

A Word from the Societies Officer

It has been an extraordinary year for societies in NUI Galway, a year which reinforces the view that the societies are at the very heart of the cultural and social life of the campus. With over 7000 students signing on to societies during both societies days this year, there can be no doubt about their continuing popularity. With a turn-over of over €600,000 this year their range and level of activity can not be in question. When you consider that over €150,000 of this was donated to charity the generosity and altruism of the society individuals is a shining example to all of us. It has been a pleasure facilitating and supporting the societies in their unbelievably diverse range of activities.

This year our aim was to improve societies' infrastructures and facilities, to this end workshops for the various committee members were organised. The success of the societies organisational, record keeping and book keeping skills is clearly evident in this publication. In the following pages you will uncover, in the societies own words, the fascinating and diverse range of activities they engaged in and also the immense sense of pride and joy they have in their achievements.

The purpose of this book is not only to celebrate the year that the societies have had and to keep a record for future years but also to acknowledge the hard work, imagination, determination and creativity of the dedicated committee members. Congratulations to all of you. This year saw a number of reunions. It was obvious from the alumni that the years spent in societies, while in university, enriched their experiences and forged life long friendships.

With seventy societies the range of activities, services on offer, chances for great craic and educational opportunities are endless. If you are reading this and are not one of the converted check out www.socs.nuigalway.ie and plunge right in. Remember societies are open to staff and students. This year has also seen the establishment of a number of new societies which will enrich the tapestry of college life.

One of the most exciting developments this year was the passing of the student referendum on the levy increase to build the new culture centre, which will finally give the societies a new home. The challenge is to deliver the type of facilities which will truly nurture and encourage the societies in their invaluable work. Over the last few years societies facilities have improved but lack of available or suitable space has been a major difficulty, yet despite the challenges the indomitable spirit of the societies has shone through. In the interim while we await the arrival of the new building every effort must be made to continue to find solutions to the space problem.

Societies are about building communities, broadening experiences and forging friendships. This year the societies also achieved unparalleled success at competition level. We will have to build some very large display cases to house all the trophies. One of the highlights of the year for me was being in Maynooth as NUI Galway scooped three awards at the Board of Irish College Societies Awards for the second year running. The year has been full of such moments of pride and joy in the large triumphs and the little successes. As you read through the book you will get a sense of these moments of celebration.

Having achieved our aims for this year the challenge for next year is to ensure that even more students become involved in the wonderful world of societies and that each and every student is afforded the opportunity to explore their potential in creative and imaginative ways.

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University Societies Committee 03-04

Chairperson Sr. Avril O'Regan

Societies Chairperson: Susan Treacy

Student Representatives:

Eoin Grealis
Mark Hanniffy
Keith Maye
Martin Melvin

Staff Representatives:

Gar Hartigan (Buildings Office)
Maire Aine Mannion (French Dept)
Sophie Cacciaguidi Fahy (Law Dept)
Tim Higgins (Chemistry Dept)
Fionualla Gallagher (Arts Officer)

Secretary: Riona Hughes (Societies Officer)

NUI Galway Society Awards

The NUI Galway Society awards took place in the Aula Maxima on March 31st. It was a night of glitz and glamour. With an Oscar style ceremony, the awards were presented by Vice Presidents Mary O'Riordan and Jim Ward. Societies Officer Riona Hughes was the Master of Ceremonies. The event was organised by Societies Chairperson Susan Treacy who surprised everyone with a special appearance of Madonna, Robbie Williams and Bono, part of the Macnas 'big head' collection. Dinner was provided and the night finished up with dancing to the *Guinness Jazz Band* in the lower Aula Maxima.

The process for choosing the winning societies followed the BICS model, both in the format of the application forms and the marking system. Societies were invited to submit applications, which were available on line. Completed application forms were e-mailed to the Societies Officer who in turn e-mailed the appropriate forms to various adjudication panels. As the winning societies went on to represent the university at the BICS awards one week later the applications had to be submitted to BICS the following day.

The winners were chosen by a number of adjudication panels comprising the staff and student representatives on the University Societies Committee, or in the event that a USC member could not attend a student or staff member were nominated to replace that individual.

Award Categories, Nominations and Winners:

Best Contribution to Irish Culture: Choral Society
Philosophy Society winner
DramSoc

Best Contribution to Multiculturalism: *International Students' Society winner*

Best Publication: Writers' Society: Limited Edition
Literary & Debating Society: Criterion winner

Best Website: BICS Philosophy Society
 Quiz Society
 DanSoc
DramSoc winner
 Writers' Society

Best Poster BICS Choral Society
DramSoc Winner
 Computer Society & Film
 St Vincent de Paul Society

Best Contribution to Múscailt* Art Society
 Photographic Society
 Literary & Debating Society
 DramSoc
 Philosophy Society
Writers Society winner
 Music Society
 Film Society
 Cumann Eigse & Seanchais
 DanSoc
 Modern Dance Society
 Spanish Society
 German Society
 French Society
 Ecology Society

* This category was chosen by the Múscailt organisers.

Best Departmental Society German Society
Law Society winner
 History Society
 Chemistry Society

Best New: BICS ***Quiz Society winner***

Best Improved: BICS History Society
 Law Society
 International Students' Society
 PLUTO
 DanSociety
 FanSci
 Philosophy Society
Life Society winner

Best Fresher: BICS Kevin O'Conor
Ciara Norman winner

Best Event: BICS Quiz Society: University Challenged & University Múscailt
 Law Society: Visit of George Biszo & Visit of Chief Justice
 Muslim Youth: One Day Fast & Islamic Cultural Week
 Choral Society: Choral Reunion
 Philosophy Society: Under Milk Wood
 International Students: International Students' Week
 Inter Society Musical: Alice in Wonderland
 PLUTO: Alternative Gay Club
DramSoc: ***Irish Student Drama Awards Association winner***
 VSA Bunjee Jump
 Life Society: Visit of Norma McCorvey

Best Individual: BICS ***Peter Mannion (Choral Society) winner***
Rory Donohue (Computer Society)
Martina Callanan (Musical & Lit & Deb)
Anne Kukkonen, (Photosoc)
Hanna-kaisa Hoppania, (Photosoc)
Henry Martin (Writers Society)

Best Society: BICS Law Society
Lit & Deb
PLUTO
Writers' Society
Computer Society winner
Life Society

Students Union Clubs and Society Awards

This night which celebrated the clubs and societies contribution to campus life took place in the college bar on March 30th

There was craic and food a plenty and great pride in the clubs and societies who went home clutching their trophies.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Paddy Reilly SU vice president / education officer.

Categories and Winners:

Publaíocht is Fearr / Best Society Promotion: **Life Society**

An tÉacht Chumainn is Fearr / Best Society Achievement: **Voluntary Services Abroad**

Suíomh Idirlíona Chumainn is Fearr / Best Society Website: **Dance Society**

An Cumann Nua is Fearr / Best New Society: **Juggling Society**

An Cumann Feabhsaithe is Fearr / Best Improved Society: **Pluto**

An tImeacht Chumainn is Fearr / Best Society Event: **Muslim Youth** (Islamic Culture Week)

An tEachtra Chumainn is Náirí / Most Embarrassing Society Moment: **Choral Society**

An Ball Chumainn is Fearr / Best Society Individual: **Rory Donohue** (Computer Society)

An Cumann is Fearr / Best Society: **Choral Society.**

BICS Awards

The annual Board of Irish College Societies awards was hosted by NUI Maynooth on Wednesday 7th of April. Galway was represented in all the categories by the winners of the society Awards. Twenty six NUI Galway representatives made their way to Maynooth for the event. The various judging panels met with representatives of all the nominated societies during the afternoon before the winners were announced at a banquet in the picturesque St. Patrick's College.

NUI Galway's reputation for having strong, active societies was proved once again as the University repeated last year's excellent performance by again winning three of the possible eight BICS Awards.

Congratulations must go to our society volunteers as NUI Galway picked up both individual awards with Peter Mannion (Best Individual) and Ciara Norman (Best Fresher) beating all others. The third award on the night was also significant as Dramsoc's hosting of the Irish Student Drama Association Awards retained for Galway the Best Event trophy, won last year by *Anything Goes!*. Our representatives in the remaining categories received commendation for their enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment they bring to society life

NUI G Societies at BICS:

Best Society - Computer Society
Best Society Individual - Peter Mannion, Choral Society,
Best Event - Dramsoc ISDA Festival,
Best New Society - Quiz society,
Best Improved Society - Life society,
Best Fresher- Ciara Norman (Dramsoc)
Best Website - Dramsoc,
Best Poster - Dramsoc for their ISDA poster

NUI Galway won 3 of the awards at BICS:

Best Event
Best Individual
Best Fresher

The Categories and Winners at BICS 04 (including the judge's comments)

Best Poster : L & H Society from DCU

For the Monte Carlo Ball, strong images, good design and a clear message.

Best Web-site: LGBT Society from DIT

For functionality and building a strong on-line community

National Society First Year for 2004: Ciara Norman, NUI Galway,

This person took on a huge workload and adopted a professional approach to coordination of events, raising sponsorship and PR. Unflappable in a crisis, and creative in finding solutions, she acted as coordinator for the ISDA Festival.

Best New Society: The Blues Society NUI Maynooth

The best new society this year is the first of its kind in any Irish university. As well as providing a support network for their members, this society have got much-needed media coverage, including articles in the Irish Times and interviews on RTE television. This has assisted their aim to educate people and increase awareness about depression in young people.

The National Society Person of the Year: Peter Mannion NUI Galway.

This student applied his energy and talent to a wide range of Societies in his college. His leading musical role in the Choral Society, the Drama Soc, the Film Society and the college radio station were even more astounding when you consider that his college does not have a music department.

Most Improved Society: The winner of Most Improved Society: Architectural Students Association DIT

The winning society runs a stunning range of services and events for their members. In recent times, as their academic department has cut back on services due to lack of funding, the society has stepped into the breach, and provided these services on a very professional basis.

Drama Soc IT Tallaght receive a special mention.

In this section the committee felt that special mention should be given to a group who didn't win, but had exhibited great commitment and drive to run their society in the face of severe obstacles.

The winners of the best society event: ISDA Festival staged by DramSoc NUI Galway

This group won the award for their innovative approach to running a long-standing event. They have also taken an event which has traditionally lost money and making it profitable while maintaining all the glitz and glamour of a major drama festival. Their efforts have ensured the future of the ISDA Festival

The winner of National Society of the Year Category B (colleges under 10,000): Drama Society NUI Maynooth.

This group are apparently infectious, and we hope the judges are talking about their enthusiasm. Like all the entrants in this category, they're lovely people. They staged a number of events new to their college, such as a musical and a murder mystery night. Their promotion of events and financial control was excellent. They've also upped their game considerably on previous years.

The Winner of National Society of the Year Category A : The Literary & Historical Society UCD

A very professional approach; 8 societies in one was how one judge described it. A turnover of €90,000. National coverage on TV, radio and all the major daily and Sunday papers. Over 4000 members. 86 teams entered into competitive debates. Guest speakers such as Christy Moore, Alex Ferguson and Ken Doherty. In their 149th year. It was a close-run thing but...

The Societies Secretary and Treasurer's Reports

Amnesty International

This year Amnesty's aim was to promote awareness of human rights issues. We set up stalls in Smokey Joes where we distributed information, got people to sign petitions, and sold fair trade merchandise. We held meetings fortnightly and had a number of guest speakers including Dennis Driscoll from the Law Faculty talking about Human Rights and the work of Amnesty International.

We helped promote Amnesty events which were held in Galway throughout the year. We collaborated with the Amnesty Shop on numerous occasions especially on the Christmas card appeal on Shop Street, where the public was encouraged to send Christmas cards to prisoners of conscience throughout the world.

Committee 03-04

Niamh Mulvey Auditor Sept-Nov
Amina Adanan Co-Auditor/Auditor from Dec
Eilish Ryan Co-Auditor/Treasurer
Emma Barry Secretary
Jean Hamilton PRO

As the majority of the committee will not be in NUI Galway next year we will not know until September if the Society will continue next year.

Income & Expenditure: Amnesty International 03-04

	Income	Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	150.81	Receptions	30.00
USC Grant	100.00	Charity	70.00
Fundraising	70	Bank charges	2.53
Income Total	320.81	Total Expenditure	102.53
		Closing Balance	218.28
		Total	320.81

Animal Rights

We are two active members of the animal rights society in the college. Throughout the year we worked diligently for all animals who were abused and tortured. We set up two petitions, which received a great response from the students of the college and met weekly to discuss ways in which we could contribute to solving the ongoing problem. We have been told the society itself received much interest on societies' day and therefore has a wide scope of members.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments the auditor resigned and meetings were no longer held. As two concerned members we wish to keep the society going next year and continue the worthwhile work we carried out this year.

As two second year students we will be better able to cope with the obvious pressure this society demands. We have experience in the area of organisation as one of us founded and chaired a branch of amnesty international and the other held the post of vice-auditor for the university writers society this year.

Carey-Marie Flynn
Bebhinn Egan.

Finance: Income: nil Expenditure: nil

Archaeology Society

The archaeology society provides students with the opportunity to explore archaeology outside of university lectures. We organise guided field trips each semester - the annual foreign trip always guarantees a good time! We also invite guest lectures to speak on their particular field of research from outside this University, which provides those interested in the subject with different ideas and approaches to archaeology. Pub quizzes, raffles and other fund-raising events are always fun for members and help us pay the bills!

This year the society was very active and there were many activities held during the year for our members. Throughout the year we had several guest speakers who came to speak on a wide variety of interesting topics. These ranged from Nyree Finlay who spoke on the *Mesolithic in Ireland* to Dr. Alison Sheridan who gave a talk on *Power Dressing in Bronze Age Ireland and Britain*. We also held two table quizzes, one in Cooke's Bar and the other in the College Bar, in order to raise funds for the field trips and to have as many guest lectures as possible. There were two field trips this year, one to Innis Mór in semester one and the other to France over Easter. All the members were invited to take part in these activities and trips. The trips involved visiting monuments of note in the areas and socializing at night time. Great fun was had by all involved in the activities held and all in all the Society had a very productive year.

Committee 2003/2004

Auditor: Delia Ní Chíobháin

Vice Auditor: Eilish Lillis

Treasurer: Frank Clarke

Secretaries: Louise Griffin & Donna Gilligan

P.R.O: Andy Sargent

Poster squad: Siobhan Mc Dermot & Stacy Furlong.

