Shamsudin

Secretary: Fintan Hegarty

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: David Cormican

Vice-Auditor: Fintan Hegarty

Treasurer: Diarmuid de Búrca

Secretary: Mohamad Shafiq

P.R.O.: Amin Shamsudin

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€15.12	Affil/Mem Fees	€50.00
Bank Charge	€2.45	Dinner	€600.00
Fundraising	€179.00	Entry Fees	€1,701.00
Sponsorship	€300.00	Equipment Misc	€2,051.99
Ticket Sales	€600.00	Materials	€690.00
USC Grant	€5,964.00	Prizes	€400.00
		Society Accommodation	€200.00
		Society Transport	€135.50
		Speaker Travel	€305.00
		Teacher Fees	€500.00
		Expenditure Total	€6,633.49
		Closing Bank Balance	€427.08
Total	€7,060.57	Total	€7,060.57

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 138 members.

Choral Society

ChoralSoc started their first full year under our conductor Thomas Cryan with high hopes and inspiring ideas. With the aims of increasing membership, placing in a competition and raising money for charity. I'm delighted to report that we achieved each one of our aims for the year. On societies' day we enticed 247 students to sign up with the promise of pizza and Imogen Heap at our first practice. Out of those members we succeeded in retaining 40 students, a decidedly more manageable number for Thomas to conduct and organise. Line leaders were selected for the 4 parts of the choir which cut down on practice time and allowed things become more efficient.

Our first night out and mixer brought members to the Skeffington Arms Hotel, an interesting venue, followed by crazy dancing in Cuba nightclub. A treasure hunt was carried out which enabled members to work together in teams to solve the various clues which brought them around campus.

Our main two events for Semester 1 were the carol singing night in the Chapel, where we were joined in song and prayer by students and lecturers alike with Fr. Diarmuid and Fr. Iomar leading us on our spiritual journey. Our Second big event was our carol singing on Shop Street which took place on the last day of term to raise funds for St. Vincent De Paul. The generosity of the people and students of Galway combined with the lively and cheerful carols made this event a special one to all in attendance.

Second Semester was a very busy, fun-filled one for the choir. With the prospect of a competition, performing on campus and finally recording our first CD with Thomas we were all extremely expectant of what was in store for us. At the second socs day of the year we encouraged more international students to sign up to the choir.

Muscailt sprung upon us on the fourth week back and the choir spent a long time putting together a programme of contrasting pieces to perform for college students and staff alike. Our event "ChoralSoc do Campus" was well received as we performed in 3 different venues and gave ourselves some free publicity whilst possibly attracting new members to our society. Although there were minor glitches, time getting our members ready on time each day with lectures getting in the way. We thoroughly enjoyed performing at Muscailt and felt we contributed to the event.

Three weeks after Muscailt we geared up for our next big event - the Sacred Choral Music Festival in Limerick. We sang two contrasting pieces at the competition "O Mary Don't You Weep, Don't You Mourn" and "A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter. We performed well on the day and managed to obtain 89 points with the two winning choirs obtaining 91 and 92 points respectively. Although we only placed 4th we felt it was an achievement not to be underestimated for the choir. The weekend in itself was a great bonding experience for the choir with the 40 members in attendance getting to know one another to a greater degree and enjoying a night out together and a singsong in the hotel as well.

Several nights out were held in semester 2 which we found enormously beneficial in allowing members a chance to get more comfortable with each other and even a few choral romances blossomed. Wherever we went

there was always an opportunity to sing and so the staff of the college bar, the Roisín Dubh and The King's Head to name a few were graced and privileged to receive ChoralSoc members into their establishments!

Last 3 weeks of college absolutely flew by for the choir. Our recording equipment arrived which meant that we could finally start working on putting our first CD together. We decided that proceeds from our CD would go towards funding the group of students heading Zambia in the summer with Fr. Iomar for Habitat for Humanity. The process of recording was exciting if stilted at times and 7 songs were laid down.

We were also invited to join FlirtFM in their radio show "The Arts Show" where we performed 2 songs in studio. The heat in the studio combined with the nervous excitement of our members lead us to re-think the whole thing at one point but we soldiered on regardless and managed to mention our upcoming Societies' Ball performance and CD release subtly enough.

Invited by Riona we took to the stage at the Societies' Ball again this year providing entertainment for the societies who were there and gaining more experience in performing in front of a crowd. The response was brilliant and the entire night members of other societies came up to us to tell us we were excellent which put us in great spirits altogether! Although we were up for 3 awards we were unsuccessful in our applications this year.

As term draws to a close we have one final event which will take place in the college bar "The Open Mic" night run by MusicSoc. We hope to encourage our members to take the stage and perform their favourite karaoke numbers as a way of having a bit of craic with their singing and showing GUMS members what we are made of.

ChoralSoc have had a great year and with our CD hopefully coming out in May we hope that students and lecturers alike will purchase a copy so they can hear for themselves the quality of sound we have achieved this year.

Our last two events will take place after this report is submitted. On the 9th of May the society will journey to London to perform with choirs from all over the UK in the Scratch Really big Chorus Festival in the Royal Albert hall. Finally, after the exams, we plan to attend the "New Ross Sacred Music Festival" where we hope to improve on our competition performance and end the year on a high note.

New Developments in the choir this year have included inviting GMIT students to participate in the ChoralSoc as GMIT itself has no established choir. New hoodies were designed by our auditor Sharon Hughes which incorporated the NUIG and GMIT logo's, so as to accommodate all our members. We also added 2 positions on the committee for our GMIT members GMIT liaison officer and GMIT trips officer as GMIT members were not eligible for funding with our university. Last semester we ordered and this semester we have finally received our coveted recording equipment which we hope to utilise in practices to a greater extent next year in order to give our members a chance to hear what judges and audience members hear when we perform and improve our sound to the utmost possible degree. We have expanded our use of media this year by setting up a bebo and a facebook page which allows people an opportunity to catch up with what we are doing on a weekly basis. We hope in September to create our own website which will provide up-to-date information on the choir. Our CD will be on sale in SoesBox in September and also in some well-known music shops in Galway City. We also found providing members with a "What's happening Guide" extremely helpful.

Choral Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 41 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Choir Practice ran for 29 weeks in College Chapel, beginning on Tuesday, 25/9/2007.

Weekly practice - 2 hours of singing, chatting and laughing.... Tea and coffee provided, plus the occasional surprise snack. Bring a bottle of water! All welcome, the more the merrier in fact!

Special Events

This year we held 12 special events.

The Scratch® Choral Challenge » Royal Albert Hall, London on Sunday, 13/5/2007.

Cantoiri Colaiste Na Gaillimhe will travel to London to participate in the Scratch Brahms requiem Choral Challenge.

Choral Soc Night Out » The Skeff on Wednesday, 17/10/2007.

There's more to Choral Soc than just singing and songs! Come along and bring your friends for what promises to be a great night out! Free food and discounts in The Skeff for all Choral Soc members!

A night at the Movies » Áras uí Cathail on Tuesday, 6/11/2007.

GUMS invited us to perform at their very successful "A night at the movies" to raise money for their up and coming musical "Back to the 80's" and we happily obliged with a choralsoc rendition of Hide and Seek by Imogen Heap.

Carol Service » College Chapel on Sunday, 9/12/2007.

Choral Soc are singing in the College Chapel to ring in the season of goodwill and support St. Columbanus'. It should be an exciting performance and an event open to all.

Carol Singing » Shop Street on Friday, 14/12/2007.

Choral Soc want to ring in Christmas cheer with some carol singing on Shop Street to raise money for St. Vincent De Paul. Come along and support us and this worthwhile cause. You'll find us outside Anthony Ryan's :)

Choral Soc do Campus » Smokey Joe's on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.

For our contribution to Muscailt this year the Choral soc, under the direction of Thomas Cryan, will be performing the classic "Lion Sleeps Tonight". We will be in the Smokey Joe's Tues of Muscailt week. Come along and see what we are made of :)

Choral Society Do Campus » Yellow Sculpture outside Library on Wednesday, 6/2/2008.

The ever-popular Choral Society, under the expert direction of conductor Thomas Cryan, showcases three beautiful pieces from their repertoire. Come along and be wowed by their unique sound.

Choral Society Do Campus » Foyer of Arts Millenium on Thursday, 7/2/2008.

Limerick Sacred Music Festival » Limerick on Saturday, 1/3/2008.

The Annual Limerick Sacred Music Festival and choir competition

Choral Soc night out the second » King's head on Wednesday, 2/4/2008.

It's that time again another night out for the choir team to socialise and congratulate ourselves on all the hard work we've put in during the year.

Flirt FM Performance » Galway on Monday, 7/4/2008.

Choral Soc perform live on NUI, Galway's Flirt FM

Society Awards Ceremony » Galway Bay Hotel on Wednesday, 9/4/2008.

Choral Soc perform their repertoire for the NUIG Societies at the Socs Ball.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Sharon Hughes

Vice-Auditor: Hilary Carter

Treasurer: Lesley Darcy

Secretary: Anne-Marie Gough

Equipment Manager: Elena Fox
Conductor: Thomas Cryan
Health & Safety Officer: Laura Dolan
Public Relations Officer: Jen Bain

Rooms Officer: Laura Dolan
Webmaster: Elena Fox
Trips Officer: Arun Asan
G.M.I.T. Liason Officer: Emma Carter

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Sharon Hughes
Treasurer: Lisa Guilfoyle
Rooms Officer: Lesley Darcy
Trips Officer: Julie Hough
Webmaster: Linda Mitchell

Vice-Auditor: Jen Bain
Secretary: David Nolan
Health and Safety Officer: Chris Hurley
Public Relations Officer: Anne-Marie Gough
Conductor: Thomas Cryan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€742.43	Entertainment	€889.00
Members Contributions	€1,537.80	Dinner	€637.45
Socs box	€40.00	Entry Fees	€100.00
Sponsorship	€106.00	Equipment Misc	€5,979.35
USC Grant	€10,187.70	Fundraising/Charity	€250.00
		Hire Bus	€100.00
		Scores	€45.00
		Society Accommodation	€2,360.00
		Society Transport	€1,882.35
		Sound	€200.00
		Expenditure Total	€12,443.15
		Closing Bank Balance	€170.78
Total	€12,613.93	Total	€12,613.93

Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 284 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 social events. We meet every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the common room of the college chapel.

Christian Union Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 25 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 9 weeks in College Chapel Common Room, beginning on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.

A chance to get together and chat with guest speakers and refreshments. All welcome.

Weekly Meeting ran for 10 weeks in Common Room, College Chapel, beginning on Wednesday, 13/2/2008.

A time of singing followed by a talk by a guest speaker. Tea and biscuits and a chat after. All welcome!

Special Events

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

AVOCA Weekend » Ovoca, Wicklow on Friday, 2/11/2007.

Weekend away with other Christian Students Societies from Irish universities.

What is truth? » Common Room, College Chapel on Wednesday, 21/11/2007.

Christian Students are hosting a talk/discussion on the topic of truth. Everyone is welcome to come and voice their opinions and there will be pizza and refreshments beforehand!

MIND YOUR HEAD » Maynooth on Friday, 1/2/2008.

Conference about developing a Christian mind!

RAG Week Fundraising » NUIG Campus on Thursday, 21/2/2008.

Fundraising for Habitat for Humanity and Suas.

Prayer Breakfast » College Chapel Common Room on Tuesday, 26/2/2008.

Global Rights Awareness Week Prayer Breakfast in conjunction with the Human Rights Society.

Easter Focus » Common Room, College Chapel on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.

Christian Students Soc. is hosting a discussion on the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ this Wednesday as part of our 2 week Easter Focus. Come along for some debate or just for some socialising. Everyone's invited.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Muireann O'Loughlin

Vice-Auditor: Alice Dawson

Treasurer: Rosemary Fish

Secretary: Naomi Black

Music Co-ordinator: Nathan Dancey

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Nathan Dancey

Vice-Auditor: Laoise Kelly

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€357.85	Bank Charge	€16.63
Fundraising	€428.00	Dinner	€566.50
Members Contributions	€552.00	Entry Fees	€483.50
USC Grant	€1,498.85	Fundraising/Charity	€200.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€15.00
		Society Accommodation	€552.00
		Society Transport	€30.00
		Speaker Accommodation	€100.00
		Speaker Travel	€475.00

Income		Expenditure	
		Expenditure Total	€2,438.63
		Closing Bank Balance	€398.07
Total	€2,836.70	Total	€2,836.70

Other Information

We held 28 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 99 members.

Classics Society

The Classics Society is dedicated to increasing its members' knowledge of the classical world. Throughout the year the society, along with the Classics Department, hosted a series of talks by visiting lecturers from both Irish and foreign institutes of learning. Also, in the second semester, we travelled abroad for a few days to a place of classical interest. This year it was Sicily. On top of this we organise social nights such as films, parties etc. The society is always welcoming to new members. And remember, you don't have to be studying Classics to join!

Classics Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 17 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Weekly meeting ran for 9 weeks in *The Hub*, beginning on Friday, 28/9/2007.

Special Events

This year we held 8 special events.

EGM » TBA on Monday, 8/10/2007.

Triumph for Dr. Mathew Peacock » *Upstairs in the Bar* on Wednesday, 24/10/2007.

Come along to the party to show your appreciation for all Mathew has done for us. Fingerfood and refreshments provided. Everyone welcome

Guest Lecture » *O'Tnuthail Theatre AMB* on Tuesday, 6/11/2007.

We're proud to present Dr. Kathryn Lomas who will give a talk entitled "Cherchez la femme: the role and status of women in pre-Roman Italy." Reception afterwards in the Classics Dept. All welcome!

Guest Lecture » *Tyndall Theatre* on Tuesday, 20/11/2007.

We're proud to present our very own Dr. Edward Herring entitled "From Diomedes to Daunia: a Greek origin story for a south Italian place." Reception afterwards in the Classics Dept. All welcome!

Christmas Party » *Monroe's Tavern (Dominick St)* on Thursday, 22/11/2007.

Guest Speaker » *IT125* on Tuesday, 29/1/2008.

"Is the Essene debate dead & buried? The cemetery of Qazone in Jordan" presented by Dr. Amanda Kelly who has carried out many excavations there in previous years. Reception after in the Classics Dept. All welcome, so hope to see you there!!!!

Margaret Heavey Memorial Lecture » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre* on Monday, 10/3/2008.

For our annual Margaret Heavey Memorial Lecture we are proud to present Dr. Chris Carey who will host a talk on "Death, Monuments and Competition in Ancient Athens." Everyone welcome and as usual there will be a reception afterwards. Hope to see you all there.

AGM » AC203 on Wednesday, 16/4/2008.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Sarah Murphy

Treasurer: Patricia Bergan

Secretary: Linda Sell

P.R.O.: Laura Crean

General Committee: Deirdre Costello

General Committee: Louise Mannion

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,535.56	Bank Charge	€3.64
Members Contributions	€2,966.00	Dinner	€994.95
Socs box	€1,800.00	Entertainment	€200.00
USC Grant	€4,418.06	Entry Fees	€32.50
		Gifts	€285.18
		Reception	€583.98
		Society Accommodation	€2,014.12
		Society Transport	€4,955.90
		Speaker Accom	€190.00
		Speaker Travel	€309.07
		Expenditure Total	€9,569.34
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,150.28
Total	€10,719.62	Total	€10,719.62

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 148 members.

Coeliac Society

The societies aim is to "promote, safeguard and protect the interests of the members in relation to the Coeliac condition". It is a society set up to promote the interests of Coeliacs in NUIG by providing advice and support to Coeliacs on campus and by educating the greater university community about the coeliac condition.

Coeliac Disease is a condition in which there is a persistently abnormal immunological reaction to dietary gluten, giving rise to tissue damage in the presence of gluten. In order to follow a strict gluten free diet, a Coeliac must not eat foods that contain any form of gluten, which is found in WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE and OATS. Eating gluten causes the lining of the small intestine to become damaged thus reducing the coeliac's ability to absorb certain foods. The only treatment generally required is adhering to a strict gluten-free diet for life after a positive diagnosis has been made. Medicine or drugs are not required. The extent of the reaction to gluten and the degree of resultant damage is variable between and within individuals.

"Gluten" is a general term used for a particular type of protein (proline-rich protein, or prolamin) found in wheat. This protein gives dough made from wheat flour its elasticity and plasticity, which gives it good baking properties. The various strains of wheat have varying gluten content, so different flours may have more or less gluten depending on which type of wheat they are derived from. For example, "strong" flour (used for bread) has a higher gluten content than "soft" flour (used for cakes). In the context of coeliac disease, the term "gluten" is also loosely used to include similar proteins in rye, barley and oats. The prolamins in wheat (i.e. gliadin), rye (i.e. secalin), barley (i.e. hordein) and oats (i.e. avenin) are not identical, although they are closely related in structure.

Many foods are naturally gluten-free such as unprocessed fruit, vegetables, milk, eggs, rice, fish and meat. The main foods to be avoided include breads, biscuits, cakes, pastries, pizzas, pasta, sausage meats, spaghetti, certain soups, certain sauces, certain gravies and certain breakfast cereals. It is also important when cooking that care is taken not to use breadcrumbs, or to dust meat, fish or poultry with flour before cooking. Sauces and gravies that are thickened with flour or starch containing gluten should be avoided. Wheat products such as wheat flour, wheat bran, noodles, spaghetti, macaroni, ravioli should be avoided. Coeliacs should carefully study the listed ingredients on food packet labels, keeping a constant lookout for terms such as cereal binder, noodles, starch, starch filler etc. Coeliacs should also be aware that even 'safe' products might be changed by processing, cooking methods, embellishments and additives.

However the following are gluten free and could be used as a substitute; Ground rice, rice flour, cornflour, maize flour, potato flour, soya flour, arrowroot, rice, sago, tapioca, sweetcorn, maize, buckwheat, millet, commercial gluten free flours and breads which comply with the International Standard for gluten-free food (Codex Alimentarius).

Coeliac disease is more common than most people realise. Estimates of prevalence have been made by screening various population groups with blood tests for specific antibodies that appear in active coeliac disease. In some studies, screening results have been confirmed by taking biopsies of the small intestinal lining to look for damage typical of coeliac disease.

Several such screening studies suggest that between 1 in 200 and 1 in 300 people of northern European extraction have coeliac disease. It has been believed for a long time that Irish people have a higher than average risk of coeliac disease. Research in Northern Ireland (reported in 1998) suggests that as many as 1 in 122 individuals there have coeliac disease. Earlier data from Galway (Gumaa et al, 1997) suggest that the incidence of coeliac disease in children is declining (perhaps due to changes in weaning practices with time?), but that the incidence in adults is increasing (perhaps to greater awareness and increasing rate of diagnosis?). Nationwide figures are not available.

Active coeliac disease impairs absorption of nutrients in the upper small intestine (especially iron, folate and calcium). When absorption is markedly affected, diarrhoea and weight loss can occur. In children, growth retardation can result. Deficiency of iron or folates may lead to anaemia. Calcium deficiency can retard bone development in children (with retardation or loss of axial growth) or accelerate bone loss in adults (leading to premature osteoporosis). Fat-soluble vitamin deficiencies may be present in those with long-standing diarrhoea. These can lead to reduction in night vision, osteomalacia or bruising tendencies. Ongoing inflammation and damage in the intestinal lining, due to the presence of gluten, also increases the need for continuing tissue repair. This, in turn, substantially increases the risk of several cancers of the intestine. The presence of gluten in the bloodstream increases the likelihood of gluten sensitivity being manifested in organs other than the gut, such as the skin (e.g. dermatitis herpetiformis) or, rarely, the nervous system (e.g. gluten ataxia). Due to all

these fact, coeliac's need a good support network, which is what the society ultimately provides. *Information and facts provided by the CSI. Website: <http://www.coelaic.ie>*

Coeliac Society Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Information & Talk Evening » *AM200/Fottrell Theatre on Thursday, 25th of October.*

Our first speaker will be a Dietician: Ciara Heverin, who will give advice on Healthy Foods. Then we have our own local Sports Editor for the Galway Advertiser: Ray Silke, who is a Coeliac himself. We then have a manufacturer displaying some Gluten Free Products.

Meeting » *Colm O'hEocha Theatre, AMB on Tuesday, 26th of February.*

General meeting with guest speaker Siobhan Quigly, Dietician; also gluten free food manufacturers' display with free samples! All welcome, sure to be a fun, enlightening, and delicious evening!

Western Branch, CSI Relaunch » *Ruby Room, Kings Head on Thursday, 6th of March.*

The Western branch of the Coeliac Society of Ireland are celebrating their Relaunch on Thursday 6th March 2008 @ 8pm. All members of NUIG Coeliac society are invited to come along. Gluten-Free refreshments available throughout the evening. Ticket only event, which is free of charge. Contact 087 9309983 for tickets.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Caroline Moran

No Financial Transactions

Other Information

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

Comedy Society

Comedy Society promotes talent in the university. We had weekly meeting organised to discuss comedy scripts and ideas with one another. We suggested ideas for events we could hold. Some of these events took place. We produced a show for Muscailt. For this production, we had to script the content of our performance. The performance was both stand-up and comedy sketches. Light and sound also had to be included to produce the show. The show took place in the Bank of Ireland Theatre and we performed on front of the 20 people that attended. We also organised a weekly radio show, called "philler" which was broadcast on flirtfm on Mondays between 4.30 and 5.00 in the afternoon.

Comedy Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 6 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Comedy Soc Weekly Meeting *Outside Smokies (Concourse), beginning on Tuesday, 23/10/2007.*

Weekly Meeting- discuss events, upcoming performances, improv All Welcome. (For five weeks.)

Special Events

This year we held 1 special event.

New Comics Talent Night > *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 4/2/2008.*

The Comedy Society showcases a winning mixture of brand new and up and coming comedy talent; featuring a variety of stand ups and sketches created by NUIG's very own comedy society. Guaranteed to be side splitting fun!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Lisa Joyce

Vice-Auditor: Francis Glancy

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€246.96	Reception	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€50.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€196.96
Total	€246.96	Total	€246.96

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 301 members.

Computer Society

The main goals of Compsoc are to promote an awareness of and interest in all aspects of computing and to provide a social environment for members.

From eBay to Xboxes, mobile phones to Bebo; never before have people relied so heavily on technology to go about their daily lives. Compsoc is the first point of contact for many students of NUIG who are interested in computing to get to know each other. Compsoc also provides a unique opportunity for members to access the wide pool of community knowledge that exists within the society through our mailing lists and web forum.

In order to promote computing in NUIG, this year's committee organized frequent tutorials on topics such as Linux, web development and networking. We organized talks on Artificial Intelligence and Accelerating Technologies. Compsoc also administrates its own web server and the societies web server which hosts individual society and club websites. This is a valuable service to all societies and clubs in NUIG and allows interested Compsoc members to get real world technical experience that it is unlikely they could receive anywhere else. This year also saw the formation of a web development group to create a new website for Compsoc which will act as a portal for our members to share and find information and to contact each other.

All Compsoc members who wish to have an account on the webserver are provided with such, and here they can create their own websites, compile scripts and contact other users who are online.

The social aspect of the society was provided through regular LAN gaming competitions in a number of local gaming businesses. The society was invited by UL Skynet, to partake in a computer society inter-varsity where we got to know other 3rd level students with similar interests and extended our future contacts.

We are aware of our social responsibility and Compsoc, along with a number of other societies in NUIG, came together to organize this year's Halloween Ball which raised a considerable amount of money of charity.

The society has grown considerably this year and it is hoped that this will continue in the future.

Compsoc Events

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

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

COD4 Lan Gaming *ran for 2 weeks in Wired Gaming, Dominick Street, beginning on Tuesday, 12/2/2008.*

Call of Duty 4 is the game of choice this week. Make sure to book your place by logging into

<http://www.compsoc.nuigalway.ie/> If you're having trouble logging in or need an account, email committee@compsoc.nuigalway.ie.

Special Events

This year we held 13 special events.

LAN Gaming » *XSITE on Tuesday, 25/9/2007.*

First Compsoc event of the year is an evening of LAN gaming in XSITE. We'll be playing on xbox 360s, PS3s and we'll have our Wii there too (bring along any games you want to play). Places are limited so email nathan@compsoc.nuigalway.ie if you want to go. It costs €10 and this covers transport from college to XSITE and back, pizza and at least 3 hours of gaming. We'll be meeting in the Hub at 18:30 and going from there.

Introduction to Linux Workshop » *IT 206 I.T. Building on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.*

We will be running the first of a continuous series of Linux workshops in IT106 in the I.T. Building starting at 18:30 next Tuesday (2nd October). These workshops are aimed at the beginner and No previous knowledge is necessary! Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Ubuntu Linux Install Fest » *IT106 in IT Building on Tuesday, 9/10/2007.*

Have you considered installing a version of linux, but were afraid you might make a mistake? Compsoc are providing an evening where we will help you install Ubuntu Linux on your laptop. You can also come along and watch how it's done.

Web Development Workshop » *IT106 in IT Building on Monday, 15/10/2007.*

This is the first evening in a series of Web Development workshops provided by Compsoc. This evening is aimed at people with absolutely no experience whatsoever. Over the course of the following weeks more advanced topics such as CSS, PHP and mySQL will be covered.

Halloween Ball » *Warwick Hotel on Wednesday, 31/10/2007.*

Compsoc, together with DJsoc, International Students, Juggling, Spanish Soc, RadioSoc and Flirt FM have organized this year's Halloween Ball! 4 piece band The Roll Models will be rocking out the covers, 3xDJs (DJsoc), finger food... face painting... juggling.... it's all going to take off!! Tickets are €7 and are available from the Socs Box.

Artificial Intelligence » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 31/1/2008.*

Compsoc is lucky to have Colm O'Riordan (founder member of the Computational Intelligence Research Group) and Dr Aaron Golden (Group Leader, NCBES Bioinformatics Research Group) give us some of their time to explain the concept of Artificial Intelligence and some of its many interesting applications.

Game Night - Squareeyes » *Squareeyes on Tuesday, 26/2/2008.*

This time we're heading to the newest social gaming center to open in Galway, Squareeyes. This promises to be one of the best gaming events of the year. To reserve your place, head down to the socs box and get your ticket. Its only €12 and we'll be going from 2200 to 0200 at least! For more info, visit compsoc.nuigalway.ie

Limerick Intersocs » *University of Limerick on Saturday, 1/3/2008.*

Compsoc have been invited by UL's Skynet for a weekend of Intersocs fun and frolics. This is a great chance to make connections and see how other Computer societies operate.

WebDev Training » *Various on Monday, 24/3/2008.*

All this week Compsoc are running training events for members of our newly formed webteam. See <http://compsoc.nuigalway.ie> for more info on specific events.

LAN GAMES 2008 » *Squareeyes on Tuesday, 8/4/2008.*

Compsoc invites you to participate in the gaming event of the academic calendar...LAN GAMES 2008 in Squareeyes. There will be competitions on COD4, Guitar Hero 3 and Fight Night Round 3. Tickets are €12 for Premium card holders (€15 for Non-Premium Card holders) and are available at the Socs box. Competition details and more info available at compsoc.nuigalway.ie

Crimp Your Own » *AC200a on Thursday, 10/4/2008.*

Rolling your own crossover and patch cables is easy. Compsoc will give you a hands on demonstration of how it's done!

Socs Webspaces Training » *IT106 on Tuesday, 15/4/2008.*

This training session is provided to help committees learn how to make the most of this service.

AGM 2008 » *Tyndall Theatre on Wednesday, 16/4/2008.*

Its AGM time. Anyone interested in running for the committee visit compsoc.nuigalway.ie for info on how to nominate yourself.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Patrick O'Flaherty

Treasurer: Nathan Shaughnessy

PRO: Jonathan Smyth

Vice-Auditor: Nicholas Geoghegan

Secretary: Andrew Regan

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Auditor: Nathan Shaughnessy

Treasurer: Padraic Harley

Gaming Coordinator: Martin Farrell

OCM: Dan Keyes

OCM: Terry Lyons

Vice-Auditor: Andrew Regan

Secretary: Shane Tuohy

Speakers Convener: Nicholas Geoghegan

OCM: Thomas McCabe

OCM: Joe Murphy

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€4,716.51	Bank Charge	€5.08
Members Contributions	€422.15	Dinner	€24.60
Socs box	€342.00	Entry Fees	€342.00
USC Grant	€769.40	Equipment Misc	€2,370.22
		Gifts	€69.96
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€132.11
		Printing	€48.95
		Prizes	€100.00
		Society Accommodation	€150.00
		Society transport	€141.60
		Stationary	€5.25
		Expenditure Total	€3,389.77
		Cash In Hand	€40.72
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,819.57
Total	€6,250.06	Total	€6,250.06

Other Information

We held 27 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 202 members.

Countryside Society

The Countryside Society was established in 2008 with the following objectives in mind: 1) The Countryside Society sets out to foster and promote awareness regarding rural issues in Ireland through discussion, political debate and presentation. 2) The Countryside Society will focus in particular on recent Government rural development regulation. As a society, our objective will be to recognise the recent changes and pressures which have been affecting the Irish countryside. 3) Our objective will consider issues such as public access to the countryside, new government strategies, land use pressure, the changing role of agriculture and rural housing. 4) The society will hold a strong belief in supporting countryside tradition and commit on maintaining the rural way of life. We will support traditional country sports such as fishing and hunting.

Countryside Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

AGM » *Geography Dept. Seminar Rm. (under BOI) on Wednesday, 6th of February.*

Our first meeting will take place next Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Seminar Room in the Geography Department (under Bank of Ireland on Concourse). The meeting will begin with an AGM where we will elect a committee. It will be a great way to get involved in Societies and it only requires a very very small amount of work. Look forward to seeing all of you Wednesday next (6th February) at 6pm.

Hunting debate » *Kirwan Theatre Concourse on Wednesday, 5th of March.*

Countryside Society's David Scallan and Gavin Duffy of the Hunting Association of Ireland will be debating against Galway's Green Cclr. Niall O' Brollachan and Animal Rights Society's Olivia Lallay. It is promised to be an excellent and entertaining debate.

Committee 2007/2008

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Secretary: David Scallan

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: John Dicker

Vice-Auditor: Niall O'Neill

Treasurer: Maria Fahy

Secretary: David Scallan

No Financial Transactions

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 124 members.

Fianna Fail Society (Cumann de Barra)

Cumann De Barra has enjoyed great success, kicking the year off with achieving the highest membership numbers in the country and going on to hold up to twenty weekly meetings throughout the year with eighteen guest speakers. We also attended the national youth conference in Tullamore this year where Alan De Tuite, Diarmuid Mc Intyre and Joe O'Neill were successful in their elections. We did a drive safety campaign in college and also hosted a debate with guest speaker Charlie Bird. We finished the year on a high with Minister Micheal Mairtin visiting the Cumann.

Cumann de Barra Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Meeting with Seán Dorgan » *AC204 on Monday, 1st of October.*

Meeting with the General Secretary of the Fianna Fáil party, Mr. Seán Dorgan. Seán was instrumental in Fiana Fáil's recent success in the general election. Seán vast experience at the front of Irish politics for the last number of years means that if there's a story he heard it. If you've any questions about the party and it's structures, he's the man with all the answers.

Senator Mark Daly » *AC204 on Monday, 8th of October.*

Mark Daly was born in Kenmare, County Kerry on March 12, 1973. Educated in Kerry and at DIT Bolton Street Mark qualified and practises as an auctioneer. He first got involved in politics in 1991 when he joined the Fianna Fáil cumann in Kenmare of which he has been a member ever since. In 2002 Mark was part of the reality tv show, Treasure Island, which was set on a desert island in Fiji where he finished third. He has also worked as a journalist for Radio Kerry and The Kingdom newspaper. Mark contested the Twenty-third Seanad Election on the Administrative Panel. He received 120 first preferences, the highest of the Fianna Fáil candidates on the panel and the third highest overall, and was elected on the tenth count exceeding the quota. This constituted a huge personal achievement, especially seeing as it was the first time he had stood for election himself.

Martin Mansergh TD » *AC204 on Monday, 15th of October.*

Dr. Martin Mansergh is a TD for the constituency of Tipperary South. He was first elected to the Dáil in the 2007 General Election and had previously been a member of Seanad Éireann, serving on the Agricultural Panel from 2002 until his election to the Dáil. He was Co-chair of the British-Irish Constitutional Sub-Group 1994 and was also a member of the Delegation and Steering Group for Good Friday Agreement negotiations, and in talks since on police reform and putting arms beyond use. He also conducted discussions with the IRSP prior to the INLA ceasefire. Martin is also a member of the Council of State, appointed by President Mary McAleese.

Dara Calleary TD » *AC204 on Monday, 22nd of October.*

Educated at St Oliver Plunkett NS The Quay, Ballina, St Muredachs College Ballina and Trinity College Dublin (BA Business). Dara was elected to Dáil Éireann for the first time in May 2007. Member of Fianna Fáil Ard Chomhairle since 1997, re-elected at each Ard-Fheis since, topped the national poll in 2000. He was also a member of the National Youth Committee (1994-96, 1998-2003, 2006-07) and secretary of the Ard Comhairle Committee on Enterprise. Dara comes from a political dynasty with both his father and grand-father representing Mayo in Dáil Éireann before him.

Min. Jimmy Devins TD » *AC204 on Monday, 5th of November.*

Dr. Jimmy Devins was born in Sligo town on September 20, 1948. He was educated at Blackrock College in Dublin and is a graduate of both UCD and Trinity College from which he holds Degrees in Medicine and Chemistry and a Masters degree in Family Medicine respectively. A public representative he is also a medical doctor. His grandfather, Brigadier James Devins, was a member of the 2nd and 3rd Dail. He opposed the Anglo-Irish Treaty and was killed in the Civil War in 1922. Devins first entered local politics when he won a seat on Sligo County Council for the Drumcliffe area of Sligo town in the 1991 Local Election. He was re-elected at the 1999 Local Election for the same area. He was selected as a Fianna Fáil candidate for the Sligo-Leitrim constituency for the 2002 General Election as sitting TD Matt Brennan announced he was retiring. Devins won the second seat at that election and in doing so became the first Fianna Fáil TD from Sligo town since

Ray MacSharry. On June 20, 2007 Jimmy was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children with special responsibility for Disability Issues and Mental Health.

Charlie Bird » *Kirwan Theatre on Tuesday, 6th of November.*

The well known RTÉ chief news correspondent, Charlie Bird comes to NUIG to discuss his career which encompasses first hand accounts of almost all the major political stories to emerge from this island over the last three decades. Through the 1990's he was RTÉ's only contact with the Provisional IRA. Charlie has a reputation for breaking huge stories including the National Irish Bank story. His talk is preceded by a light hearted debate between Ógra Fianna Fáil and Young Fine Gael members to be chaired by Charlie Bird.

Min. Mícháel Kitt » *AC204 on Monday, 11th of February.*

Born in Tuam, County Galway, on May 17, 1950 Michael Kitt is a member of Dáil Éireann. He served as a Fianna Fáil Senator from 1977-1981 on the Administrative panel and 2002-2007, having been nominated by the Taoiseach. Kitt was a TD from 1975-1977 and 1981-2002 for the constituency of Galway East having won a by-election after his father, Michael, a sitting TD, had died. His brother, Tom, is Government Chief Whip in the current government and his sister Áine Brady contested the Kildare North by-election in 2005 for Fianna Fáil. On April 2, 2006 he was selected as one of three Fianna Fáil candidates to contest the 2007 General Election in the Galway East constituency along with sitting TDs Noel Treacy and Joe Callanan. Michael topped the poll with 8,796 first preferences, an increase of approximately 1,300 votes from 2002, and was elected on the eighth count exceeding the quota. His sister, Áine, was returned for Kildare North on the same day, as was brother Tom in Dublin South, and this represents the first time three siblings have served together in the Dáil since the foundation of the State. On June 20, 2007 Michael was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs with special responsibility for Overseas Development.

Northern Ireland and Lisbon meeting » *AC204 on Monday, 3rd of March.*

The cumann will meet at the request of An Taoiseach Bertie Ahearn TD and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dermot Ahearn TD (chair of the Northern Committee) to discuss Fianna Fáil's expansion into Northern Ireland. We shall also take this opportunity to discuss the Lisbon treaty Referendum and its implications for Ireland.

Dáil Trip » *Dáil Éireann, Dublin on Wednesday, 12th of March.*

The cumann will travel to Dublin for its annual Dál trip. This is an excellent chance to see the seat of Irish democracy first hand and to learn all about the inner workings of Leinster House. Leaving Galway at 9:15am and arriving back at 7:15pm via train. (For full train timetables see www.irishrail.ie).

Minister Michael Martin » *AC204 on Monday, 31st of March.*

Minister Martin to address the cumann.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Eoin ÓNialláin

Treasurer: Diarmuid McIntyre

Events Officer: Louise O'Connor

Joint Treasurer: Paul Riordan

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Vice-Auditor: Alan de Tiúit

Secretary: Serena O'Sullivan

Memberships Officer: Emmet Connolly

P.R.O.: Clodagh Carey

First Year Rep.: Raissa Gilligan

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Emmet Connolly

Secretary: Clodagh Carey

Events Officer: Darren Collins

Treasurer No. 1: Fiona Queenan

First Year Rep: To Be Elected in September

Vice-Auditor: Séagh Mac Siúrdáin

Membership Officer: Diarmuid McIntyre

Public Relations Officer: Raissa Gilligan

Treasurer No. 2: Sarah Jennings

Society Balance Sheet

Income

Opening Bank Balance	€325.45
Members Contributions	€796.00
USC Grant	€4,235.54

Total €5,356.99

Expenditure

Bank Charge	€3.50
Dinner	€161.30
Entry Fees	€80.00
Reception	€166.30
Society Accommodation	€2,660.00
Speaker Accommodation	€440.00
Expenditure Total	€3,511.10
Closing Bank Balance	€1,845.89

Total €5,356.99

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 498 members.

History Society

This year has been a fantastic one for the cumann staire. As one of the biggest departmental societies, we see it as our aim to provide students with an eclectic range of events based around the study of history. This year has seen the society make strides in this initiative, particularly in relation to conferences and guest speakers. Our diligent committee has also worked hard on the social side of the discipline, with the organisation of the Arts Ball being but one example. We have also had an international element this year, having travelled to Italy with students from Ireland, Germany and the US and convened with the University of Pisa. Overall this year has been one of the society's best to date, expressed in the esteemed privilege of winning two society awards and going on to represent the society at the national BICS Awards.

Cumann Staire (Historical Studies Soc) Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

EGM and Year Launch Party » *Téatar Kirwan on Tuesday, 25th of September.*

Full positions still to be filled will be voted upon. First Year Rep will be elected. Coiste will have a quick meeting to assign tasks to be carried out within next few weeks. Launch of 2007/2008 season: Following the EGM the Cumann Staire's plan of events for the academic year will be outlined and volunteers asked for in relation to any help needed with organising events. This will be especially crucial to assist John in running the IHSA Annual Conference and its associated international history conference in early 2008. The coiste and any attending staff will be introduced to the attendees and refreshments will be served. Anyone who has not already signed up to the Cumann Staire for the year will be able to do so on the evening. If you are not sure that you are on our contact list already please use this opportunity to give us your details.

Tráth na gCeist - Table Quiz » *ColBar - Bear an Choláiste on Wednesday, 17th of October.*

Table Quiz – Tráth na gCeist College Bar 20:00 Dé Céadaoin – Wed 17 .Yep, the ever popular Table Quiz is back this week in the back room of the bar and is as cheap as ever at 5 euro per person. Don't worry about having enough of a gang to form a table of four as we'll be mixing and matching ye to fill the tables! A great way to meet new people, have the craic and curse the questions for being too easy/hard/weird/etc. The prizes will leave the Crannchur Náisiúnta in the ha'penny place.. terms and conditions and escape clauses apply ;)

Colloquia - How to score well » *Téatar Larmour on Thursday, 25th of October.*

This talk will serve as an introduction to how to perform best in colloquia and will be of special interest to second year students. Tonaí (postgrad IRCHSS scholar) and Jennifer (final year undergrad) will be giving an insight into how the scoring system works, how best to plan and write the large essay and how to get ahead without losing it! Handouts and a question and answer session should leave everyone a little wiser and will also be of use to those students opting to take their colloquium in semester two.

Léacht - Talk » *Téatar IT125G on Tuesday, 6th of November.*

The Search for the True Faith: The cities of the Austria Vorlande facing the Reformation, 1460 till 1540. An enlightening and interesting talk by Dr. Ludolf Pelizaeus of the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz. Dr. Pelizaeus is a well known expert on Early Modern Europe, with a particular focus on relations within and without the Habsburg empires of Spain and Austria-Germany. We are happy to add that he will be a visiting lecturer here with Roinn na Staire for our second semester. Thus this evening's talk presents a great opportunity for students to preview his lecturing style before confirming their module choices for that semester! <http://www.staff.uni-mainz.de/pelizaeu/>

Abstract Writing for Conference Papers » *AC216 on Wednesday, 14th of November.*

This short talk will be of particular interest to any student considering presenting a paper at either the IHSA or Aistir conferences in Spring 2008. Both conferences are being hosted by the Cumann Staire and are open to both undergrads and postgrads. Papers are normally around twenty minutes long and the abstracts are only 100 to 300 words in length. Tonaí will run through the aims and structure of an abstract, as well as presenting sample abstracts that may be used as models. Advice will be available for those not yet settled on a paper topic or approach. For those not yet sure if they are going to present a paper there will be guidance and support. Solaistí ina dhiaidh.

Turas go Italia meeting » *Java City on Tuesday, 20th of November.*

This will be the first chance to get a glimpse of who is going on the trip, exchange some first Italian phrases, and also choose a topic on which you will hold a short presentation in one of the three beautiful cities we're going to see. This week's meeting will only take a half hour or less and is a perfect opportunity to learn more about the trip and present suggestions, ask questions etc.

Cóisir na Nollag - Xmas Prty » *Monroes' on Thursday, 22nd of November.*

Cóisir na Nollag i Monroes 20:00 Déardaoin 22ú Mí na Samhna Bia-food, deoch-drink, ceol-music and craic-savage Gaelic bout of loud sweaty disorganised fun bedlam complete with bouncy balubas!! As is traditional we will not be alone in this erudite escapade with our fellow tribes from Seandálaíocht- *sandals 7 trowels*, Tíreolaíocht-*joggers* and Clasaicí-*living in denial that we live where we do..* so come in fancy dress if ye want but togas might be a wee bit on the chilly side! Tá súil orm go mbeidh slua maith ann ón gCumann Staire agus beidh oíche craiceáilte againn gan amhras!

SuperStair.com launch + SocsDay2 meeting » *AC216 on Wednesday, 16th of January.*

*** SuperStair.com --- CumannStaire.com ***Official launch of our new website to be found at our two exclusive web addresses. A demonstration of the website and its associated www.Aistir.com site, the home site of our own Aistir International Historic Studies Conference. In addition the meeting will cover our scheduled events during this semester; everything from the Arts Ball to the Spraoi Bhríde, our hosting of the IHSA and Aistir conferences and the various stimulating history talks. This is also a great opportunity to meet new and existing members after SocsDay II.

Book your ARTS BALL TICKET!! » *Online on Tuesday, 22nd of January.*

Arts Ball Tickets go on sale NEXT WEEK!!! Book your ARTS BALL TICKETS online TODAY! - Tuesday the 22nd at 6pm, online at www.superstair.com/artsball08 OR through a link on the Cumann Staire/History Soc's profile page. Tickets booked out in 3 mins last year - don't be caught out!! The Ball will be held on Wednesday the 6th of February and will be better and bigger than last year. Tickets will be picked up and paid for on Wed (the 23rd) outside the Hub in Arus na MacLeinn. Final Years from 10am, Everyone from 11am (Bring your ID card!!!) €60 full tickets €30 afters tickets

Buy your ARTS BALL TICKET!!! » *Arus na MacLeinn on Wednesday, 23rd of January.*

ARTS BALL TICKETS to be collected and paid for Final Years from 10am, Everyone from 11am (Don't forget to bring your ID card!!!) Outside the Hub in Arus na MacLeinn. €60 full tickets €30 afters tickets. The Ball will be held on Wednesday the 6th of February and will be better and bigger than last year!! :D

Guest Speaker Dr. Seán Duffy (Trinity) » *Téatar Fottrell (AM) on Tuesday, 29th of January.* A leading expert on Mediaeval Ireland known for his publications on the topic, his work in Trinity's Mediaeval History section and his

position as one of the directors of the Centre for Irish-Scottish and Comparative Studies. Some his more controversial theories are sure to guarantee an interesting night! Further information available on SuperStair.com and CumannStaire.com

The Romanesque Movement in Germany » *Institiúid de Móra on Tuesday, 5th of February.* Dr. Anette Pelizaeus (Mainz) The Mainz Cathedral, Romanesque architecture and sculpture on the Rhine in the 11th and 12th centuries Dr. Anette Pelizaeus is a leading lecturer on Art History at the University of Mainz, Germany. This talk is based on her extensive knowledge of the spread and development of the Romanesque style of church design and adornment throughout Germany and beyond. Through this art style the massive cathedral of Mainz is linked to the beautiful Romanesque stone churches of this island. The use of Romanesque sculpture to transmit important religious and social messages in the 11th and 12th centuries is a key reflection of the history of the development of European society and the part played by the Romanesque movement in fostering a pan European culture.

Keep up to date with upcoming events at SuperStair.com

Arts Ball » *Radisson SAS Hotel on Wednesday, 6th of February.*

One of the social highlights of the year, with glitz and glamour in abundance and the odd kilt thrown in for good measure too! The brilliant “Big Generator” will provide the music; the biggest and the best formal dress ball is happening soon. Whatever ráflaí you've heard about ticket craziness, black market rip-offs, panic and the best night of the year is all true! There are never enough tickets to go around but those who want them will get them.. Bí reidh mar sin. www.SuperStair.com. keep checking, keep up-to-date! For ticket details visit www.superstair.com. Not to be missed.

Aistir conference website now live » *www.aistir.com on Monday, 18th of February.*

Come visit the Aistir website. Next week sees the Aistir conference roll into town and we will be welcoming visiting students from all over Ireland as well as France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Scotland and Spain. Find out all the details of events from Thurs to Sun at www.aistir.com. Tá an suíomh nua www.aistir.com beo anois agus sin an áit le haghaidh chuile giota eolais a fháil faoi Aistir. Beidh cuairteoirí ó gach ollscoil in Éireann ann chomh maith le mic léinn ón Fhrainc, an Ghearmáin, an Iodáil, an Ísiltír, Albain agus an Spáinn. Bí ann, bí linn!

Help Session on Essay Writing » *Siobhán MacKenna (Arts Millennium) on Tuesday, 19th of February.*

Wondering how to get a B in your university work while here in Ireland? Wonder no more as Dr. Kim LoPrete of the Department of History will offer guidance and tips on how to get those top grades. Irish students are used to the academic system here at NUI Galway but with a little tweaking of approach most visiting students from English speaking backgrounds can perform just as well. As an American academic working in the Irish system Dr. LoPrete is well placed to compare and contrast differences between the two, and to provide advice on how to improve your marks.

Turas - Boireann - Trip » *An Clár - Clare on Thursday, 28th of February.* International History Conference. As part of our Aistir conference there is a trip through the wonderful karst landscape of the Boireann (burren), an area filled with well preserved historic and archaeological structures. Sites will be visited, cliffs seen and a craic filled night spent in the legendary town of Lios Dúin Bhearna with our multi-national guests. Eolas ar fad ar: www.aistir.com - for all the info. Táille: 10euro (bus + lóistín)

Aistir and IHSA history conferences » *www.aistir.com on Thursday, 28th of February.*

Research Studies as an Option for History » *AC216 on Wednesday, 5th of March.*

Research Studies as an Option for History Graduates. Tonaí Ó Roduibh (IRCHSS Scholar) Where-to after graduation for those interested in further history related studies? Tonaí will use his experience at both BA and MLitt-PhD levels to present a talk on options for post graduation studies both in NUIG and further afield. This realistic assessment of what it is to be a postgrad will cover all aspects of graduate studies from application framing through funding and onto social development and interaction. Information on available courses and funding sources will be available while guidance will be given to those seeking to frame a research proposal. At the end of the talk there will be plenty of time made available to students seeking advice or guidance from attending postgrads and lecturers.

Macbeth » *Quad on Tuesday, 11th of March.*

One of Early Modern England's great stage works is being put on by our own Dramsoc in the Quad over four evenings. Come along for the 21:30 performance on Máirt-Tue 11/03/08 at a discounted rate for all Cumann Staire members. The current stormy weather provides the perfect backdrop for a stirring drama that presents a decidedly propaganda laced story

of the last Gaelic king of Scotland. Considering it was written to attract the patronage of the first Scottish king to mount the English throne further lends to it's historic appeal.