O.C.M: Barry Crumlish

O.C.M: Roisin Carroll

Committee 2004/2004

Auditor: T.B.A

Vice Auditor: Barry Crumlish

Treasurer: Frank Clarke

Secretaries: Donna Gilligan

P.R.O: Louise Griffin

Poster squad: T.B.A

O.C.M: T.B.A

Income & Expenditure Archeology society 03-04

	Income	Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	317.75	Stationary	40.00
USC Grant	4148.38	speakers accommodation	50.00
Fundraising	795	Speakers Travel	14.90
members contribution	6253.4	Receptions	79.35
Societies Day	304.2	Dinner	953.85
Income Total	11818.73	Society Transport	7278.00
		Society Accommodation	3247.20
		Entry Fees	131.50
		Bank charges	9.91
		Total Expenditure	11804.71
		Closing Balance	14.02
		Total	11818.73

Art Society

The Arts society is about providing the space, materials and teacher for our members to explore their artistic side.

Members signed up on societies' day 124

Meetings:

7pm to 9pm on Mondays in the University Art Gallery at the Quadrangle. Classes each week, with the help of a qualified artist. All materials supplied, including paper, pencils, charcoal, pastels, drawing boards, easels, etc. Total number of Classes: **15**.

Activities and Events:

Semester 1, 2003:

- Classes began 6th October 2003, with out-door sketching.
- 13th & 20th October: still life drawing, including different techniques, such as 'negative space'.
- 3rd November: portrait drawing.
- 10th November: anatomy drawing.
- 17th & 24th November: life drawing with model.

Other activities in semester 1:

- Amnesty Society gave us the chance to help them make an Amnesty Soc banner.

Semester 2, 2004:

- 26th January: Life Drawing with model.
- 2nd & 9th February: preparation of pieces for the Muscailt Art Soc exhibition.
- 23rd February: Caricature drawing class.
- 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March: animation & comic book drawing.

Other activities in semester 2:

- Art Soc exhibition ran for the week of Muscailt (16th-23rd Feb) in the A.M. building with selected pieces by members for sale.
- Some members helped to design and make a number of posters for charity.
- Members had the opportunity to donate pieces to the Marie Keating Cancer Foundation Art Auction.
- A number of members submitted pieces to the Galway Art website gallery.
- The A.G.M. was held on the 29th March.

Committee 03-04:

Auditor: Kate Purcell
Vice-Auditor: Jessica Tuohy
Treasurer: Kate Purcell
Secretary: Clare Duddy
PRO: Barry Coyle
SDO: Louise Lynch

Committee elected for 04-05

Auditor: Jessica Tuohy
Secretary: Gerard Coady
PRO Karla Daly
 The remainder of the committee will be elected at an EGM in September.

Income & Expenditure Art society 03-04

	Income	Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	00.81	Stationary	14.15
USC Grant	650.00	Model Fees	150.00
Muscailt	412.98	Teachers Fees	900.00
Member Contributions	391.00	Receptions	25.94
Societies Day	124.00	Materials	449.78
Income Total	1578.79	Total Expenditure	1539.87
		Closing Balance	38.92
		Total	1578.79

The Bahá'í Society

The society held weekly discussion groups. The aim was to have interesting discussions and debates around issues such as life after death and various moral and ethical issues. The Bahá'í text, 'Prescription for Living' by Ruhíyyih Khanum formed the basis of many of our meetings, in which we would concentrate on and read aloud from specific chapters and invite discussion around it and related topics. We were guided in this activity by Gerry Cahill.

Chapters covered include:

- 1) The dual Nature of Man
- 2) Love and Marriage
- 3) Work
- 4) Habits
- 5) Sorrow and Difficulties.

Discussion was relaxed and informal and the book often provided topics for interesting debate.

Plans for next year include inter-society collaboration with the Complementary Therapy Society and other events spread throughout the year.

Signed up on Societies 67

Committee 03-04

Auditor Brian McNamara

Vice Auditor: Iona Sweeney

Treasurer Sarah McCullagh

Secretary: Dervilia Kernaghan,

OCM: Afshtin Samali, Diarmuid Clifford.

We will elect our committee at on EGM in September

Income & Expenditure Bahai Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	00.00	Stationary	14.50
USC Grant	50.00	Receptions	35.50
Income Total	50.00	Total Expenditure	50.00
		Closing Balance	00.00
		Total	50.00

Biochemical Society

The biochemical society, now in its second year, involves members of staff, postgraduates and undergraduates in the biochemistry department. The society committee organises seminars in different areas of research currently being undertaken in Ireland or abroad. This is both informative to staff and postgraduates, this information may also enable undergraduates to select a Masters or Ph.D in their area of interest. The society aims also to be unbiased in their selection of speakers and where possible arrange a debate over a current topic of research such as stem cells research or the use of genetically modified organisms. The biochemical society also aims to give undergraduates, postgraduates and staff a chance to socialise through the organisation of events such as the society Christmas party, pub crawl and numerous other events. The society has had a very successful second year and we hope that the year to come will prove that the society is going from strength to strength.

List of Activities:

- Meetings occurred approximately every second Tuesday from September to March 1-2pm.
- Guest Speakers:

Date	Event	Speaker
31 st November 2003	Seminar	Rainier Peperkok
12 th December 2003	Seminar	Pete Humphries
13 th February 2004	Seminar	Kay Nolan (UCD)

- Field Trip: 6th December 2003 careers day in DCU
 - Events: Biochemistry Society Christmas Party 17th December. The Warwick
- Number of members:** The current number of members are 87

Committee Members 03-04:

Auditor: Sarah McLoughlin
 Vice Auditor: Pauline Breathnach
 Treasurer: Stefano Maffini
 Secretary: Karena McCarthy
 Public Relations Officer: Alan Heron
 Societies Developmental Officer :Geraldine Toh
 Staff Representative: Peter Creighton

Income & Expenditure Biochemistry Society 03-04

	Income		Expenditure
Opening Bank balance	132.59	Bus	215.00
USC Grant	150.00	Entry fee	160.00
Societies Day	290		
		Total Expenditure	375.00
Income Total	572.59	Closing Balance	197.59
		Total	572.59

Botany

Botany Soc was a germling society this year, we attracted a lot of attention on societies' day with our table. We held a Colloquium, in conjunction with the NUIG Botany department, on the 24th of November. It was a chance for students and academics from other facilities to see the range of diverse research areas the Botany department is involved in. The speakers were postgraduate students of Botany and Environmental Science who talked about their work. A wine and cheese reception concluded the gathering.

Our other main social event was a bowling evening which proved popular.

We have 63 members.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Helen McGrath
 Vice-auditor: Liam Morrison
 Treasurer: Deirdre Sexton
 Secretary: Stephanie Mc Donagh
 PRO: Pat Costello
 Post Grad Rep: Anita Gallagher
 Staff Rep: Dr. Dagmar Stengel

Income & Expenditure Botany Society 03-04

	Income	Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	Reception	150.00
sponsorship	150		
		Total Expenditure	150.00
Income Total	150.00	Closing balance	0.00
		Total	150.00

Bridge Society

The NUI, G Bridge Society returned to the college society scene for its third year since being reformed a number of years ago. It began with Societies day at the beginning of the year. Again, the society attracted a large number of would-be bridge players. 74 members signed up. We held our first class the following week in Tower Block 2 which would be our home for the remainder of the year with weekly bridge sessions.

In September a number of our members participated in a training weekend in Dublin under the supervision of National Youth Bridge Coach Ms. Hilary Dowling-Long. The weekend involved a large amount of bridge playing as well as the pairing of youth players with their own Master player, with the aim of improving youth bridge in Ireland.

In January, it was once again time for the English Inter-county Championship. This yearly competition is an Intervarsity of sorts with a number of university bridge teams participating. Once again an Irish team was invited to attend consisting exclusively of NUI, G Bridge Society members. We have performed well at this competition in the past number of years, finishing 2nd for the past two years. We were hopeful of going one step further this year and winning the competition. However, it wasn't meant to be as the opposition was quite tough. Despite this, everyone involved had an enjoyable weekend.

Success wasn't too far off for the society as it happened. The Intervarsities were penciled in for the last weekend of March and were to be held in Cork city. The society decided to send two teams. Due to exams and final year projects, the first-team was somewhat unprepared with very little practice together. The game of Bridge is based on partnerships and it is very important for partners to agree beforehand what kind of system they will be playing. A large amount of bridge playing is also necessary to iron out any kinks in their system. With this in mind, our hopes of success weren't extremely high. As it turned out we needn't have worried. NUI, G took a quick lead after winning their first two rounds. As the competition progressed, the team strengthened their lead and only lost one match. They finished on 153 Victory Points (VPs) out of a total of 200, more than enough to take the title home. The win represents the biggest achievement of the society to date since it was reformed in 2001. The title was last won in 1995 by the then UCG Bridge Club.

Although the summer approaches, this does not mean the society will be dormant. Bridge competitions - regional, national and international - will be taking place with Bridge Society members likely to participate. One of these will be the World Junior Pairs Championship taking place in New York in July, which our current Secretary Emmett Davis will be attending.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Brian Ramberg
Vice-Auditor: Ho Ming Chan
Treasurer: Ruairi Hackett
Secretary: Emmett Davis
P.R.O: Brian sharkey

The Society Annual General Meeting was held at the end of March, with next year's committee being elected as follows, additional members will be elected in September.

Committee 04-05

Auditor: Kara Griffiths
Vice-Auditor: Eoin O'Fiachain
Treasurer: Susan Burke
Secretary: Emmett Davis

Income & Expenditure Bridge Society 03-04

	Income	Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	5.80	Stationary	29.17
USC Grant sponsorship members contribution	1764.98	Dinner	120.65
Societies Day	685.00	Society Transport	1237.45
	304.50	Accommodation	955.00
	50.00	Entry Fees	411.55
		Bank charges	12.30
Income Total	2810.28	Total Expenditure	2766.12
		Closing Balance	44.16
		Total	2810.28

Chess Society

The chess society have had a quiet year this year, anyone interested in playing chess has met in the Bridge club in St Mary's Road. The society had a table on societies Day.

Auditor: James Lovett
An EGM will be held in September to elect a new committee.

Finance:

Income Nil Expenditure Nil.

Choral

The award winning choir comprises a main choir, a chamber choir, a barbershop and also set up a staff choir this year. Conductor Peter Mannion won best Society Individual at the NUI Galway Society awards and went on to win the title of Best National Society Individual at the Board of Irish College Societies (BICS) in Maynooth in April.

Total Active Membership 65

Events:

Sept. Freshers week
First Rehearsal 8th Sept 2003
Oct. Sligo Choral Festival
Nov. Appearances in two plays:
Candide
A Clockwork Orange
Students Union 10km Charity Concert

Dec.	TG4 Christmas Television Appearance Several Christmas Carol services
Jan.	Musical Rehearsals.
Feb.	Appearances at Arts Ball Press launch at Seachtain na Gaeilge Choral Reunion Múscailt 2004 concert
Mar.	Intervarsities Appearances at ISDA Sponsored head-shave for GOAL
Apr.	Barbershop workshop with men's chorus
May	Concert with Michigan Men's Glee Club Navan Choral Festival

Some of our big achievements:

- As per choral society constitution a minimum of 50% of our pieces was *as Gaeilge*. Some of our pieces are arrangements of traditional Irish songs such as ‘Sí do Mhaimeo í. Approximately 15% of our current choir are visiting students from Universities abroad. We spend time teaching these students how to pronounce the words correctly and of course explain what the words mean and the story behind the song. Whenever the choir has performed on campus, whether it be a lunchtime concert or our Intervarsity we have performed in Irish. At the choral Intervarsity the NUIG Choral Society were the only choir to perform a piece *as Gaeilge* a fact that we are very proud of. We have even taken to re-scribing the lyrics of some songs from English to Irish, an example being our vocal jazz piece ‘Java jive’ which was featured on our appearance on TG4. But our contribution to the Irish culture does not stop at the native language.
- Some of our pieces in Latin are taken from Irish Chants from the 7th – 12th centuries. Examples include Cormacus Scripsit, which hosts text originating from 1150, and an old early Irish Chant called Miserere dating from the late 900's. Some of our texts deals with Viking raids and Mythological Irish warriors, Óisín, and Gods, Danú. Of course each of these pieces deals with a specific story which we enjoy recollecting and passing them on to our foreign members and indeed our audiences.
- We've also performed works with texts set by Irish poets, the most famous being Francis Ledwidge (d.1917) and Sean O’Riada. We also champion Irish contemporary Composers such as Michael McGlynn, Michéal O’Suilleabhain and Douglas Gunn all of whom use Irish music (medieval – traditional) as settings in their works.
- Maire Ní Scolaigh, who conducted the Choir for almost 30 years, was honoured during the year by the Choral Society. Maire was one of the most famous women singers of her era and was an influential promoter of *Séan-Ós* styles of singing. Indeed this woman was the first Irish singer to sing *Séan-Ós* on the BBC Radio where she gained international repute for her techniques of using traditional Irish songs in a choral setting, often incorporating the *Séan-Ós* style. At the time she created an award winning choir with a popular following. This woman's contribution to Irish culture through the music genre is immense and we are very proud to host a weekend in her honour where past members returned to celebrate our choir, its current format created by Maire Ní Scolaigh. Many of the past-members knew this woman and reminisced on her importance to our choir and *Séan-Ós* singing in Ireland. We now have some of her music which we preformed in the Navan competition in May.
- The Choral Society were featured on TG4's Christmas special “Lochrainn Ceoil” broadcast on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, also featured were the Con Tempo Quartet and Mairtín O’Connor. This programme was also shown as part of the film festival during Múscailt’04. Of the four pieces performed 3 were as Gaeilge and the other was an old Irish Medieval Chant.
- During our Choral Reunion to celebrate the choirs 111th year in existence and the 70th anniversary since Maire Ní Scollaigh began conducting the choir, Radio na Gaeltachta compiled a documentary on the University choir. They recorded our Irish pieces and did numerous interviews with present and past members to get a better idea on what the choir was like during over the past 40 years. The programme was broadcast the following Monday. Its also important to note the other choirs present on the night also performed pieces *as Gaeilge*, these choirs were made up of past members from the choir

and some had travelled from as far as the US for the event! The reunion was sponsored by the Alumni Association.

- At the choral Intervarsity, held here at NUIG, we were the only choir to perform *as Gaeilge* and continue to be the only choir to perform with pieces *as Gaeilge* in our competition repertoire. We finished second overall.
- The Choral Society had the honour of being one of the musical guests performing at the launch of Seachtain Na Gaeilge this year. The press launch was held in county buildings in Galway City and was covered on Nuacht ar TG4.
- In November the choir partook in two major theatrical productions, “Candide” and “A Clockwork Orange”. “A Clockwork Orange” was directed by Lindsey Crean and produced by the Drama Society. The production was very successful and was nominated for several ISDA awards. Conductor Peter Mannion won the ISDA award for best sound at the Irish Student Drama Association Awards in March 03. “Candide” took place in the Black Box and was produced by ‘the really useful Theatre Company’. This was a major production.
- The choir were invited to join the Men’s Glee Club Choir from Michigan for a performance in St Nicholas Church in May.
- In May the choir performed at the Navan Choral Festival, winning first place with the chamber choir. The main choir and barbershop were also well represented.

Committee ‘03-’04

- Director Peter Mannion
- Vice-Auditor Mairead Crushell
- Treasurer Maria Cleary
- Secretary Mary Crushell
- P.R.O. Emer Hough
- S.D.O. Mary Burke
- Entertainment Emer Barrett
- Education Eoin Grealis
- Communication Emily O’Halloran

Income & Expenditure Choral Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	4.00	Stationary	35.00
USC Grant	2300.00	charity	600.00
sponsorship	3800.00	Speakers Travel	70.00
Fundraising	1418.60	Receptions	358.12
members contribution	400.00	Dinner	549.70
Income Total	7922.60	Bus	3020.00
		Society Transport	1000.00
		Soc Accommodation	225.00
		Entry Fee	210.00
		Equipment	451.97
		entertainment	244.14
		prizes	575.00
		promotion	180.00
		Bank charges	36.04
		Total Expenditure	7554.97
		Closing balance	367.63
		Total	7922.60

Christian Students (Chrisitan Union Society)

CSS met every Wednesday. This ended up being about 11 meetings in each semester.

We had a table on Societies day.

Total membership at the end of the year was 52 students

In both semesters speakers were invited on a regular basis.

Semester One

- In the first semester we invited speaker Susanne Connolly. The meetings started with announcements followed by a time of singing and praising God as well as prayer which took approximately 45 minutes. After that a speaker talked about a topic for about 30 to 45 minutes. At the end of the meetings people were invited to stay for tea and biscuits and to chat. The nights usually ended at about 9.30 pm.
- In November 2003 the group went to an All Ireland conference of Christian Student Societies in Kilkenny. At the end of the semester we invited all students of NUIG to a Christmas service in the chapel. The main speaker was Stephen Kenny, GCF Galway. We built up a stand in the sports building handing out tea, coffee and biscuits to advertise the event.
- CSS helped a charity in Galway with packing shoeboxes filled with Christmas presents for needy children in Eastern Europe

Semester Two.

- In the second semester we invited Susanne Connolly, Joe Fitzgibbon, Stephen Kenny, Billy Hamilton and Raymond Blair as well as speakers from within the CSS.
- We went on a weekend trip to Avoca, to a ball night in Dublin and part of the group went to a leadership training weekend in Dublin.
- At the end of the semester we invited students for a free dinner at which we introduced the society and told them about what we believe.
- Apart from that interested people met regularly in small groups of four people to read the bible, discuss and pray.

Committee 03-04

David Kelly – President

David O’Hanlon – Treasury

Stefan Spinnler – Secretary

OCM Sarah Reynolds, Ciara McMorow, Avia Sheeran,

An EGM will be held in September to elect a new committee.

Income & Expenditure Christian Students Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	180.49	Stationary	32.00
USC Grant	1087.00	printing	24.00
members contribution	962.5	Speakers Travel	100.00
	2229.99	Receptions	55.00
Income Total		Dinner	100.00
		Bus	410.00
		Society Transport	105.00
		Society Accommodation	1410.00
		Bank charges	9.07
		Total Expenditure	2245.07
		Closing Balance	-15.08
		Total	2229.99

Classics Society

The Classics Society is run by students of Classics but membership is open to anyone interested. Throughout the year we put on numerous guest lectures in conjunction with Classics Departments from Ireland and the U.K. We also stage events not strictly related to Classics such as table quizzes, parties and trips. The society is an excellent way for students of Classics to become acquainted with the faculty and fellow students alike.

EVENTS:

- 13/09/03 Guest Lecture by Conor Groome, English Department, NUI Galway, entitled: "Classics and Film".
- 11/11/03 Guest Lecture by Dr. David Whitehead, Queen's University Belfast, entitled: "Classical Greece: Athens Sparta and the Greek Third World".
- 19/11/03 Guest Lecture by Professor George Huxley (Retired) entitled: "Simonides and The Persian Wars".
- 20/01/04 Guest lecture by Mr. Desmond Egan, poet and President of the Classical Association of Ireland, entitled: "The Greek World: Studies in Translation".
- 18/02/04 Guest Lecture by Dr. Michael Lloyd of University College Dublin entitled: "Euripides' *Medea* and the Ethics of Revenge in Athens".
- 01/03/04 Guest lecture by Dr. Hans Van Wees of University College, London entitled: "Greek Warfare: Myths and Realities".
- 10/03/04 Guest lecture by Dr. Arthur Keaveney of University of Kent at Canterbury entitled: "The Tragedy of Caius Gracchus: Ancient Melodrama or Modern Farce".
- 31/03/04 AGM: Located in AC213. New Committee members elected for the forthcoming year.

MEMBERSHIP:

The committee consisted of four people, three of whom (Michael Donnelly, Shane Wallace, Jasmine Godwin and Clare Lanigan) are finishing their third year in College and so will not be on the Committee next year. Three new members (Halimah Heaslip, Damian O'Sullivan and Suzanne Young) have been recruited to continue the Committee for the forthcoming year (2004/2005).

The Classics Society has an official membership of 62 people with numerous other interested parties from outside the College attending our guest lectures.

03-04 Committee Members :

Mike Donnelly, Auditor
 Dr. Edward Herring, Staff Auditor
 Jasmine Godwin, Financial Officer
 Clare Lanigan, PRO
 Shane Wallace, Secretary

04-05 ELECTED TO OFFICE:

Halimah Heaslip, Incoming Secretary
 Damion O'Sullivan, Incoming Treasurer
 Suzanne Young, Incoming PRO Officer
 All of the above will act as a joint Auditor
 Dr. Edward Herring Staff Auditor

Income & Expenditure Classic Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	157.58	Stationary	50.00
USC Grant	1164.87	speakers accommodation	200.00
Societies Day	47	Speakers Travel	158.04
		Receptions	455.85
		Dinner	385.00
Income Total	1369.45	Bank Charges	4.20
		Total Expenditure	1253.09
		Closing Balance	116.36
		Total	1369.45

Computer Society

The primary aim of Compsoc is to promote an increased awareness of, and interest in, the beneficial use of computing in NUI, Galway and to create a community and social environment where members can meet and share ideas. Compsoc encourages active participation from students from all departments and walks of life. Compsoc met on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and hosted many diverse events, including workshops, and we invited many people who contribute to the world of computing to come along and speak to the society, as well as both hosting and attending intervarsities. Compsoc held frequent social events such as nights out, film screenings, bowling etc. Compsoc also tried to provide members with a valuable insight into industry through frequent liaising with companies, via sponsorship and talks. Compsoc also provided a broad spectrum of services (personal accounts, storage, web space, email) to not just the membership of the society, but to all the clubs and societies as well. This ensures the services receive a wide coverage and affect many people across the campus. Compsoc also operated outside the college with a schools programme. Thanks to a large equipment grant and sponsorship, using the latest technology Compsoc is in a position to show children how computers are used in the real world for just about everything.

We won best society of the year at the NUI Galway Society Awards and represented the university at the BICS awards. Our Auditor Rory Donohue won best society individual at the SU clubs and society awards. Total membership for this year was 654 members. (501 renewals and 153 new members.)

Over the year Compsoc held a total of 44 events, in addition to our weekly meetings. One of the most successful was the 'IT behind Motorsport Day', In anticipation of the Galway International Rally.

We have had speakers on many topical issues, such as the Social Aspects of E-Voting (Andrew O'Baoill), Evolution and Computing (Colm O'Riordan) and Bioinformatics (Dr. Aaron Golden). We ran three National Networking Conferences (Oct '03, Jan '04 and March 04), which attracted computing enthusiasts from Belfast to Waterford,. We ran 15 workshops on many different topics (such as How to Use Compsoc Services, Web Design, Building Your Own PC, Operating Systems, Networking, Digital Art and Graphic Design etc.). We teamed up with Photosoc in November to run a Photo Manipulation workshop. We have helped Photosoc with equipment for some events since then. We ran a hugely successful Retro Gaming Session during Rag week, with a Pong competition attracting the most crowds (Pong was the first video game made in May 1972). For Disability Awareness Week in January on campus we ran a Website Accessibility talk, demonstrating how websites could be optimised for the visually impaired or blind using Braille readers and new Voice Synthesis technologies. For the Múscait Arts festival, we ran a well-attended workshop on Macromedia Flash and on how to design animated and interactive websites for the web.

We have joined up with Filmsoc on 3 occasions during the year showing "The Matrix Reloaded" "The Lord of the Rings – The Two Towers" in late November. Finally we showed "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas"

As a well-known Galway supplier of Apple computers, we invited Galmac to set up a stand in Aras na MacLeinn to demonstrate the latest in home computer entertainment .

This year we also ran our first Intervarsity in 6 years. Boasting an impressive line-up of speakers and prizes.

We collaborated with the Placement Office and IT Department to promote events during the year, in particular a Microsoft Ireland Talk on Oct 21st and the IT Ball in February.

We ran two workshops (one per semester) for the clubs and societies. These workshops are part of a year long commitment, which involves meeting with individuals from almost all clubs and societies on a regular basis in the Societies Office, in order to help out as much as possible with website design or publishing problems, storage problems, email issues, mailing-list operation etc.

Night's out included an End of Semester Party in De Burgos on Nov 27th, a party and reception in the College Bar after the 'IT and Motorsport' day, after the first and second Networking Conferences in Taylor's in October and January, and a society night out in Cuba* nightclub after the Intervarsity. After almost all workshops and films, we invited all members to the college bar, which largely helped in removing the teacher/student atmosphere that can be perceived in workshops, and has contributed greatly to the community spirit evident in Compsoc.

Event Date	Title of Event	Location
Semester 1		
Wed 24th Sept	Socs Day	Aras na MacLeinn
Tue 30th Sept	Society Introductory Meeting & Society Night Out	AM150
Thu 2nd Oct	Linux Introduction Workshop	Arts/Science Suite
Tue 7th Oct	Linux Introduction Workshop (Clubs/Socs)	Software Eng Suite
Tue 14th Oct	Practical Linux Workshop	Software Eng Suite
Thu 16th Oct	Hardware Introduction Workshop	IT202
Tue 21st Oct	Microsoft Student Placement Talk	IT250
Thu 23rd Oct	Speaker: Colm O’Riordan - “Evolution, Cooperation, Language and...Computing”	IT205
Tue 28th Oct	Dreamweaver Workshop (Clubs/Socs)	Corrib Suite
Thu 30th Oct	Practical Networking Tutorial	IT202
Halloween 31st/1st/2nd Nov	National Computer Networking Conference	Aula Lower
Tue 4th Nov	Matrix Reloaded	Kirwan
Thu 6th Nov	HTML Tutorial	Finnegan
Fri 7th Nov	Trip to UL Intervarsity	UL College Bar
Tue 11th Nov	PHP	Soft Eng
Thu 13th Nov	MySQL	Bromwich Suite
Mon 17th Nov	Photoshop	Menlo
Tue 25th Nov	Lord of the Rings II – The Two Towers	IT250
Tue 25th Nov	Society Night Out	De Burgos
Thu 27th Nov	Speaker: Aaron Golden - “Bioinformatics”	IT125
Thu 27th Nov	End of Semester Party	De Burgos
Semester 2		
Tue 13th Jan	Speaker: Andrew O’Baail “Electronic Voting: The Social Aspects”	IT125
Thu 15th Jan	Disability Awareness week Website Accessibility	IT202
Tue 20th Jan	EGM	IT205
Wed 21st Jan	2nd Societies Day	Aras na MacLeinn
Fri 23rd/24th/25th Jan	National Computer Networking Conference	BOI Theatre
Tue 27th Jan	Intro Linux Workshop	McKenna
Thu 29th Jan	Clubs and Socs Web Workshop	Corrib Suite
Wed 4th Feb	A Day of IT and Motorsport <u>Cars on Campus</u> J.J. Fleming's Prodrive Subaru Impreza WRCS9 Mike Bird's Mitsubishi EVO8 John Folan's Ford Escort Cosworth	Area surrounding Aras na MacLeinn
Wed 4th Feb	A Day of IT and Motorsport Guest Lectures & Reception <u>Speaker:</u> Robbie Ward (navigator) “Areas in a Subaru S9 that are dependant on the advancements in computer technology” <u>Speaker:</u> Angus Sealy - Rally Programming & Technology – “Development of a real time UNIX based result system” <u>Speaker:</u> Eugene Jordan – Galway Motor Club Webmaster “The evolution of the Rally car with advancements in technology”	IT125 and back of College Bar

Tue 10th Feb	Build Your Own PC Workshop	IT202
Thu 12th Feb	The Linux Desktop and Free Software	AM150
Tue 17th Feb	Macromedia Flash Workshop	IT125
Wed 24th Feb	Rag Week Retro Gaming Session	College Bar
Thu 26th Feb	Galmac: Experience iLife '04 - Open Day	Aras na MacLeinn
Tue 2 nd March	Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas	IT250
Thu 4 th March	Society Meeting	IT202
Tue 9 th March	PHP & MySQL	IT125
Fri 12 th March	Intervarsity 2004 Dr. Stefan Decker - Semantic Web Research cluster leader - DERI, Galway Kevin Lyda - Doolin Technologies Ltd Perl in Enterprise Software Development Ciaran O'Riordan - Chairman IFSO The Free Software Dossier Kenn Humborg - Blue Tree Systems Linux and the VAX	Back of the college bar
Tue 15 th March	Introduction to Shell Scripting	Corrib Suite
Tue 23 rd March	Speaker: Andrew O Baoill "Computing power, political power: how politics is being shaped by online activism"	AM150
Fri 26th/27th/28th Jan	National Computer Networking Conference	BOI Theatre
Thu 25 th March	Public meeting on E-Voting	IT205
Apr 1st March	AGM	AM150

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Rory Donohue
Vice-Auditor: Patrick Farrell
Treasurer: Patrick O' Flaherty
Secretary: Rob Brophy
Hardware Officer: John Coleman
Events Officer: Fionnuala Gibney
Public Relations Officer: David Meehan

Committee 04-05

Auditor: Fionnuala Gibney
Vice-Auditor: David Meehan
Treasurer: Patrick O' Flaherty
Secretary: Rob Brophy
Hardware Officer: John Coleman
Events Officer: Damien Guihen
Public Relations Officer: Antje Luebke

Income & Expenditure

Compsoc 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	939.15	
USC Grant	5963.04	
sponsorship	564.1	
Fundraising	113.31	
Societies Day	425.15	
Income Total		8004.75

Expenditure

speakers		
accommodation	60.00	
Speakers Travel	142.00	
Receptions	462.60	
Dinner	381.36	
Society Transport	320.40	
Equipment	4331.51	
socs day exp	54.99	
promotion	204.00	
Materials	55.00	
Bank charges	3.75	
Total Expenditure		6015.61
Closing balance		1989.14
Total		8004.75

Complementary Therapy

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

We hosted the following complementary therapy information sessions followed by group discussions:

October: *Reflexology and Massage* Sinead Goodwin

November: *Acupuncture* Emmet Hogan

December *Herbs in Daily life* Joerg Muller Kerin Weiland

January: *kinesiology* Rosaliune Kelly

February: *Reiki* Mary Ester Judy

February: *Angel therapy* Isobella Fouéré

March: *'Body Harmony'* Health Practitioner and Body Harmony Consultant Eva T. U. Anslem

Committee 03-04:

Auditor Ciara Brady

Secretary: Martha Houlihan

Treasurer: Meian Choong

Members Liaison Officer: Dave Donnellan.