Robin Briggs » *AC216 on Wednesday, 12th of March.*

The Invisible Crisis of the French Monarchy, 1690-1720. Robin Briggs (Oxford). Robin Briggs is a Senior Research Fellow and Special Lecturer in Modern History at the University of Oxford, England. His main research interests include the history of religion, popular belief and witchcraft in Europe, c.1500-1800; French history (social, political and economic) 1500-1800 and French and British naval history, 1660-1815. Tuille eolais - Full details: [anseo](#)

Trip to Italy » *Rome, Firenze, Pisa on Wednesday, 26th of March.*

This was one of the society's biggest events this year. Through the dedicated work of a good team, the society organised a trip to Italy, where we visited with 15 students the cities of Rome Florence and Pisa. It was highly educational and fun too. Convened with sister university in Pisa.

Ros Cré conference » *Ros Cré abbey on Friday, 28th of March.*

Comhdháil Staire Ros Cré Earrach 2008 Roscrea History Conference. This is one of Ireland's foremost mediaeval conferences and takes place in the beautiful setting of Mount St Joseph Abbey in Ros Cré. The theme for this year's Spring conference is Ireland's Round Towers. Full cost is a mere eighty euro and includes meals and accommodation. Full details on [SuperStair.com](#)

The German Minority in Russia » *Physics Seminar Room on Wednesday, 2nd of April.*

Ethnicity and Self-Interest. The German minority and representative politics in pre-revolutionary Russia
Niall Williams is currently in the final year of his PhD research project entitled 'Ethnic identity among the Volga Germans in Russia, 1870 – 1918.' He will present a paper on his findings for evidence of ethnic identity among the German minority of the Volga region from the 19th century up to, and including the Duma elections of 1906. Also covered will be the relations between this minority group and other German speaking areas within the Russian empire, as well as their relations with their Russian speaking neighbours during the years of accelerating changes within the political systems of the empire. [www.SuperStair.com](#).

Professor Theodore Evergates Talk » *Seandálaíocht 202 Archaeology on Thursday, 3rd of April.* Men, Women and Property in the County of Champagne Professor Theodore Evergates. Theodore Evergates is Professor of History at McDaniel College in Maryland, USA. He recently published *The Aristocracy in the County of Champagne, 1100-1300* which provides the first systematic analysis of the aristocracy in the county of Champagne under the independent counts then in control of this key region of France. He is also the editor of *Feudal Society in Medieval France: Documents from the County of Champagne and Aristocratic Women in Medieval France.* (In association with the MA in Medieval Studies) [www.SuperStair.com](#)

CGB - AGM » *AC216 on Friday, 18th of April.* Cruinniú Ginearálta Bliantúil Annual General Meeting. This meeting is for the election of next year's coiste (organising group) of the Cumann Staire. A wide selection of positions are available and while there are likely to be some coiste members continuing their involvement next year the majority of next year's coiste will be new as a result of people finishing college or going on Erasmus etc. We are seeking a good balance of 2nd year, final year and postgrad students. In order to see the full list of positions see the Muidne page of [www.SuperStair.com](#).

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Tonaí Ó Roduibh

Secretary:

Jennifer Ní Bhanáin

Ionadaí don Chéad Bhliain 1st Year Rep: Nóra

Ní Dhomhnaill

Treasurer: Caomhán, Tonaí

Eagraitheoir don Arts Ball 2008:

Aidín Nic an Airchinnigh

Oifigeach Chaidreamh Poiblí PRO:

Claire Ní Ghallchóir

Eagraí na Léachtanna Lecture Organiser: Ionadaí ó TharLear:

Russell Ó Riagáin

Julia Broemmel

Ionadaí Íarchéime agus IHSA Postgrad and Ionadaí Stair Amháin: Niamh Ní
Ihsa Rep: John Ó Cuinneagáin Dhubhánaigh

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€16,057.11	Affil/Mem Fees	€74.75
Fundraising	€180.00	Bank Charge	€14.05
Socs box	€2,125.00	Dinner	€331.58
Sponsorship	€1,000.00	Entry Fees	€50.00
Ticket Sales	€150.00	Promotions	€30.00
USC Grant	€3,615.12	Received Money Returned	€488.28
Aistir	€4,340.70	Reception	€920.32
Arts Ball	€45,505.26	Society Accomodation	€414.38
	€16,057.11	Society Transport	€2,954.70
	€180.00	Speaker accomm	€110.00
	€2,125.00	Speaker travel	€12.80
	€1,000.00	Aistir	€3,628.76
		Arts Ball	€41,976.61
		Expenditure Total	€51,006.23
		Closing Bank Balance	€21966.96
Total	€72973.19	Total	€72973.19

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 229 members.

Dance Society

Dansoc is primarily targeted at students who have a love of dance/performance and wish to take regular classes or for students who have always wanted to try dancing but have never had the courage or money to start. Our main aim is to provide low cost dance classes of various styles and abilities to students in a friendly environment. We aim to promote dance as a social and physical benefit to students and through performances all year round we hope to encourage members to experience the joy of performance and build on their self confidence. We have created a dance team to compete at intervarsities and hold regular shows on campus as well as performing at other society events. Dancing keeps people healthy both mentally and physically as well as creating close bonds and friendships that will last for years, this is what Dansoc hopes to represent.

Dansoc Events

This year the society had a total of 157 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 13 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Beginners Ballet» ran for 8 weeks in Squash court 2, beginning on Monday, 24/9/2007.

Come along to this elegant dance with teacher Gisela. Taught from beginner's level.

Beginners Hip hop» ran for 8 weeks in Racquet ball court 2, beginning on Monday, 24/9/2007.

Hip hop with teacher Gisela. You won't be disappointed and need no experience!!

Beginners Irish Dancing» ran for 9 weeks in Squash Court 2, beginning on Tuesday, 25/9/2007.

Advanced Irish Dancing» ran for 9 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.

The best Irish dancers in NUIG come together for this advanced class.

Jazz class ran for 8 weeks in Racquetball court 2, beginning on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.

Jazz is an afro-american solo dance from the swing era. It is wild and fast and loads of fun!! With teacher Avril.

Intermediate Hip Hop» ran for 9 weeks in Racquetball court 2, beginning on Thursday, 27/9/2007.

Teachers Mimi and Louise teach a fun and fast hip hop class.

Ballet ran for 13 weeks in Squash court Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Wednesday, 16/1/2008.

Beginners Hip Hop» ran for 13 weeks in Racquetball Court Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Wednesday, 16/1/2008.

Intermediate Hip Hop» ran for 13 weeks in Racquetball Court Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Thursday, 17/1/2008.

Advanced Irish Dancing» ran for 12 weeks in Squash court, Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Monday, 21/1/2008.

Beginners Irish Dance» ran for 12 weeks in Racquetball court, Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Monday, 21/1/2008.

Tango» ran for 12 weeks in Racquetball court Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Tuesday, 22/1/2008.

Come along and learn this sexy dance with top class instructor Marion Krauthaker.

Breakdancing» ran for 12 weeks in Racquetball court Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Tuesday, 22/1/2008.

Special Events

This year we held 19 special events.

Training Event » Arts Millennium on Saturday, 22/9/2007.

TUESDAY NIGHT FEVER » The college bar on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.

Tonight is our HIP HOP night. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a night of hip hop with the dansoc gang. DJ soc are providing the tunes and there will be loads of breakdancing and hip hop into the night! Come and show us what you've got!!!! And, it's FREE!

TUESDAY NIGHT FEVER » College Bar on Tuesday, 9/10/2007.

Tonight in the Back room of the College Bar dansoc are holding a CEILI!!! It's going to be great fun so come along! All welcome!

TUESDAY NIGHT FEVER » The college bar on Tuesday, 16/10/2007.

This week we are holding a 70s night. Well start the night with a short performance and then it really will be tuesday night fever!! Everyone welcome!

TUESDAY NIGHT FEVER » The college bar on Tuesday, 23/10/2007.

This week is our JAZZ night. Our own teacher Avril will be there to show you all some moves, it's fun, energetic and it's not to be missed!

Breakdance workshop » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 30/10/2007.

This is the first breakdancing class to step foot on NUIG! Come along and spend a great 2 hours with professional dance teacher and bust some moves! only 3 euro and definately not to be missed! everybody is welcome!

BOOOM!! » The Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 14/11/2007.

This is a one hour dance performance showcasing some of the best dancers in NUIG. 'Booom!!' contains an exciting combination of hip hop, jazz, ballet, Irish dancing, breakdancing and tango. A not to be missed show! Tickets €3 available from socs box or on door.

Dansoc Night Out » The Kings Head and CPs on Wednesday, 14/11/2007.

Dance Fusion » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.

Dansoc presents the best dance production of the year! A thrilling fusion of Tango, Hip-Hop, Irish Dancing, Swing, Jazz and Ballet that's guaranteed to set pulses racing. Choreographed entirely by the students, this uplifting show is full of swings and lifts, and dizzying twists and turns. Dances include great choreography to Britney, Timbaland, Ciara, Chris Brown, Rhianna, Jazz hits, and Riverdance styled Irish dancing. As well as a professional tango performance! It is a one hour show for everybody to enjoy! Tickets are €3 each. Not to be missed!

Dance Fusion » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 7/2/2008.*

Dance Intervarsities » *NUI Maynooth on Friday, 15/2/2008.*

NUI Galway dance team are travelling to NUI Maynooth to compete in the annual dance intervarsities against UCC, DCU and NUIM. A 2 day event with a day of professional workshops, a night out and a competition day!

NUIG'S GOT TALENT- First heats!! » *Aras Ui Chathail on Tuesday, 19/2/2008.*

The first night of heats where you can watch the first set of acts compete for a place in the grand finale and in the running to win €1000! There are 3 judges, 3 buzzers and one chance to impress!! Come along...you never know you might see the next biggest star!

Rag week dance off » *Outside the college bar on Thursday, 21/2/2008.*

We are performing all our competition entries outside the college bar to raise money for rag week. Come along and watch...or if you think you can do better the floor is yours.....

NUIG'S GOT TALENT-second heats » *Aras ui Caithal on Tuesday, 26/2/2008.*

The second heat of the monster talent show is finally upon us...20 acts will be battling it out for a place in the grand finale. 3 judges will be armed with buzzers, you don't want to miss it. Come along for FREE and see what hidden talents students of NUIG have!!

NUIG'S GOT TALENT-last heats » *Aras Ui Cathail on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.*

The final heat of the monster talent show is here...who will be the last acts to make it to the final?? Will we find any wildcards? Come along for free and watch the last 20 acts battling it out for a place in the grand finale. 3 judges will be armed with buzzers, you don't want to miss it. Gala Grand Final on April 7th in the Galway Bay Hotel.

NUIG's GOT TALENT FINAL! » *Galway Bay Hotel on Monday, 7/4/2008.*

Twenty talented finalists will battle it out for the grand prize of one thousand euro (€1000!!!), competing with each other as well as the buzzers wielded by the special-guest judges. Who will beat the buzzer!? Who will win!? Most importantly, "Has NUIG got talent??" Find out on the night, entertainment guaranteed!

Dansoc AGM » *TBC on Monday, 14/4/2008.*

Save the last dance » *BOI theatre on Wednesday, 16/4/2008.*

It's time for dansoc's final show of the year. This "last dance" will be our biggest yet with up to 20 pieces! From hip hop to ballet to Irish dancing. From tango to breakdancing and even a little moulin rouge! As well as seeing our winning competition pieces! This dance spectacular will be our greatest yet and you don't want to miss out. Tickets cost 3 euro. Don't miss your last chance to see the best dancers of NUIG strutting their stuff!

End of Year Party » *The living room/ cp's on Wednesday, 16/4/2008.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Siobhan McMorrow

Treasurer: Kara Burbage

Events officer: Louise Raleigh

OCM: Selina McCarthey

Events Officer: Riona Durkan

OCM: Gillian Healy

PRO: Mimi Flynn

Vice-Auditor: Grainne O'Malley

Secretary: Aoife Quinn

PRO: Lorna Collins

PRO: Sheelagh Francis Broggy

Instructor representative: Brid Reale

Show Producer: Clare Clarke

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Claire Clarke

Treasurer: Marianne Bradley

Instructor representative: Racquel Conceicao

Events officer: Riona Durkan

PRO: Lorna Collins

OCM: Avril Smyth

Vice-Auditor: Michael Flanagan

Secretary: Brid Reale

Show producer: Maeve Dunne

PRO: Charmaine Wang

OCM: Grainne O Malley

Events officer: Katy Herron

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€84.67	Bank Charge	€23.33
Classes	€2,333.80	Costumes	€400.00
Greenform	€570.00	Materials	€272.76
Members Contributions	€1,390.00	Printing	€1,500.00
Socs box	€1,480.00	Promotions	€287.38
Sponsorship	€50.00	Society Transport	€510.00
USC Grant	€4,375.23	Sound	€499.13
		Teacher Fees	€2,745.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,617.60
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,666.10
Total	€10,283.70	Total	€10,283.70

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 917 members.

DJ Society

DJ soc had an interesting year this year with a big shake up in the way things are run at committee level. We ran a large number of events similar in nature to last year and provided DJ's for many student events. This year saw the establishment of the society's first equipment officer and the establishment of an equipment policy. We hope to ratify this policy at our AGM and have it entered into our constitution. This year also saw the society's first foreign trip. At the end of April the ten members of DJ Soc travelled to Berlin for a weekend. The trip was a resounding success and it is planned to make this a yearly trip. The society is looking at Barcelona and a number of other destinations as possible.

DJ Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 58 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Open Decks ran for 4 weeks in College Bar, beginning on Thursday, 8/11/2007.

We're hooked up to the main sound system, so you get to hear your tracks on the big system. Everyone who comes along can play. Just remember to bring a few downtempo tracks in case your faster stuff is beyond the taste of the average Galway student.

Logic Pro 8 course ran for 8 weeks in GTI, Fr. Griffin Road, beginning on Tuesday, 15/1/2008.

Logic Pro is a Digital Audio Workstation and MIDI sequencer software application for the Mac OS X platform. This course is fully booked. If you would like to start another course please contact DJsoc using the 'Contact a Society' link to the left.

Open Decks ran for 10 weeks in College Bar, beginning on Thursday, 17/1/2008.

Get experience of spinning tunes to a live audience in the relaxed atmosphere of the College Bar. There are also free refreshments for every one who plays.

Special Events

This year we held 36 special events.

Chillin' on the Corrib Princess » Woodquay on Monday, 21/5/2007.

NUIG DJ Crew take to the river again to celebrate the end of exams- On decks - Headin' out with Naill from 'Played in Full' (Flirt FM) bustin' out the reggae and smoothy hippidy-hop. Then all the way from Dublin -Gary No-Dreads (Blue Note) - the real funk soul brother - teams up with Galway legend, The RockSoulJah (NightVision/King's Head) - kickin' it with some tripped out soul, mad french reggae, mexican and ol' skool hip-hop, with a dash of funky rock trax while we cruise the lake ... then taking it home - Electro Ed - (Techtonic) with a masterclass in mixin', matchin', mashin' and smashin' your ass on da dancefloor. Nuf' said?

Fresher's Week Set » College Bar on Thursday, 20/9/2007.

DJsoc gives it welly in the College Bar

CHILDLINE ROCKS » College Bar on Thursday, 20/9/2007.

CHILDLINE ROCKS - Fred - Dirty Epics - Black Soul Strangers - DJ Rory D - DJ Johnny Moy Doors 7:00pm Ticket €10 €1 of every €10 goes to Childline

Welcome Party » The Hub on Tuesday, 25/9/2007.

There will be a few bottles of wine, some nu-jazz beats on ze-decks (bring a CD if you want to play something chilled out) and we'll be talking about plans for the year and how to get involved. I know. The insanity. We're also showing the Hip-Hop documentary 'SCRATCH' on the projector, which is about how it all started in the 1970's in the South Bronx, the world's best scratchers, beat-diggers, party-rockers, and the infinite possibilities of vinyl. An education in turntablism to start you on your path to greatness!

FLIRT 101.3 FM BOAT PARTY » Corrib Princess on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.

Starting in Flirt studios at 6pm (www.flirtfm.ie for directions), we're then heading towards the Corrib Princess with ze decks+sound system and setting sail at 7pm. Music supplied by Trip-hop Niall, Indie/Nu-rave John, Cannibalpaulacaust doing her post-punk/electro thing and RoryD finishing it off with some serious deep & glitchy tech house. If you have never been on a boat party before, get yourself in gear and make this party. It is more fun than anything else you have planned this evening... fact. Just call into Flirt anytime today to get your ticket.

Beginner Class » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.

2.30 / Beginner (40 mins), 3.15 / Beginner (40 mins), 4.00 / Laptop DJing (1hr class). Places limited to 10 per class. BOI Theatre is to the left of the College Bar. First ones to confirm to DJsoc via email get the class. Emails that don't supply a name AND desired class get ignored. Yawallwitme?!

Beginner Class » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.

Laptop DJing Class » BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.

Places limited to 10 per class. BOI Theatre is to the left of the College Bar. First ones to confirm to DJsoc via email get the class. Emails that don't supply a name AND desired class get ignored. Yawallwitme?!

Beginner Class » BOI Theatre on Wednesday, 3/10/2007.

Mixing Class » BOI Theatre on Wednesday, 3/10/2007.

Places limited to 10 per class. BOI Theatre is to the left of the College Bar. First ones to confirm via email get the class. Emails that don't supply a name AND desired class get ignored. Yawallwitme?!

Practice Session » *College Bar on Thursday, 4/10/2007.*

Bring along a CD or vinyl and get your 15 minutes of fame on the decks. Prize for the best set of the night.

Genres and Tempo class » *College Bar (back) on Monday, 8/10/2007.*

Different types of music and tempo with Kev. Bring in 2 tracks each and talk about why you like that song and why you chose it to bring in.

Blending class » *College Bar (back) on Monday, 8/10/2007.*

Blending different types of music, mixtapes+CDs with Kev.

CDJ1000 class 1 » *BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 9/10/2007.*

Basic CDJ1000 course with Pete

CDJ1000 class 2 » *BOI Theatre on Tuesday, 9/10/2007.*

GermanSoc's Boat Party » *Corrib Princess on Thursday, 11/10/2007.*

Keep an eye out for the DJsoc tag team Emma & Carol on the Corrib Princess this Thursday night with GermanSoc. I think it's already sold out!

OPEN DECKS » *College Bar on Thursday, 18/10/2007.*

We've got 3 leather couches, a low table, two CDJ1000's, two Technics 1210's, two mixers, a connection to the main sound system, and a free refreshment for anyone who plays. Yes it's this Thursday at 6pm in the main College Bar! [P.S. if anyone wants me to walk them through Ableton Live I'll have it hooked up to the Pioneer mixer on Thursday]

Reading a Room class » *BOI Theatre on Thursday, 25/10/2007.*

The philosophy of being a quality DJ. Classic tunes to watch out for, reading a room, what to look for, and who to play for... Tutor: Cormac

Chymera talk » *BOI Theatre on Friday, 26/10/2007.*

Before heading off to do gigs in St. Petersburg, Budapest, Padova and Antwerp (that's just Nov), Pete & RoryD have got Chymera to not only play a gig in De Burgo's on Fri night, BUT also to give a production class to DJsoc. This is a real special opportunity to meet a genuine legend of tomorrow. Chymera was charted by Carl Cox at number 1 in 2006 and has released on Josh Wink's Ovum label about 2 month's ago.

SOCIETIES' HALLOWEEN BALL » *The Warwick on Wednesday, 31/10/2007.*

Don your scariest attire as you enter a dark world of ghosts, ghouls and demons.... It's this year's Societies Halloween Ball courtesy of DJsoc, International Students, Juggling, CompSoc, Spanish Soc, RadioSoc and Flirt FM !!! 4 piece band The Roll Models will be rocking out the covers, 3xDJs (DJsoc), finger food... face painting... juggling.... it's all going to take off!! Tickets are €7 and are available from the Socs Box.

Society Meeting » *Hub on Tuesday, 13/11/2007.*

Anyone who expressed their interest in the Logic Course, anyone interested in Spinoff '08, and anyone who wants to help run events come along!

NUIG Open Day » *Aras na Mac Leinn foyer on Thursday, 29/11/2007.*

Djsoc do their thang!

Beginner's Class 1 » *Flirt FM (Studio 1) on Thursday, 31/1/2008.*

Beginner's Class 2 » *Flirt FM (Studio 1) on Thursday, 31/1/2008.*

Muscaillt Dj Society Competition » *Aula Maxima on Monday, 4/2/2008.*

Compete against NUIG's finest beatologists for a chance to represent NUIG @ this years spinoff competition in Dublin. Prizes also include a Dj set during Ragweek and spot prizes courtesy of Milller. Great fun, great prizes, jugglers and the choicest beats!

DJsoc in the Dodge! » *College Bar Patio on Monday, 18/2/2008.*

DJsoc competition winners play a DJ set in the College Bar on the Monday of Rag Week (18th Feb) in the Red Bull Dodge - a 1944 military vehicle that was once a World War II ambulance until Red Bull came along and modified it. Now it's a unique party vehicle, self powered and equipped with decks, soundsystem, plasmas, P23's and can go anywhere from roads to beaches to mountains! Check it out!!

DJM800 Class » *Flirt FM (Studio 1) on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.*

Pete shows how to use the society's premier mixer - the Pioneer DJM800!!!

Spinoff 08 - Heat 1 » *Tripod - Dublin on Wednesday, 5/3/2008.*

Ciaran, John W and Johnny G head up to Dublin to represent NUIG against DIT in the 1st heat of Spinoff 2008!!!

Dubstep talk » *Art Gallery in the Quad on Thursday, 6/3/2008.*

The lads from Get Low have kindly agreed to give a talk/presentation/demonstration kinda thing on Dubstep music. We're going to have the Technics and PA set up for them to spin a few tracks and there'll be a short documentary shown as well. This should be really interesting for anybody who has an appreciation for evolving and new styles of music as well as those who're into 2 step, grime, jungle, drum&bass etc. Afterwards we're going to move things into the College Bar where we'll have open decks and complimentary refreshments from our generous sponsors at Miller.

Ableton class » *The hub on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.*

How to use this live DAW in your DJ performance.

Mixer class » *The hub on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.*

DJM800 mixer. This will cover how to use all the features on the society mixer, not to be missed.

Berlin meeting » *College Bar on Thursday, 13/3/2008.*

DJsoc Berlin Trip » *Berlin on Friday, 28/3/2008.*

DJsoc immerse themselves in the mecca of electronic music culture - Berlin!

Talk with Diarmaid O'Meara » *TBA on Wednesday, 2/4/2008.*

A talk With Diarmaid O'Meara of Gobsmacked Records. Seeing as many of you are taking production classes in logic and in Ableton etc. And with stephen from GET LOW starting a Dubstep Work shop v. soon, the talk will mainly focus on production, how to start your own label, promotion, and the business end of the Djing game. Gobsmacked Records were nominated for "best dance label" in this year's Irish Music Awards, so the talk should be a very useful one for any budding producers out there. The talk will be from 3pm - 4:30pm on Monday 7th of April After FREE ENTRY FOR ALL to AN PUCAN, ON SUNDAY 6th of APRIL with sets from Diarmaid Himself (Serious TECHNO/Electro/Breaks), S1 (GET LOW. DUBSTEP) & Old School Beats from our very own SPin Off Finalist (& Possible winner by then) Johnny G. Doors: 10:00p.m

Spinoff 08 - FINAL » *Tripod - Dublin on Wednesday, 2/4/2008.*

DJsoc champion Johnny G represents NUIG in the Tripod main room for the All Ireland Spinoff final this Wednesday night against DIT, DCU, ITT, UL, Queens, IADT and UCD.

AGM » *Ruby Room - Kings Head on Thursday, 17/4/2008.*

DJs, food, elections, dancing, partying.... It's DJsoc's time to shine!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Rory Donohue

Vice-Auditor: Ian Dunne

Treasurer: Kyle Cawley

Secretary: Padraig O'Ceitinn

Equipment: Carol Cusack

PRO: Emma Dolan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€709.10	Bank Charge	€15.00
Members Contributions	€957.00	Entertainment	€1,797.73
Muscailt	€200.00	Equipment Misc	€2,765.90
Societies day	€243.65	Hall hire	€197.70
Socs box	€4,375.00	Received Money Returned	€1,421.00
Ticket Sales	€1,333.54	Reception	€117.90
USC Grant	€6,018.84	Society Accommodation	€452.92

Income		Expenditure	
		Society Transport	€2,115.38
		Speaker Accommodation	€170.00
		Teacher Fees	€60.00
		Fundraising/charity	€3000.00
		Expenditure Total	€12,113.53
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,723.60
Total	€13,837.13	Total	€13,837.13

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 245.

Drama Society

NUIG Dramsoc produced an impressive and diverse output in 2007/2008. The society's dedication to student drama bore a wonderful fruit, thanks in part to the efforts of auditor Estella Keary and her committee. The variety of the plays this year was unquestioned: it ranged from the flagship production, *The Tragedy of Macbeth* by William Shakespeare, directed by Liam Harkin and staged in the mock-Elizabethan splendour of the Quadrangle and its Aula Maxima, to the eight original one-act plays, produced, directed and performed almost entirely by NUIG students for the Muscalt Festival, all competing for the prestigious Jerome Hynes Award, which was won by Helen Varden's extraordinary and imaginative *Deanimate Games*. Above all, Dramsoc prides itself on its social aspect. **Staged and Confused**, which convenes on Wednesday, is pure "fun and games" and aims to help student hone their comedic talents and promotes quick thinking. Open Mic Night at the College Bar has proven to be a success with the whole student body.

Dramsoc Events

This year the society had a total of 53 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Staged and Confused ran for 9 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 19/9/2007.

Weekly Improve night!

Staged and Confused ran for 3 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 16/1/2008.

Staged and Confused ran for 11 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Wednesday, 16/1/2008.

Special Events

This year we held 30 special events.

Auditions » B.O.I Theatre on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.

Actresses and Actors needed for J.M Synge's production of Deirdre of the Sorrows. No experience required.

*****AUDITIONS***** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.

Auditions are taking place for J.M Synge's "Deirdre of the Sorrows" during Staged and Confused. There is no experience required so come along and try out! WE WANT YOU...

*****AUDITIONS***** » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 10/10/2007.

There are auditions for TWO one act PLAYS, The Zoo Story and The Lesson, to be held before and during Staged and Confused. The auditions are held in the Bank of Ireland Theatre beside the College Bar. Come along and try out! Everyone, regardless of experience, is welcome!

Múscailt One Act Play Meeting » *AM205 on Thursday, 18/10/2007.*

Deirdre of the Sorrows » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 7/11/2007.*

Dramsoc presents "Deirdre of the Sorrows" by J.M Synge. A gripping tragedy which deals with heroism, death and love.

AUDITIONS » *B.O.I Theatre on Monday, 12/11/2007.*

Múscailt One Act Play-Auditions » *Tower Block 2 on Wednesday, 14/11/2007.*

Say Cheese! » *B.O.I. Theatre on Wednesday, 14/11/2007.*

Dramsoc presents SAY CHEESE! a comedy by Bernard Farrell. Directed by Conall O Riain. This production is a must see!

Auditions for Muscailt One-Acts » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 12/12/2007.*

Auditions for Muscailt One-Acts » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 13/12/2007.*

24 Hour Play » *Hub on Sunday, 20/1/2008.*

Everyone will meet up and groups will be formed. These groups will have to write, direct, cast and produce a play in twenty-four hours! The plays will all be premiered the next day in the Bank of Ireland theatre. Everyone is welcome and no experience is required, just come along!

*****AUDITIONS***** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 23/1/2008.*

*****AUDITIONS***** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 24/1/2008.*

ONE ACT PLAY Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

'China Cups and Cornflake Boxes' Written by Laura Flynn and Directed by Emer Murray. Ruth grows up with her mum and gran, with whom she has a highly charged relationship. When her gran dies Ruth is sent to clear out her bedroom, but finds her gran's spirit still in the room. Once the room is cleared, she knows that the spirit will be gone forever. This play vividly explores the relationship between Gran and granddaughter with humour and great emotion. It's a thoroughly modern drama, enlivened by elements of the surreal.

ONE ACT PLAY Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

'The Wait' Written by Colm Brady and Directed by Claire Tynan. A Son returns from the city to tend to his dying father, but much is left unspoken between them. What has happened to long lost brother Danny? Is there hope for redemption? Can the family be reconciled before it is too late? The play is set in an isolated cottage in the Irish midlands during the 1950's Rural Electrification scheme, a scheme that changed the lives of rural people forever. It focuses on the timeless issues of Land, Love and Religion.

ONE ACT PLAY Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

'Making Babies' Written by Meadhbh Haiceid and directed by Rob McFeeley. Watch as babies are made live onstage. This play is a tender exploration of love and creation, with a touch of the absurd thrown in for good measure. Starring the talented duo of Donal Mc Connon, & Anna Mullarkey.

ONE ACT PLAY Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 6/2/2008.*

"Bitter Sweet Bus Stop" Written by Eric Palcic and Directed by Derek Cahalan. A group of lads plan a night on the town while waiting at the bus stop, and things take a turn for the better when they meet a group of gorgeous girls. In life though, things don't always go according to plan.

ONE ACT PLAY Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 6/2/2008.*

"A production of Difficulty" Written & directed by Jack Kavanagh. This play follows two men putting on a play, who get more than they bargained for when God gets involved! He sends three angels to possess the writer, director and lead actress, but even divine intervention is no guarantee of success. In fact, things go badly, and soon all hell is breaking loose!

ONE ACT PLAY Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 6/2/2008.*

"Parallels" Written by Paul McMahon and Jack Kavanagh, and directed by Jack Kavanagh. Two brothers fancy the same woman, and little do they suspect that their bored Guardian Angels are about to play cards to determine which of them will win the girl! As the game proceeds, the two parallel worlds of Angels and people intertwine, putting life, death and love on the line.

ONE ACT PLAY Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 7/2/2008.*

'Pervert ' Written and directed by Aideen Henry. This play is about the relationship between a brother and sister in a small island community where a local paedophile has just been murdered. It deals with issues of love and loss, and the quest for justice. It also raises questions about the islanders' mores, and reveals how trauma is passed from one generation to the next.

ONE ACT PLAY Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 7/2/2008.*

"Someday on the Avenue" Written by Lindsey Morck, and directed by Helen Varden. Two women meet in a tattoo parlor; a tattoo artist, and a customer trying to choose a tattoo to commemorate her imminent marriage. The artist recognizes the woman from the past, and so their encounter is shaped by a shared history.

ONE ACT PLAY Series » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 7/2/2008.*

'Deanimate Games' Written and Directed by Helen Varden Starring Margaret Kilcoyne as the mother A mother and son are alone together in a room, and after extended bouts of bickering they sit down to a game of Scrabble. Everything is changed forever by one sudden, nightmarish revelation.

One Act Plays Omnibus » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 8/2/2008.*

See all 9 plays in one evening followed by the Award Ceremony where the Jerome Hynes Memorial Trophy will be presented to the winning plays. There will also be additional prizes for best director, best production, best actor, best actress.

Zoo Story » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 26/2/2008.*

This one-act play concerns two characters, Peter and Jerry. Peter is a middle-class publishing executive with a wife, two daughters, two cats and two parakeets who lives in ignorance of the world outside his married life while Jerry is an isolated and disheartened man who is very troubled. These men meet on a park bench in New York City's Central Park. Jerry is desperate to have a meaningful conversation with another human being. He intrudes on Peter's peaceful state by interrogating him and forcing him to listen to stories from his life including "THE STORY OF JERRY AND THE DOG" and the reason behind his visit to the zoo. The action is linear, unfolding in front of the audience in "real time". The elements of ironic humor and unrelenting dramatic suspense are brought to a climax when Jerry brings his victim down to his own savage level.

Boise » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.*

Stewart is a married man dissatisfied with everything in his life -- and then he meets Tara, an attractive, intelligent woman with a unique way of looking at the world. From middle management to the depths of depravity, Boise is a dark comedy that tracks the journey of a man hell-bent on exploring social and sexual boundaries in a misguided effort to give his life meaning.

Macbeth » *Aula Maxima on Sunday, 9/3/2008.*

Spectacular promenade Performance, meet in the BOI half hour before start time and journey with Macbeth to your final destination in the Aula Maxima.

Macbeth » *Aula Maxima on Sunday, 9/3/2008.*

Macbeth » *Aula Maxima on Monday, 10/3/2008.*

Macbeth » *Aula Maxima on Tuesday, 11/3/2008.*

Macbeth » *Aula Maxima on Tuesday, 11/3/2008.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Estella Keary

Treasurer: Darren Coppinger

OCM: Donal McGrail

ISDA Rep: Dan Colley

PRO: Maeve Dunne

Tech Manager: Mark Heavey

Vice-Auditor: Amanda Dameshghi

Secretary: Peter Flynn

Production Co-ordinator: Nicola Murphy

Staged and Confused: Ronan Mc Mahon

SDO: Conall Ó Riain

Assistant Tech Manager: David Nolan

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Amanda Damesghi

Treasurer: Darren Coppinger

Production Co-ordinator: Donal McGrail

Staged and Confused: Donal McConnon

New Members Liaison Officer: Peter Flynn

Tech Manager: Mark Heavey

Vice-Auditor: Nicola Murphy

Secretary: Maeve Dunne

ISDA Rep: Ronan McMahon

PRO: Regina Finan

SDO: Jack Kavanagh

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€629.13	Bank Charge	€13.62
Bank Charge	€9.87	Costumes	€1349.90
Fundraising	€990.81	Dinner	€1,628.50
Muscailt	€2,624.00	Entertainment	€300.00
Socs box	€3,327.00	Entry Fees	€1,920.00
Ticket Sales	€725.90	Hall Hire	€600.00
USC Grant	€9,199.30	Lights	€4,437.99
		Makeup/Props	€626.57
		Materials	€562.38
		Performing Rights	€1,084.85
		Printing	€273.15
		Prizes	€100.00
		Promotions	€27.00
		Reception	€200.00
		Society Accommodation	€678.00
		Society Transport	€340.00
		Teacher Fees	€1,820.00
		Expenditure Total	€15,961.96
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,544.05
Total	€17,506.01	Total	€17,506.01

Other Information

We held 19 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 380 members.

Ecology Society

The Ecology Society is a group of people organising/educating/taking action on both global and local environmental and social justice issues. Over the last few years Eco Soc and its members have been involved in campaigns and projects such as Latin America Week, Green Week, publishing the Galway Green Guide

campaigning for improved food quality on campus, amBUSH, Mayday 2004, GRASSROOTS GATHERING (which was hosted by Galway last winter) general anti war activity with a special focus on Shannon and as part of the GNAW [grassroots network against war], Stop Sellafield campaign, the campaign to shut-down Faslane nuclear submarine base in Scotland, Buy Nothing Day, Street Theatre, several publications, film showings, speakers and more...

Ecology Soc Events

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

Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Weekly Meeting ran for 7 weeks in AC215, beginning on Wednesday, 10/10/2007.

Action on a greener campus, improved bicycle facilities in Galway, night routes for buses, a fair-trade & coke free campus, Tara, Rossport and anything else you would like to bring to the table.

Weekly Meeting ran for 12 weeks in AC204, beginning on Wednesday, 23/1/2008.

We will be continuing with plans to improve the quality and variety of food on campus and discussing plans for a Latin American week in either February or March. New members, ideas and suggestions as always are welcome!

Special Events

This year we held 16 special events.

ECO Soc Big GIG » *De Burgos on Thursday, 13/9/2007.*

With Music from: Laura Sheeran, The Hideous Penguins and Polar Vortex. All in aid of the Peruvian Earth Quake Appeal. Tickets €8 on the door.

EGM » *AC215 on Wednesday, 3/10/2007.*

Food Fair » *Outside College Bar/ Aras na Mac Leinn on Wednesday, 21/11/2007.*

Lots of market stands selling lots of delicious, hot and wholesome food all day!

Caoimhe Butterly : Irish Peace activist » *Town Hall Theatre & Galway city museum on Friday, 7/12/2007.*

Well-known Irish peace campaigner Caoimhe Butterly will speak in a public meeting { @ 7.30 in the town hall theatre } as part of a nationwide tour that seeks to raise awareness of the critical situation in Lebanon and the Middle East. In the talk, titled 'Eye witness from Lebanon', Caoimhe will speak on the current situation in Lebanon for Palestinian refugees and the people of South Lebanon where she is currently working. People of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to come and hear her speak. Admission is free. This event will be complemented by occurring during a week where Galway multi media artist and activist Niamh Moloughney will display her Palestinian Wall youth project 'Upstart' in the Galway city museum. This exhibition will run from the 4th –8th of Dec. The Wall was made for The National Youth Council of Ireland's project 'The writing's on the wall' as a way to send messages of solidarity to the young people in Palestine, Lebanon and Israel. Caoimhe butterly will be present at the 'upstart' exhibition in the Galway city museum on Friday the 7th from 3-5 for an informal discussion on the situation in Lebanon & Palestine. - info regarding the Refugee camp where Caoimhe has been based <http://www.counterpunch.org/birmingham10242007.html>

Collecting signatures » *Outside Bialann on Monday, 11/2/2008.*

Members of Ecosoc will be collecting signatures for the campaign to allow the food traders from the market onto campus on a regular basis this Monday and Tuesday at lunchtime. You will find us at the main entrance to the Bialann. Come along if you want to add your voice to those who are dissatisfied with the quality of food on campus and if you're really enthusiastic you can even help us collect signatures. If you can't make it you can still sign the petition online at: <http://www.PetitionOnline.com/foodnuig/petition.html> until Friday 15th of February.

Irish wildlife photo exhibition » *Aras na mac Leinn foyer on Monday, 10/3/2008.*

A beautiful collection of photographs of Irish wildlife

"Environmental Politics in Galway" » *Arts Millenium Building on Monday, 10/3/2008.*

Brendan Smith, a local community leader will give a lecture on Community and Environmental Politics in Galway City, with particular reference to the "Save Terryland Forest Park" Campaign

Junk Sculptures » *The Hub, Aras na mac Leinn on Tuesday, 11/3/2008.*

Make your own "Junk Sculptures" from recycled and found objects with the theme of "Ecological Living "

"Irish Seedsavers" » *Arts Millenium Building on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.*

Will Softly of the Irish Seedavers Foundation will give a talk informing students and staff of their work and how people can take part

Cuban Organic Growing » *ECI, Orbsen Building Seminar Room on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.*

Dr. Micheline Sheehy Skeffington of the Botany Department will give a unique talk on the Cuban Organic Growing Movement that evolved in the country as the ordinary people of Cuba decided to take the production of good quality food into their own hands and began to grow their own fruit and vegetables (in roof top gardens in some cases!!) . This promises to be a really interesting evening.

"Food Security" » *Aras na mac Leinn Foyer on Friday, 14/3/2008.*

A local organic gardener Sonhairle Mac Aodha will give a brief talk on what goes into the food that we eat today. This event promises to be a real eye opener.

Latin America Photo Exhibition » *Aras na Mac Leinn on Monday, 7/4/2008.*

The opening of Latin America Week 2008, Galway and the photo exhibition 'Imagenes del mundo al Revés - Images from an upside down world' will be hosted by Ecosoc, Latin American Solidarity Centre and Galway One World Centre in Aras na Mac Leinn with special guest Ricardo Buitron of Accion Ecologica, Ecuador and Guiseppe de Marzo of ASUD Italy. All are welcome and Mexican treats and the best Chilean wine will be served on the night.

Film Screening » *Fotrell Theatre AM Building on Monday, 7/4/2008.*

As part of Latin America Week 2008 we will be screening 2 short documentaries on access to water in Latin America followed by the feature length documentary Zapatista

Water Rights and Wrongs » *O'Tuthail Theatre Arts Millenium Buildin on Tuesday, 8/4/2008.*

'Water Rights and Wrongs' Discussion with international guest speakers Ricardo Buitron from Accion Ecologica in Ecuador and Giuseppe de Marzo, spokesperson of ASUD.

Viva Cuba - Talk and Film screening » *Galway One World Centre on Thursday, 10/4/2008.*

Jose Israel Martinez an exiled community development worker from Cuba will host a discussion on Post- Fidel Cuba and his community work. Film -The Power of the Community- How Cuba Survived Peak Oil

Fiesta Maravillosa! » *Aras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 10/4/2008.*

Latin American party night with live Latino sounds and DJ... bring your dancing shoes.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Aisling Walsh

Treasurer: Peter Moran

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€3157.77	Bank Charge	€2.20
USC Grant	€554.09	Materials	€84.30
		Printing	€3068.70
		Reception	€176.46
		Society Transport	€18.04
		Speaker Travel	€70.00
		Stationary	€14.50
		Teacher Fees	€60.00

Income		Expenditure	
		Expenditure Total	€3494.20
		Closing Bank Balance	€217.66
Total	€3711.86	Total	€3711.86

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 84 members.

Electronics Society

Elec Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Go-Karting » *Pallas Karting, Tynagh on Monday, 14th of May.*

Electronics Soc Meeting » *Electronic Eng Seminar Room on Tuesday, 9th of October.*

Marconi Centenary, Clifden day trip! » *Clifden on Tuesday, 16th of October.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Ronan O'Malley

Vice-Auditor: Sean Finn

Treasurer: Diarmaid O'Cualain

Secretary: Martin OHalloran

PRO: Shane Kinsella

Society Development Officer: Lorcan Browne

Staff Treasurer: Martin Glavin

No Financial Transactions

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 75 members.

Engineering Society

Eng Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Eng Ball Tickets on Sale » *Aras Na Mac Leinn Foyer on Wednesday, 21st of November.*

Eng Ball Tickets on Sale » *Aras Na Mac Leinn Foyer on Thursday, 22nd of November.*

Engineering Ball » *Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday, 24th of January.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Gerald Glynn

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0	Bank Charge	€116.36
Balls	€19,960.75	Dinner	€10,182.00
Bank Charge	€49.42	Entertainment	€2,400.00
		Fundraising/Charity	€3,000.00
		Materials	€116.30
		Prizes	€1,007.48
		Promotions	€200.00
		Reception	€2,365.00
		Society Transport	€500.00
		Expenditure Total	€19,887.14
		Closing Bank Balance	€123.03
Total	€20,010.17	Total	€20,010.17

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 200 members.

Environmental Science Society

Environmental Science Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

Environmental Science Soc meeting » *Environmental seminar room. on Wednesday, 24th of October.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Thomas Gorman

Vice-Auditor: Alex Fleming

Treasurer: John Hynes

Secretary: Roseanne Hennessy

No Financial Transactions

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 68 members.

FAD Soc

The food and Drink Society lived up to its reputation this year by hoisting 9 fantastic events. All our events were a great success, with tickets, for all events they were sold for, selling out fast and non-ticketed events were inundated with many guests. The popularity of our events were matched only by the food, drink and venues within which they were enjoyed, not only by our members but by the establishments regular customers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the establishments that hoisted our events this year, without them we would not have been able to have such a successful and eventful year. The committee really worked as a team making every event a pleasure for all involved. All our events, although very enjoyable in many ways, were also very educational. Our members learned how to appreciate a fine wine in a way they had never done before and some said they would now be confident in their ability to select a fine wine to complement a great meal for family and friends.

FAD Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

Sheridan's Wine Tasting » *No. 8 on Tuesday, 2nd of October.*

Our first wine tasting of the year is taking place on Tuesday 2nd October in No. 8, the new wine bar by Seamus Sheridan (see map attached). Seamus will give us a tasting of a range of different wines from his cellars and take us through the finer points of the production, distribution and experience of the wine, and of course, being Seamus Sheridan. Tickets are €5 and can be purchased from the Socs Box until 2pm on Tuesday. Space is limited, so act now!

Indian Restaurant Trip » *Kashmir Restaurant, Domnick Street on Monday, 15th of October.*

Kashmir is widely regarded as the best Indian restaurant in Galway. For the special price of €15, you can choose any starter and any main course from this restaurant's extensive and formidable menu as well as a free soft drink. A limited number of tickets are available at the Socs Box.

Bring-a-Plate » *AM109 (Arts Millennium) on Monday, 22nd of October.*

We're having another of our wonderful 'bring a plate' dates on Monday at 7pm. If everybody who comes brings their own dish of some sort, doesn't matter what, as long as it's edible! Or, if a couple of people chip in together to cook a cuisine extraordinaire then that's coolio. So come along for a bit of fun and fine food, Beverages will be provided... see you there!

Coffee and Wine Trade Show » *Clayton Hotel on Wednesday, 31st of October.*

It's Free! Members of FADsoc are invited to sample a range of coffees and wines supplied by Como Wine and Coffee Importers. Have a look at the weblink: <http://www.galwayindependent.com/business/business/wine-and-coffee-trade-show-at-the-clayton/> Admission is free but you must sign up at the socs box by 7pm on Monday so they know how many we have coming. Meet in Eyre square at 4.45pm to get a 5pm bus (No. 9 to Parkmore) to the Clayton Hotel, Monivea Road. If you miss the 5pm, there is also a 5.30pm bus. So come along and try a range of coffees and wines for nothing but your bus fare. Please note, the show closes at 7pm.

Nimmo's Restaurant trip » *Nimmo's Spanish Arch on Monday, 5th of November.*

Ard Bia @ Nimmo's, Galway's one of Galway's finest fine-dining restaurants, is offering a great deal to FADsoc members. Tonight at 7pm we will get a tasting menu of: -starter -main course - 2 red wines -2 white wines for €15 per person. Everyone will get their own starter and we will share several main courses. The wines will simply be a dash of each to complement the food. This is an unmissable opportunity to sample the top quality restaurant food at well below the market price. When you see the menu, you'll know what I mean <http://www.nimmos.ie/> Sign up at the SocsBox and meet in Nimmo's at 7pm

Christmas Party » *Paddy's Porspect Hill on Friday, 14th of December.*

Hey Guys, The FADsoc Christmas party takes place this Friday from 9pm in Paddy's Bar, Prospect Hill. We're teaming up with Lit & Deb, Law SOc and other fine societies so there ought to be a good crowd. -Mulled wine and Christmas themed food for those who arrive early -Lots of promotions -free finger food -House Party to follow -Fun AND festivities -ALL WELCOME

Sheridan's Cheese Tasting » *Sheridans-on-the-docks on Tuesday, 22nd of January.*

To our new members, welcome, to our old, welcome back. Next Tuesday 22nd the Patron Saint of the Food and Drink Society, Seamus Sheridan, will take us through the agricultural and culinary delights of his cheese shop. €5 at the Socs Box. Those of you who have been to Seamus' tastings before will know that you will get far more than your €5 worth.

Fair Trade Food Tasting » *The Hub on Monday, 3rd of March.*

Come down the hub for free samples of Fair Trade food and a chin-wag. As part of Fair Trade Fortnight- in association with Goal Soc.

Lohan's Wine Tutorial » *Lohan's Salthill on Monday, 10th of March.*

Food and Drinks Society brings you (drum roll please)..... ..a first class wine tasting and lecture with the good people at Lohan's Restaurant and Off-Licence. This elementary wine tasting class will take you through a range of different wines with cheese and nibbles to tide you over throughout. It's available to the first 15 people for €5 the class usually cost €20 per person, so act now. It's at 8pm on Monday 10th March in Lohan's restaurant, Salthill Upper (where the Prom meets Sea Point) Sign up at Socs Box

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Dan Colley

Vice-Auditor: Zoe McNair

Treasurer: Niamh McNally

Secretary: Zara Nugent

Ordinary Committee Member:

Public Relations Officer:

Isabelle O'Donnell

Anna Kenny

Ordinary Committee Member: Steven Lydon

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€-126.61	Bank Charge	€32.57
Members Contributions	€30.00	Dinner	€440.00
Socs box	€710.00	Reception	€420.00
USC Grant	€585.00	Expenditure Total	€892.57
		Closing Bank Balance	€305.82
Total	€1,198.39	Total	€1,198.39

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 423 members.

Fantasy & Science Fiction Society

At Fansci this year we have continued our successful weekly meetings, where members of the society meet to indulge in role-playing and card games, to chat about fantasy and science fiction topics and to exchange books and comics in the library which we organised. The society organised a weekend away trip to Warpcon in Cork and Dominicon in Maynooth. We also held our own annual convention; Itzacon, which was attended by our own members and people from Universities all over the country.

FanSci Events

This year the society had a total of 25 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Weekly Meeting ran for 13 weeks in AC202, beginning on Wednesday, 5/9/2007.

Our weekly meeting, where members come together to play games, chat, and generally have fun.

Weekly Meeting ran for 8 weeks in AC202, beginning on Wednesday, 27/2/2008.

Come for games of all sorts, from RPGs to Apples to Apples. Even if you're not a crazy gamer type its still a good night with plenty of easy to pick up games or intelligent (or not so intelligent) conversation.

Special Events

This year we held 4 special events.

LAN Gaming » *Wired Gaming on Friday, 19/10/2007.*

An 8 hour LAN Gaming session for E15, held down in the brand spanking new Wired Gaming, located on Dominick Street, across the road from Clan Video. For details of games list and systems, check out <http://www.wiredireland.com/gaming/>

DominiCon » *NUIMaynooth on Friday, 9/11/2007.*

An organized trip down to NUI Maynooth's annual gaming convention, DominiCon. The Con promises to be a lot of fun, and at E25 (approx.) for travel to and from the Con, accommodation for the weekend and entry to the Con, it's a great deal.

EGM » *AC202 on Wednesday, 20/2/2008.*

EGM to elect new treasurer and events officer. There will be refreshments.

Itzacon » *It building on Friday, 7/3/2008.*

Itzacon - Fansci's annual convention held all weekend downstairs in the IT building. There will be RPGs, TCGs, Boardgames, Wargaming and much more.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Ross Lydon

Treasurer: Enda Scalon

Ents: Meg Swanton

Wargames: Eamon Mc Gee

Vice-Auditor: Ciaran O'Brien

Secretary: Ruth Campion

P.R.O.: Paul Mac Fhionnghaile

Librarian: Pearse Heneghan

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Keith Mcnamara

Treasurer: Karl

P.R.O.: Ronan Comaskey

Wargaming: David Tuite

Vice-Auditor: Eamon Mcgee

Secretary: Linda Boonstra

Ents: Enda Scanlon

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€3,437.58	Bank Charge	€3.75
Balls	€409.10	Entry Fees	€276.00
Fundraising	€910.22	Equipment Misc	€900.00
Members Contributions	€1,913.73	Hall Hire	€100.00
Societies day	€86.00	Hire Bus	€280.00

Income		Expenditure	
Ticket Sales	€469.50	Printing	€410.79
USC Grant	€4,276.83	Prizes	€108.99
		Promotions	€55.00
		Received Money Returned	€319.73
		Reception	€109.00
		Society Accommodation	€3,190.00
		Society Transport	€1,208.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,781.26
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,721.70
Total	€11,502.96	Total	€11,502.96

Other Information

We held 28 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 163 members.

Film Society

Due to the outstanding success of FilmSoc last year, performing at the highest national standard, it fell to this year's committee to maintain the momentum and the achievements of the society. Therefore much of the work carried out this year involved the continued running of the NUIG Student Cinema. As this was an already well-established service to the students of the college, with a strong public profile on campus, the cinema was essential to the effective running and promotion of the society.

The huge responsibilities that this regular event created in its first year were delegated more effectively among the committee this year so as to streamline its operation. As a result of the smoother running of the Student Cinema the committee were able to introduce activities alongside the films such as spot quizzes or miniature charity fundraisers. These activities were as simple as dressing up like Spartan warriors, complete with cardboard and tin-foil swords, for the film '300', or dressing up as pregnant women while promoting the film 'Knocked Up', but they added immensely to the enjoyment of the cinema. We also organised 'pizza parties' with the help of 'Papa John's Pizza', in which we distributed free pizzas to the audience, keeping them well-fed! It was these events that allowed us to make the Student Cinema an experience, rather than just a cinema.

A major aim and component of our work this year was to increase the amount of inter-society activities we performed. This was important, as it provided an opportunity for smaller, less widely-appealing societies to take part in a large event centred around the theme/ interests of their societies. On top of this it allowed us to substantially increase our audience, and to cater for students who would not normally be drawn to film. The method by which we accomplished this was our dedicated 'Inter-Society Night' every Wednesday in the second semester this year, which involved playing a film in association with another society which mirrored that society's work. An added boost of increased promotion and advertising was also achieved as two societies worked together to attract members.

In addition to films produced and completed during the summer before the beginning of this year, we have put into production more films this year and have sourced scripts to increase our output of films in 2008/09. We

also increased our sales of our hoodies over last year, keeping the same design as it proved to be popular with the student body. We also took our members on a trip to the Futura Film Festival in Bologna, Italy.

Through the Student Cinema, and the tireless work of the committee to promote our events and generate co-operation between societies, FilmSoc has continued to be a campus phenomenon proving that it can maintain its initial success in the long term. By providing an alternative form of night-time entertainment FilmSoc has ensured that college life is integrated with the college campus, and it will continue to be a major contributor to the culture at NUIG in the years to come!

FilmSoc Events

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

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

FilmSoc Publication Meeting ran for 8 weeks in AM109, beginning on Monday, 8/10/2007.

The weekly contributor's meeting to the new FilmSoc Magazine. If you want to get involved in this side of the society by writing articles, doing graphic design or whatever your talent is then read above for the venue!

Special Events

This year we held 57 special events.

BORAT!!! FilmSoc E.G.M! » *O'Flaherty on Thursday, 20/9/2007.*

We're kicking the year off with BORAT this Blockbuster Thursday at 7pm in the O'Flaherty! There'll be an EGM beforehand where those of you who want to get more involved in any area of FilmSoc can VOLUNTEER. There'll be lots of craic and pop questions on film before our screening starts and of course we'll reward your marvellous displays of film knowledge! Oh and after the film there'll be a RECEPTION in the Hub! C'mon down!

Arthouse Tuesday: » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 25/9/2007.*

Screening of the award winning "The Queen". After the death of Princess Diana, HM Queen Elizabeth II struggles with her reaction to a sequence of events nobody could have predicted... Starring Helen Mirren as yup, you guessed it THE QUEEN! An excellent film providing interesting insight into a private and powerful woman.

Classic Wednesday » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.*

Screening of "Dr. Strangelove" (1964) starring Peter Sellers. An insane general starts a process to nuke the U.S.S.R. that a war room of politicians and generals frantically try to stop. An innovative eccentric comedy that everyone should see.

Blockbuster Thursday » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 27/9/2007.*

Screening of "Casino Royale" (2006). Starring Daniel Craig and Eva Green. In his first mission, James Bond must stop Le Chiffre, a banker to the world's terrorist organizations, from winning a high-stakes poker tournament at Casino Royale in Montenegro. Come...007 license to thrill...

Arthouse Tuesday: "Mulholland Drive" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.*

Screening of "Mulholland Drive"...starring Naomi Watts and Laura Harring. After a car wreck on the winding Mulholland Drive renders a woman amnesic, she and a perky Hollywood-hopeful search for clues and answers across Los Angeles in a twisting venture beyond dreams and reality...A film adored by many and a source of eternal confusion to others...C'mon and decide for yourself NUIG!

Classic Wednesday: "A Clockwork Orange" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 3/10/2007.*

Screening of "A Clockwork Orange" starring Malcolm McDowell. In future Britain, charismatic delinquent Alex DeLarge is jailed and later volunteers for an experimental aversion therapy developed by the government in an effort to solve society's crime problem... but not all goes to plan. This is a film that you can never EVER forget. Truly unmissable...

Blockbuster Thursday: The Hitchhikers... » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 4/10/2007.*

Screening of "The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy" starring Martin Freeman, John Malkovich and Bill Bailey... Mere seconds before the Earth is to be demolished by an alien construction crew, journeyman Arthur Dent is swept off the planet

by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher penning a new edition of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy". Hilarious...Come for a giggle!

ArtHouse: I ♥ Huckabees » *O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 9/10/2007.*

I (insert pic of heart here) Huckabees" (2004) starring Jason Schwartzman, Dustin Hoffman and Naomi Watts. A husband-and-wife team play detective, but not in the traditional sense. Instead, the happy duo helps others solve their existential issues, the kind that keep you up at night, wondering what it all means...It's a comedy...a very black comedy. A black sheep comedy if you will!

Classics: "The Shining" » *O'Flaherty on Wednesday, 10/10/2007.*

"The Shining" (1980) starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall. A family heads to an isolated hotel for the winter where an evil and spiritual presence influences the father into violence, while his psychic son sees horrific forebodings from the past and of the future. Come and scream you head off in the O'Flaherty!

Blockbuster: "300" » *O'Flaherty on Thursday, 11/10/2007.*

"300" (2006) starring Gerard Butler, Lena Headey and Dominic West. Based on Frank Miller's graphic novel, "300" concerns the 480 B.C. Battle of Thermopylae, where the King of Sparta led his army against the advancing Persians; the battle is said to have inspired all of Greece to band together against the Persians, and helped usher in the world's first democracy. Fantastic battle scenes and special effects! A must see!

Arthouse "Children of Men" » *O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 16/10/2007.*

Screening of "Children of Men" starring Clive Owen, Julianne Moore and Michael Caine. In 2027, as humankind faces the likelihood of its own extinction, a disillusioned government agent agrees to help transport and protect a miraculously pregnant woman to a sanctuary at sea where her child's birth may help scientists to save the future of mankind. A FilmSoc favourite!

Classic "Once Upon A Time In America" » *O'Flaherty on Wednesday, 17/10/2007.*

Screening of "Once Upon a Time in America" starring Robert De Niro, James Woods and Elizabeth McGovern. Complex tale of the life of New York gangsters from the period of the early 1900's through prohibition, and climaxing in their subsequent reunion in the 1960's. You've gotta see this film Once (upon a time in the O'Flaherty)....

Blockbuster "The Departed" » *O'Flaherty on Thursday, 18/10/2007.*

Screening of "The Departed" starring Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio and NUIG's very own MARTIN SHEEN! Two just-graduated officers from Massachusetts State Police Academy follow opposite sides of the law: William Costigan is assigned to work undercover with the Irish mobster Frank Costello to get evidences to arrest him. His true identity is only known by his superiors Dignam and Oliver Queenan. The protégée of Costello, Colin Sullivan, is promoted in the Massachusetts State Police and is the informer of Costello. Each police officer gives his best effort trying to disclose the identity of the other "rat". Great film, great cast, great way to kick off Thursday evening!

ArtHouse: "Breakfast on Pluto" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 23/10/2007.*

Student Cinema presents "Breakfast on Pluto" (2005) starring Cillian Murphy, Ruth McCabe and Liam Neelison. As foster child Patrick "Kitten" Braden grows up, he leaves behind his small-town life in Northern Ireland for London, where he's reborn as a transvestite cabaret singer in the 1960s and 70s. A gorgeous film with a gorgeous leading wo(man)!

Classic: "The Usual Suspects" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 24/10/2007.*

Student Cinema presents "The Usual Suspects" (1995) starring Kevin Spacey, Gabriel Byrne and Benicio Del Toro. A boat has been destroyed, criminals are dead, and the key to this mystery lies with the only survivor and his twisted, convoluted story beginning with five career crooks in a seemingly random police lineup. Yet another classic for you to enjoy! NOTE: Film starts at the later time of 7.30pm

Blockbuster: "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 25/10/2007.*

Student Cinema presents "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang" (2005) starring Robert Downey Jr. and Val Kilmer. Mistaken for an actor, small-time crook, Harry Lockhart, finds himself in the midst of the Hollywood community. He is paired up with private detective "Gay Perry" to get some training for his role, but things begin to get weird when they witness a real murder... A must see comic film-noir! NOTE: Film starts at the later time of 7.30pm

Halloween Costume Party » *The Living Room, Galway city on Monday, 29/10/2007.*

Join us in The Living Room for a night of the Living Dead! All pirates, vampires, fairies, rabbits, pumpkin creatures etc welcome! So welcome will ye be in fact that we're running a competition for the best fanciest weirdest dressed amongst ye - tons of prizes to be won! There'll also be random spot prizes and a raffle in aid of the GSPCA! PLUS: Halloween games and lots of free finger food so you won't be left hungry! So get out your witches hats and ghostly bed sheets and come on down!

"The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (2006) » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 30/10/2007.*

Student cinema screening of "The Texas Chain Massacre: The Beginning" (2006) starring Jordana Brewster (The Fast and the Furious). On one last road trip before they're sent to serve in Vietnam, two brothers (Handley and Bomer) and their girlfriends (Baird and Brewster) get into an accident that calls their local sheriff (Ermeey) to the scene. Thus begins a terrifying experience where the teens are taken to a secluded house of horrors, where a young, would-be killer is being nurtured. Witness the birth of fear at the O'Flaherty!!

Ghostbuster Thursday: » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 1/11/2007.*

Student Cinema Screening of "The Descent" (2005) starring local girl Nora-Jane Noone. After a tragic accident, six American friends reunite for a caving expedition. Their adventure soon goes horribly wrong when a collapse traps them deep underground and they find themselves pursued by bloodthirsty creatures. As their friendships deteriorate, they find themselves in a desperate struggle to survive the creatures and each other. Creepiness in the O'Flaherty?! Shocking...

Art-House Tuesday: "Big Fish" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 6/11/2007.*

Student cinema screening of Tim Burton's Oscar nominated fantasy "Big Fish" (2003) starring Ewan McGregor and Albert Finney. This film follows the incredible life of Edward Bloom, through a series of flashbacks that begin when his son Will visits him for the last time. Edward is dying of cancer, and Will hasn't spoken to him for years because he believes him to be a liar that never really cared for his family. As Edward's story unfolds once again, Will tries to finally understand the truth about who his father really was... Come and be drawn into Burton's amazing world of imagination in the O'Flaherty!!

Classic Wednesday: "Some Like It Hot" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 7/11/2007.*

Student cinema screening of "Some like It Hot" (1959) starring Marilyn Monroe in one of her most memorable roles as, the ditzy "Sugar Kane". Two Struggling musicians witness the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and try to find a way out of the city before they are found and killed by the mob. The only job that will pay their way is an all girl band so the two dress up as women. In addition to hiding, each has his own problems; one falls for another band member but can't tell her his gender, and the other has a rich suitor who will not take "No," for an answer. Don't miss this classic comedy featuring a legend at her best!

FilmSoc Production Crew Meeting » *O'Flaherty on Thursday, 8/11/2007.*

Quick meeting on the scripts that are currently in production, in order to appoint crew positions for the films. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm! *cheesy grin*

Film Auditions » *TB103 on Thursday, 8/11/2007.*

Film auditions for upcoming FilmSoc and Fansci production! Male actors needed! All welcome!

Blockbuster Thursday: Resident Evil: Apo » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 8/11/2007.*

Student cinema screening of "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" (2004) starring Milla Jovovich (Alice). The evil continues with this sequel to the (2002) movie based on the successful video game. The nightmare isn't over, General Cain ordered The Hive to be reopened, and in doing so contaminated all of Raccoon City, a city of the dead, with Alice stuck right in the middle. Now, along with other survivors, Jill Valentine, Carlos Oliviera and his Captain, Nicholai, they must fight to survive, to escape the nightmare that has plagued Raccoon City. But now there is a new threat: Matt Addison has fully mutated into a seemingly unstoppable creature, code named Nemesis, who will stop at nothing until everything around it is dead, but it also has another agenda...

Classic - "Pulp Fiction" » *O'Flaherty on Wednesday, 14/11/2007.*

'Girls like me don't make invitations like this to just anyone!' The Quentin Tarantino cult classic, which put the vava-voom into John Travolta career with Uma Thurman, Samuel L Jackson and Tim Roth. The film starts with two small-time thieves, Honey Bunny and Pumpkin, who spontaneously decide to hold up a restaurant. The film then shifts to the story of Jules and Vincent, who hit men for the well known and feared Marsellus Wallace, who is caught up in a deal gone wrong with struggling boxer Butch Coolidge. C'mon down to the O'Flaherty at 7pm!

Blockbuster - "Happy Feet" » O'Flaherty on Thursday, 15/11/2007.

Into the world of the Emperor Penguins, who find their soul mates through song, a penguin is born who cannot sing. But he can tap dance something fierce! Blockbuster animation that has it all including the voices of Hugh Jackman, Elijah Wood and Nicole Kidman. Penguins are so hot right now! WARNING: May Cause Toe-Tapping in the O'Flaherty from 7pm onwards!

Art-house Tuesday: "Y tu mamá también" » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 20/11/2007.

Student Cinema Screening of: Mexican drama "Y tu mamá también" (2001). Abandoned by their girlfriends for the summer, teenagers Tenoch and Julio meet an attractive older woman Luisa at a wedding. Trying to be impressive, the friends tell Luisa they are headed on a road trip to a beautiful, secret beach called Boca del Cielo. Intrigued with their story and desperate to escape, Luisa asks if she can join them. Soon the three are headed out of Mexico City, on their way to the fictional destination. Along the way, they learn a thing or two about life, friendship, sex, and each other. Experience two hours of what promises to be intriguing Mexican cinema in the O'Flaherty!

Classics Wednesday: » O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 21/11/2007.

Student Cinema Screening of: "The Deerhunter" (1978). Winner of 5 Academy Awards including Best Picture 1978 with an all-star cast including, Robert de Niro and Christopher Walken. Michael, Steven and Nick are young factory workers who enlist into the Army to fight in Vietnam. Before they go, Steven marries the pregnant Angela and their wedding-party is also the men's farewell party. After some time and many horrors the three friends fall in the hands of the Vietcong and are brought to a prison camp in which they are forced to play Russian roulette against each other. Michael makes it possible for them to escape, but they soon get separated again. Come and see one of the most important and powerful films of all time!

Blockbuster Thursday: "South Park » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 22/11/2007.

NOTE THE NEW VENUE Student Cinema Screening of: "South Park Bigger Longer & Uncut" (1999). In the sleepy town of South Park, four children cause total disturbance when they see an 'R' rated Canadian film, the 'Terrance and Phillip Movie'. Soon all the children watch it and the bad language gets out of hand. When their mothers finally form a union to kill Terrance and Phillip, it is up to Carl, Cartman, Stan and Kenny to prevent the killing of Terrance and Phillip and to stop Satan and Saddam Hussein from ruling the world!! Warning: This movie will warp your fragile little minds!!!

Bologna Trip Meeting » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 15/1/2008.

Bologna Trip Information Meeting - For all those signed up to FilmSoc's Bologna Trip please attend this meeting. Yup, you have to! Info on the trip, where we're staying, travel arrangements will all be explained!

Art-House Tuesday » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 22/1/2008.

Student Cinema Screening Of "Sunshine" (2007): 50 years into the future the Sun is being destroyed from inside out by a type of highly stable form of matter that renders nuclear fusion impossible, by turning common matter on its own kind. The only hope is to send a team of astronauts to detonate a massive, highly energetic bomb, able to destroy this strange matter and restore Sun's natural state.

Societies Night! » O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 23/1/2008.

Student Cinema Screening Of "Transamerica" (2005) in association with GIGSoc! One week before her sex-change operation, Bree receives a call from a 17-year-old identifying himself as her son from a college liaison. Bree flies to New York City, bails the youth out of juvenile detention, and offers him a ride back to Los Angeles without disclosing that she is his father. Both her plans and his go awry, and as secrets will be uncovered, what might become a friendship (or more) founders. The lad's step-father, a sex-change support group, a peyote eater, a Navajo wrangler, and Bree's family all play their parts in this exploration of family, gender, and expectations.

Blockbuster Thursday » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 24/1/2008.

Student Cinema Screening Of "Batman Begins"(2005).When fate prevents him from avenging the deaths of his parents, young Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) flees to Asia where he seeks counsel from a dangerous ninja cult leader known as Ra's al Ghul. When he returns, Bruce finds that Gotham City has become overrun with crime and corruption, and that there are forces at work trying to remove him from his inherited place as the owner of Wayne Industries. Discovering a cave under Wayne Manor, Bruce assumes a new identity as a secret detective and guardian of the people of Gotham City against the criminals that plague them...Come and witness the story of how Bruce Wayne became what he was destined to be: BATMAN!!

Film Society Presents » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 4/2/2008.*

We are offering a week of fantastic film on campus, kicking off on Tuesday 5th with our 80s Movie Night where we will be showing the iconic "Gremlins", with competitions and giveaways, and everyone is encouraged to come in costume. On Wednesday 6th we'll be hosting an evening of sumptuous shorts followed by Shane Meadows landmark film "This is England". There will also be an exciting guest speaker touching down on Wednesday, and we finish off in style with classic popcorn flick "Back to the Future" on Blockbuster Thursday with the added bonus of an after show pizza party courtesy of Papa John's and everyone is encouraged to dress in costume. Note: There is a slight possibility that events may be subject to change to suit guest speaker.

Art-House Tuesday » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening of: "Gremlins" (1984) Sure, he's cute. Of course you can keep him. But heed these three warnings: Don't ever get him wet. Keep him away from bright light. And the most important thing, the one thing you must never forget: no matter how much he cries, no matter how much he begs . . . never, never feed him after midnight. With these mysterious instructions, young Billy Peltzer takes possession of his cuddly new pet. He gets a whole lot more than he bargained for.....

Wednesday's 80's Flick!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 6/2/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening of "This is England" (2006) This is England: Mods, New Romantics, and Skinheads are the major youth sub-cultures of the summer of 1983 and young 12-year-old Shaun is left wandering aimlessly alone until his chance meeting with Woody and his Skinhead pack. Finding a new lease of life; girls, parties, Ben Sherman shirts, Doc Martin boots and shaven hairstyles, life during this summer holiday has got a whole lot better. This is England is a look back at the early eighties, Thatcher's Britain and working-class life through the eyes of young Shaun and his new gang, and dealing with the bitterness of outside influences such as racism and xenophobia, of mass unemployment and the fall out of the Falkland's War. Come to the O'Flaherty to see what Skinhead culture was really like.....

Thursday's Retro 80's Film! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 7/2/2008.*

Student cinema Screening of: "Back to the Future" (1985) Marty McFly helps out his friend Doc Brown, and ends up being taken back in time by Doc's time-machine a DeLorean car (made in Ireland!!). Marty (Michael J. Fox), a boy of the 80's, has to come to grips with being in the 50's and get his parents to fall in love to set straight the damage his presence has done to the events of the past. Come on Let's fire up the Flux Capacater one more time and watch this classic adventure! Oh the memories! Also stick around afterwards because there'll be a cool pizza party! Wahoo! free pizza!

Art-House Tuesday! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 12/2/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening of: "Atonement" (2007). In 1935, 13-year-old fledgling writer Briony Tallis and her family live a life of wealth and privilege in their enormous mansion. Robbie Turner (James McEvoy), the educated son of the family's housekeeper and Briony's headstrong older sister Cecilia (Keira Knightly) are deeply in love with each other; all it will take is one spark for this romance to ignite. When it does, Briony who has an infatuation with Robbie is compelled to interfere, going so far as accusing him of a crime he did not commit. Cecilia and Robbie declare their love for each other just before Robbie is arrested by the police and with Briony continuing to conceal the truth, the course of three lives is changed forever. Don't miss this chance to see one of the best films of 2007!!

Intersociety Wednesday! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 13/2/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening of: "Serenity" (2005) in association with FanSci! River Tam and her brother Simon are hiding out from the totalitarian government that experimented with River's brain aboard the space-freighter Serenity. Captained by a down on his luck, no faith soldier, the crew of Serenity must take jobs (legal or not) while avoiding the Alliance, and keeping the Tams safe. But when things get out of hand with the true extent of River's powers, the Alliance sends a new Operative to make sure what River knows doesn't get out. How will the crew of Serenity deal with this new threat? And what exactly does River know that the Operative is willing to kill for? Come along and find out at this amazing Sci-Fi thriller!

Valentines Day Movie! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 14/2/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening of: "Knocked Up" (2007) Likeable Slacker Ben and up and coming career girl Alison meet at a bar, get drunk and end up having a one night stand (We've heard the story before!). Eight weeks later, Ben is shocked when Alison meets him and reveals that she is pregnant. Despite having little in common, the pair decide that they will at least

give a relationship a try for their baby's sake. Bring your Valentine to this hilarious comedy and they may never want to have a baby...But on the other hand we guarantee a laughter filled evening!!

Inter Society Week + Pizza Party!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre Student Cinema on Monday, 25/2/2008.*

This week FilmSoc is opening up its arms to not just one society this week but three! On ArtHouse Tuesday we're playing La Vie En Rose with French Soc at 7PM. On Wednesday with Human Rights Soc we're playing The Last King of Scotland at 7:30PM! Finally on Blockbuster Thursday we're showing Transformers with International Students Society!! After the film on Thursday we're having a Pizza Party courtesy of Papa Johns Pizzeria! Share the love.. and the pizza! Thanks Papa Johns!!

Art-House Tuesday with FrenchSoc! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 26/2/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "La Vie En Rose" "(La Môme)" (2007) in association with FrenchSoc! This is a look at the life of the Little Sparrow, Edith Piaf (1915-1963). Her mother was an alcoholic street singer, her father a circus performer, her grandmother a madam. During childhood she lives with each of them. At 20, she was a street singer discovered by a club owner who's murdered, coached by a musician who brings her to concert halls, then quickly famous. The tragedies of her love affair with Marcel Cerdan and the death of her only child belie the words of one of her most famous songs "Non, je ne regrette rien."

Intersociety with Human Rights Soc » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 27/2/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening of: "The Last King of Scotland" (2006) in association with Human Rights Society! In 1970, the young idealistic doctor Nicholas Garrigan moves to Uganda to assist in a rural hospital. While working in the country, he meets the new President Idi Amin. He is invited to become his personal physician in Kampala and along the years Garrigan cannot help but notice Amin's increasingly erratic behaviour that grows beyond a legitimate fear of assassination into a murderous insanity that is driving Uganda into bloody ruin.

Papa John's Pizza Party!! » *A Secret Place... at a secret time... on Thursday, 28/2/2008.*

Ok so maybe not a secret time but after the film Transformers with ISS we're having a free pizza party courtesy of Papa John's!! They really know how to touch the hearts of students... Thanks Papa Johns!!

Transformers! With ISS & Party after! » *O'Flaherty Theatre and a secret place... on Thursday, 28/2/2008.*

Our busiest day this week sees us showing Transformers, in association with International Students Society, and Papa Johns and you know what that means - PIZZA PARTY!!! There will be Papa Johns Pizzas to anyone who watches this Thursday's Transformers, as well as some garlic bread. "When teenager Sam Witwicky buys his first car, what he doesn't know, is that it's actually an alien robot. This isn't the only alien to arrive on Earth. Optimus Prime and a fellow group of transforming robots have arrived in search of the AllSpark. But, Optimus Prime and his Autobots aren't the only aliens to appear. Megatron and the Decepticons are also searching for the AllSpark, and it would do anything to get it, even if it means destroying the city." Transformers will be shown in the O'Flaherty this Thursday at 7pm. The Papa Johns Pizza Party will be held at a secret location afterwards.

Art-House Tuesday!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Little Miss Sunshine" (2006) Olive is a little girl with a dream: winning the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant. Her family are so burdened with their own quirks, neuroses, and problems that they can barely make it through a day without disaster befalling them. Olive's father Richard is a flop as a motivational speaker, and is barely on speaking terms with her mother (Toni Collette). Olive's uncle Frank (Steve Carell), a renowned Proust scholar, has attempted suicide. And Olive's grandfather has a drug habit, but at least he coaches Olive in her contest talent routine. Circumstances conspire to put the entire family on the road together with the goal of getting Olive to the Little Miss Sunshine contest in California. "There are two kinds of people in this world winners and losers" don't lose your chance to see this gem of a movie for free! In the O'Flaherty

Intersociety Wednesday!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 5/3/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "The Science Of Sleep" (2006) in association with PsychologySoc!! Following the death of his father, Stéphane Miroux, a shy insecure young man, agrees to come to Paris to draw closer to his widowed mother Christine. He lands a boring job at a calendar-making firm and is lovestruck by his charming neighbour Stéphanie. But attracting her is no bed of roses for the young man and the only solution he finds to put up with the difficulties he is going through is escape into a dream world.....

Blockbuster Thursday!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 6/3/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007) 12 years after John McClane stopped Simon Gruber, he's back with a problem which is going to be more difficult and personal than ever before: An organization of Internet-based terrorists led by Thomas Gabriel. They are taking control of everything in America from their computers and slowly taking over the country. Accompanied by Matthew Farrell, one of the hackers who accidentally assisted the villains in setting up the system, McClane must find Gabriel and help prevent him from taking over America completely. Gabriel knows McClane's on his trail and so trespasses in his personal life by involving McClane's daughter, Lucy. Come see the best action flick of 2007!!

Art-House Tuesday!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 11/3/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Once" (2006) in association with MusicSoc!! Glen Hansard plays a Dublin singer-songwriter who makes a living by fixing vacuum cleaners in his Dad's Hoover repair shop by day, and singing and playing for money on the Dublin streets by night. Marketa Irglova plays a Czech girl who plays piano, and does odd jobs and takes care of her mom and her daughter. Guy meets Girl, and she helps him put together a demo disc that he can take to London in hope of landing a music contract. During the same period, they both work through their past loves, and reveal their budding romance for one another, through their songs. Don't miss this Oscar winning Irish offering in the O'Flaherty!!

Classic Wednesday!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Unforgiven" (1992) in association with NSS!! The town of Big Whisky is full of normal people trying to lead quiet lives. Sheriff 'Little Bill' tries to keep order. Until a couple of cowboys murder a prostitute. Unsatisfied with Bill's justice, the prostitutes put a bounty on the cowboys. The bounty attracts a young gun billing himself as 'The Schofield Kid', and aging gunslinger William Munny (Clint Eastwood). Munny reformed for his young wife, had been raising crops and two children in peace. But his wife is gone. Farm life is hard. And Munny is no good at it. So he calls his old partner Ned, saddles his ornery nag, and rides off to do one more job....

Blockbuster Thursday!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 13/3/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Superbad" (2007) Seth and Evan are best friends, inseparable, navigating the last weeks of high school. Usually shunned by the popular kids, Seth and Evan get an invitation to a party, and spend a long day, with the help of their nerdy friend Fogell, trying to score enough alcohol to lubricate the party and to get two girls drunk, Jules and Becca, so they can kick-start their sex lives and go off to college with a summer full of experience and new skills. Their quest is complicated by Fogell's falling in with two inept cops who both slow and assist the plan. Follow Seth and Evan's journey as they try to make it to the party in one piece and with the alcohol intact.... "McLovin? What kind of a stupid name is that, Fogell? What, are you trying to be an Irish R&B singer?"

Art-House Tuesday!!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 8/4/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Letters From Iwo Jima" (2006) (Eastwood). The island of Iwo Jima stands between the American military force and the home islands of Japan. The Imperial Japanese Army is desperate to prevent it from falling into American hands and providing a launching point for an invasion of Japan. General Tadamichi Kuribayashi is in command of the forces on the island and sets out to prepare for an attack. However he does not favour the traditional approach, causing resentment and resistance among his staff. A young soldier, Saigo, strives to survive the harsh regime of the Japanese army all the while knowing that a fierce battle looms. When the American invasion begins, both Kuribayashi and Saigo find strength, honour, courage, and horrors beyond imagination...

Intersociety Wednesday!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 9/4/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Kung Fu Hustle" (2004) in association with The Aikido Club!! Set in Canton, China in the 1940s, the story revolves in a town ruled by the notorious "Axe Gang". Sing a hapless wannabe gangster desperately wants to become a member. He stumbles into a slum ruled by eccentric landlords who turn out to be the greatest kung-fu masters in disguise. Sing's actions eventually cause the Axe Gang and the slumlords to engage in an explosive kung-fu battle. Only one side will win and only one hero will emerge as the greatest kung-fu master of all!!

Comedy Thursday!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 10/4/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Blades Of Glory" (2007) Chazz Michael Michaels (Will Ferrell!) and Jimmy MacElroy (Jon Heder) are two of the world's best professional ice skaters and fervent rivals who after getting into a fight on an awards podium, are both banned from men's figure skating. Fortunately, it is soon discovered by an obsessed fan that they

are however, not banned from the doubles competition. In their greed for a gold medal, Chazz and Jimmy swallow their pride and team up as the first all male doubles team but can they succeed in getting over their differences and defeat their main opposition the tricky Van Waldenberg siblings?....

Art-House Tuesdy!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 15/4/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Thank You For Smoking" (2005) Brilliant Satirical comedy following the machinations of Big Tobacco's chief spokesman, Nick Naylor, who uses argument and twisted logic to promote cigarette smoking at a time when the health hazard have become too plain to ignore. While at the same time also tries to remain a role model for his twelve-year-old son.

The Wednesday Movie!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 16/4/2008.*

Student cinema Screening Of: "Starter for 10" (2006) A period comedy set in 1985, the story chronicles the misadventures of Brian Jackson, (James McEvoy) a student in his first year at Bristol University. Brian has been an obsessive fan since childhood of University Challenge. Upon arriving at university, he seizes the opportunity to join Bristol's University Challenge team. He quickly falls for his glamorous teammate Alice. Additionally, Brian finds himself caught between his new life, amongst the posh university set, and his old, with his working-class family and friends in a seaside town. The story follows the team's progression through the rounds of U.C. and whither Brian will achieve his dreams or not...

Hot Fuzz & AGM Blockbuster Thursday!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 17/4/2008.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Hot Fuzz" (2007) Hilarious comedy about a top London cop, PC Nicholas Angel (Simon Pegg) who is good, too good in fact. And to stop the rest of his team looking bad, he is reassigned to the quiet town of Sandford. Everything seems quiet for Angel, until two actors are found decapitated. Everyone assumes it was an unfortunate accident but Angel isn't going to accept that, especially when more and more people turn up dead. Angel and Danny clash with everyone, whilst trying to uncover the truth behind the mystery of the apparent "accidents"!

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Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€3,424.97	Bank Charge	€24.97
Socs Box	€2,005.00	Costumes	€30.00
Sponsorship	€400.00	Dinner	€514.26
USC Grant	€10,512.73	Equipment Misc	€600.00
		Hire Bus	€910.00
		Materials	€540.00
		Performing Rights	€3852.90
		Printing	€205.82
		Prizes	€90.00
		Reception	€171.65
		Society Accomodation	€2,300.00
		Society Transport	€2,565.50
		Socs Day Expenses	€851.39
		Stationary	€58.50
		Video Hire	€3,637.40
		Expenditure Total	€16352.39
		Closing Bank Balance	€-10.69
Total	€16,341.70	Total	€16,341.70

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1069 members.

French Society

FrenchSoc was late to get started. We had our first meeting in late October. We formed a small committee at that point and moved on. We organised and planned events together. Buying prizes and decorations and keeping receipts. We booked rooms, put up posters, sent emails and SMS. We planned each event together at our regular meeting and decided on events together and shared responsibility. We contacted other societies and set up inter-cultural events together. We booked rooms in the college for our meeting and cineclub. We announced events in French Classes and told French Lectures. We did a lot of our advertisement and communication through french as this was one of our aims, to have as much french in the society as possible. We divided responsibility for many events, including students from Lorient who came to stay for a while.

Our plan for the year was to involve French People and Students of French in creating many ways for students to learn french, hang out with their class mates and get to know some french people as well. Culturally, our aim was to provide as many different aspects of Francophone Culture. We had a food morning, we had a music night, we had a series of french films from many genres and overall discussion of french culture at soirees. We achieved that successfully.

French Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 32 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 4 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Joyeux Noel ran for 4 weeks in IT 250, beginning on Tuesday, 30/10/2007.

A great french film about the war, with some amazing french actors such as Guillaume Canet and it's a film by Famous director Christian Carion.

French Cine Club ran for 7 weeks in Kirwan Theatre, beginning on Tuesday, 29/1/2008.

A great French Film every week. Learn so much about french culture and the language and watch some really good films like L'Auberge Espagnol, Amelie, Paris Je t'aime and other more greats.

French Cine Club:1930s ran for 2 weeks in Charles McMunn Theatre, beginning on Thursday, 14/2/2008.

Special Session of French Films from the 1930s. Some really brilliant classic French Films, suitable for everyone. Come along everyone to see them.

French Cine Club ran for 3 weeks in IT 250, beginning on Tuesday, 1/4/2008.

Our final stint of Brilliant French Films. A big variety of thriller, comedy, romantic and many other genres. Come along. Subtitles in English and it's a relaxing and easy way to improve your french.

Special Events

This year we held 16 special events.

Committee Meeting » AM215 on Wednesday, 24/10/2007.

The first meeting for the members of the new french committee will take place on Wednesday 24th October in AM215, the second floor of the Arts-Millennium Building, at 8:30pm for only about a half an hour. All those who wish to come along and help out the committee as a general member, please feel free to.

Random Tandem Party » College Bar on Thursday, 1/11/2007.

A Fun-Filled French Party for all those who wish to come. Free fingerfood and music for all who are there. Like speed dating but without dating. 5-10 minute conversations with all who are there in French or English. A great way to get to know new people and practice your French. Everbody is welcome and planned to be a great event.

Quiz » De Burgos on Thursday, 15/11/2007.

This week we are having a table quiz in De Burgos, Augustinian Street. Everybody is welcome. Questions are in French and English. 2euro per person. Big prizes - Cinema Tickets, Cheese and Wine Voucher, and Chocolates.

La Goutee, French Cakes » The Hub on Thursday, 22/11/2007.

We are hosting a real good french morning. Free tea and coffee. Along with selection of French Cakes and Biscuits to be enjoyed. Come Along for at least 5 minutes to taste the Brilliant French Cuisine from each region.

Soiree Francaise » Bazaar Pub on Wednesday, 23/1/2008.

FrenchSoc are having our first night of the year in Bazaar Pub, Bottom of Quay Street and Opposite the Spanish Arch. Everyone welcome. Native speakers, those learning french and those who only have a few words. Great way to meet people in your class and loads of brilliant French people

Cine Club: Les Choristes » IT 250 on Thursday, 24/1/2008.

This week our series of French films are back and we are having a very special one. Les Choristes is a feel good film about a young boys' choir being taught by a musical teacher. Great music and very good actors.

French Soiree » De Burgos on Wednesday, 30/1/2008.

Our weekly night is a great opportunity to speak loads of French, with French People and people from college. De Burgos is a pub on Augustinian Street near the Galway Public Library.

French Quizz » College Bar on Thursday, 14/2/2008.

This Valentine's Day the romantic FrenchSoc are hosting a French Quizz in aid of SERVE's House Building project in Brazil. 3euro per person. Questions in French and English about French and Irish Culture. Great Prizes-Cinema Tickets, Chocolate Hamper and One other Mystery Prize. Come along everyone, it'll be great!

New Year's Eve Party » *De Burgos on Tuesday, 19/2/2008.*

Mixed Night Out of French and Italian Societies. Join to celebrate the New Year in style. There will be juggling, live music, resolutions, new years kissing and the countdown. Come along for a laugh during RAG Week.

Eurovision Auditions » *De Burgos on Thursday, 28/2/2008.*

FrenchSoc are hosting our auditions to find out who will represent France in the EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2008. Bring along your guitar or portable piano. Songs in French, copied versions or original. Come along to support and vote to see who will be our Dustin or Abba, probably Dustin.

Bring A Dish Night » *Bazaar Pub on Thursday, 6/3/2008.*

Come along for some french food and french chat. French, Irish or any food. Bring some and eat everyone else's.

EUROVISION SONG CONTEST: THE FINAL » *College Bar on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.*

The Best Inter- Society Event of the Year. Several societies coming together to compete to become THE CHAMPIONS OF EUROPE. Songs all in each countries own language. Big Prizes, tiny trophies and great craic all around. In Aid of Habitat for Humanity's House Building Project in Zambia. A very good cause. Come along and support your country and your representative.

International Party » *De Burgos on Tuesday, 1/4/2008.*

Great Welcome Back Party after the holidays. Great mix of French, Italian, Hispano, German and Irish soc to form a great multi-lingual night.

PLAY: Black Comedy » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 11/4/2008.*

A group of french students from Lorient, Brittany, are putting on an English play. It should be great. Black Comedy is a farce play set in London during the blackout and is by dramatist Peter Schaffer. These students from the club d'anglais are doing an amazing job to learn this play and act it out for the public. Come along and see it please.

Au Revoir Soiree et Bring a Dish Night » *De Burgos Pub on Monday, 14/4/2008.*

Come along to our last night and say au revoir to everyone. Should be a great and mad night, loads of fun. Come along to see the group from Lorient. Sing Song promised. Also bring along a dish or any food for an all round great night.

Annual General Meeting » *AM 215 on Wednesday, 16/4/2008.*

Anyone who has taken part in Frenchsoc this year please come along for our final meeting. More importantly, all those who wish to get involved in frenchsoc next. All 1st Years, 3rd and many others. Please come along.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Noel Cahill

General Committee:

Emma Finnegan

Department Liason Representative:

Geraldine Conan

General Committee Member:

Blanche Varenne

General Committee Member: Anjela Broustal

Technical Officer: Chloe Diskin

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General Committee Member:

Aine MacDonnell

General Committee Member:

Nathalie Aubert

Vice-Public Relations Officer:

Maire Ni Fhearraigh

Vice-PublicRelations Officer:

Sara McNamara

Committee 2008/2009

Caretaker: Maire Ni Fhearraigh

Caretaker: Sara MacNamara

Caretaker: Gabrielle Tremblay

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€524.28	Bank Charge	€9.74
Fundraising	€137.00	Costumes	€360.00
Socs box	€425.00	Dinner	€100.00
Ticket Sales	€36.91	Fundraising/Charity	€137.00
		Prizes	€470.00
		Reception	€30.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,106.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€16.45
Total	€1,123.19	Total	€1,123.19

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 283 members.

Geology Society

Geos is a new society aiming to incorporate students from all aspects of the Earth and Ocean department. The society was set up in order to allow students from all years to get to know, support each other, and advise on future subject choice. The society this year had a couple of social events and organised various talks on subjects of interest and future employment.

G - eos Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

AGM » *Staff Club, EOS Dept, Quadrangle on Tuesday, 30th of October.*

G-Eos AGM, also announcing the winner of the Logo Design competition. Hoodie orders will be taken... Free stuff too for all you earthys!

career seminar » *room a206 on Thursday, 8th of November.*

There will be a seminar on Career options for EOS students, Thurs Nov 8th. This is taking place in room a 206 at 1 pm. Attendance is compulsory for all denominated EOS students and all other students are very welcome! Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available

Fancy dress Christmas Party » *Monroe's Dominickstreet on Wednesday, 21st of November.*

Fancy dress Christmas Party, Free fingerfood and a prize for most original costume. Be There!!!!

British Antarctic Survey » *room A206 on Thursday, 22nd of November.*

Thursday November 22nd. There will be a talk from a former student on whats it's like working for the British Antarctic survey. Time and place is 1 pm probably in room 206, maybe it will be in the MRI annex, more details will follow.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Bill Wood

Vice-Auditor: Dave O'Leary

Treasurer: Charlie Carlile

Secretary: Julie Keane

Staff Rep: Eve Daly

PRO: Wim van den Bosch

Post-Grad Rep: Catherine Breheny

Health & Safety: Peter Fallon

OCM: Cieran Ryan

OCM: Ciara Bannon

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€387.26	Costumes	€878.00
Members Contributions	€1,283.30	Dinner	€360.92
USC Grant	€575.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€100.00
		Prizes	€14.00
		Promotions	€80.00
		Speaker accomm	€49.27
		Expenditure Total	€1,482.19
		Closing Bank Balance	€763.37
Total	€2,245.56	Total	€2,245.56

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 89 members.

Geography Society

We had a successful year with a number of talks and a table quiz. We had some very prominent speakers this year from Jim Higgins MEP and Gerald Flemming of Met Eireann. Also, very interesting and engaging lectures, such as "Researching the Antarctic" with Sarah Clarke of the British Antarctic Survey Programme on South Georgia Island and Dr. Kieran Hickey on "Natural Disasters and Biodiversity". The Society aimed to get more students interested in the vast discipline of Geography outside of the academic timetable. We succeeded and all events were heavily attended.

Geography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

AGM » Seminar Room 120 in Geog Dept. on Wednesday, 10th of October.

Natural Disasters and Biodiversity » Geog. Dept. Room 120 on Tuesday, 6th of November.

Dr. Kieran Hickey will give a presentation entitled "Around the World in 90 days - issues of natural disasters and biodiversity". All welcome to attend - reception will follow event.

Table Quiz » College Bar on Monday, 12th of November.

The Geography Society will run a Table Quiz on Monday 12 Nov in the College Bar at 7.30pm. Excellent prizes guaranteed. All welcome to attend. Entry fee €5 per person per team of 4.

Christmas Party » Monroes Pub on Thursday, 22nd of November.

The Geography Society Christmas Party will take place on Thursday 22nd of November (i.e. this Thursday) at 8pm in Monroe's pub, Dominic Street, Galway. In order to brighten things up a little we have joined up with the Classics, History and Archaeology Societies. There will be plenty of promotions, music, food, etc. All very welcome to attend – hope to see you there! Regards, David

Jim Higgins MEP - EU policy and Ireland » *Siobhan Mc Kenna Suite, AM Building on Monday, 11th of February.*

Jim Higgins MEP will speak about the role of the European Union on Ireland. He will focus on issues such as regional development and the impact of EU policies on Irish policy objectives. More info to follow.

Researching the Antarctic » *AC 216 on Tuesday, 26th of February.*

Sarah Clarke will be speaking about her research in the Antarctic. It is promised to be an excellent presentation which will inspire any form of geographer. She worked with the British Antarctic Survey Programme on South Georgia Island and will be discussing many aspect of her research there.

Conference RGS Liverpool » *Liverpool on Saturday, 1st of March.*

RGS-IBG Postgraduate Forum Mid-Term Conference – Department of Geography, University of Liverpool, Saturday, March 1st 2008 The RGS-IBG Postgraduate Forum Mid-Term Conference provided a relaxed, supportive, yet academically relevant atmosphere for postgraduate geographers from all aspects of the discipline to present their research and to discuss ideas. The conference was also a social event, and was an ideal opportunity to meet up with other postgraduates. The event encouraged postgraduates at any stage in their research career to present their work, or simply to listen to others. Sessions included papers or posters from any geography-related subject: human geography, physical geography, and GIS. Three students from the Geography Society attended the conference and presented their research. It was an excellent Society trip.

AGM » *Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 12th of March.*

Gerald Fleming (Met Eireann) » *Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 12th of March.*

Managing Nature's Moods – reducing the risk from extreme weather. The longest-serving weather broadcaster currently appearing on RTÉ television; Gerald Fleming will be presenting to the Geography Society on Wednesday the 5th March at 7pm in the Larmor Theatre. The talk will examine the prevalence of natural hazards, and outline how most natural disasters are of meteorological origin. It will consider how preparedness can help to ensure that hazards do not become disasters, through active community planning and preparation. The talk will consider whether Ireland could cope with a significant natural hazard, and will make some proposals as to how, as a community, we might improve our preparedness for such an eventuality. Gerald is currently the co-ordinator of the RTÉ television weather team; aside from his role as a presenter he works closely with RTÉ graphics, production and engineering personnel, and with Met Eireann technical staff, in planning and implementing changes and improvements to the way the weather is shown on RTÉ, and to the support technology in the background. Gerald is very active in the field of international weather broadcasting; he is serving his second three-year term as Chairman of the International Association of Broadcast Meteorology, and is also Chairman of the Expert Team on Media Issues for the World Meteorological Organisation. He has presented many talks and seminars abroad, to such as the Royal Met Society of the UK; the American Met Society, the BBC, the Festival International de Meteo, and to meteorology students at the University of Barcelona.

AAG Boston » *Boston USA on Tuesday, 15th of April.*

The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers attracted geographers and related professionals from around the world. The meeting forum stimulated discussion about research, education, accomplishments, and developments in geography. The 2008 Annual Meeting was held in Boston, Massachusetts, at the Marriott Copley Place, Westin Copley Place Hotel, and Sheraton Boston Hotel. 12,000 geographers and friends attended for: • The Latest Research Featured panels of distinguished researchers, and over 4,000 papers and presentations. • Special Guest Speakers Including Noam Chomsky and Jeffrey Sachs. • Boston Welcome Celebration Live music, dancing, good food and fun for all! • Exposition Hall Geographic technologies, books, posters, special displays, and more. • Field Trips explore the rich cultural and physical geographies of Boston and the New England region! • Many Other Events Jobs in Geography, International Reception, AAG Banquet, World Geography Bowl, Boston Film Series, and more. Seven students from the Geography Society attended the conference and presented their research. Each day Society members explored Boston by evening and attended relevant sessions by day. The students from the Society found the trip to be extremely beneficial and all feedback was very positive. Great contacts were made and almost all students from the Geography Society have made contacts from all over the world, some of which have already agreed to publish papers with in the near future.