Finance: Income Nil Expenditure nil

Connolly Youth

We are an organization of young Irish socialists. We aim to promote and inform our members of the politics of a united independent socialist Ireland. We held fortnightly meetings.

35 students signed up on societies' day.

Public Meetings

October, Eugene McCartan (General secretary of Communist Party Ireland) *Alternate Economic Policy in Ireland*

January, Anthony Coughlan (UCD) *European Constitution*

Trip: March: Weekend Trip to the Aran Islands to learn Irish.

Committee 03-04:

Auditor: Niall Cullinane

Treasurer: Eva McCann

Secretary: Tim Gannon.

PRO: Michael Donnellan

OCM: Kenneth Madden

We will hold an EGM in September to elect a new committee.

Income & Expenditure Connolly Youth Society 03-04

	Income	Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0.00	speakers accommodation	60.00
USC Grant	60.00	Society Transport	125.00
members contribution	125.00	Total Expenditure	185.00
Income Total	185.00	Closing balance	0.00
		Total	185.00

An Cumann Ceimice

The Chemistry Society run a varied educational guest lecture. We meet as a society regularly to discuss plans for the future. The society is dedicated to broadening the minds of its members.

Total membership: 105

Speakers:

Prof Foreman A Williams (California San Diego), '*An Approach to detonation chemistry*. Sept 5th

Prof Richard R Schmidt (Konstanz), '*New Aspects of Glycoside bond formation*' Sept 16th

Prof Alan Bond (Monash), '*Redox active microcrystals on electrode surfaces*' October 16th

Dr Jarlslaw Polanski (Katowice) '*Comparative molecular surface analysis*, December 11th

Prof. Tom millar (UMIST) '*Applications of Astrochemistry*' February 19th

Prof Dick Butler, '*The enigma of the origin of life on earth*, March 29th

Dr. Paul Stevenson (Queens) '*Synthesis of pulminotoxin and martinelline Alkaloids*' April 1st

Prof Manfred Bochman (UEA) '*A catalyst under the microscope*' April '04

Each seminar took place in the Dillon Theatre and was followed by tea, coffee and biscuits in the chemistry reception room.

Social Events:

An Cumann Ceimice introductory night with a reception in the chemistry classroom and passes to the GPO nightclub. October 1st

Halloween Fancy Dress Party in Bar Cuba, October 30th

Christmas Party with Kris Kringle and reception in classroom followed by food and DJ in Richardsons December 18th.

Bristol-Myers Squibb lecture followed by cheese and wine reception in seminar room, Feb 2nd.

Annual Chemistry Society Table Quiz College Bar Feb 11th.

Committee Meetings: 7

Events planned for the Summer:

Annual Weekend away June, Annual Chemistry colloquium takes place in UL from 23-25th June.

Postgraduate Summer Games ending with Summer Party. August

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Aoife Fahy

Treasurer: JB Malaubier

Corresponding Secretary: Eamon Maloney

Recording Secretary: Laura Regan

PRO: Blaithin Sweeney

Income & Expenditure chemistry Society 03-04

	Income	Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	4219.9	Stationary	247.61
USC Grant	1899.39	speakers accommodation	558.00
sponsorship	3425.13	Speakers Travel	266.10
Fundraising	525	Receptions	1289.00
Ticket sales	595	Dinner	2128.25
members contribution	210	Society Transport	976.50
Societies day	50	Society Accom.	750.00
Income Total	10924.42	Entry Fee	126.00
		Equipment	50.00
		materials	286.92
		prizes	125.00
		Bank charges	32.13
		Total Expenditure	6835.51
		Closing Balance	4088.91
		Total	10924.42

Cumann Craic

Blian eile críochnaithe anseo in Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh.. agus blian eile lán le craic is spraoi! Comhmaith le gach bhliain eile bhí na céadtha ‘craic-heads’ sa chumann i 2003/2004. Na himeachtaí is mó a bhí againn ná an turas chuig *an Oireachtas* i dTrá Lí, dhá céilí i mBear an Choláiste, *an Chamchuart Craiceáilte* i rith *Seachtain na Gaeilge* agus an ceann eile a bhí againn mar chuid de *Seachtain na nGiobal 2004*. Níl aon amhras ach go raibh fhios ag gach duine ag *an tOireachtas* go raibh slua mór ó Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh ann, agus ní ligeamar thíos an focal *craic*! Agus ná caill amach ar an deis chun t-léinte craiceáilte a fháil ar cúig euro amháin i gClub Árus na nGael!!

Another year survived in Ollscoil na Craic! With our usual massive number of members we had a great year. The highlights were our memorable (once we pooled our fragmentary memories!) weekend trip to the Oireachtas festival in Trá Lí, two sweaty céilí's in Bear an Choláiste, the Historical Tour of Medieval Gaillimh for Seachtain na Gaeilge and the equally ‘cultural’ Historical Tower of Medicinal Gaillimh for Seachtain na nGiobal/Rag Week. Don't forget you can cloth yourself in craicing fashion with our Craic-ed t-shirts at only 5euro each! (available in Club Árus na nGael)

An Cumann Craic

Seosamh Ó Murchadha: Reachtaire
Tonáí Ó Roduibh: Cisteoir
Nathonnel Cafolla: Gnáth Ball
Dee Nic an Fhailaigh: Gnáth Ball
Michéal Ó Leidhin: Gnáth Ball
Kari Childers: Gnáth Ball

Owen Ardill: Leas-reachtair
Aisling Smith: Rúnaí
Heather Ní Mhurchú: Eagrathóir an Chéilí
Fearghal Mulligan: Gnáth Ball
Liz Brieshaber: Gnáth Ball
Lindsey Haussamen: Gnáth Bal

Income & Expenditure Cumann Craic 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	28.92	Stationary	15.50
USC Grant	1360.00	Receptions	70.00
Fundraising	300	Dinner	112.06
members contribution	384.8	Society Transport	325.00
		Society Accommodation	920.00
Income Total	2073.72	publicity	500.00
		Bank charges	3.75
		Total Expenditure	1946.31
		Closing Balance	127.41
		Total	2073.72

Cumann de Barra

Cumann de Barra is the NUI Galway youth branch of Fianna Fail. Our aims are to promote the party on campus and to provide a forum for students to become involved in main stream politics.

Summary of Events for Year:

September: Societies Day 2003, had approx 135 new members signed up.

First meeting of year took place with Senator Mary O'Rourke in attendance.

October 2003: E.G.M held with Senator Margaret Cox. New Auditor and Secretary elected.

Successful trip to one-day Ard Fheis held in Killarney, Co. Kerry

November 2003: Councillor Val Hanly attended to discuss the proposed smoking ban.

January 2004: Junior Minister Jim McDaid visited and spoke at an open forum in the Larmour Theatre which was well attended.

March 2004: Cumann met Minister for Health Michael Martin at the Ardillaun Hotel.

Second successful trip to Ard Fheis.

Two day conference held in City west Hotel, Dublin.

April 2004: Councillors Val Hanly and Tim Rabbitt attended A.G.M.

New Officer Board elected for next year.

May 2004: Work started on organising 50th Anniversary banquet- celebrating Cumann De Barra's 50th year on N.U.I.G. campus.

Number of new members signed up: 135

Committee Members 2003/2004:

Chairperson: Domhnaill Small

Vice-Chair: Tristan Nethaway

Secretary: Shane Trearty

Treasurers: Gavin Bohan
& Aoife Golden

Events Officer: Honora McGuire

P.R.O: Fiona Mitchell

Membership Officer: Donncha Anhold

1st Year Rep: Tristan Nethaway

**Committee Members Elected for
2004/2005:**

Chairperson: Aoife Golden

Vice-Chair: Shane Trearty

Secretary: Daragh McShea

Treasurers: Gavin Bohan &
Tristan Nethaway

Events Officer: Robert Rooney

P.R.O: David Keane

Membership Officer: Liam Asphell

1st Year Rep. (to be decided next term)

Income & Expenditure

Cumann de Barra 03-04

From the 19/09/2003

Income

Opening Bank balance	-103.95
USC Grant	1264.90
Fundraising	11.94
members contribution	302.5

Income Total

1475.39

Receptions	220.00
Society Transport	287.00
Soc. Accommodation	960.00
promotions	72.99
Bank charges	40.26
Total Expenditure	1580.25
Closing Balance	-104.86
Total	1475.39

Cumann Dramaíochta

Chuir muid dramar tri Ghaeilge ar an staitse agus bhí ceardlanna dramaíochta a chur ar siul freisin. Cruinniú: Deardaoín aga 8, Aras na Gaeilge Amharclann

This year before partaking in any dramas we organised several workshops (ceardlanna) as a welcoming introduction to both drama and the Irish language.

Ceardlanna

- I. Firstly we invited Marc Mac Lochlainn, a former member of an Cumann Dramaíochta and who now is a professional actor/producer. His workshop included method acting, the use of props, body language, how to feel comfortable on stage etc.
- II. We asked Nora Nic an Ultaigh to give a workshop. Nora is also is a former member and has continued to write her own dramas and become a stage manager for an Taibhdhearc and various companies. Her workshop comprised voice exercises, warming up the body, acting out various situation etc.

- III. Tommy Joyce led our lighting workshop. Tommy works on the Irish Soap Ros na Rún as lighting director. He showed members how to hang lights, angling them, the working of the switchboard, placing colours over lights and so on. This proved to be a highly useful workshop as we needed people for this job with our dramas!
- IV. Steven D'arcy also works on Ros na Rún but as an actor. He handed over helpful hints to our members about televised acting and went through acting situations which was very informative.

Dramaí

- I. The first drama we put on stage was '*Gaeilgóiri*' by Antoine Ó Flatharta. We had two directors- Elaine Scahill and Eibhín Ní hÍr. We first took this to Feothanach, Kerry in the community hall where another drama which was in Taibhdhearc, '*Scaoil leis an gCaid*' went on after us. Back to Galway, we sent the drama back on stage in the theatre in Áras na Gaeilge here in the university.
- II. Secondly the newly written drama '*An saol eile*' by Brandy M Mac Gearailt. Michéal Ó Leidhín sat in the directors seat for this drama. We took the play to The Drama festival in the Granary theatre, Cork City, which received high praise. One of the actors, Daithi De Mordha recieved an award for his humorous acting skills. As well as that, it was on stage in 'Féile na Ceathrún Ruaidh' in Carraroe, Conamara. Bairbre Ní Mhaille won an award for her work on stage as supporting actress.

Throughout the year we received continual support from previous, current and new members to the Cumann.

On Societies day, 93 people signed the sheet.

As naturally happens with clubs and societies, a slightly lessened number came along to our introductory workshops. However, the number of members remained constant and now we have about 40 active members altogether. Even though a small number actually appeared on stage, various people helped with props, make-up, sound, lighting and general support for stressed actors and directors!

Committee 2003/4

Reachtaire: Lisa Ní Ghairbhín
 Leas-Reachtaire: Shane Mac an Crosáin
 Rúnaí: Eibhlín Ní Hír
 Cisteoir Michéal Ó Leidhin
 O.C.P.: Elaine Scahill
 Gnáth-Bhall: Kevin De Barra
 An t-idirlíon: Darren Ó Droma
 Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Éamonn Ó Croiligh

Committee 2004/5

Reachtaire: Michéal Ó Leidhin
 Leas-Reachtaire: Éamonn o Croiligh
 Rúnaí: Bairbre Ní Mhaille
 Cisteoir
 O.C.P.: Cliodhna Ní Mhurchu
 Gnáth-Bhall: Daithi De Mórdha
 An t-idirlíon: Conor Mac Donald
 Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Shane Mac an Crosáin

Income & Expenditure

Cumann Dramaíochta 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	1019.13
USC Grant	1900.00
sponsorship	1218
members contribution	853
Income Total	4990.13

Expenditure

society accommodation	1500.00
Receptions	506.25
Dinner	54.96
Bus	920.00
Society Transport	1150.00
Equipment	160.00
prizes	137.78
Bank charges	3.75

Total Expenditure	4432.74
Closing Balance	557.39
Total	4990.13

Cumann Éigse & Seanchais

Tar éis cúpla bliain chiúin bhí an cumann an-gnóthach i rith 2003/2004. Bhí an béim curtha ar dul chuig na drámaí gaelach a bhíonn ar siúl anseo i gCatháir na Gaillimhe. Mar sin d'íoc an cumann as cuid den táille agus d'íoc an ball as an gcuid eile. Bhíomar ag neart drámaí, ina measc: *Cúigear Chonamara*, *An Phorthráid*, *Clann Lír*, *Amuigh Liom Féin*, *Fiosracht Mhá agus An Béal Bocht* sa Taibhdhearc; comhsúil le *Herman* in Amharclann Halla na Cathrach. Le haghaidh an tOireachtas tháinig an Cumann Éigse is Seanchas le chéile leis an gCumann Craic chun turas den scoth a eagrú go Trá Lí. Ní chuir sé iontas ar éinne go raibh deireadh seachtaine beathach ag an dhá chumann thíos i gCiarraí! Sprioc a bhí againn ag tús na bliana ná níos mó Gaeilge a thabhairt isteach i *Múscailt*. Glac an cumann páirt in eagraíocht *Múscailt* chun oíche filíochta le Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill a chur ar siúl san Aula Maxima. Bhí Nuala anseo mar aoí den chumann agus chun an dán a scríobh sí don chumann a sheoladh go hoifigiúil. Go mbeidh bliain eile den chéad scoth againn!