Committee 2007/2008

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Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€509.00	Received Money Returned	€192.82
Members Contributions	€3,946.80	Ball	€9.18
USC Grant	€3,889.94	Bank charge	€14.41
		Dinner	€349.20
		Entry fees	€1,008.06
		Reception	€643.10
		Society accomm	€2,724.14
		Society transport	€3,380.76
		Expenditure Total	€8,321.67
		Closing Bank Balance	€24.07
Total	€8,345.74	Total	€8,345.74

Other Information

We held 19 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 188 members.

German Society

The German Society is a very dynamic and fresh society with members from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and a few Irish!! It is a great opportunity for those heading on Erasmus to find out about what they should expect but also great for those who have returned and want to reminisce about their time abroad. For those who are not studying German, who have a keen interest in its culture it's a great place to find out more.

We organise many events and try to keep them as authentic as possible. We always welcome new members to add to the fun and games!!

German Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Die Bootsfahrt » *Corrib Princess on Thursday, 11th of October.*

Trip on Lough Corrib on board the Corrib Princess. Food and refreshments included in ticket. Tickets 10euro

Oktoberfest » *De Burgos on Thursday, 25th of October.*

The Oktoberfest was a cheerful get-together in De Burgos, where the German Society tried to copy the atmosphere from a traditional Bavarian Oktoberfest and bring it to Ireland.

Post-Christmas Blues Party » *College Bar on Wednesday, 23rd of January.*

The Post-Christmas Party was arranged to start off the new semester and meet with all the new members of the society. It was arranged for this date that we could benefit from the open mike night, which was also taking place at the same date. Great fun and much laughter guaranteed to blow away the low post Christmas feeling!

Karneval » *Koeln on Friday, 1st of February.*

Trip to infamous Karneval in Cologne. Flights, accommodation, transfers included!

German Play » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 11th of March.*

The name of the play put on by the German Drama Group in association with the German Society is called Der Reigen translated as Round Dance written by the famous Austrian playwright Arthur Schnitzler. The play consists of ten actors most of whom being undergraduate students with immense talent as will be revealed in the performances. The play comprises of ten dialogues in all that examine practically every aspect of love, marriage and forbidden relationships where faithfulness, deceit and in many ways insecurity all come to the fore. The play will cost people nothing as usual it is free of charge. For those who have no knowledge of German, there will be a summary of the play featured in the programme to follow what is happening on stage.

Eurovision » *College Bar on Wednesday, 12th of March.*

Compete against other societies to be crowned Eurovision champion!

Quiz » *Dublin, Ireland on Saturday, 5th of April.*

Represent NUIG German Soc at the first ever all German table quiz in Ireland!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Sarah Muschketat

Vice-Auditor: Selina McCarthy

Treasurer: Tracey Monaghan

Secretary: Deirdre Spillane

PRO: Aine Callaghan

Vice Treasurer: Vincent O'Connell

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€179.63	Costumes	€460.00
Bank Charge	€1.79	Dinner	€620.00
Members Contributions	€2,591.20	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€200.00
Societies day	€160.00	Reception	€286.90
Socs box	€300.00	Society Accommodation	€929.00
Ticket Sales	€340.00	Society Transport	€4,614.72
USC Grant	€3,538.00	Expenditure Total	€7,110.62
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.00
Total	€7,110.62	Total	€7,110.62

Other Information

We held 31 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 185 members.

GiGSoc (Gay in Galway)

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

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

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

The main emphasis in GiGSoc is on matters social. We meet every Tuesday and usually adjourn to the pub after. We show films, organize a variety of social events, and travel to LGBT events such as USI's Pink Training weekend, and the USI LGBT standing conference. In addition to our Tuesday meetings, we also offer an Icebreaker service to potential new members.

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Events

This year the society held a total of 26 events.

Tolerance v. Acceptance....Debate » *Radisson Hotel Galway on Sunday, 26th of August.*

Tolerance Vs. Acceptance ...Will we take the road less travelled? As part of the Brod Ireland West Festival, GiGSoc present a Questions & Answers style discussion with guests from the Equality Authority, the KAL case, GLEN, Irish Council for Civil Liberties and many more! Come join us for one of our biggest events to date, it is sure to be an enlightening afternoon!

Welcome Out! » *IT207 on Tuesday, 25th of September.*

This is our first meeting of the year!! It's always a brilliant evening where you can meet all the members, both new and old alike, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere! Refreshments will be provided! Everyone is welcome to come! If you want anymore info just drop a line to us through the socs page. If you don't want to come to a meeting by yourself, we can arrange an ice-breaker for you! Basically, this is where one of the committee will meet with you before the meeting, and bring you along, so you don't have to go by yourself!

Treasure Hunt » *IT207 on Tuesday, 2nd of October.*

Our second event of the semester is a really fun Harry Potter themed Treasure Hunt. Run wild across the campus in a mad attempt to win fabulous novelty prizes! Afterwards we're heading on to the Cellar bar (opposite Brown Thomas)!

EGM » *IT207 on Tuesday, 9th of October.*

DJ Night » *Stage Door on Tuesday, 9th of October.*

GIGSOC IDOL IS NOT HAPPENING THIS WEEK - IT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO NEXT WEEK!!! Instead we'll be having a fabulous night out in The Stage Door, where the gay's very own Paul Mulrooney will be DJ-ing! A fabulous night is promised so whip out your gladrags and come along!! As always, Ice-Breakers are available, so you don't arrive alone!! Just contact the committee!!! THIS EVENT WILL BE PROCEEDED BY THE EGM IN IT207 FROM 7:30PM!!!

EGM » *IT203 on Tuesday, 16th of October.*

TENI Talk » *Kirwan Theatre on Tuesday, 16th of October.*

This event will be proceeded by the second EGM of the year in IT207. TENI, Transgender Equality Network Ireland, will be giving a talk in the Kirwan Theatre. TENI is a voluntary organisation dedicated to the promotion of positive awareness of transsexuality and all things "T". Speakers from TENI are in very high demand, and we are very lucky that we'll be having them along, the talk should be very interesting, and by interesting, I don't mean boring!! :)

GiG Idol » *The Stage Door, Woodquay on Tuesday, 23rd of October.*

Think you have what it takes to be GiGSoc Idol? Then come along to The Stage Door this Tuesday to prove it! We'll be having a pop idol/X-factor/stars in their eyes night this week, where you can get up and strut you vocal chords in front a panel of queen like judges, with our very own Simon Cowell wanna be included! We are pleased to announce that we will be having a very special guest MCing the event - Ms. Penny Tration!! It's guaranteed to be a great night of pure craic and madness!! As always ice-breakers are available if you don't want to come along by yourself! But sure I suppose people already know that!!! :)

Anti-Halloween Party » *The Stage Door on Tuesday, 30th of October.*

Sick of the same auld black death deal on all Hallows eve? Well then come along to the GiGSoc Anti-Halloween Partay! We'll be invading the Stage Door again, and Gaying it up in fine falmboyant style!! Dress up in bright and fabulous costumes, that could take an eye out with a single sideways glance - perhaps nothing but pink glow sticks?? This promises to be a night to remember!! As always Ice-Breakers are available for those who don't want to come by themselves!!!

Table Quiz » *The Living Room on Tuesday, 6th of November.*

Come one, come all!! We're holding a fabulous table quiz this week, in the lovely and intimate surrounds of The Living Room. Pit your heaving brains against that best and brightest of the gay world - give the post grads a run for their money!! The night will be kicking off at 9pm; come along and be in with a chance of winning some wonderful and ever so lovely prizes, that have been carefully selected for GiGSoc by Tesco's. The Living Room is on Bridge Street; if you don't know then where it is- you walk down shop street and keep right when you come to the first fork in the street, going down past the Bank of Ireland there, and then you just go a little bit passed supermacs and you're there! Hay presto! Magic!! There will be someone from the committee leaving the IT building (near IT207) at around 8:30pm. As always Ice-Breakers are available to anyone who wants them! You don't have to come by yourself!! And we're lovely people, so really you don't have an excuse at this stage!!

Movie Night » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 13th of November.*

This week we're teaming up with FilmSoc to bring you Hedwig and the Angry Inch, and LGBT film about hedwig, who born a boy named Hansel in East Berlin, fell in love with an American G.I. and underwent a sex-change operation in order to marry him and flee to the West. Unfortunately, nothing worked out quite as it was supposed to - years later Hedwig is leading her rock band on a tour of the U.S., telling her life story through a series of concerts at Bilgewater Inn seafood restaurants. Her tour dates coincide with those of arena-rock star Tommy Gnosis, a wide-eyed boy who once loved Hedwig... but then left with all her songs... the rogue... the scoundrel! The evening will be kicking off at 7pm in the O'Flaherty Theatre, this Tuesday the 13th of November. The night should be really good, and a nice relax! It will also be a great opportunity to meet people from FilmSoc! After the film (said like a true irish person: FILUM), we shall be heading down to The Living Room Bar, on Bridge Street, ya were all there last week! That should be at around 9pm!! As always, Ice-Breakers Ice-Breakers Ice-Breakers Ice-Breakers Ice-Breakers... sorry i got a bit carried away there... are always available if you don't want to come by yourself!!

Big Ball Bowling » *Bowling Alley Beside Tesco, Galway S.C. on Tuesday, 20th of November.*

We'll be heading to the Bowling Alley beside Tesco's at 8pm! The society is graciously footing the bill, so worry not about the funding of the event! Balls will also be provided, so feel free to come along, even if you don't have your own! ha ha ha We shall be heading to The Stage Door, on Woodquay to socialise some more afterwards!!

Pink Training » *Cork on Friday, 23rd of November.*

Pink Training will be happening on the weekend of the 23rd of November in Cork this year! For those of you who don't know, it's a weekend of workshops about all things LGBT, and a great way to meet people from around the country. More details to follow! Keep an eye on gigsoc.nuigalway.ie for up to the minute information!!

Welcome Out! » *IT Building TBA on Tuesday, 22nd of January.*

Transamerica » *O'Flaherty Theatre, Concourse on Wednesday, 23rd of January.*

This week we've decided to run two events, one of these is a showing of Transamerica in conjunction with FilmSoc! This follows on from the very successful event that we ran with them last semester! This time we're viewing the more mainstream Transamerica!! This is what the IMDb has to say! One week before her sex-change operation, Bree receives a call from a 17-year-old identifying himself as her son from a college liaison. Bree's psychiatrist won't approve the surgery until Bree deals with this relationship, so Bree flies to New York City, bails the youth out of juvenile detention, and offers

him a ride back to Los Angeles without disclosing that she is his father. Both her plans and his go awry, and as secrets will out, what might become a friendship (or more) founders. The lad's step-father, a sex-change support group, a peyote eater, a Navajo wrangler, and Bree's family all play their parts in this exploration of family, gender, and expectations. We'll be heading to the living room after the feature film for nibbles and banter with the filmsoc crowd! As always..... ICE BREAKERS

Cinema Night » *Omniplex, opposite the Galway S.C. on Wednesday, 30th of January.*

We're going to head to the Omniplex Cinema, and go and see what ever people want to go and see! As always Ice-Breakers are available to anyone who wants one! All you have to do is contact the soc, and we'll set it up for you! No hassle! :)

Theatre Soiree » *Black Box Theatre, Dyke Road on Wednesday, 6th of February.*

GiGSoc is planning to go to the GUMS Musical - Back to the 80s. A lot of our members have been working hard with learning their lines and rehearsing their parts for weeks, putting in hours of work since the start of the year! We thought it would be a great way to show our support to them all by coming along to what will be a great night out! Doors open at 8pm, and student tickets are €8 on the door or from the socs box in advance! The theatre is opposite the Galway Shopping Centre, it's also an exam venue for the college so you probably know where it is!

Tea Time » *College Bar on Thursday, 7th of February.*

We will be heading to the college bar to have cups of tea and coffee following the GUMS Musical the previous night! It will be a great way to have a bit of a natter and chin-wag with everyone; plus it has the added advantage of letting you get your caffeine fix for the day! Surely, you all know about Ice-Breakers, and how anyone can get them if they're not too sure about coming to GiGSoc, or need some encouragement! All you have to do is get in touch with the society!

Valentines Night Out » *Stage Door and Twirleys on Thursday, 14th of February.*

This week we shall be having a night out! just a great night out! Simple as! We'll be starting the evening in the stage door, which is on Woodquay, from about 8:30pm. After we have had our fill of the Stage Door we shall be heading to Twirleys Club and Diva Lounge on Shop Street, where they have kindly agreed to host our night out!

Slave Auction and Games Night » *The Stage Door, Woodquay on Wednesday, 20th of February.*

Next weeks event is going to be a Board Games Night in the Stage Door, where you'll all have the oppourtunity to build up property empires in monopoly, or show of that literate brain of yours by playing scrabble, you'll also have the chance to pretend your the real Horacio Caine in Cluedo, to mention but a few board games available! Once we've finished up with the board games we'll be moving on to the Slave Auction, where you will have the chance to purchase members of the committee and any poor randomers that get dragged up on stage, as a way of raising money for the RAG Week charities! We've got our eyes on you, yeah, you, that's right! So don't forget to bring along your wallet and you could be walking away with a _____ on the night! I'll leave that one up to your imagination! LMAO I'm also pleased to tell you that members or Out in UL will be coming up on Wednesday night for RAG Week, and I hope that they'll be coming along to the Stage to partake in the Games and Auctions!

Quiz Night » *To Be Confirmed on Wednesday, 27th of February.*

This week's event is going to be a fabulous quiz night, where you can come along and stretch those brain cells after Rag Week. There will be some fabulous prizes up for grabs for the lovely winners! Come along and have a laugh and a half with the Gays of Galway! :) Don't forget to drag some friends along if you can! The venue is yet to be confirmed, but we'll email/text you all!! Also, because we know you're broke and probably wasting away, we'll organise some finger food to keep you going! As always Ice-Breakers are available to anyone who wants them! And there's never been a better time to start coming to GiGSoc, with Gay Pride Week Kicking off the 3rd of March - a week packed full of fabulous events - a fantabulous comedian, gigsoc unplugged and SLQS amongst others! :) So don't be shy and drop us a line if you wanna come along but are to shy or nervous or whatever!

Gay Pride Week » *NUI, Galway on Sunday, 2nd of March.*

GiGSoc is running a Gay Pride Week, in association with the Students Union, from the 3rd of March! We will be having loads of events, one a day! From comedians to informative interesting talks, we will also be holding the now legendary Smells Like Queen Spirit, on Thursday to round the week off!!

Simon O'Keefe - Comedian » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre - Arts Millenium on Monday, 3rd of March.*

As part of our Gay Pride Week, we're having Simon O'Keefe, an internationally renowned comedian, who has played the world over! From Ireland, the UK and Montreal! Tickets will be available for 5€ or €2 concession. He's posted a special video online for GiGSoc so go and get a taste of his bitter, sweet self: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsGTKAx0Bk> Tickets will be available from the Socs Box in advance, with GiGSoc Members getting advance priority.

GiGSoc Unplugged » *Upstairs in Buskars on Wednesday, 5th of March.*

Sarah Elaine and Marcus Wynne plus special guests, will be playing an intimate GiG for us upstairs in Buskars. There will be free entry to this event. There will also be refreshments/finger food to whet your appetite!

Smells Like Queen Spirit » *Twirleys Bar and Club on Thursday, 6th of March.*

The return of the now legendary Smells Like Queen Spirit, comes to the fabulous surrounds of Twirleys Bar and Club on Shop Street! Our very own Al Bergin will be on the decks, along with some fabulous DJs from DJSoc. Those sexi things from DanSoc will be dancing the night away in our presence! Should be a night to remember! Tickets 5€ from the Socs Box, or 5€ admission on the door!

Annual General Meeting » *IT207 on Wednesday, 16th of April.*

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given for the Annual General Meeting of GiGSoc, Gay in Galway Society, for the academic session of 2008/2009. The annual general meeting is to be held on the evening of Wednesday, the 16th of April in the IT Building, venue to be confirmed shortly, at 7pm sharp. All positions on the committee are open to current registered students of the National University of Ireland, Galway, this includes first year students. In order to be nominated for a position you must be nominated and seconded by two students, one of whom may be the nominee. Voting is by secret ballot, against an option to reopen nominations. Remember to bring your student ID, or you will not be allowed to vote, or be nominated, or to nominate!! The positions open for nomination are: Executive committee: Male Co-Auditor Female Co-Auditor Secretary Treasurer Non-Executive Committee Education Officer Webmaster Public Relations Officer New Members Liaison Officer All interested parties should, in the first instance, contact the society directly for further information regarding the positions on the committee and what each role entails. Further information is also available from the GiGSoc Website, www.nuigalway.ie/gigsoc. The society can be contacted through gigsoc@gmail.com or alternatively, gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie. This is your opportunity to get involved in the working of the society and have a direct input into the events that we run! So I would ask you to seriously consider running. This will be the final event run by the society this year, and we will be heading out somewhere in town after the AGM itself, where there will be finger food and much merriment! I'll be in touch with further information soon, See you all next week, David Devlin, Public Relations Officer, GiGSoc, NUI, Galway.

Committee 2007/2008

Treasurer: Stephen Devenney

Public Relations Officer: Robert Clancy

Committee 2008/2009

Treasurer: Stephen Devenney

Secretary: Rory Spellman

Male Auditor: David Devlin

Female Auditor: Sinead Dolan

New Members Liason Officer:

Extraordinary Committee Member:

Ruari Riddle

Kevin Steede

P.R.O.: Robert Clancy

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	470.97	Dinner	€584.3
Socs Box	€82	Entertainment	€645
Sponsorship		€1500	€200

Income		Expenditure	
Ticket Sales		€20	€450
USC Grant	€1205.35	Materials	€58
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€75.17
		Prizes	€20.00
		Reception	€65.00
		Printing	€452.32
		Promotions	€370
		Reception	€65
		Sound	€64
		Expenditure Total	€2983.79
		Closing Bank Balance	€294.53
Total	€3278.32	Total	€3278.32

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 131 members.

Goal Society

Goal Society 2007/2008 was all about a fun atmosphere, lots of friends and some great events! With our small but dedicated committee's hard work we managed to raise plenty of money and take a lead in raising awareness of development issues on campus. We were delighted to welcome the out-spoken CEO of Goal, Mr John O'Shea to NUIG for an awe-inspiring talk!

Goal Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 25 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Meeting ran for 8 weeks in AM215, beginning on Wednesday, 3/10/2007.

Weekly meeting in which we plan GOAL events such as fundraisers and awareness raising events. All welcome.

Fair Trade Meeting ran for 6 weeks in Smokey's, beginning on Tuesday, 23/10/2007.

Goal and Suas have joined forces, determined to bring about a Fair Trade Campus at NUI Galway. It's an exciting project and everyone is welcome to join in!

Special Events

This year we held 11 special events.

Jersey Day » NUIG Campus on Friday, 19/10/2007.

Jersey Day is an annual fundraising event organised by Goal in which the students and staff are invited to don the colours of their favourite teams and make a donation to goal. So if you see anyone rattling buckets this Friday please support us and have some craic while also helping the poorest of the poor in developing countries!

Silence Day » NUIG Campus on Monday, 5/11/2007.

Silence Day is another fundraising event organised by GOAL. The challenge is not to talk for 12 hours and in doing so raise money through sponsorship! Hoodies/T-shirts will be provided for the day and sponsorship cards are available from GOAL soc. It should be a bit of craic so tell your friends and get involved!

Party » *Living Room on Monday, 5/11/2007.*

Come join our party to celebrate 12 hours of silence and lots of money raised for Goal's work! All members are welcome!

Keynote Seminar with John O'Shea » *Siobhán McKenna Theatre on Thursday, 21/2/2008.*

From its first year of operation in 1977, when it spent a mere €12,000 on a street children's project in Calcutta, GOAL has grown and grown – spending over €400 million implementing relief and development programmes in 50 countries in the past 30 years. GOAL's mission is "To work towards ensuring that the poorest of the poor and most vulnerable in our world and those affected by humanitarian crises have access to the fundamental needs and rights of life, for example, food, water, shelter, medical attention and literacy". This address, hosted by the CKI in partnership with GOAL Society, will offer personal and professional reflections from John O'Shea, CEO and founder of GOAL, on the tragedy that is the third world and the work of GOAL in terms of crisis reduction.

Disconauts » *De Burgos on Thursday, 21/2/2008.*

Disconauts present a one off party at De Burgos in aid of Goal and the rape crises centre. Have fun, give money to charity...what RAG week is all about!

Fair Trade Week: Favela Rising » *TB303 (Tower Two) on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.*

As part of Fair Trade Week we are proud to present Favela Rising. The screening of the film will be followed by an informal discussion group. Favela Rising documents a man and a movement, a city divided and a favela (Brazilian squatter settlement) united. Haunted by the drug murders of his family and many of his friends, Anderson Sá is a former drug-trafficker who turns social revolutionary in Rio de Janeiro's most feared slum. Through hip-hop music, the rhythms of the street, and Afro-Brazilian dance he rallies his community to counteract the violent oppression enforced by teenage drug armies and sustained by corrupt police (ThinkFilm). Winner of 9 festival awards and short-listed for 2005's Best Documentary Oscar, "Favela Rising" is a remarkable story of transformation and challenge on several levels (LA Times).

Leg Waxing » *College Bar on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.*

Want to see pain inflicted on those running for Student Union offices? If so, we've got just the event for you! This Tuesday Goal Society will present a leg waxing of lots of candidates in the college bar to support Goal's work throughout the developing world! Come along, bring your hairy friend and have some fun!

Health and Harm » *Siobhan Mc Kenna on Wednesday, 5/3/2008.*

"Health and Harm: A Medical Introduction to Illegal Drugs." What are the medical effects of consuming illegal drugs? How are these treated acutely, and what longer-term treatments are available for "problem drug use"? What medical uses are there for illegal drugs? These questions will be addressed using three of the commonest/most notorious illegal drugs as case studies: cannabis, heroin and cocaine. This talk is aimed mainly at healthcare students, but will be accessible to anyone with an interest in drug-related issues.

Fair Trade Week: Fair Trade Cocaine? » *Siobhan Mc Kenna on Wednesday, 5/3/2008.*

"Fair Trade Cocaine? International aspects of the illegal drug industry." We are all familiar with the "Drugs are bad for you" message, but how much do we think about the effects of our drug use on other people? In particular, on the communities in which crops such as coca and opium poppy are grown and trafficked, where violence is endemic and it is always the poorest who are worst affected. This talk will trace the trade routes of two major drugs (cocaine and heroin), from cultivation in South America and Afghanistan to consumption in Western Europe. We will end by discussing some controversial new proposals to regulate this highly unfair trade.

Fair Trade Week: Coffee Morning » *Java City on Friday, 7/3/2008.*

Fair Trade promotions are available all morning at Java City!

AGM 08 » *AM108 on Wednesday, 2/4/2008.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Peter Mannion

Vice-Auditor: Colin Lyons

Treasurer: Grace O'Loughlin

Secretary: Shane Browne

Silence Day Co-ordinator: Mary Hogan

PRO: Aoife Nolan

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Heather Kernan

Vice-Auditor: Peter Mannion

Treasurer: Shane Collins

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.53	Bank charge	€6.73
Fundraising	€1,385.04	Equipment misc	€80.00
Socs box	€60.00	Reception	€59.14
Sponsorship	€133.51	Society accomm	€483.20
USC Grant	€821.00	Expenditure Total	€629.07
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,771.01
Total	€2,400.08	Total	€2,400.08

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 210 members.

Green Party Society

The first semester of this year was reasonably successful. Our party was finally in government and we wished to demonstrate our competence. We had a stand on socs day and held regular meetings during September and October. In November, a large contingent of people from the NUIG Greens went to the Young Green Party national conference in Limerick. After this succesful event, at wich we made a good contribution, we disbanded for the rest of the year, in order to focus on our studies.

In the second semester, we advised and helped with the organisation of Green week. We worked closely with EcoSoc. Unfortunately, in February, our auditor, Brendan MacGhabhann, left the country, for work related to his course. As such, meetings became less frequent.

During mid-April, a sizable contingent of Young Greens from NUIG went to the National Confernce in Dundalk. It was highly successful and enjoyable for all concerned. In September 2008, we hope to hold an EGM, in order to decide the next committee.

Green Party Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 9 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Weekly Meeting ran for 6 weeks in *The Hub*, beginning on Wednesday, 19/9/2007.

Weekly meeting of the Young Greens to discuss society issues and upcoming events. Everyone with contributory input welcome.

Special Events

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

EGM » *The Hub on Thursday, 1/11/2007.*

We're calling an EGM as the Young Green Party national conference is taking place this month in Limerick. All those who wish to attend, to represent NUIG in Limerick, please attend this meeting as we will be discussing topics of relevance to you. Tea and Coffee, and maybe even biscuits, will be provided as this meeting may go on for a little longer than usual.

Meeting » *AC204 on Wednesday, 20/2/2008.*

Meeting with EcoSoc to discuss Green week. If you have any input please attend

EGM » *The Hub on Thursday, 3/4/2008.*

We're calling an EGM as the Young Green Party national conference is taking place this month in Dundalk. All those who wish to attend the conference, to represent NUIG in Dundalk, please attend this meeting as we will be discussing topics of relevance to you. Tea and Coffee, and maybe even biscuits, will be provided as this meeting may go on for a little longer than usual.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Rachel O'Toole

Vice-Auditor: Matthew O'Toole

Treasurer: Michael McHugh

Secretary: Shane Connolly

Director of Communications:

IT Officer: Thomas Peter Kennedy

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Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€13.80	Received Money Returned	€278.50
USC Grant	€305.00	Reception	€26.50
		Expenditure Total	€305.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€13.80
Total	€318.80	Total	€318.80

Other Information

We held 11 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 110 members.

Hispano Soc

The Spanish Society promotes the interchange of the Spanish language and culture among Irish and Spanish students or those studying the Spanish Language. We organise social events and show (Spanish themed) movies weekly.

This year we had great success with both Salsa and Flamenco dance classes, with great turn outs and everyone thoroughly enjoying every step.

Hispanosoc Events

This year the society had a total of 6 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Hispanosoc Salsa Dancing ran for 3 weeks in Bar903, beginning on Wednesday, 10/10/2007.

Outing to the weekly salsa night in Bar903 on Eyre Square

Special Events

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

First Meeting and fiesta » *Club De Burgos on Thursday, 27/9/2007.*

First meeting, putting together the committee followed by fiesta

EGM & Weekly Gathering » *Aras na nGeal, Domnick Street on Thursday, 4/10/2007.*

Spanish SOc General Meeting to fill some committee positions followed by our weekly fiesta. Come along and join in the fun!!

Flamenco Workshop » *Club Aras na nGael on Thursday, 3/4/2008.*

Flamenco dancing workshop, all welcome! We will be in the Aras all night anyway so if you don't feel like dancing come along for the fiesta !!! BYOB (Bring your own blouse)

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Stephanie Swanton

Vice-Auditor: Éilis Walsh

Treasurer: Claire Mahon

Secretary: Ursula Noone

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€-23.33	Teacher Fees	€350.00
Sponsorship	€23.33	Expenditure Total	€350.00
USC Grant	€360.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€10.00
Total	€360.00	Total	€360.00

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 216 members.

The Human Rights Society

The Human Rights Society is an open forum where students can get together to discuss and learn about global and local issues. We are an active society, organising many campaigns to raise awareness and urge people to take part in our lobbying, letter writing and political pressure campaigns. Every year, the society hosts awareness weeks, shows films, hosts talks. This Year we held the 4th Annual Global Rights Awareness Week (GRA) week. GRA week has previously won 'Best Event' in the society awards and has a tradition of excellent key-note speakers. The Human Rights Soc is not affiliated with any political party or ideology. It is open to all students and no prior knowledge of human rights law is needed. Just come along and meet with other members, and get involved!

Human Rights Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 20 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Weekly Meeting ran for 1 week in AC 214, beginning on Tuesday, 20/11/2007.

The weekly meeting of the NUIG Human Rights Society returns on Tuesdays 6.30pm in AC214 (Down the corridor beside the Bank of Ireland on the Concourse, Geography Department).

Special Events

This year we held 19 special events.

RED SKY AT NIGHT » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 16/10/2007.*

NUIG Human Rights Society in association with Amnesty International and the Galway Film Fleadh will be screening a special showing of "Red Sky At Night" in IT 250.

EGM » *AC 214 on Tuesday, 23/10/2007.*

The Extraordinary General Meeting of the NUIG Human Rights Society will be held in AC 214 from 18.30 on Tuesday the 23rd of October, in order to fill the positions of Vice-Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Officer (PRO), and Director of Issues/ Development Officer to the committee. Please be advised that the position, like all positions in the society, is open to the nomination of First Years. No previous knowledge of Human Rights is needed. Anyone interested in joining the society or the committee can contact the Auditor Patrick Rochford on 0872547252 or email the society at humanrights@socs.nuigalway.ie

Christmas Party » *Living Room on Thursday, 6/12/2007.*

Human Rights Society Christmas Party at 8pm in the LIVING ROOM. Free Food and Free Refreshments (Woo Hoo), then on to good old CUBA. Everyone Welcome!

Welcome Back » *AC214 on Tuesday, 22/1/2008.*

To welcome new members. To inform them about our society past work and our future plans. As always any new ideas are welcomed.

Trip Abroad » *AC 214 on Tuesday, 29/1/2008.*

Short meeting to discuss plans for a trip to the International Criminal Court in the Netherlands. General brainstorming and temperature taking to see if interest is there and ideas anyone may have. This week's speaker has moved to Wednesday 30th in a venue TBA. There will be a speaker from the Irish Wheelchair Association will be here to discuss disability and advocacy for those suffering from disabilities and raising awareness of the issues involved. Reception hosted afterwards.

EGM » *Tyndall theatre on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

The Extraordinary General Meeting of the NUIG Human Rights Society will be held on Tuesday 5th February in the Tyndall theatre, in order to fill the position of Director of Events to the committee. Please be advised that this position is open to the nomination of first years. No previous knowledge of Human Rights is needed. Also, the society plans to discuss and adopt a new constitution which will be made available on the night and in advance by request to the Secretary of the Society, Adam Connon at humanrights@socs.nuigalway.ie

Sexual Health Talk by AIDS West » *Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 12/2/2008.*

This week, NUIG Human Rights Society hosts Jennifer Corbett, a spokeswoman from AIDS West. As part of Sexual Health and Guidance Week, we've decided that knowledge about sexual health is your right, as is having a great sex life! Who knew Human Rights could be such fun??? Tyndal Theatre @ 6.30pm

Annual Global Rights Awareness Week » *NUIG Campus on Monday, 25/2/2008.*

The 4th Annual Global Rights Awareness Week runs from the 25th February til the 29th February 2008. GRA Week opens with the Opening Ceremony taking place in AM150 at 6pm in a co-hosted event by the Irish Center for Human Rights and the Human Rights Society. The Keynote address of the evening shall come from Dr. Maurice Manning, President of the Irish Commission on Human Rights.

GRA Week Opening Ceremony » *AM 150 on Monday, 25/2/2008.*

The 4th Annual Global Rights Awareness Week opens with a lavish bang with the Opening Ceremony taking place, Monday 25th of February, in AM 150, Arts Millennium Building, National University of Ireland, Galway. The evening shall begin with an address by the Auditor, then The Irish Centre of Human Rights will present as part of the EU Lecture Series "The EU-China Human Rights Dialogue- who benefits more?" With Mr. Paul Hardy, Desk Officer for Human Rights in East and South East Asia, DG External Relations, European Commission. After the talk, Dr. Ray Murphy, Acting Director of the Irish Center of Human Rights shall then introduce the keynote speaker of the evening, Dr. Maurice Manning, President, Irish Human Rights Commission. The Ceremony will commence at 6pm and we would kindly request that all guests be seated by 5.45pm. Reception to be followed afterwards in the Siobhan McKenna Theatre.

Prayer Breakfast with ChristianUnion Soc » *Chapel Common Room on Tuesday, 26/2/2008.*

A Prayer Breakfast will be held as part of the 4th Annual Global Rights Awareness Week 2008. Members of the NUIG Human Rights and Christian Union Societies as well as anyone who wants to come along, can come together and reflect on human rights issues through prayer and reflection in our own but yet shared way.

Gay Rights Awareness Lecture » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre, AM Building on Tuesday, 26/2/2008.*

The NUIG Human Rights Society presents 'The Gay Rights Awareness Lecture' as part of the 4th Annual Global Rights Awareness Week. The event shall take place at 7pm and guests are asked to be seated by 6.45pm and a reception will follow the event.

Women's Rights Awareness Lecture » *Siobhan McKenna Theater, AM Building on Wednesday, 27/2/2008.*

The NUIG Human Rights Society presents 'The Womens Rights Awareness Lecture' as part of the 4th Annual Global Rights Awareness Week. The guest speakers of the evening will be Dr. Mary Clancy, a Senior Lecturer in the Centre for Women's Studies and Dr. Niamh Reilly, a Senior Lecturer in the Global Women's Studies Programme. The event shall take place at 7pm and guests are asked to be seated by 6.45pm and a reception will follow the event.

Intersociety Event with FILMSOC!!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 27/2/2008.*

"The Last King of Scotland" (2006) in association with FILMSOC! In 1970, the young idealistic doctor Nicholas Garrigan moves to Uganda to assist in a rural hospital. While working in the country, he meets the new President Idi Amin. He is invited to become his personal physician in Kampala and along the years Garrigan cannot help but notice Amin's increasingly erratic behaviour that grows beyond a legitimate fear of assassination into a murderous insanity that is driving Uganda into bloody ruin.

Student Parents' Needs Forum » *The HUB on Thursday, 28/2/2008.*

An open forum for the discussion of the needs of student parents

GRA Week International Day » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Thursday, 28/2/2008.*

The NUIG, Human Rights Society presents as part of the 4th Annual Global Rights Awareness Week, its International Day. This years International Day in Focus is Mexico! (No Tequila though but will talk to Riona, all in the name of research tho) The main speaker this evening will be Jameen Kaur of Amnesty International. The event shall commence at 7pm, guests are asked to be seated by 6.45pm and afterwards a reception shall follow.

GRA Week Information Fair » *Áras na mac Léinn on Friday, 29/2/2008.*

An Information Fair highlighting current and topical Human Rights Issues. Come along and see whats you can learn.

Weekly Meeting » *Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.*

For a change this semester, we're going back to basics. No speakers, no talks, just us society members!!! Let's recap on the successes of GRA Week and plan for the future. Don't write us of just yet, we still have more events to come including a screening of 'Namesake', a film for International Womens Day in association with Amnesty, an exciting talk by the darling Joeseph, the editor of Gay Times, a South America Awareness Week and our AGM! Human Rights Soc- open, inclusive and a force for equality and awareness. We mean what we say and do what we promise. Equality and Fairness is your Right and we stand for that!

International Womens Day Film- Namesake' » *IT 250 on Wednesday, 5/3/2008.*

The NUIG Human Rights Society in association with Amnesty International presents an event for International Womens Day, the film 'Namesake'. The film will be screened in IT 250 at 7pm.

AGM » *Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 15/4/2008.*

NUIG Human Rights Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting to elect people to the following positions; Auditor, Vice-Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Events, Public Relations Officer, Director of Issues/Development Officer. If you are interested in any of the above positions please notify the Auditor Patrick Rochford in advance to discuss with him the details of the positions available.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Elizabeth Mulry

Vice-Auditor: Darren Curran

Treasurer: Aisling O’Connell

Secretary: Kevin Steede

Public Relations Officer: Eibhlin Ni Seoighte

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Liz Mulry

Vice-Auditor: Darren O’Curraín

Treasurer: Aisling Ni Chonaill

Secretary: Kevin Steede

Public Relations Officer: Eibhlin Ni Seoighthe

Director of Events: Unelected

Director of Issues/Development Officer: Unelected

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,015.35	Affill/Mem Fees	€79.00
Members Contributions	€17.00	Bank Charge	€10.86
USC Grant	€1,106.16	Dinner	€425.45
		Entertainment	€619.35
		Materials	€25.50
		Society Accommodation	€89.00
		Society Transport	€67.00
		Socs Day Expenses	€22.67
		Speaker Travel	€300.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,638.83
		Closing Bank Balance	€499.68
Total	€2,138.51	Total	€2,138.51

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 231 members.

International Students Society

The International Student Society has organised dozens of events in the past year, which really have been of enormous value to the International student community here in Galway. Some of our more successful events included the ‘Bring a Plate Date’ which was held on two occasions in September and January. The event encouraged international students, new to Galway, to bake a dish, or bring along some traditional food from

their countries, which was eaten by all those in attendance. A prize was offered for the best dish, and the event really was a great opportunity for international students to meet many new friends, Irish and international alike, and try foods and flavours from every corner of the world. After the food tasting we organised a ceili, which was a great opportunity to introduce internationals to Irish traditional music and dance. In addition to this we have also organised many trips throughout Ireland, so international students can really experience the country. These have included a hugely successful day trip to the Aran Islands, and the Celtic Gardens in Moycullen, and weekend trips to Belfast and the Burren. We are also currently organising a low-priced ski trip to Les Deux Alps in France, which will be a great opportunity for international students to explore the Alps, try a new and exciting sport, and interact with up to 500 other international students studying all over Europe, who we will be joining on the trip. Recently we held our biggest event of the year, which was a charity Pirate Treasure Hunt, all around Galway city, and it was a truly unique and memorable experience for all those involved. First prize was a grand total of €500 for the first team to complete all the clues and find the buried treasure. As a society we put a lot of work into the treasure hunt, and it was really nice to see both Irish and international students partaking in such a large-scale and fun event, all for a good cause. In addition to all of these events we have also organised many nights out in local Galway bars, which are a great opportunity for international students to mingle, and we have also given them a real chance to experience some Irish culture, by holding a Gaelic football and hurling training camp. As a former international student myself, I understand the importance of having a society like ISS operate within a university, and provide a medium for meeting and befriending people from all over the world. ISS truly tries to incorporate all international students in Galway, and I believe our society enriches the experiences and friendships of all those involved.

ISS International Students Society Events

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

ISS End of Year party!!!!!! » *Mixers, Mary Street on Friday, 18th of May.*

Well, it's the end of the year! This Friday night we bring you the mother of all ISS PARTIES!! Kicking off from 9pm at MIXERS on Mary st (just around the corner from the GPO), we bring you KARAOKE and FREE FINGER FOOD. Get there early, as Mixers is a smaller venue, and capacity is sure to be limited for this the final ISS par-tay of 2007! A limited number of FREE passes to GPO Night club for ISS members!! See you there to say Goodbye to Galway! (or at least to celebrate the end of your exams!)

ISS Welcome Party » *Skeff Bar on Wednesday, 19th of September.*

'Bring a plate date' » *College Bar on Monday, 24th of September.*

Bring a dish to share with friends and taste other International culinary delights! There will be a chance for you to show off your 'Michael Flatley' Irish dancing skills with the Ceili afterwards! A night not to be missed!

ISS Party » *The Living Room on Thursday, 27th of September.*

ISS Karaoke Night » *Mixers Bar on Thursday, 4th of October.*

Come and show off your singing skills or lack of...! The battle of the nations will be on to find ISS's star entertainer! A night not to be missed!

Aran Islands trip » *Aran Islands on Saturday, 6th of October.*

Cycling tour of the islands.

International Students 5-a-side soccer » *The Sports Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn on Friday, 12th of October.*

International Students Society Fundraising 5-a-side soccer tournament. Sign up in the SocsBox and pay €3 at the Sports Hall on Friday at 1.30. No need to form teams, just sign up and we'll sort it out. Come along and join in the fun!

SOIREE » *Massimos Bar on Wednesday, 24th of October.*

Come along to Massimo's for a great night out and a fun way to get to know new people. Come alone or bring your friends, it's sure to be a night to remember!!

Societies Halloween Ball » *College bar, The Warrick. Wednesday, 31st of October.*

Halloween ball organised by ISS, DJ soc, Juggling soc etc.

Flippy Cup + Karaoke Night » *Mixers Bar on Thursday, 8th of November.*

Play American Flippy Cup games and sing your heart out with ISS!!!

ISS Bowling Night » *Galway Bowling Alley on Thursday, 15th of November.*

Bowling night!

Burren Trip » *The Burren, Lehinch, Cliffs of Moher on Friday, 23rd of November.*

A trip to the tourist spots of the south west.

Iss committee dinner and leaving party » *Munroes, the skeff, Karma on Wednesday, 5th of December.*

Welcome Back party » *The skeff on Thursday, 17th of January.*

'Bring a plate date + Ceili!' » *College Bar on Friday, 25th of January.*

Bring along a prepared dish of your choice to the back of the college bar and indulge your gastronomical senses in tasting other cultural delights! Then dance the night away 'ceili style' with Trad Soc! A fantastic night not to be missed!

Trip to Brigit's Garden » *Brigit's Garden on Monday, 4th of February.*

Bus leaves from the Quadrangle at 2pm, after the festival launch. Get back to your roots with a day trip to the beautiful Brigit's Garden in Roscahill, a magical place that honours ancient Irish Celtic spirituality. The tour of the gardens will be available in Irish and English, and you'll be able to explore the Celtic Iron Age buildings, the wonderful sculptures, and savour the four areas devoted to celebrating our traditional festivals of Samhain, Imbolg, Bealtaine, and Lúnasa. Also on offer is a special talk on the traditions of Imbolg and Bríd (once a Pagan Goddess and later the foremost female Irish Christian saint) and a chance to learn how to make the traditional reed Brigit's Crosses. The perfect place to visit at the beginning of spring!

Gaelic Football & Hurling for beginners » *Green in front of Quad on Tuesday, 12th of February.*

Ever wonder what exactly is involved in the game of hurling?!... What is a sliothar?!... What are the rules of Gaelic football?! Here is your chance to meet county players and learn how to play the game! This event is open to both Irish and International students alike.

ISS RAGWEEK PARTY!!!! Karaoke/Flipcup!!! » *Mixers Bar. on Thursday, 21st of February.*

ISS will be hosting a fantastic fundraising night in aid of the NUIG's 'Habitat for Humanity Team' travelling to Zambia in June. Habitat for Humanity builds and renovates simple, decent homes with the help of homeowner families, through volunteer labour and donations of money and materials. Come celebrate ragweek in style with us!! A great night guaranteed!!

Film Soc & ISS- "Transformers" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 28th of February.*

Student Cinema Screening Of: "Transformers" (2007) in association with Film Soc! When teenager Sam Witwicky buys his first car, what he doesn't know, is that it's actually an alien robot. This isn't the only alien to arrive on Earth. Optimus Prime and a fellow group of transforming robots have arrived in search of the AllSpark, however the evil Megatron and the Decepticons are also searching for the AllSpark, and would do anything to get it, even if it means destroying the city. This is their war but our world.....

Treasure Arrr-land Hunt » *Beginning at 1.30 pm @ The Quad. on Thursday, 6th of March.*

Arrr Mateys! The ISS Treasure Arrr-land Hunt kicks off on the 6th March and half one. Sign up at the socs box on Monday. €5 per person and 4 people per team. No need to have a team made up already, you can sign up individually if you like! After the Hunt (which should take 1 and a half hours) there will be the prize giving ceremony. €400 is first prize and iPods are the second prize! There will be a cheese and punch reception after this and we can all party the night away in true pirate style at the Skeff from 9pm. All our proceeds will go to the Childrens' Ward at the UCHG. Come along...bring your friends...it's gonna be swashbuckling great fun!!!! See ye there mateys!

ISS Belfast Trip » *Bus departs from Quad on Friday, 7th of March.*

ISS Cultural trip to Belfast and Giants Causeway. Trip fully booked out. Meeting place- 7.30am sharp Friday morning @ the Quad. Don't forget your cameras guys!!

ISS Ski trip » *Les Deux Alps, France on Friday, 4th of April.*

10 day ski trip to France, joining with other international student societies from Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Corrib Princess Boat Trip » *River Corrib on Friday, 18th of April.*

A boat trip along the corrib for Galway international students.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Laura Freyne

Treasurer: Patrick ODonoghue

O.C.M.: Francois Cabaret

O.C.M.: Johann Battaglini

O.C.M.: Maru Ceccon

O.C.M.: Stephanie Forkel

O.C.M.: Laurie Guyard

Vice-Auditor: Ellen Ward

Secretary: Yvonne Jacob

O.C.M.: Manuela Luber

P.R.O.: Aisling Finan

O.C.M.: Eoin Grealis

O.C.M.: Jenny Ewert

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,664.98	Bank Charge	€17.50
Fundraising	€823.00	Dinner	€1,391.70
Members Contributions	€550.50	Entertainment	€785.00
Socs box	€8,656.00	Entry Fees	€659.55
Ticket Sales	€13,732.00	Equipment Misc	€520.00
USC Grant	€4,900.00	Fundraising/Charity	€500.00
		Gifts	€277.75
		Hire Bus	€25.00
		Materials	€300.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€50.00
		Phone	€225.00
		Prizes	€200.00
		Promotions	€165.42
		Reception	€180.00
		Society Accommodation	€13,726.53
		Society Transport	€9,476.63
		Expenditure Total	€28,500.08
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,826.40
Total	€30,326.48	Total	€30,326.48

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 839 members.

Italian Society

The aim of our society is to create an environment in which Italian, Irish and other foreign people are given the chance to interact and get to know each other and each other's cultures better. We wish to give Irish people the opportunity to come into contact with Italian people and the Italian culture, whether or not they study Italian. We also aim to provide a base for Italian Erasmus students, offering them the security of meeting Irish people who understand their culture, language and what it means to be in a foreign country, while at the same time bringing them in to contact with patient people who are willing to help them learn the English language and the Irish culture. Also, as we have many students who are leaving to study in Italy next year, we aim to create a situation whereby they can forge links with people in the cities to which they are going, before they leave, thus easing their transition into life abroad. Finally, but most importantly, we aim to have fun!!!

Italian Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 19 events.

Weekly Night Out » *Massimo, Dominic Street on Wednesday, 19th of September.*

The Italian Society moves its weekly night out to Wednesday this week to give all the old and new members a chance to come along and get to know each other. All Welcome, Italian speakers, English speakers, whatever!

AGM and Committee Elections » *AM Building (Room to be confirmed) on Thursday, 20th of September.*

A chance for all to come along and have a say in electing the 2007/2008 committee. All welcome to stand for a position or just come down and vote. Don't be shy!

Weekly Night Out » *Massimo's on Tuesday, 25th of September.*

Tandem Party! (It's not speed dating...) » *The College Bar on Wednesday, 3rd of October.*

Italian Society is pleased to announce its first 'non speed dating' event: a tandem party! The idea is to meet new people through quick conversation, dating is of course optional! All are welcome, NO NEED TO SPEAK ITALIAN, there will be plenty of English speakers and Italians looking to practice their English! Ci vediamo li!

Discoteca! » *Club Aras na nGael, Dominic Street on Tuesday, 16th of October.*

Italian Soc presents a CHEESY disco packed full of the silliest and best-loved of Italian disco POP MUSIC mixed with our own cheesiest and most familiar disco tunes, think 21sts, weddings, teenage discos...the aim is to have a laugh and get everyone out on the floor! ALL WELCOME, ADMISSION FREE!

Italian Society Get Together » *Club Arus Na nGael on Tuesday, 13th of November.*

Bring your own dish and it doesn't have to be Italian! And taste everyone else's! Prize for the best dish! There will also be some music afterwards. Everyone welcome!!!

Italian Soc Weekly Night Out » *Massimo on Tuesday, 20th of November.*

Xmas Coffee & Naked Calendar » *The Hub on Wednesday, 28th of November.*

Take a break from study!!! Pick up your ordered calendars, have a cup of tea and a snack, and, enjoy the live music. You can get your calendar signed by some of the models and if you didn't order a calendar and still want one, we will have some extra for you to buy at 10 euro each. Everybody welcome and it's the last event of the semester so have a nice Christmas!!!

Bring a Dish2 » *Club Arus na nGael, Dominic St on Tuesday, 22nd of January.*

It was so good we decided to have a sequel! The Italian Society invites you to Club Arus to share good food and music. Bring along a dish, and try other people's. Prize for the best dish!

Weekly Night Out » *Massimo's on Tuesday, 29th of January.*

The Italian Society's weekly night out, all welcome!

Carlo Goldini Lecture » *Moore Institute, Arts Concourse on Wednesday, 30th of January.*

The Italian Ambassador's wife will be delivering a lecture on the subject of Carlo Goldini at 3pm in the Moore Institute. All Welcome.

Carnevale Masquerade Ball » *Radisson SAS Hotel on Thursday, 31st of January.*

Italian Society invites you all to the annual Masquerade Ball in the Radisson Hotel. The doors open at 7:30pm. Although masks are encouraged, black tie is essential. Tickets on sale from the socsbox at €60 each.

Dantethon » *Yellow X (outside Library) on Tuesday, 5th of February.*

Members of the Italian Society, each dressed as Dante Alighieri, will recite excerpts from the Divinna Commedia, his most renowned work. We would like to invite you to appreciate the work of a unique literary genius delivered in a very original way. All proceed raised will go to the Galway Hospice Foundation.

Quiz Night » *De Burgos on Tuesday, 12th of February.*

Italian and Irish related questions read out in both Italian and English. Teams can be from 4-6 people at just 2 euro per person. Or you can come on your own and you can just join up with a team then and there. Fantastic prizes to be won and should be a really good night out so it's not to be missed! Everyone welcome and bring friends!

New Years Eve Party » *DeBurgoes on Tuesday, 19th of February.*

Yes you read right! It is a random mid-February NewYears Eve party happening in DeBurgoes, complete with finger foods and glow sticks, and lots of good music. We will counted down to midnight (much to the confusion of the bar people) and dance and sing, alot.

Eurovision Heats » *DeBurgoes on Tuesday, 4th of March.*

We are holding our Society Heats for the Eurovision (Organised by the Italian and French Socs) in DeBurgoes...come along and help choose our representative!

Eurovision » *College Bar on Friday, 14th of March.*

Organised by the Italian and French Societies, we are hosting a Eurovision Style Event in the College Bar, where 5 societies battle it out to be Society Eurovision winner of the year. We will have hosts and a scoring system and an interval act and judges, just like the real thing.

Trip to Italy » *Italy! Sunday, 23rd of March.*

We are organising a Trip to Bologna, Italy for six days and 5 nights. We need to book flights and accomodation so please get back to us soon. Bologna is a lovely city with so many sites to see and it is so central so travelling to other cities like Florence is so easy.

International Party » *DeBurgoes on Tuesday, 1st of April.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Jessica DEath

Vice-Auditor: Conor O'Grady

Treasurer: Cliodhna Fannin

Secretary: Joanne Borke

PRO: Sandra Costello

General Committee Member: Noel Chill

PRO: Cassie Kelly

International Students Liason Officer:
Sinead Kennedy

General Committee member:

Fredrico Tommasini

General Committee Member:

Dermot Caniffe

Departmental Co-ordinator:

Mary McDermott

Buildings Officer: Peter Kennedy

Safety Officer: Annemarie Pollack

General Committe Member: Stephanie Gilligan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€171.7	Bank Charge	€88.33
Fundraising	€50	Ball	€8666
Members Contributions	€216	Entertainment	€336
Socs box	€10340	Costumes	€620

Income		Expenditure	
Balls	€2896.1	Society Transport	€5769.67
USC Grant	€ 6084.67	Fundraising/Charity	€540.00
		Printing	€1132.5
		Society Accommodation	€1876
		Expenditure Total	€19028.67
		Closing Bank Balance	€729.97
Total	€19758.47	Total	€19758.47

Other Information

We held 27 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 269 members.

Juggling Society

The Juggling Society had a great year. Every week we ran a workshop in a different juggling or circus skill at beginner level, almost all of which were well attended and greatly enjoyed by our members. We also supplied valuable practice space and informal tips and tricks for all our jugglers, old and new alike. We kept up a presence on campus, with some juggling sessions held outside when the weather was nice, and providing colourful entertainment for some other societies' events, such as the Rotarat Socs in the City Fashion Show and the Law Society's Intervarsity. We held a fire juggling show during Muscailt to add our own flavour to the week, and held our annual public show in AM250 on the 16th April, featuring professional juggler Grant Goldie and plenty of local Galway talent. We held several parties throughout the year, and we put a lot of clothes pegs on unsuspecting people. The society had a smaller committee than usual this year, and underwent a change of leadership halfway through. This did not cause any serious problems and the society continues to provide a fun and relaxed social and learning environment for all our members.

Juggling Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 61 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 4 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Juggling Session ran for 12 weeks in BOI Theatre, beginning on Thursday, 27/9/2007.

Juggling Workshops ran for 10 weeks in Sports Hall, beginning on Tuesday, 9/10/2007.

Open session ran for 15 weeks in Dangan sports hall, beginning on Sunday, 13/1/2008.

Open Session ran for 11 weeks in Bank of Ireland Theatre, beginning on Thursday, 17/1/2008.

Special Events

This year we held 13 special events.

Introduction to Juggling » Sports Hall on Tuesday, 25/9/2007.

First Juggling Soc workshop of the year. If you've never juggled before, this is for YOU! Starting with 1 ball, we'll be working up to 3-ball juggling by the end of the workshop. Also, we'll have demonstrations of the different circus skills you'll be learning throughout the year.

Muscailt fire show and weekly meeting » Sports hall on Saturday, 5/1/2008.

At 7pm on Tuesday (after the juggling session) outside the college bar we're having our awesome Outdoor Extravaganza for Muscailt, which is a fire juggling show. For those of you who haven't seen much fire juggling before, definitely come along, you're in for a treat. It should be a really great show, so I hope to see everyone there. Of course the fire show won't happen without people to spin fire in it, so don't be shy! There'll be a drummer or two there to liven things up as well, so feel free to bring along a drum if you're into that kind of thing. Later on that night there's a Societies Party in the nightclub Karma, and it's free in. >

Weekly meeting » *Sports hall on Tuesday, 15/1/2008.*

Weekly meeting » *Sports hall on Tuesday, 29/1/2008.*

Juggling Workshop: Diablo » *Sports Hall Aras na MacLeinn on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

This week's workshop is being run by Shane, and he'll be teaching beginners diablo.

Outdoor Extravaganza » *Outside the College Bar on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

For those of you who haven't seen much fire juggling before, definitely come along, you're in for a treat. It should be a really great show, so I hope to see everyone there. Of course the fire show won't happen without people to spin fire in it, so don't be shy! There'll be a drummer or two there to liven things up as well, so feel free to bring along a drum if you're into that kind of thing.

Juggling Session: Balloon Modelling/Poi » *Aras na MacLeinn on Tuesday, 12/2/2008.*

One of these is a Balloon-Modelling workshop, run by Steve and Fiona, for absolute beginners. Balloons and pumps will be provided, so don't worry about bringing anything, except maybe a smile. Due to what I can only describe as (surprisingly high) popular demand, we are also having another Poi workshop, this time run by Bill, who really knows his stuff.

Juggling Session: Origami./ Devil Sticks » *Aras na MacLeinn on Tuesday, 19/2/2008.*

On Tuesday at 5 in the sports hall Donal will be teaching a beginner's workshop into this Japanese art of folding paper into interesting shapes. It's not quite juggling, but hey, it's fun! Also since we need square paper for this we'll be running a super-awesome Paper-Cutting session to prepare for it, in the Hub on Tuesday at 4:30. Anyone who feels like lending a hand is very welcome to come down and help. At the same time as the Origami workshop is on (Tuesday at 5, in the sports hall), we'll be running a beginner's workshop in Devil Sticks. I'll be teaching this, and places are limited because we only have about 10 sets of sticks. So anyone with a set at home (like Nelly) please bring them in!

Juggling Session » *Aras na MacLeinn on Tuesday, 26/2/2008.*

Hoola hoop workshop » *Sports hall on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.*

This Tuesday at 5 in the sports hall we have a workshop in Hula-Hooping from the amazing Amelie! She'll be supplying hoops so don't worry if you don't have one.

Staff workshop » *Sports hall on Tuesday, 11/3/2008.*

On Tuesday at 5 in the Sports Hall we have a beginner's staff-spinning workshop by Bill. It's been a while since we've done any staff in the society, but it's loads of fun and it looks great, so come along for a spin!

Weekly meeting » *Sports hall on Tuesday, 1/4/2008.*

Juggling Extravaganza! » *AM250 on Wednesday, 16/4/2008.*

Juggling Society's annual FREE public show is taking place in AM250 (Colm o hEocha theatre), featuring professional jugglers hired in for the occasion, as well as local Juggling Soc and Galway talent.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Brendan Fahy

Treasurer: Fiona Gillespie

Secretary: Rachael Mahon

P.R.O: Liz Reidy

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Brendan Fahy

Vice-Auditor: Elizabeth Reidy

Treasurer: David Conmy

Secretary: Margaret Heavey

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€536.92	Affill/Mem Fees	€660.00
Bank Charge	€26.91	Bank Charge	€26.91
Members Contributions	€545.00	Equipment Misc	€1,853.04
Socs box	€780.00	Materials	€20.00
USC Grant	€3,115.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€10.00
		Society Accommodation	€440.00
		Teacher Fees	€770.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,779.95
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,223.88
Total	€5,003.83	Total	€5,003.83

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 369 members.

Labour Youth Society

Labour Youth is the youth branch of the Labour Party NUI, Galway. As Ireland's only real left-wing we aim to try and give the students of NUI, Galway a voice in building a better Ireland. With increasing voter apathy, this society tries to show students that they can, make a real difference in Irish politics. We hold meetings and talks on Labour politics and organise events throughout the year, focussing on issues such as equality, human rights and social justice. Labour Youth also has a strong international dimension, regularly participating in European events with our sister social democratic parties in the Party of European Socialists. If you have ever felt like you wanted to change the world for the better, then Labour Youth is the political society for you.

Labour Youth Events

This year the society had a total of 23 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Meeting ran for 13 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Tuesday, 22/1/2008.

Special Events

This year we held 10 special events.

First meeting of the society » AM105 on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.

This meeting will feature a reception and a talk on the society from the Chair Sinead Magee. Bring along your ideas, thoughts, and most of all your enthusiasm to make this the best year the society has ever had!

Gathering » AM105 on Wednesday, 10/10/2007.

NUIG Labour will be meeting in AM105 (Arts Millenium Building), Wednesday evening at 6pm. New members welcome to attend. We will be disussing some of the campaigns we discussed at our first meeting and we will have copies of the minutes for new members to catch up. We hope to see you there.

AGM » *Am104 on Wednesday, 17/10/2007.*

Hi Folks ... The Labour Youth Society is having its annual AGM to elect the committee for the new year this evening. Everyone is invited to attend and join in the witty banter and elections and we will be going out for a night afterwards. We will also be discussing the campaigns and events the Society plans to hold during the year and are still open to suggestions.

Meeting » *AM104 on Wednesday, 24/10/2007.*

The Society will be meeting to set out campaigns for the year, establish the campaigns committee and as usual new members are more than welcome to attend.

Social night » *Halo on Wednesday, 31/10/2007.*

Labour youth memebbers will be attending a social night in Halo tonight from 9p.m.

Peace one day » *AM 105 on Wednesday, 7/11/2007.*

Labour Youth presents Peace For One Day. This documentary shows the efforts of Jermery Gilley to create an annual day of gobal ceasefire with a fixed calander date the 21st of September. All new members are of course welcome.

Labour Party Conference » *Wexford on Thursday, 15/11/2007.*

National Labour Party conference will take place in Whites Hotel Wexford this weekend. Members will leave for the conference on Thursday evening and friday morning. For more information contact 086 1936080

Weekly Meeting » *AM 104 on Tuesday, 20/11/2007.*

Weekly Meeting » *AM 104 on Wednesday, 21/11/2007.*

Civil Union Talk With Micheal D » *IT 125 on Monday, 26/11/2007.*

The legendary Micheal D Higgins will talk about the Civil Unions Bill which was recently defeated in the Dail. This is a great opportunity to come and see the the greatest Taoiseach Ireland never had talk about equality for all.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Liam Duffy

Treasurer: Niall Murphy

Secretary: Colm Porter

PRO: Cian Moran

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€152.47	Affill/Mem fees	€5.62
Bank Charge	€5.55	Expenditure Total	€5.62
		Closing Bank Balance	€152.40
Total	€158.02	Total	€158.02

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 65 members.

Law Society

The aim of the Law Society is to promote the discussion of topics of legal, political and general interest among students. In pursuance of these aims the society hosted many important and influential speakers this year including Mr. Justice Paul Carney, former death row inmate and human rights activist Sunny Jacobs, the US Ambassador to Ireland Thomas C. Foley., Mr. Donal de Roiste, crime journalist Mr. Paul Williams together with Assistant Garda Commissioner Noirin O Sullivan and Katherine Zappone and Ann Louise Gilligan.

The society was also busy running events in which students could participate more fully including the How to Study Law? Seminar and the Moot Court competition. The society, in conjunction with the Lit & Deb, cohosted the National Law Debates in February and staged the Trial of Oscar Wilde during the Muscait festival.

The Law Ball which took place in the Galway Bay Hotel in February was the highlight of the social calendar this year. With a chocolate fountain, string quartet, Irish dancers and Galway band Pyramid playing, the night proved to be a huge success. Other social events included our karaoke night in the Living Room and a bowling night in the second semester.

Law Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Law soc trip 2007 » *Madrid on Monday, 21st of May.*

Maiden Speakers Evening » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 19th of September.*

The Law Society began the academic year with the annual Maiden Speakers Evening - an opportunity for anyone to stand up and speak for the first time with a chance to win prizes. The evening began with a comedy stint from comedian John Lynn, "best newcomer" at Fringe '07. The maiden speakers then went on to speak on a variety of motions ranging from "that the House believes that George Bush is Robin Hood to the power of minus one" to "that the house believes all non Irish speakers should be deported to Fiji". The winner of the Competition was Mr. Stephen Quigley who spoke on the motion "that it is a waste of national resources to pay for army cadets to study Humanities in University". He was awarded with the Crushell Cup, which was kindly donated by Captain Barry Crushell, former Auditor of the Law Society, and a Flat Screen Television. Second prize was awarded to Mr. Ronan Harrington and Third Prize was awarded to Mr. Cliff Blundell. A reception then followed in The Living Room.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Paul Carney » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 26th of September.*

Mr. Justice Paul Carney of the Central Criminal Court delivered a paper entitled, "A Capital Case Revisited", examining a 1925 case, AG of the Irish Free State v. Murray. He discussed the handling of the case at the time and highlighted how the case may have been decided differently if contemporary legal standards and methods had been applied. Afterwards Mr. Justice Carney answered a variety of questions posed by the house, including the role of the media in criminal trials and issues surrounding jury duty. Afterwards the society hosted a reception in The G Hotel.

William Fry Solicitors » *AM200 Fottrell Theatre on Wednesday, 3rd of October.*

William Fry Solicitors, a Big Five Firm, will be holding a presentation on working within William Fry. William Fry has been named as one of Ireland's top 30 companies to work for in the inaugural Irish Times Graduate Recruitment Survey 2007. This event is of particular interest to final year law students. A great opportunity to chat with them and their trainees. Reception afterwards.

Moot Court Information Session and Tips » *AC214 on Thursday, 18th of October.*

Always wanted to find out about mooting but never had the opportunity?? Well come along to our informal presentation where you will get invaluable tips from experienced speakers and info on how to get involved in future. All are welcome

Sunny Jacobs » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 31st of October.*

Former Death Row prisoner and author Sunny Jacobs speaks about her life, the death penalty and the miscarriage of justice that led to her imprisonment. Peter Pringle, the last man to be sentenced to death in Ireland, will also address the society.

Annual Karaoke Bash » *The Living Room on Wednesday, 7th of November.*

U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Foley » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 14th of November.*

U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Foley will deliver an address on the subject of U.S. Foreign Policy. Tickets are free and available from the Soc's Box from Thursday November 8th. No bags are allowed in the theatre.

CANCELLED: Paul Williams » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 23rd of January.*

Bowling Night! » *Leisureworld, Headford Road. on Wednesday, 6th of February.*

Wednesday is a break from the norm and we've decided to go bowling. Cost is 6 euro per person and free finger food will be provided on the night. To book your place email Maebh at maebh.gogarty@nuigalway.ie. Hope to see you there!

NUI Galway Barn Dance » *College Bar on Friday, 8th of February.*

The Galway barn dance is guaranteed to end a week of great festivities on a high note as we go wild with an old style country barn dance complete with themed clothes fancy dress, and bales of hay. For one night only the college bar will be transformed into a 'college barn' as Galway favourites 'No Banjo' light up the stage with their catchy music and get all the cowboys and cowgirls up dancing the night away. Yeeehah! The night also celebrates the beginning of the National Law Debates which sees debaters from all corners of Europe competing for the coveted title.

Law Ball » *Galway Bay Hotel on Wednesday, 13th of February.*

The annual Law Ball, generously sponsored by William Fry Solicitors. Tickets available from the Law Society, beginning January 16th, 2008. End Time is around 2.30am

Crime Journalist Paul Williams » *Darcy Thompson Theatre on Tuesday, 4th of March.*

"Sunday World" crime journalist Paul Williams and Assistant-Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan address the society on the topic of organised crime in Ireland.

Gay Marriage in Ireland? » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 12th of March.*

Ms. Katherine Zappone and Ms. Ann-Louise Gilligan will speak about their Supreme Court challenge to have their Canadian marriage recognised in Ireland. Followed by a reception.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: David O'Leary

Treasurer: Aoife O'Briena

Marshall of the House: John Collins

Speakers Convener: Shane Daly

Education Officer: Ciara Ruane

Sub Committee: Mark Brehony

Debates Convener: Ronan Harrington

Vice-Auditor: Ronan O'Fathaigh

Secretary: Maria Tuffy

Social Secretary: Amy Herbert

Sub Committee: Aine Cadogan

Moot Court Convener: Jaime Flattery

Communications Officer: Cillian Mc Govern

PRO: Maebh Gogarty

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€5,957.64	Ball	€20,990.53
Balls	€17,320.00	Bank Charge	€22.5
Fundraising	€134.00	Dinner	€3230.84
Members Contributions	€839.52	Entertainment	€611.93
Socs box	€12,269.02	Equipment Misc	€359.65
Sponsorship	€2,550.00	Gifts	€255.93
USC Grant	€5,384.96	Materials	1716.75
		Printing	€22.06

Income		Expenditure	
		Reception	€847.05
		Society Accommodation	€1,944.50
		Society Transport	€5,383.08
		Socs Day Expenses	€574.50
		Speaker Accommodation	€580.5
		Speaker Travel	€693
		Stationary	€80.38
		Expenditure Total	€37313.2
		Closing Bank Balance	€7,119.69
Total	€44432.89	Total	€44432.89

National Law Debates Balance Sheet (in conjunction with Lit and Deb)

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€19.80
Muscailt	€660	Dinner	€6,035
Sponsorship	€9180.00	Entertainment	€1,288.12
Ticket Sales	€3,720	Equipment misc	€502.15
USC Grant	€600	Gifts	€50
		Prizes	€1,010.97
		Promotions	€627.52
		Reception	€1,740.51
		Society Transport	€650
		Guest Speakers	€570
		Total Expenditure	€12,494.07
		Closing Bank Balance	€1665.93
Total	€14160	Total	€14,160

Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 631 members.

Students for Life Society

The Society this year was particularly fortunate to attract speakers of both national and international standing on burning life issues. The year began in September when the society hosted Dr. Berry Kiely, medical advisor and national spokesperson for the Pro-Life Campaign who gave a presentation on Stem Cell Research and the Pro-Life Campaign's stance on the issue. Dr. Kiely, an expert on the issue, gave a highly-informative presentation on the various medical and ethical strands of the issue, reiterating the PLC's support for adult stem cell and opposition to embryonic stem cell research.

Throughout the year, the society sent representatives to meetings and conferences involving pro-life issues. The society was represented at a meeting at UCD in November where Dr. Alveda King, a niece of Dr. Martin Luther King and a leading U.S. pro-life advocate, spoke on both her own previous experiences and the perspective of abortion from an African-American viewpoint.

In February, the society hosted Fr. John Fleming, who gave a fascinating discussion on 'The Right of the Unborn in International law: The Pro-life challenge of the United Nations'. Fr. Fleming is a leading pro-life advocate in Australia and has advised UNESCO, the Vatican and the Australian government on the legal and human rights aspects of bioethics and human reproduction. Fr. Fleming argued that the U.N. Charter and the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights refer to human so arguing for the protection of the embryo in international law.

The society's most high-profile event of the year took place in March when the society was particularly fortunate to host Britain's leading pro-life advocate and cross-bench member of the House of Lords, Lord Alton of Liverpool. In his address, 'Culture of Life versus Culture of Death', the peer gave a wide-ranging and insightful discussion on abortion and stem cell research in the U.K.

He was strongly critical of the controversial Human Embryonic and Fertilisation Bill presently going through Parliament. Lord Alton also emphasised the positive nature of advocating a pro-life viewpoint. The society also received much publicity in the local media for his address in NUIG and he participated in a debate on RTE's 'Today with Pat Kenny' show the following morning.

Nonetheless, the year proved another successful one for the society overall especially in addressing some burning pro-life issues.

Life Society Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

Bowling and Social Night » *Larmour theatre on Wednesday, 26th of September.*

Lifesoc: General meeting » *E212 on Wednesday, 16th of January.*

General meeting » *E212 on Wednesday, 16th of January.*

Reception and Presentation » *Concourse. on Wednesday, 30th of January.*

Status of Embryo in International Law » *Concourse on Monday, 11th of February.*

Status of Embryo in International Law » *Concourse on Monday, 11th of February.*

Address by Lord Alton of Liverpool » *O' Tnuthail Theatre (AM 150) on Thursday, 13th of March.*

Address by Lord Alton of Liverpool » *O' Tnuthail Theatre (AM 150) on Thursday, 13th of March.*

Culture of Death Versus Culture of Life » *AM150 Martin O'Tnuthnail theatre. on Thursday, 13th of March.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Sean Clancy

Treasurer: Sarah Pickering

HLM: Myles Monaghan

OCM: Maire Cassaidy

OCM: Katie O'Driscoll

Vice-Auditor: Maria o hAodha

Secretary: Sean Small

PRO: Fiona Smith

HLM: Sarah O'Driscoll

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Fiona Smyth

Treasurer: Sean Clancy

Vice-Auditor: Sean Small

Secretary: Maria O hAodha

PRO: Fionnuala Gibbons

OCM : Maura Cassidy

OCM : Noreen Duggan

OCM: Racheal

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€997.71	Bank Charge	€3.75
Fundraising	€318.00	Dinner	€158.70
USC Grant	€849.15	Received Money Returned	€672.00
		Reception	€43.10
		Speaker Travel	€182.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,059.55
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,105.31
Total	€2,164.86	Total	€2,164.86

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 81 members.

Literary & Debating Society

The 161st Session of the Literary & Debating Society was arguably the best ever year for the Society. Throughout the year, many debates and events were organised by the Society that entertained and informed hundreds of students in packed lecture theatres. This year saw the second edition of the now annually-published *'Lit & Debauched'* freshers' magazine as well as the organising of the highly-successful 'Freshers' Fling'; a night out early in semester one to introduce first year students to Lit&Deb and college life. The Society also held a very successful Alumni Ball in the Galway Bay Hotel in Semester One. Over a hundred former students of NUI Galway as well as current students were in attendance and a great night was had by all.

The highlights of Lit&Deb's weekly events this year included a video conference with noted academic Noam Chomsky, a debate on Islamic Terrorism with the Islamist Anjem Choudary, an Arts Degrees debate with Dr. James Browne, a cannabis debate with Cllr. Luke 'Ming' Flannagan, a debate on the Treaty of Lisbon with leading figures from both the yes and no campaigns, a book reading from Paul Howard/Ross O'Carroll Kelly, and a Literary Evening with Irish author Roddy Doyle. The Society also put on a play in conjunction with the Law Society, 'The Trials of Oscar Wilde', which won the award for Best Cultural Contribution to Múscaillt' at the Societies Awards in April. Lit&Deb also organised an inter-society debate on hunting in conjunction with the Animal Rights Society and the Countryside Society.

In terms of internal competitive debating, this year saw the establishment of the Internal Mace competition as well as the continuation of the Inter-Faculties, Maiden Speakers and Speaker of the Year competitions. The Society also followed through on its commitment to developing young debating talent both among First Year students through weekly workshops on campus, and with Secondary School students through the numerous

debates and competitions organised this year. In terms of membership, the Lit&Deb continues to hold the title of biggest society on campus, with over 2,000 new students joining this year.

The highlight of the year for external debating was undoubtedly the highly-successful Irish National Law Debates, also known as the Galway Intervarsity, which was held by Lit&Deb in conjunction with the NUI Galway Law Society. The three-day event attracted over 100 competitors from across Britain and Ireland and was widely regarded as one of the best Irish debating IVs in recent years. Lit&Deb also had the privilege of hosting the Semi-Final of the Irish Times Debating Competition in semester two.

With regard to external intervarsities this year, the Society built on successes of previous years, with consistently good results from our debating teams at IVs across Europe. Current Schools Convenor Nuala Kane and former Auditor Steve Nolan won the prestigious Glasgow Ancients Intervarsity, while other Society representatives continued to punch above their weight in the many other external competitions throughout the year, including the World University Debating Championships in Thailand. During the summer, the Society will send both debating teams and adjudicators to the European University Debating Championships in Tallinn, Estonia.

This year also saw significant institutional changes to the Society, with an EGM being held in semester two which brought about a reformed committee structure designed to allow the Society to better handle the challenges of an ever increasing workload. The new committee structure, to be first adopted by the 162nd Session, will see a three-person Executive, four Convenors, two Secretaries, and several Auditor-appointed Officer positions. The issue of the awarding of Honourary Life Membership of the Society was also addressed at the EGM and reforms were put in place in the procedures for nominating persons for HLM.

Patrick Cluskey, Sinead Barry, and Orlaith O'Connor were all made Honourary Life Members of the Society this year.

Lit & Deb Events

This year the society had a total of 45 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Speaker Workshops ran for 8 weeks in AM250, beginning on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.

Subcommittee ran for 3 weeks in AM150, beginning on Tuesday, 23/10/2007.

The Lit & Deb subcommittee meets every Tuesday at 6.30 pm in the Arts Millennium building. The subcommittee supports the main committee and organises a full Thursday night debate in semester 2!

Weekly Workshop ran for 8 weeks in AM200, beginning on Tuesday, 22/1/2008.

Workshops are back and will be bigger than ever, preparing people to debate in Trinity, Scotland and even as far as Belgrade. If you want to get involved in Workshops, learn something about speaking in public, and get to grips with debating away from the Kirwan's crowds, then this is perfect for you! Workshops are in AM200 every Tuesday night at 7pm. Contact internal convenor Conor Kelly for further information at litndeb@gmail.com

Special Events

This year we held 26 special events.

Lit & Deb Fresher Fling » *Buscar Browne's on Wednesday, 19/9/2007.*

Lit & Deb kicks its action packed year off with the Fresher Fling party from 8 til late, with DJ Ferg. It's a great chance to meet everyone. Finger food will be served.

Gibs Night » *Kirwan on Thursday, 27/9/2007.*

Gibs night is Lit & Deb's first meeting of the year and is a first year speakers competition. We're kicking off with a food and wine reception at 6pm in AC201. All first years that speak will bag themselves a free spot prize, which include free haircuts, free pizza vouchers, adult toys and MUCH MUCH MORE! Big prize for the best speaker. This will be followed by BIG after party with free finger food and lots of promotions!!

Islamic Terrorism Debate » *Kirwan on Thursday, 4/10/2007.*

This week Lit & Deb will host a debate on Islamic Terrorism with the motion that "This House Believes that 9/11 Is Justifiable." Speaking in favour is Anjem Choudary, former leader of Al-Muhajiroun who sparked controversy when he called those responsible for 9/11 the "Magnificent 19". Speaking against the motion is Sheikh Dr Shaheed Satardien, who founded the Supreme Muslim Council of Ireland. As always, a post debate reception will be held in Paddy's Bar, Prospect Hill. Hope to see you all there!

Alumni Banquet » *Galway Bay Hotel on Saturday, 6/10/2007.*

Lit & Deb hosts its inaugural Alumni Banquet in the Galway Bay Hotel on Saturday 6th October. The night begins at 6.30 pm with a champagne reception. This will be followed by a four course meal, and later entertainment will be provided by the 17 piece black magic band. Student tickets only €50, available from the socsbox

Galway v Dublin Debate with Paul Howard » *Kirwan on Thursday, 11/10/2007.*

Do you wish you were in college in Dublin, or are you glad you've never made it past the Shannon? This comedy debate will be chaired by Paul Howard, AKA Ross O Carroll Kelly, after he gives a reading from his new book "This champagne mojito is the last thing I own."

Sub-committee Meeting » *Arts Millennium Building (AMB) Foyer on Tuesday, 16/10/2007.*

The first meeting of the Lit & Deb sub-committee will be held in the AMB (Arts Millennium Building) at 6.30 pm. Meet in the AMB Foyer. Everyone is welcome to attend. This committee will support the main committee during the year, and will also get to organise a full Thursday night debate in semester 2, that means a chance to pick the topic, motion, speakers, find sponsorship etc. This is a great chance to get more involved in the running of the society

Arts Debate » *Kirwan Theatre, Concourse Building on Thursday, 18/10/2007.*

The Great Arts Faculty Debate: Is an Arts Degree even worth the paper it's written on? Prof. Kevin Barry, the Dean of Arts takes on lecturers from the other "real" faculties to defend the reputation of an arts degree. The meeting will be chaired by the deputy president and registrar Prof. James Browne. Other staff to feature includes Dean of Residence, Diarmuid Hogan, and Aidan Kana, Economics Department.

FREE THE WEED DEBATE » *Kirwan on Thursday, 25/10/2007.*

This week Lit & Deb hosts a debate on legalising cannabis- freeing the weed! Proposing the motion is Luke "Ming" Flanagan, an active proponent of cannabis. Alongside Ming is Fr. Tony O' Riordain, Director of the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice in Dublin. He believes that regulation would take cannabis away from the crime lords that currently control it. Against the motion is the Drugs and Alcohol counsellor from the University, Mark Cambell

Roddy Doyle » *Aula Maxima Upper on Thursday, 1/11/2007.*

Roddy Doyle receives the President's Medal for Literary Excellence from the Literary and Debating Society on Thursday November 1st.

The Great Capitalism Debate » *Kirwan on Thursday, 8/11/2007.*

This week Lit & Deb hosts a debate on the merits of capitalism. Speaking in favour is PD founder Des O' Malley. He'll be opposed by Socialist and former TD, Joe Higgins.

Inter-Faculties Grand Final » *Kirwan on Thursday, 15/11/2007.*

The final of Inter-fac's will be main business for Thursday 15th November. Preliminary rounds will be held on Tuesday at 7pm. To sign up, or for more information please visit <http://student.nuigalway.ie/~litndeb/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=2490>

Christmas Party » *Paddy's Bar on Friday, 14/12/2007.*

T.P. O'Connor Open Speaker Competition » *Kirwan on Thursday, 17/1/2008.*

On Thursday the 17th of January, your studentship buys you a shot at some great prizes and fun speaking on almost anything you like. We want you to be there! Speeches can be any length up to 5 minutes. Sign ups are not required as a raised hand on the night is all the warning we need. You take the stand and give it a whirl. There will be prizes for the best speech, the funniest speech, best POI and many more besides. Fun for the whole family, and hopefully alot of fun that's not

fit for pre-watershed conversations. The motions are as follows: That this house (TTH) TTH would sell it's kidneys, and buy a couple spleens TTH believes humanitarianism is a 1st world affectation TTH believes a monks place in Burmese politics is beneath the wheels of a tank TTH would assassinate Vladimir Putin TTH would make the right to vote at national level dependant on the passing of a party policies exam TTH sees right through the God delusion TTH would arm the Gardaí & the open motions TTH would intervene... TTH believes enough is enough... Come one, Come all!

Prostitution Debate » *Kirwan on Thursday, 24/1/2008.*

Mariska Majoor (ex prostitute, founder of the prostitute information centre) goes head to head with Paul Reynolds (RTE Crime Correspondent) on the controversial issue of whether Prostitution should be legalised in Ireland. Majoor believes that prostitution should be legalised everywhere. Post debate reception in Paddy's where you'll get free food and all the usual promotions!

Noam Chomsky Video conference » *O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 29/1/2008.*

Lit & Deb are delighted to announce that it will host a live video conference with world renowned academic, Noam Chomsky. Chomsky will engage in a panel discussion with Mr. Conor Hanly, Law Faculty Jurisprudence Lecturer, Allyn Fives, Moral and Political Philosophy lecturer and Nell McCafferty, Journalist. The topics for discussion will include the rule of law and freedom of speech.

Maiden Speakers Final with Garret FitzGerald » *Kirwan on Thursday, 31/1/2008.*

The grand final of the Maiden Speakers Championship takes place this Thursday and will be chaired by Former Taoiseach, Garret FitzGerald. Post reception in Paddy's Bar, Prospect Hill

The Trials of Oscar Wilde » *Aula Maxima Lower on Monday, 4/2/2008.*

The Literary and Debating Society, together with the Law Society, presents the re-creation of "The Trials of Oscar Wilde" in association with the Law Society. Period dress for the audience is a must, as student actors bring one of history's most famous legal stand-offs vividly to life.

Gay Adoption Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 7/2/2008.*

Lit & Deb are proud to be debating the contentious motion, 'That This House Would Legalise Gay Adoption'. Homosexual relationships are broadly accepted in modern Irish society as being equal to heterosexual relationships. Why then should gay people be prevented from adopting children? Is Irish society able to deal with gay parents? What development consequences could gay parents have on a child? Have your say in the Kirwan Theatre. Post debate reception in Paddy's Bar, Prospect Hill. All are welcome to attend.

Religion Debate » *Kirwan on Thursday, 14/2/2008.*

Would the world be a darker place without religion? Lit & Deb tackles this perennial question on Thursday 14th from 7pm. Post reception in Paddy's, Prospect Hill.

Cocaine Debate: Irish Times Semi Final » *IT125-G on Saturday, 16/2/2008.*

The evening kicks off with a wine reception at 6pm outside IT 125G. Following the wine reception, the debate will start at 7pm sharp, with the motion that "This house would impose custodial sentences for possession of cocaine" being proposed. Galway will be represented in the debate by Dan Colley.

Israel-Palestine Conflict Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 28/2/2008.*

Lit & Deb are hosting the debate about the contentious conflict in Israel and Palestine. This is sure to be an excellent night so come along as there will be a chance to have your views heard. All are welcome and there will be the usual reception in Paddy's Bar, Prospect Hill afterwards with free finger-food.

Inter Society Hunting Debate » *Kirwan on Wednesday, 5/3/2008.*

Lit n Deb is delighted to host an inter society debate between countryside society and animal rights society. Countryside Society's David Scallan and Gavin Duffy of the Hunting Association of Ireland will be speak in favour of hunting, with Galway's Green Cllr. Niall O' Brollachan and Animal Rights Society's Olivia Lallay speaking against.

Lisbon Treaty Debate » *Kirwan on Thursday, 6/3/2008.*

Confused about the real issues? Not sure what Lisbon is really about? Lit & Deb hosts a major debate on the Lisbon Treaty next Thursday. European expert, LSE Senior Professor, and special adviser to the European Commission proposes the motion that "This House Would Vote Yes To Lisbon", along with Proinsias De Rossa M.E.P. The motion will be opposed by Declan Ganley, founder and President of Libertas which is campaigning for a No vote. More speakers TBC.

EGM » *Lecture Theatre Aras Ui Chathail on Tuesday, 1/4/2008.*

The EGM takes place tonight in Aras Ui Chathail, and will address committee reform, AGM procedure and honorary life membership. Begins at 6.30pm SHARP

Speaker of the Year » *Kirwan on Thursday, 3/4/2008.*

The motion for speaker of the year this year is that "This House Regrets the Political Career of Rev. Ian Paisley". The speakers taking part are those who have made the qualifying rounds of a number of intervarsities around the world, or won internal competitions.

Annual General Meeting » *Kirwan on Thursday, 10/4/2008.*

Elections for the committee of the 162nd session will take place at the AGM this Thursday.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Patrick Cluskey

Treasurer: Orlaith O'Connor

Society Development Officer: Sean Butler

Corresponding Secretary: Niamh McNally

PRO: Paul Mac Eoin

External Convenor: Zoe McNair

Vice-Auditor: Dan Colley

Secretary: Emmet Connolly

Clerk of the House: Dave Finn

Schools Convenor: Nuala Kane

Promotions: Sinead Barry

Internal Convenor: Connor Kelly

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Dan Colley

Treasurer: Emmet Connolly

Deputy Schools Convenor : Cornelia Carey

Co-Social Secretary : Zara Nugent

Co-Social Secretary: Isabelle O'Donnell

Literary Convenor: Zoe McNair

Debates Secretary: Nóra Ní Dhómhnaill

External Convenor: Julie Maher

Internal PR : Lisa Scott

Clerk of the House : Michael McHugh

Vice-Auditor: Sean Butler

Secretary: James O'Donnell

Assistant Literary Convenor : Jen Bain

Special Projects: Conor Kelly

Assistant Treasurer: Aisling Ni Chonail

Schools Convenor: Jackie Driscoll

Internal Convenor: Áine Mulloy

External PR: Alan Lyons

Webmaster : Paul MacEoin

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,792.29	Ball	€500.00
Balls	€70.00	Bank Charge	€33.75
Fundraising	€30.00	Dinner	€2,531.23
Members Contributions	€3,719.00	Entry Fees	€6,050.08
Muscailt	€47.50	Equipment Misc	€585.00
Socs box	€760.00	Materials	€127.50
Sponsorship	€4,240.00	Printing	€4,379.10
USC Grant	€32,605.09	Prizes	€160.00
		Reception	€1,622.96

Income		Expenditure	
		Society Accommodation	€636.00
		Society Transport	€19,416.58
		Speaker Accommodation	€1,353.00
		Speaker Travel	€3,785.51
		Stationary	€83.20
		Teacher Fees	€520.50
		Expenditure Total	€41,784.41
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,479.47
Total	€44,263.88	Total	€44,263.88

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1512 members.

Macra na Feirme Society

Macra na Feirme is a national, voluntary, rural youth organisation. This is NUIG's first ever Macra club. It promises to live up to the reputation of unbeatable craic that Macra is known for. Visit our new unofficial bebo site on www.bebo.com/macragalway.

Macra na Feirme Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

First Meeting » *The Hub on Tuesday, 29th of January.*

Macra's first ever meeting to discuss what we're going to do for the year!!

Musical Night Out » *Black Box Theatre on Monday, 4th of February.*

macra are going on our first field trip all the way to the black box theatre to see the "Back to the 80's" musical on Tuesday night at 8pm. Meeting beforehand at 7 in the Hub. Tickets must be prebooked so email macra today for tickets at: mnf@socs.nuigalway.ie

Meeting » *The Hub on Tuesday, 26th of February.*

A meeting for Macra will take place the 26th in the hub at 8, to discuss upcoming quiz and other events. All welcome new and old members, biscuits will be provided!! Followed by an evening in the college bar.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Margaret McCarthy

Vice-Auditor: Julie Somers

Treasurer: Maria Kelly

Secretary: Mary Hogan

Social Chair : Christine Doughty

P.R.O : Cathy Halloran

No Financial Transactions

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 79 members and we have submitted our list of members to the Societies Office.

Malaysian Society

The Malaysian Society, an acknowledged society of National University of Ireland, Galway in September 2006 goes through yet another year of interesting activities that has brought us even closer as one big family. Over the years, our aims remain the same which are to bring all the Malaysians closer despite race, culture and religion; to become an intermediary between Malaysian students and the Malaysian Students Department (MSD) in Dublin; and to introduce our culture to other students of NUIG. In early September, the Malaysian Society welcomed Mr Kamis Mahawi (MARA Education Attache) alongside 11 new students to Galway. Mr Kamis and the Malaysian Society spent the afternoon making sure all the students were properly placed into their respective accommodations for the year. Near the end of September, the Malaysian Society alongside its official associate, Persatuan Pelajar Islam Malaysia Galway (PPIMG) held the New Students Welcoming Session at the Aula Maxima. This event was held to introduce and welcome the new students of NUIG. Since this event was held during the fasting month, food was prepared for breaking fast. During this event, both the Malaysian Society and PPIMG gave a brief introduction of themselves. The new students certainly felt closer to home even during the fasting month. In the middle of October, the Malaysian Society was glad to have a few officials of the official sponsors of the Malaysian students in Galway over for the Eid Mubarak celebration. The officials included Mr Anand Baharuddin (MSD Education Attache), Mr Jamalulail Abu Bakar (JPA First Secretary) and Mr Kamis Mahawi (MARA Education Attache). This event, held at The Hub, gave the opportunity for students to mingle with the officials while enjoying the delicious festive foods. The food and decoration was mainly prepared by students. Despite the merry-making, a formal meeting with the officials was also organized for students to ask questions, express gratitude and dissatisfaction. On whole, many were happy with this event. The Dublin Week 2007 was up next, a week after the Eid Mubarak celebration. This event, held in University College Dublin and Royal College of Surgeons Ireland included a gig and several competitions, such as futsal(boys and girls), badminton and chess. One band represented Galway, playing a few famous tunes at the Dublin gig. Three teams (two of boys and one of girls) were sent for the futsal competition, two students for badminton and one student for chess as Galway representatives. Muhammad Syafiq bagged the first place for the chess competition. Clearly, early exposure and practice certainly has its perks. The girls futsal team managed to bag 2nd runner up after losing against two Dublin teams. This was a pleasant surprise as many of the players have never played such game before. The two girls representing Galway for badminton, Lim Zhi and Kezanne Tong managed to finish second place. The boys futsal team managed to proceed to the quarter finals but lost to Dublin teams. The spirit and support shown by all the players was admirable. Even though most of the players were exhausted at the end of the day, the experience and fun they shared was truly worth it, said the participants. Hopefully, the teams will perform better next year. In the middle of December, the Annual Grand Meeting was held at the CSI lecture theatre. Most of the committee posts were taken up by new society members, including the highest positions in the society. During this meeting too, certain matters were brought up like future events. The new committee members were selected by society members that were present for the meeting.

The year 2008 in Galway began with a formal visit from a Malaysian minister, Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri bin Tan Sri Abdul Aziz. Datuk Seri was once the director for The purpose of his visitation of the students in Ireland was to see how the students were adapting overseas. He also came to clarify any questions that students may have regarding the Malaysian Government and its current local happenings. He was accompanied by a few officials like Mr Kamis Mahawi, Mr Jamalulail Abu Bakar and Mr Anand Baharuddin. The evening began with a welcoming speech followed by a speech by the minister himself. Shortly after, the question and answer session began. Many questions were asked hence, it can be concluded here that his visit was a fruitful one. Following this, Chinese New Year arrived. The Chinese students in Galway decided to have a small get together in town along with their Malaysian and non-Malaysian friends. This celebration is celebrated all

around the world to usher in the New Year according to the Chinese calendar. After months of careful and intricate planning, the Malaysian Society finally organized the Malaysian Cultural Week, held at the foyer of áras na McLéinn. This event, held on 12th-14th March certainly became the event of the year for our society. An exhibition was held displaying the colourful cultures of Malaysia which included clothes, festivals, celebrations and food. The exhibition ran for three days, each day of a different theme. The theme had been selected based on the three main races in Malaysia. Despite this, it was emphasized that Malaysians live in harmony despite cultural differences. Traditional music filled the foyer, with beautiful posters, pictures and pin ups hung on the walls to catch the eye of passers-by. This certainly worked as over 300 people visited our exhibition. Apart from the cultural exhibition, we also had a booth which displayed the history of Malaysia, the places of interests and the architectural wonders of Malaysia. A booth that got everyone's attention was the food booth, where different foods were up for tasting. Visitors flocked this area, to sample the Malaysian delicacies, of which most said were quite spicy but still delicious. Visitors received goodie bags and free posters which pulled even more visitors to the exhibitions. At one corner, we also played videos of the traditional dances and music depending on the theme of the day. Another attraction was the takraw game. At another corner of the foyer, the boys put their football skills to the test at an attempt of playing this traditional Malay game.

In conjunction with the Malaysian Cultural Week, a takraw competition was organized for Malaysians. This game was held in the sports hall on the Saturday morning after the exhibition. Despite being busy, many participants turned up for the game. The fifth year medical students bagged the first place. Despite many muscle strains and tiredness, all the players were happy with the game. The effort of society members ultimately paid off when the Malaysian Cultural Week by the Malaysian Society was awarded the Best Cultural Contribution at the NUI Galway Society Awards. This award not only goes to all the society members, but also to all the Malaysians involved in making this event a success.

At the end of the Easter Holidays, the Cork Games was organized in University College Cork. The Cork Games comprised of a netball and football competition. As representatives of Galway, two football and one netball team were sent. The football team played very well but lost a few other teams in the quarter and semi finals. On the other hand, the netball team did very well. They managed to finish as champions in the netball competition. The spirit and determination of the players was very much visible during each game. Supporters who came along with the players also said that the Galway players performed very well. In early April, about six students from Galway performed at the Sheffield gig held in Sheffield, UK. This gig was organized to discover and appreciate musical talents from the UK and Ireland. Fans and friends alike attended the gig to show support of their friends who performed onstage. On whole, it has been a great and eventful year for the Malaysian Society. We hope to become a better society in terms of greater membership value in the future.

Malaysian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Malaysian Students Gathering » *Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Tuesday, 14th of August.*

The new students were briefed on what to expect before they set foot in Galway, Ireland.

New Students Welcoming Session » *Aula Maxima on Wednesday, 29th of August.*

A session held for introduction of the new students of NUIG and also new members of the Galway community.

Eid Mubarak Celebration » *The Hub on Friday, 19th of October.*

Eid Mubarak is a celebration celebrated by all Muslims around the world at the end of the fasting month in which officials and students attended. A question and answer session between students and officers were held before the feast in order for students to express concerns and compliments.

Dublin Gig » *RCSI on Friday, 26th of October.*

A gig, organized by the students of Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland will take place in the O' Flanagan Theater. This gig will be held in conjunction with the Dublin Week. A few students from Galway will be performing a few famous tunes during the gig.

Futsal Competition » *UCD on Saturday, 27th of October.*

A futsal competition will be held in the UCD courts as an activity of the Dublin Week. Three teams were sent from NUIG, two of boys and one of girls. All three teams played extremely well. The boys managed to proceed to the quarter finals while the girls team managed to finish 2nd runner up.

Badminton Tournament » *UCD on Saturday, 27th of October.*

The two students, Lim Zhi and Kezanne Tong, representing Galway won 2nd place in the badminton tournament. This tournament was also held in conjunction with the Dublin Week.

Chess Competition » *UCD on Saturday, 27th of October.*

A chess competition was held in conjunction with the Dublin Week. A Galway representative, Mohd Syafiq managed to bag first place.

Annual General Meeting » *CSI Lecture Hall on Saturday, 15th of December.*

Minister's Visit to Galway » *CSI Lecture Hall on Friday, 4th of January.*

Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri bin Tan Sri Abdul Aziz, a minister in charge of parliamentary affairs in Malaysia will pay a visit to Galway. The purpose of visit is to see how the students are faring abroad and also to have a question-answer session with the students regarding Malaysia. A few other officials will be coming as well.

Chinese New Year Celebration » *Oranmore on Saturday, 9th of February.*

A small gathering will be held to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Malaysian Cultural Week » *Foyer, Aras na Macleinn on Wednesday, 12th of March.*

Malaysian Society NUIG is hosting a Malaysian Cultural Week on the 12th to the 14th of March. Come and visit us at Foyer, Aras Na Macleinn to experience a colorful and exotic cultural experience! Traditional costumes, festivities information, music, folklores and FOOD will be displayed and given to visitors! Alot of freebies to be given away, and if you ever want to come and visit Malaysia, this will be the chance to know when to come and the highlights of our country. So come one, come all! See you all there!

Takraw Game » *Sports Hall on Saturday, 15th of March.*

A traditional Malay sport, takraw will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. This competition will be able to promote a healthy lifestyle and to strengthen the bonds between Malaysians.

Futsal Competition » *University College Cork on Saturday, 15th of March.*

A futsal tournament was also held by UCC. Two Galway teams participated and proceeded to the quarter finals.

Netball Competition » *University College Cork on Sunday, 30th of March.*

Students of UCC organised a netball competition in which Galway students participated and won first place.