After a quiet couple of years An Cumann Éigse is Seanchas was very active this academic year. We focused on going to see any interesting plays in Irish showing in the city of Gaillimh. The cumann paid for part of the ticket price of members attending the plays and they paid the remainder. We were at some great plays during the year, including: *Cúigear Chonamara*, *An Phorthráid*, *Clann Lír*, *Amuigh Liom Féin*, *Fiosracht Mhá agus An Béal Bocht* in the Taibhdhearc; as well as *Herman* in the Townhall Theatre. Our cumann joined forces with those sane people of An Cumann Craic to raid Trá Lí for the weekend of An tOireachtas. It was a hair-raising experience for many normal attendees when we landed from the mists.. but we had a ball! This year we helped raise the profile of Irish in *Múscailt* with a lovely poetry evening with Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, when the renowned poet officially launched the poem she wrote for An Cumann Éigse is Seanchas. Here's to another vintage year!

An Cumann Éigse is Seanchas

Reachtaire: Tonaí Ó Roduibh,
Cisteoir: Seosamh Ó Murchadha,
Rúnaí: Niamh Ní Fhlatharta

Income & Expenditure Eigse & Seanchais 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	579.53	Stationary	15.00
USC Grant	50.00	speakers accommodation	50.00
Muscailt	183.53	Speakers Travel	40.00
Income Total	813.05	entertainment	105.00
		dinner	22.12
		reception	71.40
		Fee for poem	500.00
		Bank charges	0.84
		Total Expenditure	804.36
		Closing Balance	8.69
		Total	813.05

Dansoc

DanSoc was established in 2002 in order to promote dance as an art form within the college. It encompasses many forms of dance modalities including modern, hip-hop, Contemporary, Irish, Salsa, Break dancing and Latino. Dansoc's aim is widen the horizons of dance amongst the student population and to encourage more students to learn and enjoy the dance experience. During the past year we have improved our visibility among students and provided a platform for dance to exist within the college. In the past year we have tripled our membership from about 150 all the way up to over 450 members. In direct proportion this large increase in membership, our classes also have multiplied. We offered 5 classes last year and this year we have increased the amount of classes on offer to 15.

With two performances this year of 'Dance Actually', the first such a sellout during Muscailt 04 that we performed a second show in March, a stage has been set for following years to continue to provide this level of dance in NUI, Galway. One of the greatest difficulties we faced this year was getting space for our classes and many of the classes we intended to hold has to be cancelled due to lack of suitable rehearsal space.

Rated 4th most popular NUI, Galway society by the Irish Times earlier this year, and winning the Students' Union Website Award this year also, DanSoc weren't shy at award ceremonies! We were also nominated for Best Improved Society at the USC Society Awards.

Activities:

Semester one

Monday: Salsa (beginners) 5-6pm., Salsa (intermediate) 6-7pm.

Tuesday: Salsa (beginners) 5-6pm., Salsa (intermediate) 6-7pm., Hip Hop (beginners) 6-7pm.

Wednesday: Hip Hop/Modern (beginners) 5-6pm., Hip Hop/Modern (intermediate) 6-7pm.

Thursday: Irish Dance (beginners) 6.30-7.30pm., Latino 7.30-8.30pm.

Semester two

Monday: Salsa * (beginners) 5-6pm., Salsa* (intermediate) 6-7pm.

Hip Hop ** 5-6pm. Hip Hop ** 6-7pm.

Tuesday: Salsa * (beginners) 5-6pm., Salsa * (intermediate) 6-7pm.

Thursday: Hip Hop 6-7pm., Salsa ** 7.00-10.00pm.

* Took place for the first six weeks of semester.

** Took place for last 5 weeks of semester.

Historical Dance Class

Historical dance duo *Saltarello* brought a taste of medieval, renaissance and 18th Century dances. This event was in association with Galway Early Music and the NUI Galway History Department.

Muscailt 04 *Dance Actually*

Dance Actually was performed as part of the university Arts Festival. The event showcased DanSoc's very successful second year. It was a presentation of an eclectic mix of moves and grooves. It encompassed an exciting combination of contemporary, classical, Irish, Hip Hop and modern dance.

Musical *Alice in Wonderland*.

The society provided all the choreography for this inter society event. This was largest events to occur on the society calendar this year. We are very proud to be associated with this production.

Dance Actually-The Remix

This performance was once again in the Bank of Ireland theatre on Tuesday 30th march. As with the performance during Muscailt, this display of the University's talent was well received by the audience.

Awards Won: 4th most popular Society Irish Times 21/10/03
Students Union Best Website Award 2004,

Total membership this year 456

Committee 03-04:

Auditor: Claire Lillis
 Vice Auditor: Paul Killoran
 PRO: Kathryn O'Mahony
 Treasurer: Doireann O'Flaherty
 Secretary: Chris Collins

Committee elected 04-05:

Clare Graham: Auditor
 Sarah Jayne MacLavery: Vice-Auditor

There will be an EGM in September to fill the remaining positions.

Income & Expenditure**Dansoc 03-04****Income**

Opening Bank balance	893.44	
USC Grant	445.00	
Muscailt	200	
Fundraising	540.80	
members paid for hoodies	816.5	
Income Total		2895.74

Expenditure

Stationary	34.39	
printing	199.65	
Teacher fees	310.00	
Lights	50.00	
hire of hall	595.00	
Hoodies /costumes	1000.00	
Total Expenditure		2189.04
Closing Balance		706.70
Total		2895.74

DJ Society

The DJ Society had a table on Societies day and also set up decks for the University Secondary School Open Day in Áras Na Mac Léinn.

We met Weekly on Thursdays in the Drum bar 9-11pm.

On Thursday 13th November the society hosted G-City limits in the Victoria Hotel.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Colm McCormack
 Vice auditor: Aoife Morris
 Secretary: Dave Roche
 PRO: Chris Lenihan

Income & Expenditure**DJ Society 03-04****Income**

Opening Bank balance	0.00	
sponsorship	1400.00	
ticket sales	263.00	
Income Total		1663.00

Expenditure

entertainment	698.00	
Society Transport	40.00	
lights	175.00	
sound	750.00	
Total Expenditure		1663.00
Closing Balance		0.00
Total		1663.00

Dramsoc

The Drama Society aims to; Provide amateur dramatic productions for the members of the society and of the Union; Support the development of all forms of drama and dramatic production; Provide a forum for the discussion of drama in all its forms; Support new writing; Involve all interested members of the University to the fullest extent possible so as to create a richer and more diverse Dramsoc; In all other ways to further the performance and enjoyment of drama at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Our EGM was held in the BOI Student Theatre on September 24th after Societies Day. We held our meetings every Monday in Semester 1 in the Hub and on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Semester 2. We held our end-of-year AGM in the Art Gallery on April 1st. We attended the BICS awards in Maynooth in April.

We currently have 560 signed up members.

Productions:

- “*Duet For One*” – November 3rd to 7th, 2003.
- “*A Clockwork Orange*” – November 17th – 21st, 2003. *
- “*Trifles*” – November 26th – 29th, 2003.
- “*The Cigarette Breaks*” – March 22nd – 24th, 2004. * (new writing)
- “*The Vagina Monologues*” – March 2nd – 3rd, 2004. *
- We helped facilitate the four one act plays which took place as part of Múscailt Arts Festival Feb 13-20th 2004:
- *A Day Without Words* by Noel Duffy, *Mysterious Ways* by Philip Doherty, *Isobel* by Brendan Ryan and *In the Land of Freedom* by Mark Frost
- We produced *Under Milk Wood* in association with Philosophy society as part of Múscailt. In addition to the theatrical reading the play was recorded as a radio play with Flirt FM..
- Represented the society at ISDA 2004.

Workshops:

- Physical workshop with BYOB @ Town Hall Studio – November 6th, 2003.
- "Mime and Movement" with Triona McBride @ BOI Theatre - November 11th, 2003.
- Lighting with Mick Murray. BOI Theatre – Oct. 21st, 28th, November

Weekly Improvisation Night:

- We held our weekly improvisation night in the back room of The College Bar. Shane McDermott and Brain Whelan hosted the night.
- "Monty Python: *The Search For The Holy Grail* – September 22nd, 2003.

Trips (discounted for members):

- “*Sharon's Grave*” @ Town Hall Theatre – September 17th, 2003.
- “*Misery*” @ Town Hall Theatre – September 29th, 2003.
- “*Bouncers*” @ Town Hall Theatre – October 6th, 2003.
- “*Ta Ra Teresa*” @ Town Hall Theatre – October 13th, 2003.
- “*De Bogman*” @ Town Hall Studio – November 5th, 2003.
- “*Stones In His Pockets*” @ Town Hall Theatre – November 24th, 2003.

Festival / Intervarsity:

- We held the award winning **ISDA Festival 2004**, which ran from March 6th – 12th, 2004. The festival consisted of 24 shows over 7 days in 4 venues, which were The BOI Theatre, Aula Maxima, Town Hall Studio and An Taibhdhearc. Up to 12 colleges took part over the week and we had 3 adjudicators viewing all shows.
- The awards night took place on the evening of March 12th in The Great Southern Hotel and was attended by many of the most recognised names in Galway Theatre who presented the awards on the night.

Awards:

- BICS: **Best Event 2004**, ISDA Festival 2004.
- BICS: **Best Fresher 2004**, Ciara Norman.
- NUIG Societies: **Best Event 2004**, ISDA Festival 2004.
- NUIG Societies: **Best Fresher 2004**, Ciara Norman.
- NUIG Societies: **Best Website 2004** – <http://dramsoc.nuigalway.ie>
- NUIG Societies: **Best Poster 2004** – ISDA Festival 2004 poster.
- ISDA 2004: **Best Sound**, Peter Mannion for *A Clockwork Orange*.
- ISDA 2004: **Best Supporting Actress**, Ciara Bredin for *The Cigarette Breaks & A Clockwork Orange*.
- ISDA 2004: **Discretionary Award for Ensemble Performance**, *The Vagina Monologues*

Dramsoc Committee 03-04

Auditor: Aoife Commons
 Vice Auditor: Nick Regino
 Secretary: Meabh McNairney
 Treasurer: Becky Bresler
 SDO: Anita Murray
 Staged and Confused: Brian Whelan,
 & Shane McDermott.

ISDA Committee 03-04:

Festival Director: Cormac Donoghue,
 Festival Coordinator: Ciara Norman,
 Press Officer: Siobhan NiGallchoir,
 Venues Manager: Kevin O'Connor,
 Secretary: Gemma O'Sullivan,
 Awards Night Coordinator: Eugene Jordan,
 Committee Members: Maria Tivnan, Aoife
 Commons, Maria DeBurca, Claire McLaughlin.

Committee elected for 04-05

Auditor: Gerard Rafferty
 Vice-Auditor: Ciara Norman
 Secretary: Nigel Brown
 Treasurer: Gemma O'Sullivan
 Society Development Officer: Carla Bredin
 PRO: Meabh McNairney
 Production Coordinator: Charlene Craig
 Staged & Confused Host: Shane McDermott

Income & Expenditure Dramsoc 03-04**Income**

Opening Bank balance	774.47
USC Grant	4603.19
Muscailt	66.18
sponsorship	3210
Fundraising	2515
Ticket sales	4743
Societies day	226.69
Income Total	16138.53

Expenditure

Stationary	432.66
printing	1369.01
Teacher fees/ adjudicators	3648.85
speakers accommodation	150.00
phone	280.00
Receptions	1033.50
Dinner	85.82
performing rights	773.02
Society Transport	346.50
prizes	1642.00
hire of Hall	1300.00
entertainment	250.00
costumes / props / makeup	909.73
lights	1783.17
set	974.18
Bank charges	11.70
charity	350
Total Expenditure	15340.14
Closing balance	798.39
Total	16138.53

Ecology Society

The biggest thing the Ecology Society did year was organising the Sixth Grassroots Gathering. This was a tri-annual conference on environmental, social and community activism, making it's first appearance in Galway. There were in the region of 50 invited guest speakers, in some cases giving practical training on such things as permaculture, herbal medicine, defending yourself in court and putting together a website, in other cases kicking off discussions on a wide variety of topics. To give a sample the most successful workshop was on Shell's exploitation of natural resources in Nigeria and Mayo.

The speakers for the weekend were: Maura Harrington from Erris Head, who is campaigning against the proposed construction of a gas terminal in North Western Mayo. Pdraig Cambell, (SIPTU off-shore committee) Industry insider on the initial granting of licences to multi-national oil companies, and involved in newly formed campaign for the protection of resources and Sister Majella McCann who was involved with the Ogoni people's struggle against Shell Oil in Nigeria. Also informative was a debate on the bin charges introduced by members of the Green Party and the Worker's Solidarity Movement.

We also organised a number of other smaller public meetings and film showings.

Speakers included David Rovics, American folk protest singer-songwriter, and Ciaran O'Reilly of the Catholic Worker Movement.

As part of the Múscailt Arts Festival we showed the locally made documentary film 'From Clare to Kuwait', which is about the peace movement in Shannon, on several occasions, as well as indymedia films on the protests against the G-8 summit in Evian.

One member of the Ecology Society represented us at the Winter Meeting of European Youth For(est) Action in Pula, Croatia.

The on going work on the Green Guide (a guide to living a greener lifestyle, sponsored by the Galway Corporation) is nearing completion and will be launched in September.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Terry Dunne

Vice-Auditor: Donagh Davis

Treasurer Phaula McGrane

Secretary Donal Holland

PRO Niall Fahy

Committee 04-05

Auditor Donagh Davis

Treasurer Eibhlin Heard

Secretary Eve Cambell

The other positions will be filled in September at an EGM.