Sheffield Gig » *Sheffield University on Saturday, 5th of April.*

A band from Galway performed a few songs at the Sheffield gig.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Zool Raimy Abdul Ghaffar

Treasurer: Hazdalila Yais Razali

Committee (QM):

Mohammad Borhanuddin Helmy Bin Zanail

Event Organizer: Mohd Najib bin Kamil

Committee: Muhammad Iqbal Mohamad

Event Organizer: Thavakumar Subramaniam

Vice-Auditor: Adilla Nur Halim

Secretary: Izzatul Aini Mohamad Idris

Committee:

Nurul Fatimah Kamaruddin

Committee: Nur Izyan Muhammad Ramdan

Public Relations: Trisha Parmar

Committee: Nur Atikah Mohd Asri

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Azrin Muslim

Treasurer: Hazdalila Yais Razali

Event Organizer:

Izzul Syazwan Ismail

Public Relations: Syazwani Badrul

Committee: Muhammad Amir Azfar Sahadun

Committee: Mohamad Borhanuddin Helmy bin Zanail

Vice-Auditor: Nurul Fatimah Kamaruddin

Secretary: Hazimah Salleh

Event Organizer:

Mohd Aizat Muhammad Tajudin

Committee: Mohd Aiman Abdul Malik

Committee: Syaza Zafirah Abdul Rahman

Committee: Ahmad Syarafi Abdullah

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€527.29	Entertainment	€361.52
Fundraising	€249.41	Bank Charge	€1.12
USC Grant	€1,545.00	Dinner	€678.09
		Materials	€181.81
		Society Transport	€47.21
		Expenditure Total	€1,269.75
		Cash In Hand	€22.78
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,029.17
Total	€2,321.70	Total	€2,321.70

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 119 members.

Marine Society

Our aim as a society is to highlight marine related issues, promote awareness, and educate students on ocean life and take part in fun and exciting marine related activities, both on campus and further afield. This year our main aim was to establish the society, form a full committee, set a foundation for the future of marine society, seek and attract new members. This year we had three trips including a very successful abroad trip to beautiful Barcelona. Our weekend trip included a visit to the aquarium and exploration of the great Spanish city. Our snorkel trip to the Aran Islands and Whale Watching trip to the Kingdoms mighty Dingle were also a massive success with a total of 55 students taking part in Marine Society trips. We also hosted Dr. Simon Berrow, a speaker from Irish Whale and Dolphin Group and had a coffee morning for the RNLI. Our society also got kitted out with Marine Society Jackets. We also made it to the societies awards night with three nominations. Overall we had a very successful year. We have come a long way since our establishment in 2005 and look forward to another productive and perhaps even more successful year!

Marine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Egm and introduction meeting! » *Annex lecture hall on Wednesday, 26th of September.*

Election and introduction of the committee and a brief summary of our ideas and plans for the year ahead followed by a viewing of some blue planet!

Aran Islands Snorkle Trip » *Aran Islands on Saturday, 27th of October.*

Speaker: Irish Whale & Dolphin Group » *MRI ground-floor seminar room on Thursday, 8th of November.*

Dr. Simon Berrow will be here to give a talk entitled: From Whaling to Conservation: changing attitudes to whales and dolphins in Ireland. Dr. Berrow is from the Irish Whale & Dolphin Group (IWDG). All welcome.

Whale Watching in Dingle. » *Dingle. on Friday, 9th of November.*

Weekend trip to Dingle, Co. Kerry. Day1: Boat trip and whale/wave watching. Day2: Visit to the local aquarium and a look at some trawlers. Contact Meadhbh to put your name on the list. Places are restricted unfortunately. Predicted to be an excellent weekend!

Coffee morning for RNLI » *MRI foya. on Wednesday, 21st of November.*

Coffee morning to raise money for the RNLI. 2 euro, tea, coffee and chocolate biscuits! Yum yum!

Christmas Party » *Manroes, Dominic Street. on Wednesday, 21st of November.*

Christmas party in colaberation with G-OS. Fancy dress with the theme being MARINE! Manroes, 8.30pm, free finger food and prizes for the best dressed!!

Barcelona Trip. » *Barcelona, Spain! on Saturday, 8th of March.*

Four day trip to Barcelona!!! Vist the amazing aquarium, roam the busy streets of Barcelona, soak up some spanish culture and hopefully some sun! Diving for those with the necessary qualifications. Shopping, beach time and perhaps a socceer match at 'Camp Nou'. We will be travelling Saturday 8th March and returning Tuesday 11th. An email will be sent soon will more details! Yay! :)

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Paul Ruigrok

Treasurer: Dermot Ryan

General Committee:

Sharon Sheehan

Ass PRO: Kyle Sweeney

PRO: Aleksandra Borawska

General Committee:

Keelan Lawlor

Vice-Auditor: David Miley

Secretary: Annette Wilson

Merchandise Designer:

Fiona Kellerer

Webmaster: Paul OConnor

Trip Coordinator: Meadhbh Moriarty

Staff Officer(High Chief):

Professor Michael D. Guiry

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: David Miley

Treasurer: Padraic Creedon

Staff Officer (High Chief): Michael D. Guiry

Webmaster: Sarah Cosgrove

PRO: James Dooley

Travel Officer: Meadhbh Moriarty

Vice-Auditor: Lisa Wayne

Secretary: Annette Wilson

Saftey Officer: Stephen Cusack

SDO: Amanda Dameshgi

Ass. Travel Officer: Antonia Gaberscik

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€111.34	Dinner	€14.76
Fundraising	€129.00	Entry fees	€295.5
Greenform	€760.28	Equipment misc	€2,374.00
Members Contributions	€2,829.58	Prizes	€100.00
Socs box	€3,340.00	Reception	€60.00
USC Grant	€4,795.14	Society accomm	€2,290.86
		Society transport	€5,353.28
		Stationary	€24.00
		Returned Socs Money	€950.58
		Teacher fees	€150.00
		Expenditure Total	€10,655.40
		Cash In Hand	€131.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€221.36
Total	€11,965.34	Total	€11,965.34

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 250 members.

Maths Society

This year the maths society organised many events. The major ongoing event was the almost weekly seminar in C219 Arus de Brun. The society brought in invited speakers from Dublin and Cork as well as from Industry to speak about mathematics and its impact. The society greatly increased its numbers this year and the seminar series served as an excellent meeting point for many students with an interest in mathematics. This year the society participated in Muscailt once again. Members produced posters and sculptures which were exhibited in the mathematics dept for the duration of the week. The highlight of the exhibition was a sculpture made completely from CDs of a truncated icosahedron. We also organised a Christmas get together after the semester 1 exams which needless to say was well supported. All in all it has been a very successful year for Mathsoc and we hope to go from strength to strength next year.

Maths Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 29 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Seminar series ran for 15 weeks in Aras de Brun C219, beginning on Friday, 12/1/2007.

Every second Friday a speaker will give a talk about some interesting mathematical subject. The talks will be aimed at a general audience and refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Special Events

This year we held 14 special events.

Weekly Seminar Series » C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 5/10/2007.

See the Maths Society website for more details.

Seminar Series » *C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 12/10/2007.*

Juggling : Theory and Practise » *IT250 on Tuesday, 16/10/2007.*

Juggling has fascinated people for centuries. Seemingly oblivious to gravity, the skilled practitioner will keep several objects in the air at one time, and weave complex patterns that seem to defy analysis. In this talk the speaker demonstrates a selection of the patterns and skills of juggling while at the same time developing a simple method of describing and annotating a class of juggling patterns. By using elementary mathematics these patterns can be classified, leading to a simple way to describe those patterns that are known already, and a technique for discovering new ones. This talk is suitable for most ages. Those with some mathematical background will find plenty to keep them occupied, and those less experienced can enjoy the juggling as well as the exploration and exposition of this ancient skill.

Seminar Series » *C219 on Friday, 19/10/2007.*

Seminar Series » *C219 on Friday, 26/10/2007.*

Seminar Series » *C219 on Friday, 16/11/2007.*

Seminar Series » *C219 Arus de Brun on Friday, 16/11/2007.*

Christmas Party » *River Side Terrapin Room 102 on Friday, 14/12/2007.*

Mats Soc Christmas party see website for more details brockman.nuigalway.ie/~mathsoc

Guest Speaker » *C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 18/1/2008.*

Our seminar series continues this Friday with Mr. Dave Higgins. Please visit our website for more details.

Guest Speaker » *C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 25/1/2008.*

Dr Marc Roder will speak on "A Class of Small Infinite Groups". Further details on brockman.nuigalway.ie/~mathsoc

Mathematics and Art » *1st floor, Arus de Brun on Monday, 4/2/2008.*

The Maths society presents an exhibition of Art work posters and sculptures. The exhibition runs all week.

Seminar Series » *C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 22/2/2008.*

Compassion in Action » *Cairnes Theatre on Monday, 25/2/2008.*

As part of GRA week this year the Maths Soc will be presenting Compassion in Action. This is an information evening on Mongolia, including slides, a talk and a film. All welcome, this should prove to be a very informative evening everyone can participate in.

GUEST SPEAKER » *C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 29/2/2008.*

Mr Paul Coughlan from University College Dublin will speak on "Black Box, The Mathematics Of Voting". Visit the society's website for more information.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Liam Naughton

Vice-Auditor: Patrick Browne

Treasurer: Dave Higgins

Secretary: Jim Lovett

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€66.35	Bank Charge	€23.81
Balls	€4.21	Materials	€301.56
Muscailt	€300.00	Reception	€794.63
USC Grant	€908.00	Speaker Travel	€65.10
		Expenditure Total	€1,185.10
		Closing Bank Balance	€93.46
Total	€1278.56	Total	€1,278.56

Other Information

We held 35 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 79 members.

Mature Student Society

The purpose of the Mature Students Society is to provide individual students with a support network of peers. We achieve this by organising social events where students can meet and chat to other mature students. We also organise study support discussions and practical advice on coping with life in college. New members are assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

Mature Students Events

This year the society held a total of 0 events.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Eugene Jordan

Vice-Auditor: Caroline Moran

Committee: Deidre Bhreatnach

Committee: Bernadette Divilly

Committee: Kathy Chalk

Committee: Mags Mannion

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€338.07	Bank charge	€1.40
		Expenditure Total	€1.40
		Closing Bank Balance	€336.67
Total	€338.07	Total	€338.07

Other Information

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

Media Soc

The media society is aimed at those with an interest in all aspects of the media, such as journalism, television, the internet, radio and cinema. Aside from inviting guest speakers and going on outings, it caters for students' media-related interests. The Mediasoc is different to other societies because it is concerned how the products of the media come about. In other words, it is also interested in production and development practices in the media.

Mediasoc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Media Society Meeting » *The Hub on Wednesday, 21st of November.*

Media Society meeting to get us up and running again. Anyone interested in getting involved come along and share your ideas.

Media Society Meeting » *The Hub on Tuesday, 4th of December.*

The Media Society will be meeting in the Hub to discuss what the society should achieve for the next semester. The committee members will also be announced.

Committee Meeting » *The Hub on Wednesday, 23rd of January.*

Committee Meeting to discuss future events and tomorrow's meeting.

Media Society Meeting » *The Hub on Thursday, 24th of January.*

The Media Society will be meeting in the Hub.

Committee Meeting » *The Hub on Wednesday, 6th of February.*

Short meeting to compare notes.

Media Society Meeting » *The Hub on Thursday, 7th of February.*

This meeting will be held to find out about interest in going on an outing to a television studio - probably TG4.

Committee Meeting » *The Hub on Wednesday, 19th of March.*

Short meeting to discuss upcoming events and tomorrow's meeting.

Media Society Meeting » *The Hub on Thursday, 20th of March.*

The Media Soc will be meeting in the Hub.

Committee Meeting » *The Hub on Wednesday, 2nd of April.*

Short meeting to discuss upcoming events and tomorrow's meeting.

Media Society Meeting » *The Hub on Thursday, 3rd of April.*

The Media Society will be meeting for one of the last times ever in the Hub! Don't cry, it'll be okay.

Ryan Tubridy » *AM 150 on Monday, 14th of April.*

Ryan Tubridy is coming to NUI Galway to discuss aspects of the Irish media, a great night of entertainment guaranteed to all who come!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Caitlin McBride

Vice-Auditor: Serena O'Sullivan

Treasurer: Mary Butler

Secretary: Dara Cussen

PRO: Eimear Baxter

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Serena O'Sullivan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€100.00	Bank charge	€0.28
		Expenditure Total	€0.28
		Closing Bank Balance	€99.72
Total	€100.00	Total	€100.00

Other Information

We held 11 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 96 members.

Medicine Society

The medicine society is a society for medical students and also for occupational therapy and speech and language therapy students. As well as the nine committee members, the two class reps from each year make an important contribution. This year we also had two web masters who set up the brilliant new medsoc website.

Medsoc acts as a mediator between the faculty and the students. Through numerous meetings with the dean, the committee members and the class reps resolve student concerns and in addition make recommendations for future years. The class reps organise class parties throughout the year and a class trip. Medsoc assists with the organisation and funding of these. The main event of the year is the annual medicine ball held in December.

Medicine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

Introduction night for first and foundation » *CSI on Friday, 14th of September.*

Introduction night for foundation and first year students provided by the older years with wine and cheese reception to follow

Intro for 5th years » *CSI on Monday, 17th of September.*

Sixth years give advice to fifth years.

Introduction night for 2nd and 4th years » *CSI on Tuesday, 18th of September.*

Advice for year ahead given to the second and fourth years by the older years.

Open mike night » *The Living Room on Wednesday, 26th of September.*

An open mike night held in conjunction with the medical student charity, VSA.

The Perils of the Australian Outback » *CSI Building on Thursday, 4th of October.*

Guest Speaker Prof Michael Sugrue from Liverpool Hospital, Sydney, Australia will talk on the dangers associated with the Australian Outback.- Crocodiles, Sharks and Stingrays. Reception to follow.

O'Donovan Cup » *Dangan Sports centre on Saturday, 13th of October.*

A gaelic football tournament for doctors and students.

Med Ball » *Radisson SAS Hotel on Wednesday, 12th of December.*

Research meeting » *CSI on Wednesday, 13th of February.*

Students present their summer research projects.

Research meeting » *CSI on Wednesday, 13th of February.*

Students present their summer research projects.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Claire Higgins

Vice-Auditor: Terri Mc Veigh

Treasurer: Alan Sugrue

Secretary: Aoife O'Connor

webmaster1: Stephen Tuohy

vice webmaster: Che Nor Azmi Che Mat

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Derek O'Keefe

Vice-Auditor: Alan Sugrue

Treasurer: Gavin sugrue

International : Conor Sugrue

PRO: Gerard Garrett

Sports: Ronan Kelly

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€467.55	Ball	€30,642.37
Balls	€31,947.70	Bank Charge	€7.50
Classes	€615.20	Materials	€55.00
Societies day	€299.00	Printing	€2,026.00
Sponsorship	€2,500.00	Reception	€776.95
USC Grant	€3,501.50	Society Accommodation	€1,148.50
		Society Transport	€1,150.00
		Speaker Accommodation	€610.00
		Speaker Travel	€123.00
		Expenditure Total	€36,539.32
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,791.63
Total	€39,330.95	Total	€39,330.95

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 235 members and we have submitted our list of members to the Societies Office.

Microbiology Society

Microsoc Events

This year the society had a total of 30 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Microsoc Seminars ran for 6 weeks in Seminar Room, beginning on Friday, 21/9/2007.

Special Events

This year we held 24 special events.

Committee Meeting » Microbiology common room on Saturday, 13/10/2007.

Dr Conor O'Byrne, seminar » Dunican Lecture theatre on Saturday, 20/10/2007.

Committee Meeting » Microbiology common room on Monday, 29/10/2007.

Dr Aoife Boyd seminar » Dunican Lecture theatre on Saturday, 3/11/2007.

Committee Meeting » Microbiology common room on Saturday, 3/11/2007.

Prof Wim Meijer UCD. Seminar » Dunican Lecture theatre on Saturday, 17/11/2007.

Dr Gavin Collins, seminar » Dunican Lecture theatre on Saturday, 1/12/2007.

Committee Meeting » Microbiology common room on Monday, 10/12/2007.

Prof Alan Baird seminar » Dunican Lecture theatre on Saturday, 19/1/2008.

Committee Meeting » Microbiology common room on Sunday, 20/1/2008.

Dr Petra Louis, Seminar » Dunican Lecture theatre on Saturday, 26/1/2008.

Microsoc Quiz » College Bar on Monday, 11/2/2008.

Committee Meeting » Microbiology common room on Wednesday, 13/2/2008.

Dr Kaveh Mashayekhi, Seminar » *Dunican Lecture theatre on Saturday, 16/2/2008.*

Dr Ketil Sorensen, Seminar » *Dunican Lecture theatre on Saturday, 23/2/2008.*

Prof Tom Humphrey, Seminar » *Dunican Lecture theatre on Sunday, 2/3/2008.*

Committee Meeting » *Microbiology common room on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.*

Committee Meeting » *Microbiology common room on Monday, 17/3/2008.*

Committee Meeting » *Microbiology common room on Tuesday, 18/3/2008.*

Committee Meeting » *Microbiology common room on Friday, 21/3/2008.*

Aoife Brennan, Seminar » *Dunican Lecture theatre on Sunday, 23/3/2008.*

Post Grad Ball » *Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday, 3/4/2008.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Dermot Hughes

Vice-Auditor: John Fox

Treasurer: Sinead Heavy

Secretary: Maria Barrett

Vice Treasurer: Olivia Kelly

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€592.57	Ball	€10,684.97
Sponsorship	€1,555.00	Bank charge	€15.00
Ticket Sales	€15,540.00	Dinner	€1,200.00
		Entertainment	€450.00
		Prizes	€300.00
		Sound	€1,500.00
		Expenditure Total	€14,149.97
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,537.60
Total	€17,687.57	Total	€17,687.57

Other Information

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

Musical Society

The past year has seen GUMS soar in terms of strength, membership, finance and, most importantly, success. It is clear that the time and effort invested by the 18 members of the 2007/2008 committee have well paid off. Furthermore, it cannot be denied, that GUMS would not have seen such an immensely profitable year if it had not been for the strong and enthusiastic leadership of our auditor, Derek Cahalan.

The first project set for the new committee, elected in April 2007, was that of deciding on, and obtaining the rights to, a show which would, once more, be the most important event on the GUMS calendar. After much deliberation, it was decided that this year's show was to be the new, energetic and exciting *Back to the 80s*. The show was to run from the 5th to the 9th of February in the Black Box theatre.

The AGM held on the 27th of March 2007 saw a thorough reworking of the constitution. The positions of Assistant Director, Assistant Musical Director and the second Promotions Assistant were all done away with. The most notable change was that of the creation of a Society Musical Director who would be in charge of the musical aspects of society events such as the Variety Show. The Musical Director would have the primary responsibility of the main musical event.

As a result of the work done at the AGM, the EGM - which was held on the 10th of October - saw no constitutional amendments. However, the following elections took place: Aine Hackett was voted producer of *Back to the 80s*. Fiona Kelly was voted director of *Back to the 80s*. Katie Doherty was elected an OCM of the GUMS committee. Paul Killoran and Katherine Wade were voted choreographers of *Back to the 80s*.

Rehearsals for the musical took off to a gradual start with just one per week in semester one. However, after the Christmas break, things were in full swing with acting, dancing and singing rehearsals taking place on a weekly basis under the guidance of director Fiona Kelly, MDs Alison McGreevy and Adrian Jordan, choreographers Katherine and Paul and, of course, our wonderful producer Aine Hackett. There were also a number of weekend rehearsals which, although exhausting for both cast and crew, gave everyone a great chance to get to know each other.

Societies Day gave a great inclination to the kind of success we would experience throughout the coming year, with our sign-ups coming to a total of 486 members. Our high membership rate was also reflected through those who came to audition for the musical on the 25th of September in the Bank of Ireland Theatre. Having had roughly 120 people try out for the cast and chorus, we had already surpassed our own expectations by doubling the audition numbers from the previous year. Along with finding one of the most talented casts to have graced the GUMS stage, we found many committed and loyal new members.

However, the committee did not solely dedicate themselves to the production of the musical. The 2007/2008 GUMS calendar was jammed with events which would involve the community outside of NUIG.

The NUIG Schools' Musicals Awards proved a first for the society and, as a result of the hard work of Laura Reid and Adrian McGreal, was one of our most successful events. This event won first prize of €800 at the *AIB Event of Excellence Awards* in Semester one. Our committee went to see all of the shows produced by schools in the West of Ireland, and reviewed them collectively, before nominating the schools and their casts for awards. The awards ceremony, which took place in the O'Flaherty theatre on the 4th of April took the style of the Oscars, complete with red carpets and apple juice in champagne glasses. It was an overwhelming success and a great night was had by both the schools and the society members present.

Another important event was *NUIG's Got Talent*, an on-campus talent show which was organised by GUMS in conjunction with Dansoc. Three weekly heats took place from the 19th of February to the 4th of March in Arus Ui Cathail. The grand final took place in the Galway Bay Hotel on Monday, April 7th. Twenty acts comprising of singers, musicians, beatboxers, comedians, gymnasts, dancers and more strutted their stuff before the three judges armed with buzzers! The winner, Sharon Sexton, who sang a beautiful rendition of Jeff Buckley's *Hallelujah*, walked away with the grand prize of one thousand euro. All proceeds from the event were donated to Voices for Galway.

The societies' Halloween Ball took place on Halloween night in the Warwick in Salthill. Other societies involved included DJ Soc, ISS, Comp Soc, Juggling Soc, Flirt fm, Spanish Soc and Radio Soc. Tickets were priced at 7euro and all proceeds went to Cystic Fibrosis Ireland.

Our Variety Show, *A Musical Night at the Movies*, was held over two nights, November 13th and 14th in Arus Ui Cathail. With a strong input from many new society members, it provided us with the perfect opportunity to showcase the wealth of talent within the society. Resulting in a great success, a fun night was had by all.

The Musical Ball was undoubtedly the most anticipated night out for all our members. The night kicked off at 5.30pm in the College Bar on the 11th of March with a viewing of the DVD of *Back to the 80s*. From there we went out to the Galway Bay Hotel where we were treated to a champagne and strawberries reception. After the Buffet meal, *The Lewd Tunes* started pumping out the hits and had everyone on their feet, before DJ Rory took us into the early hours of the morning.

On March 25th, 37 of our members jetted off to the West End of London. Taking in two shows, *Wicked* and *Avenue Q*, as well as doing some shopping, taking in the sites, and of course painting the town red, the trip was truly enjoyable. It marked an important milestone for the society with it being our first year spreading our wings overseas.

On Tuesday April 8th, 33 GUMS members attended a dance workshop given by Joseph Dewey and Andrew Parrish - two professionally trained dancers flown over from London. The workshop was our last event of the year, and proved a welcome and invigorating break from study! Thoroughly enjoyed by all, it too has succeeded in broadening our horizons in terms of society events and activities.

Back to the 80s was undoubtedly the most successful show that GUMS has ever produced. This unprecedented success would have been impossible without several key figures. Producer Aine Hackett ensured a steady and reliable foundation upon which the production was created and went to great lengths to ensure the happiness of both cast and crew. The band, under MD Alison McGreevy, provided both funk and professionalism to the production, adding the extra bite needed for that authentic 80s feel. Costumes were headed for a second year running by Andrea Lydon and the set was designed and built by Sinead Crawford and her team - who surpassed expectations by hunting down not one, but two, 80s passion wagons. PRO took on a whole new level of success this year under the leadership of Claire Brennan and her assistants Lesley Dempsey and Katie Doherty. The stickers around campus live on as a reminder of the great lengths to which they went in order to spread the word of our show!

For the first time ever, GUMS succeeded in selling out our entire run. Two matinee performances were filled with schools involved in the *NUIG Schools' Musicals Awards*. We also welcomed a group of OAPs from Gort, who were rounded up by the contribution of Aine Kelly. The show was adjudicated by AIMS on the afternoon of the second matinee and the critique that came back was highly positive and encouraging.

All in all, GUMS has witnessed an incredibly successful year. We went on to win two awards at the Societies Awards Ceremony in April - *Best Poster* for Claire Brennan's 'Back to the 80s' poster, and *Best Improved Society*. We then went on to Dundalk to represent NUIG at the Board of National College Societies Awards, where we scooped the award for *Best Improved Society*. We have also been recognised at national level again this year with an award nomination from the *Amateur Irish Musical Societies Association* for 'Best Comedian' for Barry Brennan, who played the geeky Feargal McFerrin in *Back to the 80s*.

It is clear that - as a result of the hard work of our Auditor, Derek Cahalan, and our producer, Aine Hackett, as well as the enthusiasm and perseverance of the committee as a whole this year - GUMS will only serve to go from strength to strength from here on in.

Musical Society (GUMS) Events

This year the society had a total of 33 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 4 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Acting Rehearsals *ran for 7 weeks in BOI Theatre, beginning on Monday, 15/10/2007.*

Weekly acting rehearsals under the skillful eye of Director Fiona Kelly for the third year running. Fiona has worked in theatre, t.v., film and radio for the past 20 years. Having stood as director for over 30 shows - including GUMS' 2006 production of Little Shop of Horrors and 2007 production of South Pacific and having acted for The Abbey, Druid and Town Hall productions, we were both extremely lucky and grateful for having such a renowned and experienced figure as part of the GUMS crew.

Dance Rehearsals *ran for 7 weeks in Aras Ui Chathail, beginning on Wednesday, 17/10/2007.*

Our choreographers Paul Killoran and Katherine Wade are sure to get all those toes tapping in time with weekly dancing rehearsals on Arus Ui Chathail. Both professionally trained dancers, GUMS are delighted to welcome both new and old to the scene - this is Paul's fifth year involved in the society and Katherine's first. Legwarmers at the ready!

Singing Rehearsals *ran for 5 weeks in Aras Ui Chathail, beginning on Tuesday, 30/10/2007.*

Musical Director Alison McGreevy will lead our weekly singing rehearsals in true GUMS style. Having played lead roles in our 2007 production of South Pacific and our 2006 production of Little Shop of Horrors; along with being a member of the orchestra for The Boyfriend in 2005, Alison is no stranger to the GUMS circuit and undoubtedly proved her competency and immense talent through those pumping show stoppers in Back to the 80s!

NUIG's Got Talent Heats *ran for 3 weeks in Arus Ui Cathail, beginning on Tuesday, 19/2/2008.*

NUIG'S GOT TALENT DANSOC and GUMS are proud to present to you the biggest talent show on campus! If you are an actor, singer, juggler, musician, fire breather, rollerskater, ventriloquist, magician, comedian, dancer, beatboxer, cocktail shaker, balloon shaper, gymnast, baton twirler, martial arts expert... or just a top class entertainer, then this is the competition for you!!! The winner walks away with 1000 euro cash!!! Sign up NOW in the socs box for the chance to become nuig's most talented person! There will be 4 heats held on 12th Feb, 19th Feb, 26th Feb, 4th March where 3 judges armed with buzzers will decide if you have what it takes to perform against the best in the grand finale!! The finale will be held on 3rd April where one lucky act walks home 1000 euro richer. Its this years biggest event that you really dont want to miss! Sign up costs 4 euro and you must have student/staff id with you. So sign up today and start polishing your act!!!

Special Events

This year we held 11 special events. These events were as follows:

Auditions » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 25/9/2007.*

And so NUIG's 'musical season' begins once more! Day one of auditions will take place in the BOI Theatre on September 25th 2007. So stick on those dancing shoes and come along and show Director Fiona Kelly and our MD Alison McGreevy what you're really made of! An opportunity to relive those tragic 80s years really is too good to miss...

First Cast Meeting » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 8/10/2007.*

The first opportunity for the cast to be introduced to each other and this year's committee. With a brief introduction to each committee member, a run through of what the next few months of rehearsals would entail and the time to get to know all their future friends and cast-mates, the group will then retire to the College Bar to listen to some music and have a few laughs in the most chilled-out spot on campus.

E.G.M » *AC201 on Wednesday, 10/10/2007.*

Our EGM saw the official election of both Aine Kelly as Director and Aine Hackett as Producer of Back to the 80s. The committee also unanimously voted Paul Killoran and Katherine Wade as this year's choreographers. Katie Doherty was voted an Ordinary Committee Member. A thorough re-working of the constitution took place at the official AGM; therefore, it was agreed that no further changes needed to be made.

Societies' Halloween Ball » *Warwick Hotel, Salthill on Wednesday, 31/10/2007.*

There'll be a reception at 8pm in the College Bar, where you can check out each others costumes and part-take of some refreshments, after which you'll be transported by bus to Salthill...The night will then truly kick off at 10pm in the Warwick in Salthill! There's gonna be a free reception at the party, as well as face-painting and jugglers! The Roll Models will be playing a few tunes before the DJs start pumping out the hits! Also, there's gonna be some fantastic prizes for the best fancy dress! Tickets are only €7 and are available from the Socs Box. They're selling fast, so get down there soon! All proceeds go to Cystic Fibrosis Ireland! Other Socs involved: DJ, ISS, Comp, Jugglers, Flirt fm, Spanish, Radio.

A Musical Night At The Movies » *Aras Ui Cathaill on Tuesday, 13/11/2007.*

The annual musical society Variety Show takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday (Nov. 13th and 14th) in the lecture hall in Aras ui Cathail. Come along, avail of the free popcorn and enjoy hearing your favourite Tinseltown show stoppers being performed by a collection of NUIG's most talented stars is the making!

A Musical Night At The Movies » *Aras Ui Cathaill on Wednesday, 14/11/2007.*

The Variety Show.. Part Two! The annual musical society Variety Show takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday (Nov. 13th and 14th) in the lecture hall in Aras ui Cathail. Come along, avail of the free popcorn and enjoy hearing your favourite Tinseltown show stoppers being performed by a collection of NUIG's most talented stars is the making!

Back to the 80s!! » *Black Box on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

5th - 9th February at 8pm. Matinee on Wednesday 6th at 11 Am. Black Box Theatre - Tickets €15 or €8 with student ID. Come with us on a journey back in time; to a time when Michael Jackson was the King of Pop and shoulder pads and blue eye shadow were still cool. From the era that brought you The Rubik's Cube and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comes this totally awesome musical, modeled on classic movies like Back to the Future, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, and The Karate Kid. Join the graduating class of William Ocean High School in their final senior year; and experience the fun, the new discoveries, the heartbreak, and the love affairs of growing up, all set to a soundtrack of the biggest, cheesiest hits of the 80's! Miss it at your peril!

Musical Ball » *Galway Bay Hotel on Tuesday, 11/3/2008.*

Musical Ball will kick off at 5.30pm in the college bar with a reception and viewing of the DVD of 'Back to the 80s'. At 7pm, there will be a champagne and strawberries reception in the conservatory area of the Galway Bay Hotel followed by a buffet-meal and a mock awards ceremony. The Lewd Tunes will then start pumping out the hits, and DJ Rory will take us into the early hours of the morning! It promises to be a "totally awesome" night!!

Trip to London's West End » *London on Tuesday, 25/3/2008.*

And so GUMS takes to the road.... ! Thinking it was time that we introduced London's West End to some REAL musical talent, the cast, crew and committee of Back to the 80s took England's capital city by storm for a whirlwind 24 hours from March 25th-26th. Taking in both Wicked and Avenue Q - along with some major sightseeing - an amazing time was had by all. Let's face it, it's only a matter of time before GUMS finds itself a permanent spot on that star studded stage!

The NUIG Schools Musicals Awards » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Friday, 4/4/2008.*

The newly formed GUMS outreach program - the NUIG Schools Musicals Awards caters to both primary and secondary schools of Galway city, county and the surrounding areas. With the GUMS committee members having attended the musicals of 9 schools and provided workshops in either singing, dancing or drama; the entire project will culminate on April 4th with an awards ceremony in the O'Flaherty Theatre. Celebrating the abundance of young talent within our city and county, it stands to be a fantastic night and has succeeded in being one of our most successful endeavours this year.

NUIG's Got Talent Final » *Galway Bay Hotel on Monday, 7/4/2008.*

American Idol got nothin' on us! The big final to NUIG's biggest talent show... NUIG's Got Talent will conclude on April 7th in the Galway Bay Hotel. With special guest judges and hosted by Dansoc auditor Siobhan McMorro and GUMS auditor Derek Cahalan, this is a guaranteed night to remember! See the contestants battle it out for the 1000euro cash prize... who do YOU think will be crowned the most talented star of NUIG? Tickets 10euro, available from the Socs Box. Get yours TODAY!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Derek Cahalan

Vice-Auditor: Darragh Newcombe

Treasurer: Conor Feehily

Secretary: Ailbhe Harding

Ordinary Committee Member:

Katie Doherty

Society Liaison: Peter O'Toole**Public Relations:** Lesley Dempsey**Musical Director:**

Adrian Jordan

Set Designer: Sinead Crawford**Musical Director:** Alison McGreevy**Ordinary Committee Member:**

Adrian McGreal

Costumes:

Andrea Lydon

Director: Fiona Kelly**Staff Treasurer:** Sean O'Leanachain**Ordinary Committee Member:**

Laura Reid

Public Relations: Claire Brennan**Producer:** Aine Hackett**Ordinary Committee Member:** Mark Mannion**Committee 2008/2009****Auditor:** Laura Reid**Treasurer:** Lesley Dempsey**Choreographer:** Michael Flanagan**Musical Director:** Alison McGreevy**Head of Costumes:** Sinead Crawford**Assistant PRO:** Ciaran McDonagh**Schools Liaison Officer:** Katie Doherty**PRO:** Eoin Cashman**Vice-Auditor:** Adrian McGreal**Ordinary Committee Member:** Deirdre Leavy**Ordinary Committee Member:** Alice Clerkin**Assistant PRO:** Kate Costello**Staff treasurer:** Sean O'Leanachain**Schools Liaison Officer:** Ailbhe Harding**Ordinary Committee Member:** Miriam Dyar**Society Balance Sheet**

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,039.88	Affill/Mem Fees	€185.00
Balls	€480.00	Ball	€1,803.75
Fundraising	€2,883.20	Bank Charge	€84.18
Members Contributions	€557.00	Costumes	€1,575.40
Muscailt	€1,000.00	Dinner	€1,000.00
Socs box	€8,449.00	Entertainment	€1,260.00
Sponsorship	€3,007.00	Equipment Misc	€806.07
Ticket Sales	€7,969.70	Fundraising/Charity	€1,000.00
USC Grant	€4,201.84	Gifts	€905.00
		Lights	€2,354.65
		Makeup/Props	€100.00
		Materials	€196.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€655.78
		Performing Rights	€2,046.97
		Phone	€185.00
		Printing	€1,514.10
		Prizes	€1,300.00

Income		Expenditure	
		Reception	€72.53
		Scores	€60.00
		Set	€2,010.66
		Society Accommodation	€350.00
		Society Transport	€4,627.30
		Sound	€2,996.00
		Speaker Travel	€515.00
		Stationary	€85.00
		Teacher Fees	€2,000.00
		Expenditure Total	€29,688.39
		Closing Bank Balance	€899.23
Total	€30,587.62	Total	€30,587.62

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 304 members.

Music Society

This year was a good year for music soc. We started out with a strong committee and on Socs day we signed up 352 members some of whom added to our committee. Throughout the year we held many events. Firstly was our trip to Achill. 25 people headed up to Achill Island for a murder mystery weekend not to be missed next year. Hoodie's were also a new thing this year. We had two orders for hoodies throughout the year totalling 45 hoodies in all now circulating through the student body. UNseen sounds was our quiet acoustic gig featuring college artists performing in the intimate surroundings of the Corrib room of the college bar. Open Mic Nite was a great success throughout the year, as it ran weekly. Witless was a resounding success also, with 15 bands competing for the top prizes. We finished up the year with our AGM, a small affair where we organised and elected next year's committee.

MusicSoc Events

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

Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

Open Mic Nite ran for 13 weeks in The Cellar Bar, beginning on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.

Open Mic Nite is our weekly event held in The Cellar Bar every Wednesday night. Anyone can come along and either watch or play. There's a special prize for anyone who has the courage to get up and perform and there are more prizes at the end of the night. Stamps to Cuba are giving out to everyone aswell. See ye all there!

Witless Heats!!! ran for 3 weeks in College Bar, beginning on Tuesday, 15/1/2008.

It's Witless time again. Every week 4 bands compete for a spot in the final. Come along to the college bar at 8pm when we'll be kicking off with the first band. Promises to be an epic night so we'll see ya all there.

Open Mic Nite ran for 13 weeks in *The College Bar*, beginning on Wednesday, 16/1/2008.

Open Mic nite is on in the College Bar. Rules are.....there are no rules. Anyone daring enough to get up and perform (from music to storytelling to jokes to improv dance) gets a prize!! Come along for some good times and a bit of fun. And ya don't even need your own instruments!!!

Special Events

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

Achill and Hoodie Sign up » *The Hub(or Just outside the Hub) on Wednesday, 3/10/2007.*

We'll be taking names for our annual Achill Island, Murder Mystery weekend here as well as names for hoodies. We'll also be accepting design ideas for our hoodies. See ye all there.

Hoodies for sale » *The SocsBox on Thursday, 4/10/2007.*

Achill Murder Mystery weekend » *Achill Islan on Friday, 12/10/2007.*

25 people headed up to Achill Island for a murder Mystery weekend. A great time was had by all who came

Unseen Sounds » *College Bar, Back room on Monday, 5/11/2007.*

This is Music Socs acoustic event, held once every two weeks, roughly. This week we have the talents of Connor Ward, Paul Mooney and Wayne O'Connor. Unseen Sounds is a quite, intimate gig on ado nothing Monday night. Come along for a few drinks and a listen to some quality music. See ye there!!

Battle of the Bands Final - Witless » *College Bar on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

After weeks of highly competitive heats the best bands take the stage for the climax of the ever-popular Witless competition. On offer for the winners is two days recording in local studio "The Forge", and it's a winner takes all competition so this battle of the bands will be hotly contested. Starting at 8pm in the Bar we'll be featuring the best bands from the Heats. So come along and see Crystal Snowstorm, Stupid Betty, Metal Saint Loki and Hombre perform and compete for the Grand prize. A must for all music fans.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Dave O'Leary

Treasurer: Joe Murphy

OCM: Raymond Clancy

Alive Officer: Ruth Dalton

PRO: Katie Cosgrove

OCM: Aileen Mc Leyhlin

OCM: Niamh Hafe

PRO: Orla Monaghan

Radio Show: James Mc Hugh

Vice-Auditor: Calum Butler

Secretary: Niamh Mc Hugh

OCM: Sally Rowland

Webmaster: Niall Farrell

First Year Liason Officer: Hetty Sanders

OCM: Cliona Hurst

OCM: Daniel Feehily

Radio Show: Matthew Clarke

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Ronan O'Halloran

Treasurer: Rebecca Ham

OCM: Dave O'Leary

OCM: Shane Murphy

Radio Show: Matthew Clarke

Vice-Auditor: Niamh Mc Hugh

Secretary: Hetty Sanders

OCM: Joe Murphy

PRO: Ruth Dalton

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,510.10	Bank Charge	€3.75
Members Contributions	€980.00	Entertainment	€205.00
Muscailt	€1,674.10	Equipment Misc	€100.00
Societies day	€101.37	Hire Bus	€670.00
Socs box	€704.00	Materials	€990.00
USC Grant	€1,197.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€40.00
		Prizes	€500.00
		Reception	€471.10
		Society Accommodation	€1,872.00
		Sound	€800.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,651.85
		Closing Bank Balance	€514.72
Total	€6,166.57	Total	€6,166.57

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 434 members.

Muslim Youth Society

The MYS is made up of both Muslim and non-Muslim members. It gives a chance to represent Islamic culture in the university. We provide facilities for Muslims such as prayer rooms and alcohol-free social events among many other things. The society has been having various events throughout the year which are mostly workshops and lectures from the local Imam as well as the annual Islam Awareness Week.

Muslim Youth Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 22 events that took place.

Regular Events

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

Seerah talk ran for 16 weeks in CSI lecture theatre, beginning on Thursday, 7/2/2008.

A series of talk to study the life of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The talk is delivered by Syeikh Khalid, the local Galway Imam and the content is from the book " The Life of the Prophet Muhammad SAW, Highlights and Lessons" and " The Sealed Nectar "

Special Events

This year we held 6 special events.

Iftar Ceremony » Galway mosque on Saturday, 6/10/2007.

A 'break fast' ceremony in which the members have our dinner following a day (dawn to dusk)of mandatory fasting in the month of Ramadhan for the Muslims. It was followed by the special Teraweeh prayers that are highly encouraged in the nights of Ramadhan.

Islam Awareness Week workshop » *CSI lecture theatre on Saturday, 24/11/2007.*

to read and discuss about the reading material that have been searched for Islam Awareness Week and presenting it to the rest of the members of the society.

Islam Awareness Week » *Siobhan Mckenna lecture theatre on Saturday, 19/1/2008.*

Each group presented the content of their booth followed by a question and answer session afterwards. The local Imaam of Galway mosque also gave tips on how to answer FAQs about Islam.

Islam Awareness Week » *Sports Hall, Aras na MacLeinn on Wednesday, 23/1/2008.*

We would like to invite you to come and visit the annual Islam Awareness Week exhibitions. The theme will be the Five pillars of Islam; our main focus will be the basics of Islam, but if you have any question regarding this event, please contact us muslimyouth@socs.nuigalway.ie

Talk on history of Prophet Muhammad SAW » *Large LT Clinical Science Institute on Thursday, 7/2/2008.*

The 1st of the 10 sets of weekly talk of the history (seerah) of Prophet Muhammad SAW. The attendance of every participant will be taken. Those who come to at least 5 sessions (50%) will be given a certificate of acknowledgement (signed by the Malaysian Students Department Religious Officer and Amir of Majlis Ssyura Muslimun) For our first talk this Thursday, Syeikh Khalid will be giving a free copy of a book of the Seerah of the Prophet Muhammad SAW and thus we strongly encourage everyone to attend!

Islam Awareness Week workshop » *CSI lecture theatre on Wednesday, 16/4/2008.*

To 'dwell' into the Islamic history and the impact it had on the world since its spread.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Mohd Fahmi Abdul Aziz

Vice-Auditor: Siti Hazrina Mohamed Hanafi

Treasurer: Hazdalila Yais Haji Razali

Secretary: Nabeela Azmi

Campaigns Officer: Mohd Najib Khamil

Publications Officer: Amira Amir

Education Officer: Aisyah Masri

Webmaster and FOSIS Representative:
Nasrul Hadi Omar

Events/ Building/ Prayer Room Officer: Ezal Ezwan Ahmad Muniran

Students Affair Officer:
Ritzzaleena Rosli

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Farizul Mohd Zin

Vice-Auditor: Hazdalila Yais Razali

Treasurer: Nur Farhani Rosli

Secretary: Siti Nur Fariza Nordin

Azri Bohari: Ambassador

Nadiah Suhaimi: Islamic Awareness and Education Officer

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€715.67	Dinner	€48.51
Bank Charge	€6.29	Equipment Misc	€160.20
Fundraising	€212.23	Gifts	€65.00
Greenform	€95.30	Hall Hire	€95.30
Members Contributions	€17.48	Materials	€290.19
USC Grant	€1,120.81	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€213.54
		Printing	€90.02
		Prizes	€94.21
		Reception	€330.60

Income		Expenditure	
		Stationary	€70.55
		Expenditure Total	€1,458.12
		Closing Bank Balance	€709.66
Total	€2,167.78	Total	€2,167.78

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 117 members.

North American Student Society

The North American Students' Society (NASS) had an eventful year. Although the society was only formed in January 2008, monthly events were held and well attended. A welcome meeting and pizza party was held to kick-start the year. All members were welcomed and allowed to offer input as to what they wanted to get out of being a part of NASS. February's Superbowl event took place at the Cellar Bar and allowed NASS members to meet other North Americans who had congregated there to cheer on their favourite American football team. Both March and April allowed for the first annual NUIG March Madness Tournament and Championship. Members were able to get out and be active as well as partaking in some fun competition.

All in all, NASS events were well organized and allowed all members to participate in a variety of social activities. It was a fun semester and next year promises to be just as great!

North American Student Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Superbowl Party » *Cellar Bar-Eglinton Street on Sunday, 3rd of February.*

Superbowl Party!!! Pregame starts at 9:00. Bar closes at midnight but coverage of the game will remain until the final whistle.

First NASS Meeting » *Hub on Friday, 8th of February.*

Our first get-together so we can all meet and see what you would like to get out of this society. We will all be going out afterwards as well. PIZZA AND POP WILL BE PROVIDED! *Please bring €2 for funding of future events Please RSVP to nass@socs.nuigalway.ie Hope to see you all there!

USMLE/US Residency Info Session » *Clinical Science Institute-Small Lec The on Friday, 7th of March.*

Information session re: USMLE Medical Exams/US Residency and Canadian Residency.

March Madness-4on4 BBall!!! » *NUIG Gym on Saturday, 8th of March.*

NUIG March Madness 4on4 Tournament-- bring your own team or you can put one together on Saturday 3-5pm, so please be there @ 3 sharp! -you must have one lady on court at all times. Please also bring 2 EUR to pay towards gym. Let the games begin!

Basket Ball Scrimmage » *Sports Hall on Saturday, 29th of March.*

Open Basket Ball session for members, all welcome.

NUIG March Madness Championship Game » *NUIG Sports Gym on Friday, 4th of April.*

It's the 1st Annual NUIG March Madness Championship!!! Bring 3 euros and get ready to sink some 3 pointers!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Dilan Jogendra

Treasurer: Zoe Muller

Entertainment/Sports Office: Ian Johnson

Vice-Auditor: Anna Griffin

Secretary: Jocelyn Anderson

Public Relations Officer: Farah Samli

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Ian Johnson

Treasurer: Nuala Marshall

Sports & Entertainment Officer: Mary Karantonis

Vice-Auditor: Joslyn Anderson

Secretary: Amy Goodday

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank Charge	€23.35
Fundraising	€96.08	Dinner	€171.08
Members Contributions	€50.00	Hire Bus	€60.00
USC Grant	€120.00	Expenditure Total	€254.43
		Closing Bank Balance	€11.65
Total	€266.08	Total	€266.08

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 48 members.

Nothing Specific Society

The Nothing Specific society is a collection of like minded people who seek to participate in events and activities outside the norm presented by the societies currently operating on campus. This creates an opportunity for a variety of people with a wide range of skills and interests to come together and use their imaginations to create a diverse range of events and activities, from 'Meal or no Meal', to 'Where's Wally on Campus?' We won Best New Society at this years Society Awards.

Nothing Specific Society Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Wii Boxing Tournament » *College Bar on Wednesday, 30th of January.*

The first official event brought to you by The Nothing Specific Society: bring your courage and intensity to the college bar @ 9.30 on Wednesday night and compete with friends and enemies for the coveted Wii Boxing Belt.

Where's Wally on Campus? » *Smokey Joes on Thursday, 7th of February.*

Watch out in the crowds of students for characters from 'Where's Wally' who will be spending the day walking through the campus. Find any 3 characters and the Nothing Specific society will give you a reward.

Lecture Kidnapping » *A lecture hall near you on Tuesday, 12th of February.*

The NSS are feeling dangerous. Lecturers of NUIG, keep one eye firmly placed on the NSS, it could be in the middle of the night, at lunch or when you're copping a smoke before your lab. We'll be asking the good students of NUIG to contribute to the ransoms of their lectures in aid of the Rape Crisis Centre Galway and the Simon Community.

Tea Party » *The Hub on Thursday, 14th of February.*

A general meeting of the society to decide events, discuss plans for rag week and get to know each other over tea and biscuits.

Western Quickdraw Competition » *O' Flaherty theatre on Wednesday, 12th of March.* We have teamed up with film soc to show you all 'The Unforgiven', an incredible western. So beforehand there'll be a quick-draw tournament. We'll provide the guns-don't worry they'll be fake. The quickest draw wins a prize so come along if you've got the Kahoonas.

Meal or no Meal » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 15th of April.*

Come and join NUIG's Best New society for 2008 as the NSS present MEAL OR NO MEAL, the most fun you can have outside of daytime TV! Join Joel Redmonds as Lucky contestants use their wit, savvy and know how to try and BEAT THE BANKER! Spectacular Prizes and several dozen Laughs are guaranteed! So come along, try your luck or just watch the NSS do what they do best; NOTHING SPECIFIC!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Erik Mac Giolla

Treasurer: P.J. O'Malley

Webmaster: Duncan Betts

Gunnery Sergeant: Kevin Mahon

Affability Officer: James Daly

Vice-Auditor: Eoin Fortune

Secretary: Elaine McHugh

Wooly P.R.O.: Niamh Mc Hugh

P.R.O.: Fionn Clarke

Vice-Treasurer: Nessa Golden

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Affability Officer: James Daly

Gunnery Sergeant: Kevin Mahon

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Fundraising/charity	€243.00
Fundraising	€488.00	Materials	€22.00
USC Grant	€94.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€28.00
		Prizes	€20.00
		Expenditure Total	€313.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€269.00
Total	€582.00	Total	€582.00

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 189 members.