Income & Expenditure Ecology Society 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	3142.36
USC Grant	2136.51
sponsorship	370
Fundraising	1008
members contribution	443
Income Total	7099.87

Expenditure

Stationary	80.37
Speakers Accom.	572.00
Speakers Travel	749.02
Receptions	214.95
Dinner	239.58
Bus	300.00
Society Transport	990.68
Society Accommodation	30.00
Charity	998.16
entertainment	120.00
Hire of Hall	52.00
Bank charges	9.84
Total Expenditure	4356.60
Closing Balance	2743.27
Total	7099.87

Engineering Society

This was a quiet year for the engineering society. After an attempt to broaden the scope of the society last year we decided to concentrate on our one major event. We organised the Engineering Ball which took place in semester one in the Radisson hotel. It was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. In the spirit of inclusivity all the profits were divided among the various 4th year engineering classes per capita. The Civil and environmental engineers, the Industrial management, the electronic, the electronic and computer and the biomedical engineering class reps then met with their respective classes to decide how best to spend their share. Various forms of entertainment were organised to round off the final year.

Ball Organiser: Patricia Johnson.

Income & Expenditure Engineering Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	-7.87	Entertainment / receptions	2211.50
Ball	19050	Ball	16734.41
		Bank charges	19.12
Income Total	19042.13	Total Expenditure	18965.03
		Closing Balance	77.10
		Total	19042.13

Fansci

Our aims are to give an open forum for fans of Fantasy & Science fiction literature, film and games. To have a library of literature, film and games open to our members. To provide an open and friendly atmosphere and to entice people to join in and learn about our hobby.

We have an active membership of 60. This meant that we had about 20-35 on any given Tuesday night and then another lot of 25-35 on a Wednesday night. Outside of societies day and postering around campus, we had 4 new member drives during the year. Two in the first semester and two in the second. Also the Hallowe'en ball, Movies, Intervarsity trip and Assassins were events that attracted new members (especially to the organisational side of things) and all this meant that we had a larger membership at the end of the year than we did at the start.

The main thing that we did this year was put in place was our new library system. We gained a large locker in Arás na Mac Léinn in which was placed our entire collection of materials (retrieved from the basement of the University library). This collection was then added to by a large amount of capital expenditure from the society as well as organising several donations from past members of the society.

The huge swell of new participants and regular members has meant the committee for the society will be filled several times over for the next few years.

We have put the wheels in motion for the hosting of our own Intervarsity and Convention next year. This will be the first one of its kind held in Galway and will firmly put Fansci on Ireland's gaming and Science fiction circuit.

We won a record breaking 8 accolades at the Intervarsity in Cork this year and were the overall winning College Society.

Events:

Twice weekly meeting:
Hallowe'en Ball

Assassins
 WarpCON Intervarsity
 Rocky Horror Night
 First year wine reception
 Modeling Workshop
 Painting Workshop
 Gaming Workshop
 2 Membership Drives (1st Semester)
 2 Membership Drives (Sponsored by Students Services: 2nd Semester)

Committee List 03-04:

Auditor: Peter O'Brien
 Vice Auditor: Paddy O'Dwyer
 Treasurer: Gregory O'Neil
 Secretary: Donal Fallon
 PRG Coordinator: Dave Finn
 Social Events: Jeff Jones
 PRO: Charlotte Dunn
 Librarian: Mike Brennan

Committee 04-05

Auditor Paddy O'Dwyer
 Vice Auditor Anita Murray
 Treasurer Brian Sharkey
 Librarian Padraic Murphy
 PRO Yolande O'Brien
 Film Officer Brian Devanney
 Entertainments Officer: Pat

Income & Expenditure Fansci 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	268.62	
USC Grant	2436	
Green Forms sponsorship	393.55	
Fundraising	0	
Ticket ales members contribution	340	
Other	0	
Income Total		4038.17

Expenditure

Stationary	27.5	
Society Transport	800	
Society Accommodation	660	
Ball	540	
Entry Fee	662.5	
materials	717.05	
Bank charges	27.92	
Total Expenses		3434.97
Closing Balance		603.20
Total		4038.17

Film Society

Filmsoc has developed and broadened its range of activities to include film-production, production-technique training and recording of important society events, while attempting to continue weekly screening of films of significance in the film world. Unfortunately, due to the Audio/Visual Department's recent restrictions on lecture hall usage for film screenings and the block booking and subsequent non-usage of said lecture halls by departmental societies, as well as the equipment in AM200, one of the A/V approved lecture halls, not functioning for the entirety of the second semester, films were only screened on an infrequent basis.

Films screened by Filmsoc:

- 1) *The Matrix*
- 2) *The Ring: Zero*
- 3) *My Left Foot* (in conjunction with Disability Awareness Week)
- 4) *Clerks*
- 5) *Dogma*
- 6) *Donnie Darko*

In conjunction with CompSoc, Filmsoc also screened the following films:

- 1) *The Matrix: Reloaded* (Audience approx. 350, screened in the Kirwan)
- 2) *The Lord of The Rings: The Two Towers* (Audience approx. 200, IT250)
- 3) *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* (Audience approx. 200, IT250)

As part of Múscailt film festival we showed Charlie Kaufman’s film *Adaptation*.

Filmsoc also held weekly production meetings in IT125 throughout the second semester, including film-editing, cinematography and equipment tutorials.

Filmsoc’s other activities were based mainly around the filming of short movies and dramatic and other society events. We produced an original short “mockumentary” film entitled “*College Life*” and another short film entitled “*The French Oral*”, both in February. In association with DramSoc we filmed and edited segments from the various ISDA shows for the production of the awards dinner video montage, a Herculean task in and of itself. Filmsoc also recorded for archival purposes the Life Soc visit of Norma McCreavy and Dance Soc’s end of year “Dance Actually” dance show. Furthermore, in the spirit of intersociety collaboration, Filmsoc undertook the task of filming the NUI, Galway musical “*Alice in Wonderland*” and associated events, and is currently editing the same for distribution to cast members and their friends and family, a task that previously was performed by a professional company at substantial expense and generally with poor production values. We aim to continue our activities in short movie production over the summer, primarily in the creation of scripts, but hopefully including some filming and short film production.

Membership:

Due to the nature of film screening, it is difficult to ascertain what proportion of those attending film screenings are actually Filmsoc members. However, at years end we have email addresses for over 650 individuals.

Committee 03-04:

Elected to the 2nd committee of Filmsoc at an EGM held in November:

- Auditor: Jonathan Ryan (also auditor 02-03)
- Vice-Auditor: Louise O’Dwyer
- Treasurer: Bryan Devaney
- Secretary: Antje Luebke
- Production Officer: Peter Boylan
- Public Relations Officer: Sophie Moyles
- Equipment officer: Anne Marie Power
- SDO: Fergal Davey
- OCM: Shane Rooney
- OCM: Thomas Wallace

An EGM will be held in September to fill the committee positions for next year’s society.

Income & Expenditure Film Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	37.96	Stationary	8.00
muscailt	36.73	Society Transport	15.00
USC Grant	641.41	Entry fee	90.75
Income Total	716.10	entertainment	321.56
		materials	104.44
		Bank charges	41.85
		Total Expenditure	581.6
		Closing Balance	134.50
		Total	716.10

French Society

Weekly events:

- Every Monday evening, a **French movie** was shown to the students in the Dillon Theatre at 7.15pm: La Cité des enfants perdus; 8 Femmes; Les Enfants du Marais; Le Goût des autres; Ma Femme est une actrice; La Vie est un long fleuve tranquille; Au revoir les enfants; Harry, un ami qui vous veut du bien ; Les Nuits fauves ; Tatie Danielle ; Dobbermann ; Nô (Québécois movie); Les Amants du Pont Neuf; Amélie; Jules et Jim; On connaît la chanson; La Haine; Un Héros très discret; La Cité de la peur; Astérix: Mission Cléopâtre; L’Auberge espagnole
- Every Wednesday evening, the French Soc has held a ‘**soirée française**’ at the pub – first in the Blue Note, then in the Massimo’s, and then in the Bazaar.

Special Events:

- 1) For **Societies’ Day**, the French language assistants cooked typical French dishes to advertise the Society – quiches, tartes à l’oignon, tarte à la rhubarbe...
- 2) The French Society also gave a **Christmas Party** on November, 26th, in the De Burgos pub. The language assistants had cooked typical French dishes, the pub was ornamented with Christmas decorations and a raffle was organized with prizes linked with French culture – a voucher for a French restaurant, bottles of wine...
- 3) Lastly, the French Soc took part in the celebration of the ‘**Semaine de la Francophonie**’, from March 22nd to March 26th, by organizing more cinéclub evenings (three instead of one) and a bilingual **table quiz** on March 25th in the College Bar. Half the questions were on French culture – not only about France but also French speaking countries in general – and the other half were more general; half were in French, half in English. Once again, the prizes aimed at initiating Irish students to French culture: French DVDs, French BDs, French dictionaries.

Miscellaneous activities:

The French Soc also offered different activities from time to time, such as **cooking sessions, poetry and creative writing sessions**, and the possibility to have **lunch with one or more language assistants** so as to speak French outside the classroom.

Income & Expenditure French Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	100	Stationary	20.00
sponsorship	140	Dinner	39.00
Fundraising	117	materials	52.00
Societies day	150	prizes	244.00
Income Total	507.00	Total Expenditure	355.00
		Closing Balance	152.00
		Total	507.00

Geological Society (RocSoc)

We had a stand in Áras Na MacLeinn for societies’ day in September. Other than that the society was dormant the first semester of the year as there were major renovations going on in the department, where the society lectures are always held.

In the second semester the society was very active. We had two speakers over the semester on a variety of geology related topics, usually with overlaps with other departments. The talks were a geophysical study explaining the depths of the oceans and a talk on the question of whether Ireland has viable resources of gold.

We also had a film night where we showed 'Ice Age'. Tea, coffee and biscuits were provided at all the events in the department, with the attendees heading to The Stage Door in Woodquay for drinks and a chat afterwards.

During the year we had Geology Sweat shirts made with our new logo.

On the last weekend of March we organised a society trip to Antrim. While there we visited the Giant's Causeway, the Carrick-A-Rede rope bridge and a disused mine of both geological and engineering interest. The trip was led by Prof. Paul Mohr. The group who traveled included 3rd and 4th year students in geology and other subjects, lecturers and postgrads. A great weekend was had by all who went along.

This year NUI Galway hosted the annual weekend long IGRM conference in February, which attracted students from all over Ireland with numerous guest speakers and an large exhibition in the AM building.

Our end of year party took place on the Corrib Princess with food in McSwiggans, the perfect end to our year.

Committee 03-04:

Auditor: Grainne Byrne,

Secretary: Mary Burke,

Treasurer: Áine O'Hara,

PRO: Andrew Murrells

4th year class reps: Paul Kilkenny, Martina Arnold.

Field Trip Officer: Daniel Harris

Conference co-coordinator: Sadhbh Baxter

Income & Expenditure Geology Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	50.53	Stationary	195.84
USC Grant	2130.00	printing	280.00
sponsorship	2579.37	speakers accommodation	175.00
Fundraising	488.45	Speakers Travel	573.20
members contribution	764.9	Receptions	928.60
Income Total	6013.25	Dinner	1012.61
		Society Transport	949.69
		Society Accommodation	1500.00
		Entertainment	250.00
		Prizes	60.00
		Bank charges	7.78
		Total Expenditure	5932.72
		Closing Balance	80.53
		Total	6013.25

German Society

The German society aims to create a community for the German students and staff and anyone with an interest in the German language and culture. We attracted members to our stand on Societies day with free German chocolate (always a hit!), a colourful stand and good German pop music. We offer a German film evening every Wednesday in AM 150 and a German-speaking evening in the bar afterwards. Our first event, a trip on the Corrib Princess boat, proved very popular and seemed to alert people to the fact that we were an active society.

Members on our mailing list: 140

Events:

Trip on the Corrib Princess which included food and wine on board.

Oktoberfest in De Burgo's Club (free food, raffle, German beer).

Our Christmas Party was a huge hit and was held in the Aula Maxima – we had traditional German mulled wine and cookies, Christmas music and a raffle.

Múscailt Film night as part of the University Arts Festival.

German speaking weekend in the Burren took place in March.

In addition, we have a film and bar evening every Wednesday.

We produced two publications with the German Department: Der Blatt and Die Feder.

Committee:

Ailbhe Jagodic: Auditor

Derek Dennison: Vice Auditor

Alan Hunter: Treasurer

Mary Drennan: Secretary

John Fahy: PRO

OCM: Cliona Murray Brian O’Connell , Glenna Gerstenkorn, Sophia Kilcullen.

We will elect a new committee in September at an EGM

Income & Expenditure German Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	11.14	printing	494.48
USC Grant	1787.41	Receptions	150.00
muscailt	26.00	Dinner	379.22
Fundraising	555	Bus	360.00
members contribution	390.45	Society Transport	668.64
Income Total	2770.00	lights	300.00
		entertainment	26.00
		props	186.21
		Total Expenditure	2564.58
		Closing Balance	205.45
		Total	2770.00

Goal Society

The aim of the society is to raise awareness of Goal issues, to fundraise for the work of Goal in the third world and to provide a social outlet for students and most of our events were run on a donation for entertainment basis. The society had some initial difficulties in ‘getting off the ground’ in September. After a successful societies day and despite lack of experience our 10 core members organised several highly successful events.

95 members signed up on societies day.

Events

We held 18 committee meetings.

September: Societies day with Ronan Scully from Goal answering questions.

October: Sponsored run of NUI Galway army officer in phoenix park as part of 10K roar run.

November: Flag day and table quiz in college bar.

February: Interactive table quiz with the quiz society as part of Múscailt.

Rag-week fun flag day, Goal nominated as ragweek charity.

March: fundraising head shave/leg wax with choral soc.

Traditional music concert in An Taibhdhearc. With sponsored raffle and information stand.

April: AGM and Photoshoot.

Assisted Goal fundraising race night.

Moneys raised by the society have been transferred to Goal Ireland.

Committee 03-04

Auditor Srephen McEoin
Treasurer Caroline Bohan
Secretary Noel Gibbons
PRO Máiread Ni Bhriain

Committee for 04-05 will be elected at an EGM in September.

Income & Expenditure Goal Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	Receptions	60.00
USC Grant	200.00	Charity	3280.00
Fundraising	3731	lights	150.00
		hire of Hall	150.00
		prizes	200.00
Income Total	3931.00	Bank charges	1.12
		Total Income	3841.12
		Closing Balance	89.88
		Total	3931.00

History

The aim of the History Society is to promote the study of and interest in history among students and provide a social outlet for our members.

There are approximately 280 students on our mailing list.

Events held:

We held a series of public lectures with speakers from various universities, not only from Ireland but also England, Iceland and Germany.

Speakers:

Eddie Lenihan
Dr. Marie Coleman
Dr. Pat Collinson (England)
Dr. Ute Lotz-Heumann (Germany)
Prof. G. Halfdanassan (Iceland)
Dr. David Hayton
Dr. Anne Connon

Our events ranged from showing historical films, holding discussions on historical topics as well as academic lectures.

We also hosted the annual Irish History Students' Association conference in February. For this event we gathered together students from colleges across Ireland and Northern Ireland to give papers on historical research.

The Arts Ball was our other major event this semester. The Arts Ball is the largest faculty Ball on campus and was this year held in the Corrib Great Southern Hotel.

This year the society began running a series of study groups for undergraduates which our 3rd year Rep Áine McHugh took responsibility for.

Committee 03-04:

Auditor: David Russell
 I.H.S.A.: Keith Maye
 Arts Ball: Éilis Fallon
 Recording Secretary: Eimear O'Shea
 Correspondence Secretary: Susan Murphy
 P.R.O.: Davet Hyland & Ciara Sims
 Year Reps: Áine McHugh; Micháel MacDonnachadha; Tommy Murphy; Tadgh Byrne and James Gleeson.

Committee 04-05

Co Auditors: Eimear O'Shea & Ciara Sims
 Vice-Auditor: Tommy Murphy
 Treasurer: Davet Hyland
 Rec. Sec.: Alice Harrison
 Corr. Sec.: Erin Maroney
 Arts' Ball: Éilis Fallon
 I.H.S.A.: Susan Murphy
 P.R.O.: Tonaí O'Roduibh
 3rd Year Rep.: Aidan Condorn
 2nd Year Rep.: Tadgh Byrne
 1st Year Rep.s: TBA

**Income & Expenditure History
 Society 03-04**
Income

Opening Bank balance	4495.38
USC Grant	1132.56
sponsorship	300
Fundraising	1660
Arts Ball	23315
Income Total	30902.94

Expenditure

Stationary	208.31
speakers accommodation	69.00
Speakers Travel	106.59
Receptions	1490.36
Dinner	1662.40
Society Transport	100.00
Accommodation for IHSA Attendees	2036.00
Ball	21514.95
materials	263.20
Bank charges	16.01
Books for History Dept.	1000.00
Total Expenditure	28466.82
Closing Balance	2436.12
Total	30902.94

Human Rights

The Human Rights Society had a busy year, with the following activities and more to organise. On societies day in Jan 2004, 180 new people signed up for our email list.

- Showing of Michael Moore's "Bowling for Columbine", 29 Oct 2003, followed by a wine reception & social activities.
- Petition to stop the proposed bye laws in Galway, defending the right of expression and assembly.
- During the Disability Awareness Week we supported the Irish Wheelchair Association by selling badges.
- Showing the video "Rabbit Proof Fence", 11 Nov 2003.
- Aine Kelly spoke about Chernobyl. Some (7-8) members of the society took part in the 10K walk organised by USI in aid of children from Chernobyl.
- Societies Day – the society was represented with a stand at Societies Day, where people could have their photo taken and sign their name to take part in the "Million Faces Petition" to regulate the arms trade. 21 Jan 2004.
- Video "Genocide", 11 Feb 2004

- Film “Battle of Algiers”, from 1965, about the Franco-Algerian conflict of 1954-1962, introduced by Algerian refugee Mohammad Yedjour who also spoke about his experiences and the situation in Algeria today. 18 Feb 2004.
- Information table in Aras Na Mac Leinn about human rights aspects of environment issues. 19 Feb 2004, during the Environment campaign week.
- Hughie Baxter spoke about human rights violations in Burma, 1 March 2004.
- Oxfam Week – coffee producer Felipe Miza Castro from Guatemala spoke about how Fair Trade improves the lives of the coffee growers. 3 March 2004. Organised in cooperation with Oxfam.
- During the year we also had (near) weekly meetings for information and planning.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Jenny Ullgren
 Vice auditor: Kathy Keary
 Treasurer: Laura Howley
 Secretary: Katie Mannion
 Research Officer: Aoife Gillespie
 PROs: Thom Meehan and Eimear Higgins
 Next years committee has not been elected yet.

Income & Expenditure Human Rights Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	2330.6	Stationary	72.10
USC Grant	392.30	entertainment	40.00
Fundraising	130	Receptions	156.38
		Dinner	313.68
		materials	195.20
Income Total	2852.90	Bank charges	10.30
		Total Expenditure	787.66
		Closing Balance	2065.24
		Total	2852.90

International Students

The purpose of the society is to promote and increase awareness of multiculturalism on campus and facilitate the settling-in of students from outside Ireland through the organisation of various, multi-faceted events enabling them to make new friends and learn and experience Irish and other cultures. This year one of the major aim of the societies was to be more inclusive and attract in particular Irish students and staff members and celebrates international diversity; this demanded a radical change in events and explains the wide diversity of events executed this year.

The ISS also provides practical and essential functions including assisting international students finding accommodation and general awareness for the various services the University offers.

We have 711 registered members

Trips: *Semester 1:* 1. Belfast
 2. Dingle
 3. Connemara
 4. Cliffs of Moher

Semester 2 5. Cliffs of Moher and the Burren

6. Connemara
7. Cliffs of Moher and Burren trip 2
8. Cork
- International week
9. International Games
10. Expo and notice boards about various countries, cultures and traditions represented in the college
11. Guest speakers presenting on “Ireland as an International Home”
12. International Musical Dinner-international food festival with cultural performances, two of these were held during the year
14. A lively, informal yet informative Debate with Lit and Deb Society on the motion that “This University (NUI, Galway) is unfit for International Student”
15. World Cup tournament-over 12 countries participated in this tournament which had nationalities from within and outside the University’s staff and student population
16. Halloween Party
17. Table Quiz
18. Post Valentine’s Party in Monroes
19. International House Parties (approximately 12 during the year)

Committee List 03-04:

Auditor-Thekiso B. Thekiso
Vice Auditor- Anthony Coyne
Secretary- Johanna Bamberg
Treasurer- Adrienne Rogers
Safety Officer- Katrin Neuhaeusel
Additional committee members- Anne Lomat
Dave Higgins
Nadine Klapp

The committee for 04-05 will be elected in September.

Income & Expenditure International Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	431.25	Stationary	74.90
USC Grant	2105.58	Receptions	585.27
sponsorship	785	Dinner	647.00
members contribution	9146.82	Bus	5270.00
Societies day	364.5	Society Transport	1804.00
Income Total	12833.15	Society Accom.	3459.75
		entertainment	400.00
		prizes	80.00
		Total Expenditure	12320.92
		Closing balance	512.26
		total	12833.15

Inter Society Musical

This year’s Inter Society Musical was Alice in Wonderland. It achieved a record box office with four evening shows and two matinees for the schools. It ran from February 18th – 21st in the Black Box Theatre as part of the Múscailt arts festival.

The musical followed Alice’s journey through wonderland with lots of Galway twists in the tale. A lot of effort, time and energy was expended by the crew who turned the black box into a wonderland for the duration of the show. In the foyer there was an exhibition of drawings by the children of the schools which attended the Matinee show.

Our stand received a lot of attention on societies day and a large number of students attended the

auditions. There was also an increase in staff participation, Dr Iognáid O’Muircheartaigh himself had a cameo role.

We started rehearsals and planning early in Semester one. In addition to all the dedicated work of our cast and crew we organised a Christmas party and a post production Ball.

There were in total over 70 active participants in the show.

Back Stage:

Director: Martina Callanan, **Ass Director/stage manager:** Jonathan Ryan,
Producer / Programme design: John Nolan, **Ass Producer:** Gillian McGreevy & Lisa McAnena, (Schools liaison) **Musical Director:** Peter Mannion, **Ass MD:** Arlene Murphy, **Vocal Coaches:** Mairead Crushell & Emer Barrett, **Choreography / Technical supervisor:** Paul Killoran, **Costumes:** Lisa McGuffin, Helen Simon, Michelle Walsh, Delia Lowery, **Make-up:** Aideen Gleeson, Pamela Prenderville, Aoife Golden, Barbara Fitzgerald, Ann Canavan, Jennifer Doran, **Stage Crew:** Patrick Mulrennan, Eoin Grealish, Lindsey Faulkner, Michéal Mulrennan, Robert Mulrennan, Michéal Clancy, David Miskell, Aaron Tonry, Stephen McEoin. **Set Design:** Ruairi O’Neill & Delia Lowery. **Set Construction:** Ruairi O’Neill, Paul Killoran, Ciara Dempsey, Hannah Sjolinder, David Nolan, Gavin Redmond, Donal Keane, Bairbre Meade, Eibhlin Fahey, Conor Judge, John Joe Finn, Liam Morrissey, Eoin O’Grady, Gregory Farrell, Sharon Dempsey, **Sound:** Derek Lusted of Dervan Sound, **Lighting:** Cameron Stewart. **Posters:** Michelle Walsh, John Nolan, **Promotion:** Kathleen Cochrane, Belinda O’Keefe, Thekiso B Thekiso, Mairead Ní Chualáin, Lisa McAnena, Gillian McGreevy, Ailbhe McMahan, Emer Dunne.

Cast:

Emily O’Halloran, Sinead Hahessy, Laura Freyne, Seán O’Leanacháin, Jennifer Sheehan, Liam Hennelly, John Kennedy, Ruairí O’Neill, Elaine Dobbyn, Lisa McAnena, Bairbre Meade, Ruairí Talbot, Gillian McGreevy, Emily Pathe, Lisa Owens, Anne Sophie Aubineau, Ailbhe McDermott, Molly NcLochlainn-Rowe, Don Tallon, David Howard, Áine Kelly, Dave Finn, Gavin Redmond, Karla Griffin, Louise Canavan, Pamela O’Hanlon, Orna Joyce, Sandra O’Brien, Ronan Scullion, Derek Calahan, Ian McCabe Donal Keane, Rob Kennedy, Aisling Keane and Clare Higgins. Cameo appearances as Lewic Carroll: Dr Iognáid Ó Muircheartaigh, (President of the University) Tony Mc Donnell (SU President), Martin Collins (Auditor Lit & Deb), Rónán Scullion (Captain Swimming Club).

Income & Expenditure Alice in Wonderland 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0.00	Stationary	122.84
USC Grant	4319.12	printing	1830.75
Muscailt	3013.36	bank charges	11.83
sponsorship	1370	phone credit	345.00
Fundraising	662	promotion	1117.44
Ticket sales	12695.33	Dinner	173.78
Socs day	230	Bus	235.75
Ball Tickets	1887	costumes	2905.33
Total Income	24176.81	set	2619.96
		ball	2429.00
		sound	1793.30
		Equipment	2095.13
		lighting	2900.00
		prizes	1242.27
		transport	229.95
		hall hire	3950.00
		Books	174.40
		Total Expenditure	24176.81
		Closing Balance	0.00

Italian

The Italian Societies main aim is to add Latin flair to student life on campus. To this end we organised two social events this year, one in each semester. In the first semester we organised a pizza night in the Hub for our members.

In semester two we organised a Italian Carnevale party in Áras na Gaeilge. It was a masked party with prizes for the best dressed, raffle, Italian food and we danced the night away to the sounds of ‘Gernelli Diversi’ & Co.

Members on Societies Day: 92

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Bella York.

Vice Auditor: Berni McLoughney.

Treasurer: Debbie Hidnett.

Secretary: Una Hannon

PRO: Oisin Caney

Income & Expenditure Italian Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	8.37	Receptions	110.00
USC Grant	336.29	Dinner	125.00
Income Total	344.66	Materials	50.00
		Bank charges	8.82
		Total Expenditure	293.82
		Closing balance	50.84
		Total	344.66

Juggling Society

It has been a most successful and rewarding year for all those involved in the society. The society faced many obstacles such as insurance implications and lack of rehearsal space. The insurance issues were resolved by adopting a health and safety practice code which is of a high standard and an aspiration of other societies, but the problems of rehearsal space has not been fully resolved. The society received official recognition in February '04. We held weekly meetings and an AGM to elect a committee. Over the summer we are looking forward to continuing to meet weekly and to participating on stage at this year's 'Galway juggling Convention'

We have over 50 active members.

Events:

- ❖ In March 12 members went to Connemara to give workshops with children in Gaelic speaking schools. The workshops were an overwhelming success and we have been asked to return as soon as possible.
- ❖ A group attended the Dublin Juggling Convention. It is hoped in the future that more of our members will be able to travel to national conventions.
- ❖ Múscailt performance with Modern Dance Society.
- ❖ St Patrick's Day our members were in the parade assisting local arts groups such as 'Colours Street Theatre' and The 'Galway Circus project'.
- ❖ Three of our trained and experienced members gave workshops to children during the University Easter camp.

Committee:

Co Auditors: Donal Gannon and Nick Dolan
 Secretary: Sally Marshall,
 Treasurer: Sam Meyler,
 Equipment manager: Rowan Lee,
 Safety officer; Maire Greene,
 PRO: Brian McGinley.

Income & Expenditure Juggling Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	00.00	Equipment	311.74
USC Grant	200.00		
sponsorship	100.00	Total Expenditure	311.74
Muscailt	111.74	Closing Balance	100.00
Income Total	411.74	Total	411.74

Labour Youth Society

The Academic Year 2003/2004 was the most successful year for the youth wing of the Irish Labour Party in NUI, Galway in recent years. Our recruitment stall run on Societies' Day was the most successful on record with membership numbers of 121, an increase of 300% on previous years.

The branch held its AGM on October 6th and which was preceded by a discussion on the role of left-wing politics in Ireland, led by Michael D. Higgins TD.

The AGM saw the election of a new committee including Derek Nolan, who was elected Auditor.

Labour Youth was involved in further activities during the course of the year, which included:

- Labour Youth held a discussion evening to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the 1913 lockout. Pdraig Yeats (Author of Dublin 1913: Lockout and former Irish Times Journalist) as well as Dr. Emmet O'Connor (Author- James Larkin: Radical Irish Lives) spoke at the event which attracted a large audience.
- The Society sent a team to Dáil Eireann to meet with party TD's and to further our understanding of the parliamentary process. The trip was an enjoyable one and deemed a great success.
- Proinsias DeRossa MEP visited the branch during the year and held a public discussion on the new European Constitution, its construction and implementation. It was an honour for the branch to host such a respected and committed politician.
- The Branch sent a large delegation to National Youth Conference in November, the organising conference of the Labour Youth nationally. The branch was successful in having a candidate elected to the National Executive of Labour Youth.
- Labour Youth in NUIG were successful in implementing campaigns on many issues of social concern including health, education, social welfare, human rights and fair trade.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Derek Nolan

Vice-Auditor: Sinead McGee

Treasurer: James McHugh

Secretary: Vincent Fanneran

National Youth Liaison: Martin Melvin

PRO: Adrian Dobbyn

Equality Officer: Shanna Kenny

Campaigns Officer: Cillian O'Kelly

OCM: Ronan Moyles

OCM: Colm Quinn

OCM: Elaine Dobbyn

Next year's committee will be elected at an EGM in September.