Orchestra Society

After much success last year, we again performed some major works such as Schubert's Symphony No.8 "Unfinished" and Mozart's Violin Concerto No.4 in D major. Keeping with tradition, the orchestra performed another Irish Premiere this year - the much anticipated Pastoral Suite for String Orchestra, Harp and Flute, composed by Gunnar de Frumerie. The highlight of the year has been the orchestra's end of year concerts in St. Brendan's Church of Ireland, Birr and St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Galway. The orchestra performed with Cois Cladaigh, the UCC staff choir and Birr Choral Society and put on a truly splendid performance. We hope this success will be carried on into the future.

Orchestra Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Concert » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Monday, 26th of November.*

The Orchestra Society perform in aid of the Zikomo Project, Malawi. Tickets €5

Classical Recital » *Aula Maxima Lower on Tuesday, 5th of February.*

The Orchestra Society, under the baton of ace conductor Hugh Kelly, will perform a range of stirring pieces, including Schubert's unfinished symphony and Mozart's violin concerto in D major. Music to soothe the soul and stir the spirit.

End of Year Concert & Weekend Workshops » *Birr on Friday, 4th of April.*

The Orchestra, in collaboration with UCC Staff Choir and Birr Choral Society, will perform Schubert's Symphony No.8 "Unfinished", Mozart's Violin Concerto No.4 in D major, as well as another Irish Premiere "Pastoral Suite for String Orchestra, Harp and Flute" and Faure's Cantique to Jean Racine. This concert will take place in St. Brendan's Church of Ireland, Birr on Sunday April 6th at 8pm.

End of Year Concert » *St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church on Monday, 7th of April.*

The Orchestra, in collaboration with Cois Cladaigh, will be performing Schubert's Symphony No.8 "Unfinished", Mozart's Violin Concerto No.4 in D major, as well as another Irish Premiere "Pastoral Suite for String Orchestra, Harp and Flute" and Faure's Cantique to Jean Racine. A concert not to be missed!

AGM & End of Year Party » *Al Muretto on Monday, 14th of April.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Aileen Maloney

Vice-Auditor: Linda Hughes

Treasurer: Aileen Maloney

Secretary: Padraig O'Cathain

Concert Organiser: Padraig O'Cathain

Librarian: Linda Hughes

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€274.9	Affill/Mem fees	€150
Members Contributions	€3244.23	Bank charge	€15.00
USC Grant	€5078.68	Dinner	€776.92
Muscailt	€200	Gifts	€219.19
		Hall hire	€400.00
		Printing	€270.36
		Reception	€100
		Scores	€764.21

Income		Expenditure	
		Society Accommm	€3570
		Speaker Travel	€120
		Stationary	€36.5
		Teacher fees	€1465
		Expenditure Total	€7887.18
		Closing Bank Balance	€910.63
Total	€8797.81	Total	€8797.81

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 99 members.

Philosophy Society

This year our society held weekly meetings. Each week a new guest speaker gave a presentation on a topic of their choice. The presentation was then followed by informal discussion of the topic. We covered a wide range of Philosophical issues from the most obscure down to ones of everyday interest. We allowed students to present their work to the society and thereby gave them the chance to engage with philosophy outside of the library. A philosophy society is fundamental to any university because philosophy is not meant to be confined to lecture halls and libraries. Only by discussing these issues in informal settings can students really gain an understanding of the subject.

Philosophy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

Phil Soc. First Meeting! » *Smokie's on Wednesday, 10th of October.*

This week's meeting will be an informal discussion about the purpose of philosophy. Is philosophy all f***ing talk or is it a vital part of civilisation? Refreshments will be provided.

Philosophy Soc - Insanity and Genius » *Smokies on Wednesday, 17th of October.*

A discussion on Insanity and Genius this week. A chance to meet for an informal discussion about the world of Philosophy.

Discussion Group: God is Dead » *IT202 on Wednesday, 31st of October.*

Nietzsche "God is dead", God "Nietzsche is Dead". This week the Philosophy Society discuss Friedrich Nietzsche, the controversial master of suspicion and wearer of one of the finest moustaches in the history of philosophy. The discussion will start with a guest speaker giving a short introductory talk followed by a discussion. No previous knowledge needed, beginners absolutely welcome and you can come and go as you please, Refreshments provided.

Discussion Group: Kant » *IT202 on Wednesday, 7th of November.*

This week we will have a guest speaker giving a talk on Immanuel Kant. Kant is one of the towering figures of Western Philosophy and his ideas have had an incalculable influence on all thinkers who have come since. The talk will last about 45 minutes and will be at a basic level so it will be suitable for people who are new to Kant. We will then have a relaxed informal discussion afterwards. Refreshments provided

Weekly Speaker: Science » *IT202 on Wednesday, 14th of November.*

This week in the Philosophy Society we have a guest speaker giving an introductory talk on Philosophy of Science. Science and philosophy have been closely linked throughout history and have greatly contributed to each other's development. The talk will last roughly 45 minutes and will be followed by informal discussion.

Weekly Speaker: Bachelard » *IT202 on Wednesday, 30th of January.*

Miles Kennedy will give a talk entitled "Being-within: The foundations of a Bachelardian concrete metaphysics". Miles will give an introduction to his thesis and his talk will be followed by questions and answers. This talk will be somewhat more advanced than our usual meeting but beginners are more than welcome to come along as all questions and queries will be catered for. Refreshments provided. (Next week: Jean Paul Sartre and Freedom in Marxism)

Weekly Speaker: Sartre » *IT202 on Tuesday, 5th of February.*

This week David Hallinan presents a paper on the French Existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre. He will be examining the issue of freedom/autonomy in Marxism. This talk will be particularly relevant for 3ba students taking the Existentialism module but also for anybody with an interest in Marxism, Existentialism or Philosophy in general. As usual the presentation will last for roughly 45mins and will be followed by a short break and an informal discussion. Refreshments will be provided and will be tasty...

Aristotle and Political Rhetoric » *Philosophy Department Seminar Room on Tuesday, 12th of February.*

Professor Markus Woerner will give a talk on Aristotle and the Rhetoric of Political Discourse. It will take place this TUESDAY in the PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT seminar room (I use the block capitals because we usually meet on Wednesdays). The talk will last for roughly one hour and will be followed by an informal discussion.

Weekly Speaker: Ritual » *Philosophy Department Seminar Room on Wednesday, 27th of February.*

On Tuesday Erin Flynn will give a talk entitled "Beyond the Veil of Illusion: A look at ritual in today's world". This talk will look at the Philosophical significance of ritual in religion.

Philosophy of Play » *AM105 on Thursday, 28th of February.*

WE HAVE MOVED ROOM!!!!!!!!!! Our Wednesday meetings from now on will take place in AM105!!! This week we have a discussion on the Philosophy of Play. Davy Walsh will look at the concept of Play as found in Huizinga and Caillois' socio-philosophical work. In doing so the paper hopes to show the universally consistent rules governing play, as well as showing how culture and society often reflect these play elements. The final part of the paper will deal with the impact of modern technology like the Playstation and XBOX on Play in the 21st century.

On Being: A Sustainable Energy Source » *AM105 on Wednesday, 2nd of April.*

The illustrious Conor Graham will give a talk this week entitled "On Being: A Sustainable Energy Source". Conor will talk about "actions and interactions based on concepts and practices of personal fulfilment leading to universal health and happiness". There will be NO BIG WORDS for a change but lots of big ideas expressed simply and enjoyably. Refreshments will be provided and attendance is strongly urged as this will undoubtedly be a fascinating talk.

Nietzsche: Time, Nihilism and Superman » *Philosophy Department Seminar Room on Tuesday, 8th of April.*

This week Daniel Leufer will give a talk entitled "The Burden of Atlas: Nietzsche's Superman and the Weight of Nihilism". Nietzsche is a philosopher who is often mentioned, rarely understood and commonly misunderstood. Nihilism is the belief that there are no absolute values and that no higher power whatsoever exists. Nietzsche described himself as the first perfect nihilist but he also talked about overcoming nihilism and becoming a god yourself. This talk will be interesting for anyone interested in Nietzsche, postmodernism, morality or religion. Refreshments will be provided.

Weekly Speaker: Brothers Karamazov + AGM » *AM105 on Wednesday, 16th of April.*

This week Dan Bradley will give a talk on the section from Dostoyevsky's novel The Brothers Karamazov known as 'Ivan's Devil'. This short section of the book highlights important aspects of existentialism, nihilism and the nature of choice. No knowledge of the book is necessary as we will look through it during the talk. Refreshments will be provided. We will also have our AGM after the discussion.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Daniel Leufer

Vice-Auditor: Deirdre Coy

Treasurer: Declan Flattery

Secretary: Divilly Robert

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€189.73	Bank Charge	€0.56
USC Grant	€20.00	Reception	€85.00
		Expenditure Total	€85.56
		Closing Bank Balance	€124.17
Total	€209.73	Total	€209.73

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 57 members.

Photo Society

2007-08 was a great year for photosoc. This year we introduced a four-part beginners photography class to the photosoc calender that proved very popular. We also held a darkroom tutorial which also proved popular for a lot of our members. Also, we held the annual Focus Exhibition which recieved a lot of entries and votes. The standard was also very high. We've had a number of guest speakers also from the photography world. Irelands leading nature photographer Mike Brown gave a great presentation in front of a packed audience. Award winning sports photographer Billy Stickland gave a very informative class about the nature of sports photography in the industry that went on long after the usual two hours. One of the highlights of the year will also be the attendance of world renowned surf photographer Sylvain Cazenave later this month. This year we have also done a lot of work with other societies and organisation, including hosting a photography exhibition for Foroige Irelands Circles photography Group, which provides teenagers in the community with extra ciricular activities. We worked with the Italian Society to produce a 'naked calender' for charity and we have provided photos for various college publications and local newspapers. Overall, it was a quite a good year for photosoc.

Photography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Famous Astro-Photographer to give talk » *Centre for Astronomy on Monday, 14th of May.*

The most famous Astro-photographer in the world, Professor David Malin of Anglo-Australian Observatory (AAO), and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia, is to deliver a unique lecture at the Centre for Astronomy, NUI Galway on Monday, 14th May at 7pm. The event, which is a unique opportunity to meet the David Malin, will have the theme David Malin - The Man Who Colours Stars: Talks on Capturing Ancient Light. Announcing the event the Director of the Centre for Astronomy at NUI Galway, Prof. Michael Redfern said: "This talk is a unique opportunity to meet one of the world's great astro-photographers. He was the person that made us all realise that the stars, galaxies and nebulae are not in black and white, but are in glorious colour. The wonderful images that we get nowadays, from Hubble, for example, owe everything to his pioneering work." Professor Malin said: "In this talk I will briefly review the history of astronomical imaging and the profound effect it has had on our knowledge of the universe. I will also discuss the art and science of colour photography in astronomy and how the vivid colours of clouds of gas and dust can be at the same time be real and yet invisible through the telescope. I will also describe ways in which the subtle colours of the brightest stars can be captured with simple photographic techniques." Photographs created by David Malin can be found in many popular astronomy books and magazines, and are displayed in museums and planetaria throughout the world. Previews of his work

can be seen on www.davidmalin.com. This event is free and open to the public and as interest is expected to be high pre-booking is essential. Please email malintalk@gmail.com to book seats.

Guest Speaker: Rikki O'Neill » *Kirwan on Tuesday, 23rd of October.*

Rikki O'Neill, Experimental Photographer & Graphic Artist will give a talk about his work. All are welcome to attend!

Film still photographer Dieter Auner » *IT 250 on Thursday, 29th of November.*

Tonight's speaker Dieter Auner will cover various topics such as basis of photography, his personal approach to photography, the documentary he is filming at the moment in Romania, and film still photography. It is a great pleasure to have such a quality speaker for the photosoc. IT250 at 7.

Billy Stickland » *O'Flatherty theatre on Monday, 14th of January.*

Focus 08 Exhibition » *Arts Millenium Building on Monday, 4th of February.*

The Photographic Societies' annual exhibition showcases the talents of NUI Galway's students and staff, offering a wonderfully diverse range of photographs, with something on offer for everyone. Exhibition runs all week.

Mike Brown » *Marine Institute on Thursday, 14th of February.*

Nature Photographer Mike Brown to give presentation of his work

darkroom tutorials, negative development » *NUIG darkroom on Tuesday, 8th of April.*

Photo Exhibition: 'My Digital Eye' » *Aras na mac leinn on Tuesday, 15th of April.*

darkroom tutorials, negative printing » *NUIG darkroom on Tuesday, 15th of April.*

Photosoc will teach you how to print your black and white negative. The moment where light draws on paper through your negatives. A tutorial not to be missed! 3 sessions starting at 7. Please book in advance as spaces are limited to 5 persons per session.

Surf Photographer RESCHEDULED » *Martin Ryan Marine Institute, 1st Floor on Wednesday, 23rd of April.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Ronan Shaw

Vice-Auditor: Paul O'Connor

Treasurer: Anne Ryan

Benoit Queguineur: Darkroom Manager

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€474.29	Bank Charge	€41.64
Balls	€125.00	Materials	€176.97
Muscailt	€350.00	Printing	€63.00
USC Grant	€1,933.54	Prizes	€60.00
		Reception	€129.00
		Speaker Accommodation	€479.00
		Speaker Travel	€385.00
		Teacher Fees	€625.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,959.61
		Closing Bank Balance	€923.22
Total	€2,882.83	Total	€2,882.83

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 272 members.

Physics Society

The physics Society aim to promote an interest in physics, and physics related concepts to the students of NUI, Galway. To this end we organise Physics related events, activities and speakers to give talks to the Society.

Physics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Science Ball Tickets » *Aras Na Mac Leinn Foyer on Thursday, 11th of October.*

Tickets for the Science Ball Afters €25 will be on sale in the Aras Na Mac Leinn Foyer from 1pm. Note: Full Dinner Tickets SOLD OUT

Science Ball Afters Tickets » *Foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 16th of October.*

Tickets for the Science Ball Afters (€25) will be on sale on Tuesday 16th October in the foyer of Aras Na Mac Leinn from 1pm. NOTE: Full Dinner Tickets SOLD OUT

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Ronan Rochford

Treasurer: Gillian Kyne

New Members Liaison: Rachel Phillips

SDO: Shane White

OCM: Morgan Mc Guire

OCM: Robert Leonard

Vice-Auditor: Sophie Van Der Putten

Secretary: Fiona Kenny

PRO: Roisin Fahey

OCM: Neal Heneghan

OCM: Rossa Mac Ciarnin

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,350.10	Ball	€19,244.30
Balls	€19,475.00	Bank Charge	€3.75
Fundraising	€14.50	Dinner	€600.00
Socs box	€1,125.00	Entertainment	€1,238.40
Sponsorship	€450.00	Reception	€950.00
Ticket Sales	€910.00	Expenditure Total	€22,036.45
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,288.15
Total	€24,324.60	Total	€24,324.60

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 112 members.

Polish Society

PolishSoc is a NUIG fresher this year, established in early January 2008. Our goal is to promote awareness of Polish culture and tradition among NUIG students and staff members. We aim to propagate positive view among young people mainly by active interaction during our events and collaboration with other societies in the near future.

This year we already organised four main events and at least two more are planned. Our first visible activity was a Polish stand at Societies Day, January 16th. We attracted quite a big crowd around our table thanks to national finger food. Some folks did like it, some did not. We moved them and no one was left behind with neutral opinion. The second event was a "Goodbye Carnival Party" on 1st Feb. We gathered 37 people and focused mostly on discussions and dance.

We patronised an exhibition of photography by Jola Hebel "From banana girl to Miss Keane" and poetry reading by Joanna Chodan and Roisin Keane held on 24th Feb in The Granary Learning Centre.

Finally, "Bring a National Dish Party" was held on April 12th. We encouraged our members to prepare some traditional food specific to the region they come from. Apparently it became an international cuisine fair as almost a half of participants (more than 50 in total) brought their own national specialities. Thanks to Ksenia's coordination skills that was real masterpiece of organisation and big success.

Beside the main events we also organised monthly meetings called "Lazy Fridays", to enjoy spontaneous discussions on various topics. At the moment officially we count over 40 members, but attendance on the events shows that we gathered far more than 50.

Polish Society Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Goodbye Carnival Party » *The Living Room on Friday, 1st of February.*

First event of NUIG fresher PolishSoc.

Exhibition of Photography and Poetry Reading » *The Granary Learning Centre on Sunday, 24th of February.* We are delighted to invite you to exhibition of photography by Jola Hebel "From banana girl to Miss Keane" and poetry reading by Joanna Chodan and Roisin Keane.

Monthly Meeting » *Massimo on Friday, 29th of February.*

A great way to socialize, chat, make new friends and have fun!!! We meet at 8pm the last Friday of every month. New members are welcome!!!

Monthly meeting » *Blue Note on Friday, 4th of April.*

Polish Soc monthly meeting!!! All are welcome.

Bring a Dish Party » *Doghiska on Saturday, 12th of April.*

Presentation of specialities from Polish cuisine.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Ksenia Matlawska-Wasowska

Treasurer: Magdalena Pietrowska

PR Officer: Jakub Bialek

Vice-Auditor: Katarzyna Bialek

Secretary: Krzysztof Kepa

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Ksenia Matlawska-Wasowska

Treasurer: Magdalena Pietrowska

PR OFFICER: Jakub Bialek

Vice-Auditor: Katarzyna Bialek

Secretary: Krzysztof Kepa

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Dinner	€179.00
Socs box	€50.00	Expenditure Total	€179.00
Ticket Sales	€135.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€6.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.00
Total	€185.00	Total	€185.00

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 42 members and we have submitted our list of members to the Societies Office.

Political Discussion Society

The Society was established in 1967 to ensure discussion of issues of national and international importance. The Society is politically orientated without a political agenda and reaches out to all facets of the student body culminating in a cross section of the University. We see it as our role to promote amongst the student populace and the broader centre of population in the West of Ireland, an awareness of the issues affecting contemporary Ireland.

Political Discussion Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

E.G.M » *cairnes theatre on Monday, 15th of October.*

EGM » *AM250 on Monday, 10th of December.*

EGM » *Cairnes on Monday, 10th of December.*

The future of the Irish Student Movement » *Cairnes Theatre (Concourse) on Monday, 21st of January.*

The past year has seen chaos befall USI (Union of Students of Ireland) with mass resignations, staff mis management and diabolical media coverage in the national media. Campuses around the country are debating disaffiliation or some form of reparative treatment for the organisation. The Political Discussion Society is thrilled to provide a forum within which this important and highly topical discussion can take place. The meeting will be well attended and will take the form of a panel discussion. The President of USI Hamidreza Khodabakhshi, its Education Office Peter Mannion and Western Area Officer Andy Cahill will take to the stage alongside the President of the NUIG Students Union James Hope and GMIT Students Union President Padraig Flesk. Reception afterwards in the Cellar Bar, Eglington Street

All Party Political Debate » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Monday, 28th of January.*

The Annual All Party Political Debate with the Political Discussion Society. Pizza and reception begins at 7:30pm sharp with the debate to follow at 8pm. Curious about the world of politics, the differences between the parties or thinking of joining one then come along. The debate will feature all political parties on campus and representatives of the grown up parties on the topic of "Nine months later ... What have you achieved?" Reception to follow in the Cellar Bar at 9:30pm.

Reforming the Irish Senate » *Cairnes Theatre on Monday, 4th of February.*

The Political Discussion Society is delighted to host the Deputy Leader of the Irish Senate, Senator Dan Boyle, a chief campaigner on the proposed reforms to the Irish Senate.

Europe's Social Reality: 'Stocktaking' » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Thursday, 14th of February.*

Europe's Social Reality: 'Stocktaking' 2008 - An opportunity for the Students of NUI Galway to influence the social policies of the European Union. With Marian Harkin MEP Take a moment this Valentines Day to think about others around you and the social policy requirements to create a better future for all! Thursday 14th February in the Siobhan McKenna Theatre at 2pm Coffee & Tea Reception

EU Boulevard » *Arts Millennium Building on Monday, 25th of February.*

An Information Exhibition covering all elements of the European Union, it's institutions and history. The Exhibition takes place in the Arts Millennium Building from 2pm on Monday the 25th February. The week long Exhibition will be launched by Senator Maurice Hayes from the Forum on Europe and the Acting Director of European Movement Ireland. Information stands also in Aran na Mac Leinn.

Lisbon Treaty Debate » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Monday, 25th of February.*

Public meeting with guest speakers including Enda Kenny, Eamon O'Cuiv, Patricia McKenna, Joe Higgins, Michael D Higgins and Declan Ganley. They will be debating on the Reform Treaty and the forthcoming referendum.

The Trade Union Movement and the EU » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 26th of February.*

In conjunction with Labour Youth the Society is proud to present a panel discussion on the Trade Union Movement and importantly its broader context within the European Union. 8PM, Thursday 28th February.

Youth Perspective » *D'Arcy Thompson Theatre on Thursday, 28th of February.*

Student's Union Hustings » *Fottrell Theatre (AM Building) on Wednesday, 5th of March.*

The Annual Students Union Hustings! Find out, hear from and question this years candidates!!

AGM » *IT250 on Monday, 7th of April.*

Ryan Tubridy » *am150 on Monday, 14th of April.*

PDS in conjunction with Media Soc present Ryan Tubridy on the Irish media.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: David Geary

Vice-Auditor: Patrick O'Flaherty

Secretary: Caomhán O'Connell

Ball Fo-Choiste: Dónal Ó Catháin

Subcommittee Member: Rosemary O'Sullivan

Public Relations Officer: Emma Conway

Ball Fo-Choiste: Kayla Ní Mhaoldheirg

Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Séagh Mac Siúrdáin

Subcommittee Member: Muireann O'Dwyer

Subcommittee Member: Alan Duggan

Schools Convenor: Erris Cawley

Ball Fo-Choiste: Maedhbh Ní Eadhra

Society Balance Sheet

Income

Opening Bank Balance	€183.96
Members Contributions	€266.32
USC Grant	€1,259.37

Expenditure

Bank charge	€10.03
Dinner	€165.00
Non Alcoholic Refresh	€145.00
Performing rights	€27.16
Prizes	€125.00
Promotions	€200.00
Reception	€231.26
Society accomm	€110.00
Society transport	€53.89
Stationary	€110.00
Expenditure Total	€1,177.34

Income

Total

€1,709.65

Expenditure

Closing Bank Balance

€532.31

Total

€1,709.65

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 150 members.

Postgraduate Society

The purpose of this society is to cultivate a support network for students undertaking postgraduate studies and research. Regular meetings enable students to socialize and to discuss issues facing postgraduate students, ranging from payments for tutorial work to public speaking. The society also seeks to act as a point of contact between postgraduate students and the Students' Union.

Postgrad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Meeting » AC214 on Thursday, 4th of October.

The first meeting of the Postgrad Soc will be to get to know each other while enjoying tea, coffee and of course CAKE.

Meeting » Seminar Rm in the Irish Center for Human on Thursday, 1st of November.

The second meeting of the postgraduate society will take place tonight. As well as eating lots of cake and relaxing, we will be discussing various issues affecting postgraduates in the college, such as study space and increasing our voice within the Students Union. All postgraduates are welcome to attend.

Postgrad Soc Meeting » SC200A Concourse on Thursday, 6th of December.

The postgraduate society will host a meeting tonight, with SU president, James Hope, SU Education Officer, Ciara Staunton, and Postgraduate Officer Peter Mannion will be in attendance to answer your questions about issues facing postgraduates in the college. All postgraduates are welcome.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Esther Le Mair

Treasurer: Kicki Ingridsdotter

Secretary: Grace Windsor

Secretary Recording: Lorraine Lally

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Esther Le Mair

Treasurer: Kicki Ingridsdotter

Secretary: Grace Windsor

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€13.12		
Total	€13.12	Expenditure Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€13.12
		Closing Bank Balance	€13.12
Total	€13.12	Total	€13.12

Other Information

We held 0 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 95 members.

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc

The President's Award Society aims to help students and staff to attain their goals towards receiving the Bronze/Silver/Gold President's Award. The Presidents Award is the only state award of excellence available to most Irish people. This is in 4 steps, Community Involvement, Learning a new skill, Physical Activity, and an Adventure project. The society hopes to create well rounded people who are of benefit to business and as students/staff members of the college. The award is open to any and all people, regardless of any discriminating factor, except age where applicants for the award, although general non-award members are exempt, are between 15 and 25 years of age.

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Committee Meeting » *The Hub on Tuesday, 2nd of October.*

If you're on the Gaiscesoc Committee then you need to be in The Hub tomorrow at 7pm for discussions and brainstorming etc. Much merriment will be had, hope to see you all there!

General Meeting! » *The Hub, 7pm, Tuesday 16th October on Tuesday, 16th of October.*

A Gaisce meeting like no other! Come along and bring a friend! We'll be discussing new ideas, fundraising events and then trooping to Foxes Bar for some wonderful FREE FOOD. It promises to be excellent! See you there!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Aoife Kernan

Vice-Auditor: Katie Cosgrove

Treasurer: Fiona Gillespie

Secretary: Aideen MacInerney

PRO: Mairéad Keane

OCM: Frances Conlon

OCM: Brian O'Toole

No Financial Transactions

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 64 members.

Psychological Society

The Psychological Society aims to ensure that psychology in all its forms is promoted and projected to as wide an audience as possible. The only requirement for membership is an interest in psychology (whether mild or intensely passionate!) and an eagerness to meet others and engage in a wide range of activities incorporating both the serious side of psychology, and the light-hearted social side; both equally interesting and enticing! We had a number of parties for example a welcome back and a Halloween Superhero Party. We co-hosted a Bodywhys lecture and Dr. John Bogue gave an interesting lecture on "movie madness." In the second semester

we hosted the Spring Fling Ball at the Galwaybay Hotel and at the start of April we went to Limerick for the P.S.I. Congress.

PsychSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

Welcome Party! » *Mc Swiggan's, Woodquay on Wednesday, 19th of September.*

To welcome new members, and welcome back old members we are having a party with games, PRIZES and FREE FINGER FOOD. We even have our own VIP section. Come along and bring your friends. You would be crazy to miss it!

Movie Madness Lecture » *IT250 on Tuesday, 9th of October.*

Dr. John Bogue will be kicking off this years lecture series with a talk on Movie Madness: the portrayal of psychopathy and mental disorders in popular film. If you have an interest in psychology or in film this will be a great talk to attend. All welcome.

Bodywhys Eating Disorders Talk » *IT202 on Wednesday, 10th of October.*

Friends Supporting Friends – Positive Approaches to Eating Disorders Bodywhys in collaboration with the Student Health Services, NUI Galway Wednesday 10th Oct. (World Mental Health Day) Eating disorders – anorexia, bulimia, or binge eating - can affect anyone. It has been estimated that 30% of the Irish population experiences disordered eating at some point in their lives. They are complex and potentially life-threatening conditions from which people can and do recover. For someone with an eating disorder, the support and understanding of friends, family and others can make a big difference. This talk will explain how an eating disorder can take hold, the support needs of a person experiencing an eating disorder and how these can be met. Speakers include representatives from Bodywhys- The Eating Disorder Association of Ireland, and the Student Health Unit of NUI, Galway.

EGM » *The Hub on Tuesday, 16th of October.*

Hallowe'en Party » *The Bal, Lower Salthill on Tuesday, 30th of October.*

Original Superhero Theme Party. Come dressed as your own super alter-ego! Make sure you know what your super power is because you could be called into battle. Transport available to the Bal and back into town. Free finger food, games and prize for best costume! Come along and bring your super sidekick. You'd be mad to miss it!

Motivation Workshop » *Careers Seminar Room on Thursday, 8th of November.*

MOTIVATION DIRECTION SUCCESS Focus On Your Career Decisions Finding it hard to get focused? Overwhelmed by all those options? Putting off making decisions? Come to a workshop to get you motivated, energised and working towards success. Facilitators: John Hannon and Emer Casey Register at the Career Development Centre (Arts / Science Building)

Cyber Psychology Talk » *AM150 on Tuesday, 13th of November.*

Grainne Kirwan comes all the way from IADT to speak to us about the amazing subject that is cyber psychology. You'd be mad to miss it! Cyberpsychology is the study of the human mind and behaviour in the context of human-technology interaction. It encompasses all psychological phenomena that are associated with or impacted by emerging technology. Cyberpsychology studies human interactions with other emerging technologies, including the internet, mobile computing, mobile phones, PDAs, games consoles, virtual reality, digital media and any other technology which has demonstrated an ability to alter human behaviours. It considers the impact of evolving trends, such as technological convergence, on individuals. Cyberpsychology also examines human interactions with less ubiquitous technologies, such as cyborgs and artificial intelligence.

SPRING FLING TICKETS ON SALE » *The Socs Box, Smokies, Aras Na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 26th of February.*

Spring Fling 2008 » *Galway Bay Hotel. on Friday, 29th of February.*

Come one, come all to the 2008 Spring Fling Ball. Dinner and dancing till late. Two bands (The Kanyu tree and Mr. Freeze) Plus D.J John Walsh but wait thats not all. Jugglers, a chocolate fountain, prizes and surprises. Tickets full admission €50. Afters €25. On sale at the Socs Box.

Alzheimer soc fundraiser with Film Soc. » *O'Flatherty Thr. on Wednesday, 5th of March.*

Fundraiser in connection with Film Soc. Raffle for fantastic prizes. Free Gifts all in aid of a good cause. Tell your friends.

P.S.I.Congress '08 » Mary Immaculate college Limerick on Friday, 4th of April.

Psi Congress '08. For final year Psychology Students and Post grads, open also to any one who has an interest in psychology.

AGM » The Hub on Thursday, 24th of April.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Cormac Duffy

Treasurer: Kevin Hogan

The Party Guy: Stephen Digan

Ordinary Committee Member: Anna Gilmore

Vice-Auditor: Lisa Healy

Secretary: Rachel O'Neill

Webmaster: Kevin Doyle

P.R.O.: Alex McDonagh

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Remona Roper-Hurst

Secretary: Rachel O'Neill

Vice-Auditor: Lisa Healy

P.R.O.: Alex McDonagh

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,359.79	Affill/Mem Fees	€90.00
Balls	€70.00	Ball	€4,911.50
Fundraising	€200.00	Bank Charge	€15.00
Members Contributions	€530.00	Costumes	€45.00
Socs box	€3,350.00	Entertainment	€10.00
Ticket Sales	€300.00	Printing	€266.20
USC Grant	€3,194.35	Received Money Returned	€473.76
		Reception	€184.75
		Entry Fees	€90
		Society Accommodation	€1,788.00
		Society Transport	€1,100.00
		Speaker Accommodation	€110.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,994.21
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,009.93
Total	€10,004.14	Total	€10,004.14

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 324 members.

Quiz Society

This year we have done six events. We started off with a table quiz in aid of GOAL, followed by a Science Quiz with Botany Soc. Our third event was our annual SHAG week quiz with the help of the Students' Union. Our fourth quiz was our RAG Week Radio Quiz that was broadcast on Flirt FM. Our final two events were Test the University where we gave our most expensive prize to date, a nice iPod. Our final event was the screening of the film 'Starter for Ten' that was held in conjunction with Film Soc.

Quiz Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

EGM » *AC 214 on Tuesday, 9th of October.*

In order to fill some vacant committee positions, QuizSoc are having an EGM in AC 214 (turn right at the Bank of Ireland). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

GOAL Table Quiz » *College Bar on Wednesday, 14th of November.*

Quiz Soc and Goal Soc are having a Table Quiz in the College Bar on Wednesday, 14th November at 7:30. Tables are €20. Come along to be in with a chance to win some fantastic prizes.

Table Quiz » *College Bar on Tuesday, 20th of November.*

BotanySoc and QuizSoc have joined forces to bring you the best in intellectual exercises! Fear not, it's not all about plants! Join us at the College Bar, bring friends and a sense of humour and at a mere €20 per table, prepare yourself for an evening of being stumped, laughter and fun with a sprinkling of spot and booby prizes!!!

S.H.A.G Quiz » *College Bar on Tuesday, 12th of February.*

Quiz Soc along with the S.U are having a S.H.A.G Week Table Quiz in the College Bar on Tuesday February 12th at 8.30pm. It's €20 per table with proceeds going to charity. Come along to be in with a chance to win some great prizes.

RAG Week Radio Quiz » *Flirt FM on Thursday, 21st of February.*

Quiz Soc presents our RAG Week Radio Quiz live on Flirt FM. So tune in at 2pm.

Test the University » *D'arcy Thompson theatre on Tuesday, 8th of April.*

Quiz Soc proudly presents 'Test the University'. We'll be recreating some of your favourite game shows to determine who truly is the brainiest student at NUI Galway. We have lots of interesting prizes to give away so don't miss out.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Emma Conway

Vice-Auditor: Orla Monaghan

Treasurer: Ruth McNally

Secretary: Séagh MacSiúrdáin

P.R.O.: Sophie Van Der Putten

O.C.M.: Richard Manton

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€421.68	Bank Charge	€12.94
Fundraising	€120.00	Entertainment	€47.70
		Fundraising/Charity	€50.00
		Prizes	€290.00
		Expenditure Total	€400.64
		Closing Bank Balance	€141.04
Total	€541.68	Total	€541.68

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 337 members.

Radio Society

The Radio Society gives people with an interest in radio to meet others who share their interest and allows them to gain access to a real radio station and experience what goes on behind the scenes at various aspects of radio broadcasting, production, interviewing and documentary making or even just listening! We work closely with Flirt FM, the NUIG/GMIT campus radio station, though the society and the station are separate organisations. Many of the volunteers with Flirt FM are members of the Radio Society. We help out with training new volunteers every year, and organise social events for both our members and Flirt FM volunteers. This year we also hosted the "New Múscailt Express" on Flirt FM each day during NUI Galway's Spring Arts Festival, Múscailt 2008. This year we held a number of successful social events for both our members and Flirt FM volunteers. We were also proud to support the Halloween Ball which was organised by DJ Society.

RadioSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

Boat Party » *Flirt FM studios & Lough Corrib on Wednesday, 26th of September.*

Flirt FM and RadioSoc join together for their first outing of the year. Food and refreshments in Flirt FM at 6pm before heading up Lough Corrib on the Corrib Princess. Tickets €10 on sale from Flirt FM.

Intro to Flirt & Digital Recording » *Flirt FM Studio on Monday, 1st of October.*

Essential Training for RadioSoc Volunteers working at Flirt FM. Part 1 - Intro to Flirt & Digital Recording - sessions at 10am or 12pm or 2pm. Please let us know which sessions you can make via the messaging box on flirtfm.ie or to info@flirtfm.ie, so we can adjust for large numbers. Please attend one session each day and the Libel Lecture on Wednesday if possible!

Desk & Production Training » *Flirt FM Studio on Tuesday, 2nd of October.*

Presentation Workshop » *Flirt FM Studio on Wednesday, 3rd of October.*

Media Law Lecture » *D'arcy Thompson Theatre on Wednesday, 3rd of October.*

Flirt FM and RadioSoc join together to host the annual Media Law & Libel lecture by Marie McGonagle from NUIG Law Faculty. NOTE This lecture is a requirement for anybody interested in broadcasting on Flirt FM this year. All are welcome.

Flirt FM New Schedule » *101.3FM & www.flirtfm.ie on Monday, 15th of October.*

SOCIETIES' HALLOWEEN BALL » *The Warwick Hotel, Salthill on Wednesday, 31st of October.*

Don your scariest attire as you enter a dark world of ghosts, ghouls and demons.... It's this year's Societies Halloween Ball courtesy of DJsoc, International Students, Juggling, Compsoc, Spanish Soc, RadioSoc and Flirt FM !!! 4 piece band The Roll Models will be rocking out the covers, 3xDJs (DJsoc), finger food... face painting... juggling.... it's all going to take off!! Tickets are €7 and are available from the SoCs Box.

Christmas Party » *FlirtFM Studios & Bar 903 on Thursday, 29th of November.*

The annual Flirt FM / RadioSoc Christmas Party will be held on Thursday 29th November, meeting in Flirt FM studios at 8pm and then heading into Bar903 (cuba*) for about 9pm! We hope to have free food and maybe some refreshments too! Looking forward to seeing you all for this well deserved study break!

The New Múscailt Express on Flirt FM » *101.3FM & www.flirtfm.ie on Monday, 4th of February.*

RadioSoc and Flirt FM bring you "The New Múscailt Epxress" - the ultimate daily guide to what's on around campus for the week of Múscailt. The show includes listings, interviews, previews and reviews. The essential guide to Múscailt, every day this week from 1.30-2pm only on Flirt FM 101.3 and www.flirtfm.ie

The New Múscailt Express on Flirt FM » *101.3FM & www.flirtfm.ie on Monday, 4th of February.*

The New Múscailt Express on Flirt FM » *101.3FM & www.flirtfm.ie on Tuesday, 5th of February.*

The New Múscailt Express on Flirt FM » 101.3FM & www.flirtfm.ie on Wednesday, 6th of February.

The New Múscailt Express on Flirt FM » 101.3FM & www.flirtfm.ie on Thursday, 7th of February.

The New Múscailt Express on Flirt FM » 101.3FM & www.flirtfm.ie on Friday, 8th of February.

Ceardlann Raidió - Seachtain na Gaeilge » *Art Gallery, Quadrangle on Monday, 3rd of March.*

RadioSoc and Flirt FM host a Seachtain na Gaeilge 'Ceardlann Raidió' (radio workshop) for students of local secondary schools to learn about radio through Irish. Organised in conjunction with Seachtain na Gaeilge. More details contact Flirt FM. Alternatively email ceardlann@gmail.com or call Enda at 087-6638007. Beidh Ceardlann Raidió ar siúl mar pháirt Seachtain na Gaeilge le cabhair ó Cumainn Raidió agus Flirt FM do daltaí as scoileanna áitúil. Eolas breise ó Flirt FM, nó seol ríomhphost chuig ceardlann@gmail.com nó cuir glaoch ar Enda ag 087-6638007.

AGM » *TB303 on Tuesday, 15th of April.*

RadioSoc AGM where we will be electing the positions of Auditor, Vice-Auditor, Secretary and Promotions Officer. If you are interested in voting or running for a position please come along. We hope to have our end of year party after the meeting. All are welcome.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Aidan McEvelly

Vice-Auditor: Michelle O'Mahony

Treasurer: Patrick O'Flaherty

Secretary: Declan O'Connor

PRO: James McGrath

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Francis Glancy

Vice-Auditor: Karl McHugh

Promotions Officer: James Coyle

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€114.97	Reception	€35.00
USC Grant	€196.00	Expenditure Total	€35.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€275.97
Total	€310.97	Total	€310.97

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 163 members.

Rotaract Soc

Rotaract Society is now in its second year in NUI Galway. We strive to give back to the community and have fun doing it! We volunteer within the community, with local organisations as well as fundraising for deserving charities. We help causes that are relevant to students today by organising fun social events, sporting events, quizzes and parties! We also volunteer with different organisations around Galway. Rotaract also offers opportunities to explore professional avenues through connections with the Rotary club.

Rotaract is an international organisation with more than 7,000 clubs in over 163 countries who regularly integrate to promote their idea of 'service above self'. Rotaract Galway is a new and promising society with

much success to date. Currently Rotaract Galway is the largest and most successful club in Ireland and the British Isles and received its chartering in July 2007. We won best event for our fashion show at the Society Awards.

Rotaract Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 39 events that took place.

Regular Events

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

Weekly Meeting ran for 8 weeks in AC215, beginning on Monday, 1/10/2007.

Our weekly meetings update members on all our projects and inform them how they can contribute!

'Socs in the City' model rehearsals ran for 7 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Tuesday, 15/1/2008.

Rehearsals for all models involved in the fashion show

Weekly meeting ran for 13 weeks in AC215, beginning on Monday, 21/1/2008.

a chance to find out whats new in the world of Rotaract!

Special Events

This year we held 11 special events. These events were as follows:

Introductory meeting » AC215 on Monday, 24/9/2007.

Rotaract Galway is in its second year here in NUI Galway and we have experienced great success so far-winning best new society and best event at last year's society awards. Our introductory meeting fills people in on the goings on of the society, what we do and how to get involved!

EGM » AC215 on Monday, 1/10/2007.

In addition to our weekly meeting, we held an EGM to fill the vacancy of Social Chair. Anyone is welcome to run for this position and enquires about this and other positions in the society can be sent to rotaract@socs.nuigalway.ie

Dodgeball tournament » Sports Hall, Aras Na MacLeinn on Thursday, 4/10/2007.

The annual Rotaract dodgeball tournament is back! Raising funds for the Jack and Jill Foundation, sign up sheets were available at Socs Box. It was €5 per person with teams of six, so €30 per team.

Model auditions for 'Socs in The City' » Bank of Ireland theatre on Thursday, 1/11/2007.

A chance to be a part of NUIG's best event of the year!!! Auditions for a modelling place in Rotaract's 'Socs in the City' fashion show. Everyone of all shapes and sizes were welcome, boys and girls! Our recruiters were around campus all day, or you could just walk in yourself and have a go!

Table quiz » College bar on Monday, 5/11/2007.

Think you know all there is to know about Scrubs, Fr. Ted, the Simpsons and Family guy?! Then this was your chance to prove it! Tickets were on sale in socs box €5. Food provided!!!!

2007 Fashion show dvd showing » O' Flaherty theatre on Monday, 12/11/2007.

An update on how preparations for our 2008 show were doing and a look back at the 2007 fashion show. All are welcome.

Open Mic Acoustic Night » Cellar Bar on Tuesday, 13/11/2007.

The Rotaract open mic night is back! All performers sign up in the socs box in Aras na MacLeinn - €8 for solo, €10 for two or more. Admission for audience is €5 and all proceeds went to charity

'Socs in the City' press launch » Kings Head on Monday, 28/1/2008.

Witness the return of 'Socs in the City'!!! A chance to find out all the information about this years show, meet the organisers and models and have an all round great night. With live music from Ojo, a fantastic night was had!!!

Socs in the City ticket sales » Socs Box on Tuesday, 26/2/2008.

Tickets for the Best NUIG Event of 2006-2007! Priced at €20 for students and €30 for adults. Ticket also included entry to an exclusive afterparty in Karma nightclub.

'Socs in the city' fashion show » Radisson SAS hotel on Monday, 3/3/2008.

A fashion fundraiser in aid of Alzheimers Society of Ireland. Not only a night of fashion but of spectacular entertainment from a number of clubs and societies in NUIG.

AGM » AC215 on Monday, 14/4/2008.

We elected our committee for the academic year 2008-2009 and reviewed everything we got up to in the past year! There are still some committee positions available which need to be filled in September 2008 at an EGM

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Ed O Mahony

Vice-Auditor: John Collins

Treasurer: Aisling McMahan

Secretary: Jennifer O'Neill

Charities Officer: Dannie Hanna

New Members Officer: Sarah Buckley

International Relations Officer: Sinead Harrison

Social Chair: Shane O'Neill

Public Relations Officer (PRO): Aidan McEvelly

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Jennifer O'Neill

Vice-Auditor: Ed O'Mahony

Secretary: Roisin Boyle

Public Relations Officer: Colm Lynch

New Members Officer: Shane O'Neill

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€8541.87	Bank Charge	€57.74
Fundraising	€4189.30	Costumes	€85
Socs Box	€5902	Entertainment	€480
Sponsorship	€5435	Equipment Misc	€1155
Ticket Sales	€5657.23	Fundraising/charity	€19825.04
USC Grant	€851.5	Materials	€977.98
		Printing	€1449.07
		Prizes	€80
		Promotions	€1210
		Received Money Returned	€182.5
		Returned Socs Money	€184.02
		Lights	€3630
		Makeup/Props	€584
		Speaker Accommodation	€219
		Expenditure Total	€30119.35
		Closing Bank Balance	€457.55
Total	€30576.9	Total	€30576.9

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 579 members.

Ogra Sinn Fein Society

The society saw a lot of new members joining. We had some new and different speakers that shed light on some topics that many of us were not aware of. Two talks that were very interesting were from the group from Fathers for Justice and a group of people from the Travellers community. Two trips to the North of Ireland highlighted the year with trips to Belfast/Long Kesh prison and to Derry for Bloody Sunday.

Sinn Féin Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

New Members Meeting » *TB 303 on Tuesday, 25th of September.*

Che Guevara Day » *TB 303 on Tuesday, 9th of October.*

Come watch a movie about Che Guevara on the anniversary of his birthday and learn about the movement in Cuba during the 1950s-1960s

Fathers for Justice » *TB 303 on Tuesday, 16th of October.*

Long Kesh Talk » *TB 303 on Tuesday, 23rd of October.*

Talk on Long Kesh and details about trip to Belfast (including visit to Long Kesh) arranged for November. All welcome

Traveller Action Outreach » *TB 303 on Tuesday, 6th of November.*

Sinn Fein Darcy/Hurson Cumann hosts a meeting with the Traveller Action Group about issues such as education, equality and culture. All welcome

Trip to Belfast/Long Kesh » *Belfast on Thursday, 29th of November.*

Sinn Fein Weekly Meeting » *Tnuthail Theatre, Arts Millenium on Tuesday, 15th of January.*

Sinn Fein Weekly Meeting » *Tnuthail Theatre, Arts Millenium on Tuesday, 22nd of January.*

Sinn Fein Meeting » *the Hub on Monday, 28th of January.*

Understanding Bloody Sunday » *Larmor Theatre on Wednesday, 30th of January.*

Instead of our usual meeting, the Sinn Fein Soc will be going to the talk 'Understanding Bloody Sunday' given by Dr Niall Ó Dochartaigh in the Larmor Theatre in the Arts Concourse. Talk starts at 8pm but we are meeting at 7:45 to make sure we can get seats. This is a good starting point for our trip to Derry at the weekend.

Trip to Derry for Bloody Sunday March » *Derry on Saturday, 2nd of February.*

Weekly Meeting at 2pm » *the Hub on Tuesday, 5th of February.*

meeting and FREE PIZZA » *Monroe's on Monday, 11th of February.*

'No' campaign launch » *The Westwood Hotel on Monday, 3rd of March.*

The launch of the Sinn Fein 'No' campaign for the Lisbon Treaty with Mary Lou McDonald, MEP

Lisbon Treaty Talk » *Aras Moyola on Friday, 18th of April.*

Shannon Brooke Murphy will be talking on Sinn Fein's 'No' campaign in regards to the Lisbon Treaty. Come and get some insight into why you should vote 'no' or just to find out what the Lisbon Treaty is all about. Takes place in MY001 lecture theater in Aras Moyola. All are welcome.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Michael Collum

Vice-Auditor: Dianne Nolan

Treasurer: Dianne Nolan

Secretary: Jennifer Oakland

Organiser: Caitlin Ni Ruanaidh

P.R.O.: Fiona Moran

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€633.42	Entry fees	€125

Income		Expenditure	
Members Contribution	€680	Reception	€190.8
USC Grant	€1245	Society accomm	€143.55
		Society transport	€1763
		Expenditure Total	€2222.35
		Cash In Hand	€9.2
		Closing Bank Balance	€362.87
Total	€2558.42	Total	€2558.42

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 83 members.

Slainte Society

Our society this year was very successful. We believe we fulfilled our aim of increasing health awareness in college and improving the health of students. We are a charitable society providing free access to Teddy Bear hospital to local national schools.

Slainte Soc. Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

AGM » *AM150 on Tuesday, 2nd of October.*

Come along and find out all about Slainte Soc, or suggest a few events for the year! All welcome!

Blood Pressure Clinic » *Aras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 6th of November.*

Medical students took students blood pressures and handed out questionnaires. Participants could give a donation to VSA if they so wished.

Teddy Bear Hospital 2008 » *Áras na Mac Léinn on Friday, 18th of January.*

It's time for TBH 3....come down to the sports hall and help kids from all over the county have their teddies checked out in NUI, Galway's very own Teddy treatment centre!

Organ Donation Promotion » *Aras na Mac Leinn on Monday, 11th of February.*

We gave out free organ donor cards, provided information and passed out questionnaires for the Irish Kidney Association.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Gerard Healy

Vice-Auditor: Kimberly Clarke

Treasurer: Laura Flood

Secretary: Rita Flaherty

Project leader - Organ donation: Kapil sharma

Co-Vice Auditor: Tara Colleran

Project leader - Teddy bear Hospital: Tadhg Sullivan

P.R.O.: Maria Costello

Project leader - Blood donation: Simon O'Connor

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€85.37	Bank Charge	€15.08

Income		Expenditure	
Sponsorship	€900.00	Costumes	€300.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Entertainment	€407.72
		Equipment Misc	€42.85
		Materials	€76.57
		Printing	€81.56
		Expenditure Total	€923.78
		Closing Bank Balance	€561.59
Total	€1,485.37	Total	€1,485.37

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 189 members.

Socialist Soc

The Socialist Society is an extension of the Galway Socialist Party. The Socialist Party is the only party in Ireland which fights for the interests of working class people against cuts, privatisation and attacks on living standards. We are committed to a socialist society where all those who produce the wealth in society should be in control of how it is spent. None of the existing Dáil parties represent the interests of working class people. The Socialist Party stands for taking economic power out of the hands of the bankers, speculators and wealthy industrialists and transferring it to those who do the work and create the wealth: ordinary working people.

Socialist Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

'Sicko' by Michael Moore - Film Showing » *AC203 on Wednesday, 19th of September.*

Showing of Michael Moore's shocking documentary on the American health service. The documentary outlines the consequences of profit-driven public services and makes clear the irrationality and barbarism of the profit system. Followed by a discussion on the issues dealt with in the documentary. All Welcome!

After Sicko.. resist private healthcare! » *AC203 on Wednesday, 26th of September.*

Follow up meeting of 'Sicko'. How to resist private healthcare. Harney's plans to americanise the Irish health service. All welcome.

Debate with Young Greens » *AC203 on Wednesday, 3rd of October.*

Title: 'Can capitalist governments end global warming?' Al Gore's film 'An Inconvenient Truth' along with hundreds of scientific reports have once and for all confirmed that climate change and global warming do exist and are having a huge effect on our planet. Now, the question posed is: how can this environmental destruction be ended?

Burma in Revolt » *Ac203 on Wednesday, 17th of October.*

A report on the recent upheavels in Burma along with a socialist analysis of the events and the way forward. All welcome

Russian Revolution - 90 years on » *McMunn Theatre on Wednesday, 24th of October.*

A talk on the history of the Russian Revolution of October 1917 and it's relevance for today, followed by discussion. All welcome.

Perspectives for Struggle » *AC203 on Wednesday, 7th of November.*

Introduction and discussion on the perspectives for struggle in Ireland over the next year.

Socialist Party National Conference » *NUI Maynooth on Friday, 16th of November.*

National Conference of the Socialist Party. Contact 0861986955 for more information

Does the working class still exist? » AC203 on Wednesday, 28th of November.

An introduction and discussion on the current and historical role of the working class in society. All welcome

Hitler, the Nazis and big business » AC215 on Thursday, 31st of January.

On the 75th anniversary of Hitler coming to power, the Socialist society is holding a meeting on the big business collusion with the Nazis. All welcome

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Danny Byrne

Vice-Auditor: Jody Cox

Treasurer: Richard Manton

Secretary: Liam Carolan

OCM: Alan Quigley

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€53.06	Bank Charge	€17.88
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Society Accommodation	€850.00
		Speaker travel	€103.05
		Expenditure Total	€970.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€82.13
Total	€1,053.06	Total	€1,053.06

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 58 members.

Socialist Worker Party Society

This year the society has held a variety of meetings on a weekly basis as well as participating in other events. The society has been the main voice of the anti-war movement in college, holding a series of meetings and events on that topic as well as organising buses to demonstrations. The society was also the first society on campus to hold a meeting on the Lisbon Treaty, and the society is heavily involved in the campaign for a no vote.

Socialist Worker Student Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

Water Crisis Demo » Spanish Arch on Saturday, 5th of May.

A solidarity march starting at the Spanish Arch and continuing up Shop Street to the Water fountain in Eyre Square to protest at the current situation with the water and the government's failure to do anything about it. The government have known about the problem for years and done nothing. Join the protest to demand action.

Freedom for Burma » AM112 on Thursday, 4th of October.

A discussion on the situation in Burma, where the Military dictatorship have suppressed recent demonstrations in support of democracy. Discussion led by Brian O'Boyle, a lecturer in the Economics department and SWSS committee member

Capitalism v Socialism » AM112 (Arts Millenium Building) on Thursday, 18th of October.

An informal discussion on Capitalism v Socialism. Discussion led by Dette McLoughlin, member of the SWP in Galway.

Will Bush attack Iran? » AM112 (Arts Millenium Building) on Thursday, 25th of October.

An informal discussion on a possible future American attack on Iran. Discussion led by Kiran Emrich, member of the SWP.

The Corporate Takeover of Ireland » AM112 (Arts Millenium Building) on Thursday, 1st of November.

Kieran Allen, head of Sociology at UCD, and author of the book *The Corporate Takeover of Ireland* will be speaking about how corporations are taking over the country, with particular relation to how it will affect universities

Anti-War Demonstration » Dublin on Saturday, 10th of November.

Anti-war demo in Dublin to protest against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and also the Irish government's collusion in the war. 1 million people have died in Iraq, while 1 million troops have passed through Shannon Airport. It has to stop. There will be a bus going from Galway on the day leaving at 9.30am.

Film Showing - Occupation 101 » McMunn Theatre on Monday, 19th of November.

Galway Premiere of the new documentary *Occupation 101*, about the Israeli occupation of Palestine. Followed by discussion with speakers from Palestine and Galway Alliance Against War.

The EU Reform Treaty and the debate » Arts Millenium Building (room signposted) on Thursday, 10th of January.

A public meeting addressed by Kieran Allen, head of Sociology at UCD and author of the 'Corporate Takeover of Ireland'. This meeting will give information on the contents of this treaty and discuss reasons for opposing it, which will be extremely valuable for familiarisation of the proposals and interpretation of their consequences. The Socialist Workers Party will oppose the Lisbon Treaty on 3 grounds: It creates the legal basis for a neo-liberal Europe that safeguards rule by the large corporations. It gives sanction to a new EU militarism by giving a legal basis to battle groups and a co-ordinated increase in military spending in all EU countries. It further erodes democracy by removing decision making to an arena dominated by unelected bureaucrats. We want to get a No vote on the Lisbon Treaty. As socialists we are duty bound to mount the most effective campaign to secure a No vote and so we will be calling for a Galway Assembly to work together to this end. All people are welcome to attend this meeting.

The Situation in Pakistan » Room AM112 on Thursday, 24th of January.

A discussion on the situation in Pakistan following the assassination of Benazhir Bhutto and the upcoming elections on the 8th February. Discussion led by Kevin Wingfield, member of the SWP in Dublin.

EU Treaty Campaign Group » Arts Centre, Nuns Island on Thursday, 31st of January.

A meeting to form a campaign group to campaign for a no vote in the forthcoming referendum on the Lisbon Treaty. Looking to build an alliance of all left-wing people. All welcome to attend.

Economic Crisis » Room AM112(Arts millenium building) on Thursday, 7th of February.

A meeting to discuss the economic crisis. Mortgage crisis, rising oil prices, inflation! Why is it happening and what will be the consequences? Donal MacFhearraigh, member of the SWP from Dublin will give the talk.

Film Showing: The Iron Wall » Dillon Theatre on Monday, 11th of February.

To commemorate the 5th anniversary of the global protests before the start of the Iraq War in 2003, we are showing a series of films. First is *The Iron Wall*, which is about the situation in Palestine and refers to the wall being built by the Israelis around Palestine.

Lisbon Treaty Campaign » AM112 (Arts Millenium Building) on Thursday, 14th of February.

Series of Short Films on Iraq » Larmor Theatre on Monday, 18th of February.

The second event in our series to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the global anti-war protests in 2003. Showing a series of short documentaries, presenting the Iraq war and the anti-war movement from different angles. Organised by Laurent Pardon, member of the society.

Guantanamo Bay Talk » Tyndall Theatre, Arts/Science Concourse on Monday, 25th of February.

Socialist Workers Student Society as Part of GRÁ week host guest speaker, ex Guantanamo Bay detainee, Ruhul Ahmed, one of the Tipton Three, a British citizen, while attending a family wedding in Pakistan was taken to Guantanamo bay where he spent a year in prison. He will talk about his experiences.

Lisbon Treaty Campaign » AM112 (Arts Millenium Building) on Thursday, 28th of February.

Lisbon Treaty Campaign » AM112 on Thursday, 13th of March.

Anti-War Demonstration » Parnell Square, Dublin on Saturday, 15th of March.

International Day of Demonstration to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. Starting at Parnell Square at 1pm. Bus organised to go from Galway, leaving the Cathedral at 8am. Cost €7 return.

Lisbon Treaty Campaign » *One World Centre(Mill Street) on Thursday, 27th of March.*

Sexism in the City » *AM112(Arts Millenium Building) on Thursday, 3rd of April.*

A discussion on sexism in Ireland and the world today. Marnie Holborrow, a Sociology Lecturer in DCU and member of the SWP will be speaking.

Lisbon Treaty Campaign » *AM112 on Thursday, 10th of April.*

China and Tibet » *Room AM112 on Thursday, 17th of April.*

A discussion on the situation in Tibet with the recent clampdown by the Chinese authorities, and the effect this will have on the Beijing Olympics. It will be an informal discussion led by Liam O'Grady, member of the SWP.

Lisbon Treaty Campaign » *AM112 on Thursday, 24th of April.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Kiran Emrich

Vice-Auditor: Brian O'Boyle

Treasurer: Luca Valentini

ECM: Laurent Pardon

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€274.27	Dinner	€18.90
USC Grant	€1,180.00	Society transport	€225.00
		Speaker accomm	€156.10
		Speaker travel	€565.00
		Expenditure Total	€965.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€489.27
Total	€1,454.27	Total	€1,454.27

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 68 members.

Stand Society

A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition is a movement dedicated to the transformation of human suffering in areas of conflict and human rights violations. It was founded in the United States to respond to the tragedy in Darfur, Sudan in the fall of 2004. There are currently over a thousand chapters in the STAND network. The Darfur movement has been labeled by some, including former leaders of the anti-apartheid struggle, as the fastest growing and largest student movement since the anti-apartheid movement. STAND continues to be dedicated to ending the crisis in Darfur, and the network is in the process of expanding its focus to include other areas of conflict and human rights abuses.

STAND Society Events

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

Regular Events

This year we held 1 event that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

STAND General Meeting ran for 8 weeks in Irish Centre for Human Rights, beginning on Thursday, 11/10/2007.

Special Events

This year we held 6 special events.

STAND General Meeting » *TBC on Monday, 8/10/2007.*

STAND will be having its first General Meeting to plan events for the year. All students are welcome and encouraged to come.

STAND Gig » *College Bar on Thursday, 25/10/2007.*

STAND will be hosting a free Gig in the College Bar to raise awareness about its efforts for human rights in Darfur. Performers include Marie Conniffe, the Cosmic Sweethearts and Galway's own Dharma Rose.

Darfur Fast » *Quad on Wednesday, 5/12/2007.*

Give up one item for one day and donate the money to humanitarian relief and Join for our candlelit vigil in the Quad to mark the day.

Documentary » *Fottrell Theatre on Tuesday, 11/3/2008.*

'Ghosts of Rwanda' Frontline documentary with special guest Kjell Anderson executive director of 'Shared Humanity'

STAND Conference » *IT 125 on Friday, 4/4/2008.*

STAND Ireland has partnered with Amnesty International and the Irish Centre for Human Rights to host an international conference in Europe on the "Responsibility to Protect (R2P)." The Conference will take place at NUI Galway on 4-5 April 2008 with students from across Europe and Africa invited to participate on a very critical and timely topic. The conference has two purposes: 1. Raise awareness on some of the worst human rights situations in the world today, including Darfur, Sudan and; 2. Educate participants and formulate appropriate responses for action Individuals can find out more about STAND and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) Conference on our websites: <http://www.standsuas.org/conference.html> & www.standnow.org/international/conference.

Voice from Darfur » *IT 125 on Friday, 4/4/2008.*

VOICE FROM DARFUR OMER ISMAIL 4 APRIL, 7PM, IT-125 Omer Ismail was born in El Fashir, Darfur, but was forced to flee when Al-Bashir became President by military coup. He is the spokesperson for the Darfur Union and Co-Founder of Darfur Peace & Development Organization

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Nate Wright

Vice-Auditor: Daragh Murray

Treasurer: Tom Hanley

Secretary: Sarah Winston

Coordinator: Aonghus Kelly

Coordinator: Heather Curran

Coordinator: Jessica Colpitts

Event Coordinator: Aideen Roche

Event Coordinator: Deirdre Flanigan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank Charge	€6.73
Fundraising	€232.00	Speaker Accommodation	€1,250.00
Sponsorship	€6,250.00	Speaker travel	€5,000.00
USC Grant	€44.00	Expenditure Total	€6,256.73
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€269.27
Total	€6,526.00	Total	€6,526.00

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 329 members.

Suas Society

Suas is a secular youth and education focused organisation, which facilitates young people to address educational disadvantage at home and overseas. Suas Nationwide is a registered N.G.O and charity (CHY 14931). We raise money for our partner schools in India and Kenya throughout the year and also get involved with volunteering on a local basis. We run evening courses and seminars to help engage, inspire and inform people about global issues. We also provide a volunteer program for students to teach abroad.

Suas Society Events

This year the society had a total of 18 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:

Global Issues Seminars ran for 9 weeks in AM 109, beginning on Wednesday, 26/9/2007.

Suas presents a set of evening courses on global development issues. Course topics include human rights, conflict, gender, equality, the aid industry, and education. National experts give a presentation on each topic, with the interests and questions of the group guiding the discussion afterwards.

Global Issue Seminars ran for 6 weeks in Room 306 Aras Moyola, beginning on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.

Special Events

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

Meeting about new Homework Club » Meeting at Coffee Doc in Arts Millenium on Tuesday, 30/10/2007.

Suas is starting up a new homework club with the Galway Traveller Movement after midterm- absolutely everyone who is interested in getting involved please drop in and we'll let you know what's happening :)

Extraordinary Lives: Alternative Careers » AM250 on Tuesday, 4/3/2008.

Ever wonder why some people really want to make a difference? Or how they go about doing that? NUIG Suas Society invites you to Extraordinary Lives: Alternative Careers on Tuesday 4th March at 8pm in the AM250, Arts Millennium Building, NUI Galway Special guests: 1· Ruairi McKiernan, founder and CEO of SpunOut.ie 2· Alan Kerins, founder of the Alan Kerins African Projects and GPA Halifax Fair Play Award Winner 3· Dr Dom Colbert, founder of VSA and co-founder of the Irish Society for Travel Medicine Each guest will reflect on the journey they have taken and share how they have used their skills and interest to made a difference in our world. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after their presentations. A reception will follow the event.

St Patrick's Day Facepainting Fundraiser » All over Galway on Monday, 17/3/2008.

To add even more colour to our national day, the Suas team paint shamrocks on the faces of parade revellers young and old, accepting donations along the way. All money raised goes directly to Suas' partner schools in India and Kenya and provides a quality, holistic education for thousands of children living in the cities' poorest areas, some of whom are the first generation in their families to receive a formal education.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Aisling Semple

Vice-Auditor: Jenny Jones

Treasurer: Joseph O'Neill

Secretary: Michelle Naughton

PRO: Kelly Doherty

Events Manager: Gerard Coen

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Michelle Naughton

Treasurer: Caitriona Fahy

Vice-Auditor: Una Timlin

Vice-Auditor: Eolann MacFadden

Secretary: Tara Waters

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,580.02	Bank Charge	€29.48
Balls	€708.00	Dinner	€35.00
Fundraising	€5,138.50	Fundraising/Charity	€7,200.00
Socs box	€200.00	Prizes	€120.00
USC Grant	€1,145.39	Reception	€59.45
		Society Accommodation	€440.00
		Society Transport	€633.03
		Expenditure Total	€8,516.96
		Closing Bank Balance	€254.95
Total	€8,771.91	Total	€8,771.91

Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 309 members.

Traditional Music Society

The Traditional Music Society's aim is to promote and strengthen the interest in Irish Traditional Music among the students of NUI Galway. We meet every Tuesday in the Crane Bar at 9.30pm for a few tunes, a few drinks, and plenty of craic. We are always open to new members, who both play music, and those who just like to listen, sing a song or dance!!

Trad Soc Events

This year the society held 26 weekly sessions and also performed for open day.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: David Doocey

Secretary: Siobhan McGinty

Treasurer: Kenneth ODonoghue

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Siobhán McGinty

Secretary: Katie Moyles

Vice-Auditor: Darren Curran

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€681.99	Bank charge	€7.50

Income		Expenditure	
Socs box	€300.00	Expenditure Total	€7.50
		Closing Bank Balance	€974.49
Total	€981.99	Total	€981.99

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 343 members.

Vegetarian Society

The vegetarian society is both a social and activist society. We are not just about animals or food. You don't have to be vegetarian to join. Aims of the society: To bring together vegetarians/vegans so that they get to know each other and may socialize. To support vegetarians who find it difficult, especially those sharing accommodation with non vegetarians etc. To share info/recipes in regular meetings and encourage adequate nutrition. To encourage people to eat ethically and to think of what they eat. To help people make informed decisions of what food we buy and eat. To raise awareness in the University, as well as in general public, of the health and environmental benefits of eating a more vegetable based diet.

Veggie Soc Events

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

Regular Events

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

Veggie-Bring a plate ran for 3 weeks in Club Aras na nGael, Dominick st., beginning on Wednesday, 20/2/2008.

Special Events

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

E.G.M. » AM200 on Wednesday, 16/1/2008.

Committee election and planning for the semester etc

Veggie-Bring a plate. » Club Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 30/1/2008.

Bring a serving of your favourite recipe (or food!) along to Club Aras na Gaeilge on the night and share. Can be vegetarian or vegan food. you must know(!)

Veggie bring a plate » Hub, beside the socs box on Monday, 11/2/2008.

Veggie Awareness stand. » Aras na Mac Leinn foyer on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.

Green Week - Theme: Eco Benefits of the vegetarian diet. There will be sample vegetarian finger food and leaflets etc available. Hope to see you there.

Veggie Bring a Plate with Special Guest » Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn. on Wednesday, 12/3/2008.

As part of Green Week Special Guest, Vegetarian Chef Patricia Keane, from the Burren Yoga Centre, will be joining us as she launches her new vegetarian cook book. Veggie/vegan dishes welcome. Come along to enjoy the food and company. All welcome.

Veggie Picnic/A.G.M » Moved to HUB due to Rain on Thursday, 13/3/2008.

Free vegan food. Join us in the HUB in Aras na Mac Leinn. All welcome.

Veggie bring a plate. » College bar-Back area. on Wednesday, 23/4/2008.

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Matthew O'Toole

Vice-Auditor: Joan Healy

Treasurer: Elizabeth Walsh

Secretary: Naimh Horgan

External Leason Officer: Catherine Swift

Assistant P.R.O.: Emer Collins

P.R.O: Thomas Kennedy

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Matthew O'Toole

Vice-Auditor: Will be decided next year

Treasurer: Will be decided next year

Secretary: Will be decided next year

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Dinner	€81.29
Balls	€18.29	Returned Socs Money	€18.71
USC Grant	€100.00	Expenditure Total	€100.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€18.29
Total	€118.29	Total	€118.29

Other Information

We held 1 committee meeting during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 44 members.

Voluntary Services Abroad Society

Voluntary Services Abroad (VSA) has been bringing medical aid to developing world hospitals for thirty one years. Through a myriad of fundraising activities, some novel and some annual, VSA raises a phenomenal sum of money, having raised over 500,000 in the last four years. As the charity is run on a pure voluntary basis, all money raised is used exclusively to purchase essential medical equipment, supplies and drugs for hospitals in some of the most impoverished countries in the world. Fifth year medical students personally bring this aid to such hospitals, where they undertake a self funded two month elective placement.

This year 33 medical students and 3 engineering students will travel to countries such as Zambia, the Philippines, Tanzania and Guyana. The addition of the engineering students this year adds a new dynamic to this ever expanding charity. This year has also seen a continuation of annual fundraising events such as the Bed Push to Limerick, VSA table quiz, the Halloween Ball, the Swing Ball, Flag Day around Galway city and the VSA Christmas concert. Some of our more novel activities included the organisation of The Elimination Quiz in CP's and a few thrill seekers ready to take a jump, all in the name of VSA. As ever though, the largest proportion of money has been raised through smaller fundraisers including personal goals such as bag packing, fashion shows, race nights, colour me beautiful theme nights and table quizzes.

VSA owes a great debt of gratitude to the people of Galway and Connaught for their continuing support and overwhelming generosity, which has changed the lives of so many for over three decades.

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Travellers Tales » *Kirwan Theatre on Friday, 14th of September.*

Travellers Tales is a chance for students, staff and friends of VSA to hear about the work of last years 5th year medical students during their travels to hospitals Zambia, Belize, the Phillipines and many more countries. Come along to hear first hand their account of their summer abroad. All are welcome. It's a great chance to find out more about the VSA.

Travellers Tales » *Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 19th of September.*

Open Mic Night » *The Living Room on Thursday, 27th of September.*

Open Mic Night is a night for everyone to come along and show off their talent, musical or otherwise! Hosted by Med Soc and VSA there will be finger food and plenty of craic.

VSA Table Quiz » *The Quays on Wednesday, 3rd of October.*

The annual VSA table quiz will take place on Wednesday 3rd Oct at 8pm in its usual home, The Quays Bar. Expect more of last year's antics, madness and games, with a possible repeat appearance of the infamous gimp! Prizes for the winning team and the best team name as well as spot prizes for games or anything that deserves rewarding!

Halloween Ball tickets on sale » *Socs Box on Friday, 26th of October.*

Tickets for the VSA Halloween Ball (Wed 31Oct) will go on sale at the Socs Box on Friday. This is a ticket only event and sold out quickly last year so make sure you get your ticket on time.

Halloween Ball » *Halo on Wednesday, 31st of October.*

The annual VSA Haloween Ball, renowned as the best Haloween Ball in Galway is moving from the Radisson to Halo this year! It's going to be bigger and better than ever, with great prizes for the best costumes. Tickets on sale soon

VSA Christmas Concert » *O'Flaherty theatre (to be confirmed) on Wednesday, 21st of November.*

Ho, ho, ho! Its that time of the year again.. Poking fun at your fellow med students young and old.. Imitating professors and lecturers (they say imitation is the highest form of flattery)! All in the name of Christmas!The VSA Christmas concert is a great night out adn followed by some serious boogying!! Rehearsals on the 21st, the main event is on the 22nd.

Grey's Monotony, by Peter Flynn » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 21st of November.*

Dramsoc and VSA have teamed together to bring you a homegrown medical satire; NUIG's alternative to ER/Scrubs/Grey's Anatomy. Come along and take a well earned break from the books. Tickets available at socs box and on the door on the night - €7. All money raised will go to VSA.

VSA Christmas Concert » *AM250 on Thursday, 22nd of November.*

Ho, ho, ho! Its that time of the year again.. Poking fun at your fellow med students young and old.. Imitating professors and lecturers (they say imitation is the highest form of flattery)! All in the name of Christmas! The VSA Christmas concert is a great night out and followed by some serious boogying!! Rehearsals on the 21st, the main event is on the 22nd.

VSA Flag day » *Galway city centre on Thursday, 29th of November.*

Volunteers for VSA will be bucket shaking all around Galway city this coming Thursday 29th November; please feel free to lend a hand and donate some of your time, or just support us by donating some money. Remember, every single cent raised by VSA goes towards buying medical equipment and supplies for hospitals in developing countries - the students who travel with VSA fund their entire travelling and living expenses themselves, so all the money collected is for a very very good cause. Check out our new website address www.vsa.ie

Carol Singing » *Shop St, Galway on Monday, 17th of December.*

Every year VSA 'singers' take to the streets of Galway to raise money. This year we will be located outside Anthony Ryans shop on Shop Street from 4pm to 8pm on Monday 17th December. Come along and join us, or just come along to pop some money in our buckets and enjoy the fantastic entertainment!

Swing Ball » *Radisson SAS on Saturday, 26th of January.*

Music by the Black Magic Big Band! Tickets 100 Euro each; A table for 10 cost 900 Euro. Guaranteed to be a brilliant night - so, get your tickets early and support the VSA!

Rappers and Slappers » *Cuba on Tuesday, 29th of January.*

Rappers and Slappers promises to be a great night out where we can all dress as trashy we like. All proceeds go towards the VSA with tickets on sale from the Socs Box for only €5 later this week. Don't miss it!!

Elimination Quiz for Clubs&Socs » *CP's on Tuesday, 4th of March.*

This Quiz, for Clubs and Societies, has a prize pot of €3000, with first prize of €1750. Teams of 3 represent each club or society and can elect supporters from the audience to answer questions. 16 teams to take part and last team standing wins. If

your club or society are interested call 087-9849564 or e-mail voluntaryservicesabroad@gmail.com. Supporters tickets €5 from the socsbox with free entry to CP's after the quiz

Bed Push » Galway to Limerick on Friday, 7th of March.

Fifth year medical students risk life and limb to push a bed the whole way to Limerick, raising money along the way!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Aoibheann Ni Chonfhaola

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Secretary: Sine Donnellan

Public Relations Officer: Shane Considine

Student Liason Officer: Martin Lenihan

Treasurer: Niall Kelly

Bag Packing Officer: Nurafza

Correspondance Officer: Peig Costello

Webmaster: Stacey Tan

Public Relations officer : Ciaran O'Fearraigh

Society Balance Sheet

Income

Opening Bank Balance	€39,976.13
Balls	€31,001.50
Bank Charge	€379.66
Fundraising	€200,639.38
Members Contributions	€9,391.65
Socs box	€5,955.00
USC Grant	€188.76

Expenditure

Ball	€18,802.00
Bank Charge	€416.00
Entry Fees	€3,480.00
Equipment Misc	€500.00
Fundraising/Charity	€246,452.17
Phone	€20.00
Printing	€777.76
Socs Day Expenses	€50.00
Stationary	€29.47
Vaccinations	€9,805.96
Video Hire	€150.00
Expenditure Total	€280,483.36
Closing Bank Balance	€7,048.72

Total €287,532.08

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Other Information

We held 32 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 305.

Writers Group Society

A society for aspiring novelists, poets, scriptwriters, or songwriters to provide constructive criticism for one another, hold literary events, and have their work published on campus.

Writers Group Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 25 events that took place.

Regular Events

This year we held 2 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks.

General Meeting ran for 9 weeks in TB307 (Tower II), beginning on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.

Writers meeting ran for 8 weeks in tower 2 room 307, beginning on Monday, 25/2/2008.

Special Events

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

Poetry Reading » *Ruby Room, King's Head on Wednesday, 10/10/2007.*

Theatre Trip: The Third Policeman » *Town Hall Theatre on Thursday, 25/10/2007.*

See Blue Raincoat Theatre Company's production of the Flan O'Brien novel The Third Policeman at a special discount rate of only €12! Tickets are available for both Thursday and Friday night at the SocsBox.

Poetry Reading / End of Year Party » *Ruby Room, Kings Head on Thursday, 22/11/2007.*

Submissions for sharp review » *E-mail on Monday, 4/2/2008.*

Poetry slam » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 5/2/2008.*

Fantastic prizes are on offer at this live poetry competition, and it's open to all! Anyone who can write and read poems can come along to try to wow the crowd, and the poetry will be judged on presentation as well as content. Special guests will include Irish Slam Champion Brendan Murphy and members of the 'Slams for Secondary Schools' Programme. Guaranteed to be an exciting ride into the world of performance poetry, where anything can happen! Workshops are also available for newcomers to slam poetry in the weeks prior to the festival. For more info visit <http://www.slampapi.com/>

Literary Evening » *AM 150 AMB on Thursday, 7/2/2008.*

"Definitely not to be missed! – and they're not just talking: they're performing, entertaining, and making a fantastic show of themselves as well! A night of poetry, drama, prose, storytelling and special guests plus a little music to mix it up, presented by society members."

EGM. » *tower 2 room 307 on Monday, 3/3/2008.*

Launch: Sharp review » *Roisin Dubh(upstairs) on Thursday, 3/4/2008.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: John Kirwan

Vice-Auditor: Liam Duffy

Treasurer: Kevin Foley Friel

Secretary: Meg Swanton

Editor: James Lloyd Jones

Events Officer: Liam Duffy

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€350.77		
Muscailt	€440.00	Entertainment	€354.50
Socs box	€1,482.00	Hall Hire	€500.00
USC Grant	€710.00	Materials	€22.50
		Prizes	€260.50
		Reception	€303.99
		Returned Socs Money	€330.00
		Socs Day Expenses	€27.80
		Teacher Fees	€350.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,589.29
		Closing Bank Balance	€393.48
Total	€2,982.77	Total	€2,982.77

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 187 members.

Young Fine Gael Society

In 2007/2008, NUIG YFG had one of its most successful Society's Day to make the branch here in Galway, one of the largest Young Fine Gael branches in the country. A host of Fine Gael T.Ds visited the branch this year including Leader, Enda Kenny, Deputy Leader, Richard Bruton and newly elected T.D's, Lucinda Creighton and Leo Vradkar. The branch also hosted policy discussions and lively debates as well as many social events, including a trip to Barcelona.

Young Fine Gael Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

The Big Debate » *AC201 on Wednesday, 26th of September.*

New and existing members of NUI Galway, Young Fine Gael will gather at 8pm in AC201 to debate two controversial and topical issues. The first topic will surround the role of women in modern Irish life. The second topic will examine multiculturalism in Ireland. Committee members will argue predefined controversial viewpoints and the debate will be opened to the floor for discussion. All welcome!

Trade Unionism - A relic of the past? » *AC201 on Wednesday, 3rd of October.*

Young Fine Gael will host a debate regarding the role of trade unions in modern Ireland. A trade union representative will outline the merits of trade unions, and the role they play in the Irish political system. The future of social partnership will also be debated. Location Room AC201 WEDNESDAY @ 8PM.

Public Meeting with Richard Bruton, TD. » *AC201 on Wednesday, 10th of October.*

Young Fine Gael host a public meeting with Richard Bruton, TD. Richard is a former minister and the current deputy leader of Fine Gael. He is also the Fine Gael spokesperson on finance. Attendees will hear Richard speak on various topics before answering questions from the audience. Wednesday @ 8PM in AC201

Michael Collins Night » *AC214 on Wednesday, 17th of October.*

To celebrate the birthday of Michael Collins, Young Fine Gael will host a commemoration of his life and times. 8PM in AC214

Nominations & Motions for Nat Conference » *AC201 on Wednesday, 24th of October.*

Wed 14th @ 8pm in AC201: NUI Galway, Young Fine Gael will meet to select candidates who wish to run for the Young Fine Gael, National Executive. Motions for National Conference will also be considered and voted upon by the members. Candidates seeking a NUI Galway, YFG branch nomination must contact either the secretary or auditor prior to this meeting. This is a public meeting and all are welcome.

Lucinda Creighton, TD » *AC201 on Tuesday, 30th of October.*

NUI Galway, Young Fine Gael, will host a public meeting with special guest Lucinda Creighton, TD. Lucinda is a newly elected TD and is the youngest in the current Dail. This meeting will take place tonight @ 8pm in AC201. All Welcome.

YFG vs Ogra FF, Chaired by Charlie Bird » *Kirwan Theatre on Tuesday, 6th of November.*

There will be a public meeting with RTE's Chief News Correspondent, Charlie Bird at 7:00pm on Tuesday in the Kirwan Theatre. During the meeting there will be a light hearted debate between members of Young Fine Gael and Ogra Fianna Fail which will be chaired by Charlie Bird.

Hustings for YFG National Conference » *AC201 on Thursday, 8th of November.*

8PM in AC201: NUI Galway, Young Fine Gael host the first official hustings before the YFG National Conference. All candidates running for positions on the YFG National Executive will attend to debate and take questions from the members. The meeting will begin at 8pm sharp in AC201.

Public Meeting with Leo Varadkar, TD » AC201 on Thursday, 15th of November.

NUI Galway, Young Fine Gael host a public meeting with Leo Varadkar, TD. Leo was elected to the 30th Dáil on May 24, 2007 and appointed Fine Gael Front Bench Spokesperson on Enterprise, Trade and Employment, September, 2007. Up to that, he had been a member of Fingal County Council from October 2003, and he received the highest vote in Ireland in the Local Elections of 2004. Leo will outline his vision for Ireland and the Fine Gael party over the coming years. Thursday AC201 @ 8PM, All Welcome.

The Young Fine Gael Big Quiz » AC201 on Wednesday, 23rd of January.

The much anticipated YFG quiz with specially selected questions for those interested in current affairs and politics. Entry is 2 Euro per person with everything collected on the night going towards the prizes. All Welcome.

The Policy Face Off » AC201 on Wednesday, 6th of February.

In AC201 at 8pm, members of NUI Galway YFG will gather in teams for a policy face off. They will compete for the hearts and minds of all those in attendance. The policies that win the most support will be forwarded for consideration to the Fine Gael leadership. A fun and entertaining evening is expected with many heated exchanges between the competing teams. Policy areas will include Health and Economic policy.

YFG North West Regional Council » 162 - GMIT College campus on Saturday, 9th of February.

The North West Regional Council meeting will be held on Saturday 9 February at 3pm in room 162 GMIT College campus. A night at the dogs is planned for later in the evening. Promises to be a great event so please make every effort to attend.

Public Meeting with Jim Higgins, MEP » Siobhan McKenna Suite on Monday, 11th of February.

Jim Higgins, MEP will speak about the impact of EU policies on Ireland. The talk will be preceded by a wine and cheese reception. This event is being held in conjunction with the NUI Galway Geography Society.

Enda Kenny, TD » IT125G on Monday, 25th of February.

Monday @ 6:30pm in IT125G, Enda Kenny, TD will attend the weekly meeting of NUI Galway, Young Fine Gael. Enda will make a short address to those in attendance and answer questions on aspects of Fine Gael policy. All are welcome. LOCATION: IT125G is located on the bottom floor of the IT Department. From the Secretariat office beside Smokies. Proceed down the long corridor to the end, and cross the glass bridge. Once in the IT Building follow the stairs to the ground floor and IT125G is the only lecture theatre on the ground floor.

Young Fine Gael - Branch Meeting » AC201 on Wednesday, 2nd of April.

Branch members will meet with Jim McMahon who is the new Fine Gael Regional Organiser for this area. NUI Galway, Young Fine Gael hoodies will also be on sale during this meeting.

US Election '08 with Larry Donnelly » AC201 on Monday, 7th of April.

NUI Galway, YFG will host an evening of chat and debate about the upcoming US Presidential Election with special guest Larry Donnelly from the NUI Galway Law Faculty. The meeting will be held in AC201 @ 8pm.

Annual General Meeting » AC201 on Monday, 14th of April.

This year's NUI Galway, Young Fine Gael AGM will be held at 7:30pm in AC201 on Monday 14th April. We are inviting all former members to join us on this occasion for a reunion and celebration of the success of the branch in NUI Galway. The AGM will be guest chaired by Cllr. Sean McKiernan. The agenda for the AGM will include members voting on new Branch Standing Orders. Subsequently members will elect new branch officers for the 2008/2009 year. Life Memberships and special achievement awards will also be presented on the night. The meeting will include a pizza & reception with drinks in town afterwards. All welcome!

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Enda Howley

Treasurer: Sean Small

OCM: Jane Barrett

Vice-Auditor: Michelle Perry

Secretary: Sinead Kelly

OCM: Gearóid Moroney

PRO: Caomhán O’Connell

Campaigns and Events: Paul Stanton

Membership Officer: Karen O’Reilly

OCM: Marc Healy

Social Secretary: Cian O’Neill

OCM: Peter Grimes

Webmaster & IT Officer: Mary Newell

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Treasurer: Peter Grimes

Membership Officer: Fearghal Ryan

Social Secretary: Gearoid Moloney

Campaigns and events Organiser: Marc Healy

Vice-Auditor: Sinead Kelly

Secretary: Karen O’Reilly

P.R.O: Jane Barrett

Campaigns and events Organiser:
Carol Dempsey

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€276.56	Affill/Mem Fees	€329.00
Members Contributions	€2,115.00	Dinner	€600.00
Socs box	€1,190.00	Entry Fees	€300.00
Sponsorship	€450.00	Gifts	€80.24
USC Grant	€4,608.55	Hire Bus	€1,300.00
		Materials	€16.30
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€80.52
		Printing	€82.79
		Prizes	€68.42
		Reception	€56.32
		Returned Socs Money	€346.86
		Society Accommodation	€2,104.00
		Society Transport	€2,237.10
		Socs Day Expenses	€115.00
		Stationary	€40.41
		Expenditure Total	€7,756.96
		Closing Bank Balance	€883.15
Total	€8,640.11	Total	€8,640.11

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 331 members.

Zoological Society

The society was very quiet this year as we were moving buildings and a bit all over the place because of this. We went ice skating at christmas time. we assisted in the zoological fortnightly seminars in the various areas of zoology. We held a talk independantly of the zoological seminar which was a seminar on diseases of wild mammals.

ZooSoc Events

This year the society had a total of 23 events that took place.

Regular Events

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

Weekly meeting ran for 16 weeks in AM109 Arts Millennium building, beginning on Monday, 15/1/2007.

Special Events

This year we held 7 special events.

agm » *mri seminar room on Thursday, 27/9/2007.*

meeting » *mri seminar room on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.*

This meeting is to set down a time line for our events, including our weekend away trips, one abroad trip, field trips, talks from many of the animal experts, land and sea, as well as fun things such as our Halloween fancy dress and Christmas party special, so come one come all and lets have a good year!

meeting » *mri seminar room on Tuesday, 2/10/2007.*

committe meeting » *the hub on Monday, 22/10/2007.*

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christmas party » *leisure land- ice skating on Wednesday, 12/12/2007.*

seminar on diseases of wild mammals » *new lecture theatre, Annex, MRI on Thursday, 14/2/2008.*

Committee 2007/2008

Auditor: Laura Langan

Vice-Auditor: Sinead Casey

Treasurer: Peter Stuart

Secretary: Sinead Casey

vice auditor: Anna Bunyan

pro assistant: Joe Gill

pro: Michelle Mulvaney

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€227.66	Bank Charge	€7.78
		Entertainment	€200.00
		Expenditure Total	€207.78
		Closing Bank Balance	€19.88
Total	€227.66	Total	€227.66

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 58 members.

Múscailt 2008 Society Report

Múscailt was a great success for the societies this year with a number of innovative and creative events taking place and new community outreach initiatives. The events attracted large audiences and the work which started in the previous September culminated in a vibrant colourful exciting week which was a perfect homage to the eighties. The theme captured the imagination of the students and the societies who participated with enthusiasm and it was rewarding to see societies not traditionally associated with art embracing the idea of the festival and organising events.

Visual Arts:

Art Soc

Art Soc presented an *Up on the Down Side*, exhibition during Múscailt '08. Taking its inspiration from the Ocean Colour Scene song of the same name, society members challenged themselves to interpret this intriguing concept in a visual way. The result was an exciting and thought provoking exhibition on the theme of "Up on the down side" which ran for the whole week. For the exhibition we constructed a special 'art wall' in Áras na Mac Léinn.

Art Soc also launched their Annual comic book "Lunatic fringe" which they had been working on throughout the year.

Photography Society

The Photographic Societies' annual Focus 08 Exhibition showcased the talents of NUI Galway's students and staff at the Arts Millennium Building. Offering a wonderfully diverse range of photographs, with something on offer for everyone the exhibition was a resounding success.

Maths Society

The society organised a thought provoking exhibition of mathematics and art in Arus de Brun.

Theatre:

Dramsoc

The Original One Act Plays series was produced by Dramsoc and the Societies Officer. The event included 8 original one act plays over three lunchtimes with an Omnibus edition on the Friday evening. The Jerome Hynes Memorial Trophy was presented to the best play with additional prizes for best director, best production, best actress, and Judges choice also being presented.

Plays produced

The Wait by Colm Brady

Making Babies by Meadhbh Haiceid
Bitter Sweet Bus Stop by Eric Palcic
A Production of Difficulty by Jack Kavanagh

Parelles by Paul McMahon and Jack Kavanagh
Pervert by Aideen Henry
Someday on the Avenue by Lindsey Morck
Deanimate Games by Helen Varden

The winner of the Jerome Hynes memorial Trophy was Helen Varden.

MA in Drama and Theatre

'Ill Logic' was presented by The MA in Drama and Theatre Studies at the Bank of Ireland Theatre. The M.A.D.T. ensemble explored the irrational side of human behaviour, and asked us to examine whether we are logical creatures, or do passion and instinct rule the roost?

Comedy Society

The Comedy Society showcased a winning mixture of new up and coming comedy talent at *New Comics Talent Night*. Featuring a variety of stand ups and sketches created by NUIG's very own comedy society, the night was a great success with capacity audience in the Bank of Ireland Theatre.

Literary and Debating Society & Law Society

The Literary and Debating Society presented the re-creation of "The Trials of Oscar Wilde" in association with the Law Society. Period dress for the audience was a must, as student actors brought one of history's most famous legal stand-offs vividly to life in the Aula Maxima.

Music:

Choral Society

The Choral Society, under the direction of conductor Thomas Cryan, showcased three beautiful pieces from their repertoire in 'Choral Soc Do Campus'. Audiences were wowed by their unique sound at various locations around campus including the Arts Millennium Building, Smokey Joe's and the Library.

Musical Society (Gums)

Taking the audience on a journey back in time The Musical *Back to the 80's* was a huge success performing to a full house every evening during Múscailt at the Black Box Theatre. They also performed to two full matinees. The audience were taken to a time when Michael Jackson was the King of Pop and shoulder pads and blue eye shadow were still cool. From the era that brought The Rubik's Cube and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles came 'this totally awesome musical', modelled on classic movies like Back to the Future, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, and The Karate Kid.

As part of their new community outreach programme the Musical Society organised the Schools Musical Competition. Members of the society visited 9 secondary schools in Galway city and county and gave workshops in dance, performance, and singing. They attended and adjudicated each of the schools musicals. The culmination of the process was an Oscars style Schools Musical Awards in the O'Flaherty Theatre on April 4th with a capacity audience from all the schools, the atmosphere was electric on the night.

Traditional Music Society

In association with the International Students Society the Céilí Mór was a great success in the college bar and the perfect start to the week.

DJ Society

Members of the society battled it out on the decks to win three places to represent NUI Galway at the National Spinnoff competition in Dublin.

Orchestra Society

The Orchestra Society performed a full length concert in the Aula Maxima. Under the baton of their conductor Hugh Kelly they performed a range of beautiful pieces including Schubert's unfinished symphony and Mozart's concerto in D. They had a very appreciative capacity audience at the concert.

Music Society

The final of the Music Society Witless Heats took place in a huge crowd in the College Bar. The winning band on the night won time in a recording studio.

Literature:

Writers' Society

A night of poetry, drama, prose, storytelling and special guests plus a little music to mix it up, was presented by Writers' Society Literary Evening. Not just talking, but also performing, the evening was a great success.

Poetry Slam

Fantastic prizes were on offer at this live poetry competition which was a huge success. Special guests include Irish Slam Champion Brendan Murphy and members of the 'Slams for Secondary Schools' Programme. Guaranteed to be an exciting ride into the world of performance poetry, where anything can happen. Workshops were also available for newcomers to slam poetry in the weeks prior to the festival.

Italian Society

Members of the society dressed as Dante and recited excerpts from 'the Divine Comedy' outside the library.

Dance:

Dansoc

Dansoc presented 'Dance Fusion' a thrilling dance fusion of Tango, Hip-Hop, Irish Dancing, Swing, Jazz and Ballet that was guaranteed to set pulses racing. Choreographed entirely by the students, this uplifting show was full of swings and lifts, and dizzying twists and turns.

Film:

Film Society

An 80's Film Festival was provided during Múscailt week by Film Soc including popular eighties films, "Gremlins 1", and "Back to the Future". Film Soc also showed "This is England," a look at 1983 Britain, during the Margaret Thatcher's reign. An evening of Short Films was also shown during the week.

Miscellaneous:

Cumann Staire & the International Students Society

Trip to Brigit's Garden

Cuamnn Staire and the International Students organised a trip to the gardens in Roscahill where they explored the traditional Celtic festivals and learned to make St Brigit's crosses.

Spraoi Bhríde

The Societies teamed up again to organise student groups of entertainers to perform and collect for charity part treasure hunt and mummers style performance in Galway city.

Juggling Society

The society provided a visual extravaganza of juggling wizardry in an evening performance outside the college bar.

Final Party:

Múscailt teamed up with the Law and Literary & Debating Societies to celebrate the end of Múscailt and the beginning of the National Law Debates. The celebrations took place in the College Bar. An old style country barn dance complete with themed clothes fancy dress, bales of hay and Galway favourites 'No Banjo' with their catchy tunes got all the cowboys and cowgirls up dancing the night away.

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Muscaillt Accounts 08

Expenditure			Income	
Catering			Sponsorship	
N2 Gallery Launch	157		Foundation Office General Grant	6133
N2 Aula Launch	690		Foundation Office Society Grants	8867 €15,000
N2 Press Launch	297		Arts Office	9456
Noble Vine	300		College bar sponsorship	1400
Art Bia	555	€1,999	USC Funds for Musical	2448
				€13,304
Decorations			Ticket Sales	
Balloons	500		Dansoc tickets	102
		€500	Dramsoc Tickets	362
Artists			Cryptosporidium Town Tickets	57
We should be dead	500		Arts in Action tickets	120
Dual Duel	200		arts ball tickets	41977
Michael Mayhew	250		International Students Brigid gardens tickets	600
Karena Morton	250		Musical Ticket Sales	13929
David Rock	100		Art Society Lunatic Fringe Sale	151
Colours Street Theatre	300			€57,298
Aimee J Levey	100			
Heather Murphy	100			
Tim Jones framing	1150			
			Total	€85,602
Arts in Action	120	€2,950		
Cryptosporidium Town	57			
Photography		€350		
JuanJo Sierra Alcalá	350			
Programme Admin				
Ben Coombs	986			
Programme Design				
Design Associates	2900			
Printing		€5,993		
Corrib Printers	303			
Corrib Printers	1805			
Advertising				
Galway independent	713			
Irish times	1609	€2,721		
Signage				
Eurotec Signs	399			
Flights				
X 2	550	€770		

Accommodation

Hotel 220

€483**Society General Expenses**

Society Brochure & Muscailt printing 483

wrap up party 975

Sound equipment hire 400

€1,858**Societies Múscailt Expenses**

Art Society 968

Literary & Debating and Law Society Society 348

Dansoc 302

Dramsoc 1835

FilmSoc 360

Maths Society 300

Musical Society 17377

MusicSoc 2454

Orchestra Society 200

Photographic Society 350

Radio Society 147

Choral Society 200

Writers Society 440

DJ Society 120

Arts Ball Costs 41977

Fleadh Imbolg Brigids Garden tickets & Bus 600

€67,978**Grand Total****€85,602**

Socs Officer Balance Sheet - 2007/2008

Income			Expenditure		
Income Category	Amount		Expenditure Category	Amount	
Balls	€172,886.98	19.38%	Affill/Mem fees	€1,005.78	0.11%
Bank Charge	€644.74	0.07%	Ball	€146,219.61	15.93%
Classes	€2,949	0.33%	Bank charge	€1,951.04	0.21%
Fundraising	€236,686.67	26.54%	Costumes	€8,098.30	0.88%
Members Contributions	€47,811.09	5.36%	Dinner	€48,333.29	5.27%
Muscailt	€8,313.37	0.93%	Entertainment	€28,790.67	3.14%
Societies day	€890.02	0.10%	Entry fees	€17,575.28	1.91%
Socs box	€87,939.52	9.86%	Equipment misc	€31,074.55	3.39%
Sponsorship	€51,389.84	5.76%	charity	€303,698.71	33.09%
Ticket Sales	€100,917.98	11.31%	Gifts	€2,442.95	0.27%
USC Grant	€181,519.92	20.35%	Hall hire	€25,566	2.79%
			Hire Bus	€4,820	0.53%
			Lights	€10,422.64	1.14%
			Makeup/Props	€1,310.57	0.14%
			Materials	€8,678.79	0.95%
			Non Alcoholic Refresh	€2,962.12	0.32%
			Performing rights	€7,011.88	0.76%
			Phone	€430	0.05%
			Printing	€19,429.30	2.12%
			Prizes	€8,716.16	0.95%
			Promotions	€3,252.32	0.35%
			Reception	€20,373.10	2.22%
			Scores	€869.21	0.09%
			Set	€2,320.16	0.25%
			Society accommodation	€61,119.70	6.66%
			Society transport	€95,232.87	10.38%
			Socs day expenses	€2,742.31	0.30%
			Sound	€6,059.13	0.66%
			Speaker accommodation	€6,344.87	0.69%
			Speaker travel	€14,173.15	1.54%
			Stationary	€769	0.08%
			Teacher fees	€12,452.55	1.36%
			Vaccinations	€9,805.96	1.07%
			Video Hire	€3,787.40	0.41%
Income Total	€891,949.13		Expenditure Total	€917,839.37	
Opening Balance	€140,108.09		Closing Bank Balance	€113,888.91	
			Cash In Hand Total	€328.94	
Total	€1,032,057.22		Total	€1,032,057.22	