Income & Expenditure Labour Youth Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	135.02	Speakers Travel	80.00
USC Grant	1588.00	Receptions	262.00
sponsorship	205	Dinner	205.00
Income Total	1928.02	Society Transport	577.00
		Society Accommodation	256.00
		Promotion	120.00
		Total Expenditure	1500.00
		Closing balance	428.02
		Total	1928.02

Law Society

The aims of the Society are to provide (a) regular social and speaker events for its members; (b) a point of contact for solicitors' firms, the Law Society and Kings Inn wishing to advertise and contact members of the Society; (c) opportunities for members of the Society to meet representatives from and obtain information about solicitors' firms, the Law Society and Kings Inn; (d) general advice on legal careers and academic issues.

The Law Societies of most universities are typically among the most vibrant and active student groups on campus. However, that tradition had sadly been lost on the Law Society of NUIG until this academic year. What brought the Law Society back as a successful and engaging force within campus was its fresh, determined and imaginative committee. Since then the Law Society has had an impact on virtually every student of the Faculty of Law, whether it be the "how to study law" lectures for first years or the Post grad briefs for final year students from legal firms and the Kings Inn.

Socially, the Law Society held the largest Law ball ever, as well as sponsoring the extremely successful Law Faculty nights.

Through the year the Law Society has been guest to some of Ireland's most distinguished legal personalities, all of which have been well received by the student body. Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the visit of George Bizos from South Africa, long-time friend and legal council for Nelson Mandela. The Law Society also co-hosted The National Law Debates which attracted much praise from visiting students, the final taking place in the Court House.

Events Held:

Maiden Speakers

Chief Justice

Justice Paul Carney

Mr. PJ Fitzpatrick Head Of Courts service

Professor Ferdinand von Prondzynski

Baroness Cox

Mr. George Bizos

Lady Justice Night

Law Faculty Nights (one per semester)

The Law ball

The National Law Debates (Co-hosted with Lit & Deb)

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Lt. Barry Crushell
 Vice Auditor: Peter O'Brien
 Treasurer: Daniel Curran
 Secretary: Marion Mehan
 Debates Convenor: Keith Maye
 Speakers Convenor: Robert Rooney
 Law Ball Convenor: Ruth Higgins
 PRO: Bernice Garret
 Education Officer: Laura Treacy
 Social Officer: Kate Egan
 Marshall of the House: Katie Mannion.

Committee 04-05

Auditor: Lt. Barry Crushell
 Vice-Auditor: Katie Mannion
 Treasurer: Aoife Golden
 Secretary: Rose-Alice Murphy
 Debates Convenor: Susan Murphy
 Law Ball Convenor: Derek Dennison
 P.R.O.: Lynn Cramer
 Education Officer: Gemma Corcoran
 Social Officer: Peter Stringfellow
 Marshall of the House: Ryan Gibbons

Income & Expenditure Law Society 03-04**Income**

Opening Bank balance	230.31	
USC Grant	5502.05	
sponsorship	4740	
Balls	15996	
N L debates entry fee	1000	
Income Total		27468.36

Expenditure

Stationary	290.87	
Speakers Accommodation	259.00	
Speakers Travel	1971.76	
Receptions	3106.46	
Dinner	3248.50	
Bus	100.00	
Society Transport	280.80	
Society Accommodation	0.00	
Ball	14231.04	
Entry Fee	145.00	
Equipment	300.00	
socs day exp	0.00	
prizes	1100.00	
Materials	120.00	
Bank charges	23.85	
Total Expenditure		25177.28
Closing Balance		2291.08
Total		27468.36

Life Society

The aim of the Society is to promote respect for life at all stages, from conception to natural death. It therefore includes within its scope issues directly affecting students, such as crisis pregnancy, depression, suicide awareness, and disability awareness. These three issues are our key focus points.

In raising awareness about those issues we employ a multi-faceted approach, comprising information sessions, leaflets, relevant speakers and charity events. We provide information on services available to students in these three areas, and also refer on to other persons or organisations which are more equipped to deal with these issues.

We also discuss issues which do not directly impinge on student life, but which are firmly rooted in the ideals of respect for life and are relevant topically, philosophically and academically, such as stem cell research, the death penalty, cloning and euthanasia. We provide a forum for the discussion of these issues, and are involved in the lobbying for respect for life at all levels, within College, nationally, on a European level and internationally.

We currently have a signed up membership of 180.

At the beginning of the year a couple of the committee had to resign as they were leaving college or had top heavy workloads, nevertheless we were lucky enough to have the addition of three new committee members throughout the year, people who had been previously unknown to the society scene which was an added bonus.

The committee met at least twice weekly altogether whilst meeting several other times a week in smaller groups. Due to this unity we have been lucky in forming a strong cohesive and eminently supportive group of individuals with a common altruistic goal.

Events :

Semester 1

- July 2003: Summer conference with Life Soc delegates from UCD, TCD, DCU, NUI, Maynooth, DIT. This achieved, among other things, the launch for the Alumni programme with election of Alumni committee, workshop for the Second Look project, and the establishment of bulletin boards for more effective intervarsity communication.
- 24th Sept 2003: Socs day & wine reception
- Early Oct: Human Rights Soc, with talk on the death penalty – speaker cancellation.
- 8th Oct 2003: Disability Awareness Evening, with speakers from the Irish Wheelchair Association. This was a workshop on how to lobby and improve facilities for people with disabilities on campus. Names were taken for volunteers for a programme to help the visually impaired run by the centre for human rights.
- 11th Oct 2003: 3 Life soc delegates attended the World Youth Alliance conference in Dublin.
- 15th Oct 2003: Open forum for Euthanasia discussion. Reported on by SIN (Student Independent News).
- 22nd Oct 2003: Launch of the society website.
- 29th Oct 2003: Crisis Pregnancy Information Evening. Guest speaker was Bridget Donnelly from Life Counselling. At this meeting, a questionnaire was designed so that it could be sent to all the relevant bodies on campus with requests regarding this issue.
- 5th Nov 2003: Depression Awareness Evening with guest speakers Aileen Lovett from Aware, and Jim Byrne, one of the counsellors here on campus.
- 12th Nov 2003: Galway For Life session – this was a session for all members of Life Soc, where a member of Galway for Life brought us up to date with the latest developments pertaining to life related issues, both nationally and internationally.
- 18th Nov 2003: Charity Table Quiz along with S.V.P. in aid of St Vincent de Paul and Aware.
- 26th Nov 2003: LRI Evening – a discussion session where we debated the various life related issues among the membership of the society.
- Late November: members of Life Soc undertook a lobbying campaign, urging our public representatives not to support an EU proposal to fund Embryonic Stem Cell Research.
- The semester was concluded with a Christmas Dinner for committee members.

Semester 2:

- 21st Jan 2004: The second Societies' day, where we gained 30 extra members. In the evening we held an introduction session for new members.
- 22nd Jan 2004: A team representing Life Soc partook in the Inter Soc's debate held by Lit'n'Deb.
- 28th Jan 2004: Workshop Evening
- 31st Jan 2004: LRI Conference in UCD was attended by a delegation from Life Soc.
- 11th Feb 2004: Norma McCorvey / Jane Roe – the plaintiff from the groundbreaking Roe v. Wade US Supreme Court case which saw the legalisation of abortion in the US, addressed above capacity crowds of over 400. This event drew extensive media attention: on campus, locally and nationally.
- 24th & 25th Feb 2004: Eating competition and football challenge in conjunction with and in aid of SVP.
- 8th Mar 2004: Bowling Night out for both committee members of Life soc and all the volunteers who assisted in the hosting of Norma McCorvey.
- 15th Mar 2004: Life Soc had a team in the Socs And Clubs Table Quiz hosted by Quiz Soc.
- 16th Mar 2004: Newsletter Workshop with representatives of UCD Life Soc.
- 23rd Mar 2004: Video Evening
- 31st March: Society Awards where we received the trophy for best improved Society
- 7th April Represented the University at the BICS Awards in Maynooth.

Committee 03-04:

Auditor: Maria Mac Mullan
Treasurer: Myles Monaghan
Corresponding Secretary: Anne Doherty
Recording Secretary: James Jeffers
Liaison Officer: James Hope
Public Relations Officer: Laura Howley
Society Development Officer: Seán Butler
OCM: Eibhlín Nic Ghiolla Bhúí
OCM: Paul Smith

OCM: Colin Smith
Committee Elected for 04-05
Auditor Myles Monghan
Vice Auditor James Jeffers
Treasurer Eibhilín Nic Ghiolla Bhúí
Secretary Sean Butler
PRO Paul Smith
SDO Colin Smith
External Liaison Officer Laura Howley
OCM Anne Doherty

Income & Expenditure Life Society 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	53.91	
USC Grant	4007.83	
sponsorship	1270.00	
Fundraising	392.00	
Members contribution	148.00	
Total Income		5871.74

Expenditure

Stationary	164.19	
Speakers Travel	2145.52	
Receptions	819.50	
Dinner	871.73	
Society Transport	190.00	
Society Accom.	263.00	
Charity	272.00	
Entry Fee	395.00	
materials	466.55	
Prizes	160.00	
Bank charges	7.78	
Total Expenditure		5755.27
Closing balance		116.47
Total		5871.74

The Literary and Debating Society

The 157th Session of the Literary and Debating Society saw a continued year of excellence in oratorical eloquence.

Twenty-one Thursday night meetings were held during the year in the Kirwan Lecture Theatre including two competitions for first year and first time speakers (the Gibs' Symposium and Maiden Speakers Final).

A Friday night Irish Times semi-final was hosted by the Society as well as the final of the National Law Debates in conjunction with the Law Society, which was hosted in the Court House of Galway.

The Society launched its literary magazine *Criterion* during the *Múscailt* Festival in February, an annual publication of local literary talent, which won best publication at the society awards.

Internal debates included a guest speaker debate on Child Abuse in Ireland, and the Smoking Ban as well as notable private members time motions on the Proposed Cultural Centre Referendum and a very close debate on the issue of embryonic stem cell research (decided upon by the casting vote of the chair) Numerous competitions were organised during the year, Inter-Faculty Debates Final, Inter-Societies Final and the Speaker of the Year final as well as a competition to decide the teams travelling to the World Championships.

Externally the Society has had a very good year, the best year in a long time. Firstly the Society was able to send two teams and an adjudicator to the World Championships in Singapore. It had been four years since the Society was last represented and both teams performed admirably. At third level intervarsities, the Society was represented in UCD, UL, UCC, TCD, Oxford, Glasgow, Strathclyde, reaching the semi-finals in TCD and winning outright the UL competition. This was the first external win since 1997 and is testament to the improving standard of debating in Galway. Externally the Society organised two schools debating competitions. A winner of the Connacht Final of the ESB competitions went on to be runner-up in the National Final.

The main national competitions saw Galway very well represented this year. Eighteen teams competed in the first round of the Irish Times Debating Competition with thirteen persons reaching the quarterfinals. Seven of those progressed to the semi-finals and three of those reached the Irish Times Final hosted by DCU. It was the first time in four years that anyone from Galway had reached this final, and having three in a final out of twelve is verification of the standard in Galway at the moment. Most promising is the fact that of the thirteen who reached the quarter finals, at least ten will be eligible to compete again next year. Teams also competed in the Irish Mace, with two teams reaching the quarter-finals.

Finally, the Lit & Deb meets every Thursday at 8 pm in the Kirwan Theatre. It is open to all students, lecturers and professors of the University who are afforded automatic membership, allowing them to raise or speak on any topic before the House.

Workshops are organised each week for new speakers and developing speakers and a College Annual magazine is published at the end of the academic year, to which submissions are invited.

The Literary and Debating Society was founded in 1846 and is the oldest Society in the National University of Ireland and has held the Guinness World Record for the longest debate on three occasions.

Committee	157th Session [2003-2004]
Auditor	Martin Collins B.C.L. (1 st LLM)
Vice-Auditor	Kevin Leavy B. Comm. (2 nd LLB)
Treasurer	Sheelagh McGuinness B.A. (Final LLB)
Recording Secretary	Damian Guihen (2 nd Science)
Corresponding Sec.	Declan Burke B. Comm.
External Convenor	Stephen Nolan (2 nd Arts)
Internal Convenor	Joseph Powderly (3 rd Arts)
Schools Convenor	Thomas Curran (2 nd Arts)
Literary Officer	Martina Callanan (2 nd Arts)
Public Relations	Ruairi Talbot (2 nd Arts)
Promotions Officer	Laura Howley (2 nd Arts)
Society Development	Nora Lydon (2 nd Arts)
Clerk of the House	Louise O'Connor (2 nd B.C.L.)*

*Co-opted after the resignation of Martin Melvin (2nd Science) during the first semester

Elected for 158th Session [2004-2005]

Auditor	Kevin Leavy B. Comm.	Schools Convenor	Tristan Nethaway
Vice-Auditor	Stephen Nolan	Literary Officer	Ruairi Talbot
Treasurer	Thomas Curran	Public Relations	James Hope
Recording Secretary	Sean Butler	Promotions Officer	Susan Murphy B.A.
Corresponding Sec.	James Jeffers	Society Development	Sinead Laffan
External Convenor	Peter O'Brien	Clerk of the House	Aideen Gleeson
Internal Convenor	Robert Rooney		

Income & Expenditure Lit & Deb Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	5518.61	Stationary	1133.86
USC Grant	12231.78	printing	2363.00
Muscailt	1743	Speakers Travel	143.10
sponsorship	4875	Receptions	1448.65
		Dinner	713.01
Income Total	24368.39	school debates costs	519.50
		Society Transport	9695.54
		Society Accommodation	410.00
		Entry Fee	4567.16
		materials	296.00
		prizes	385.00
		Bank charges	14.54
		Closing Balance	
		Total Expenditure	21689.36
		Closing balance	2679.03
		Total	24368.39

Mature Students Society

The Mature society's aim this year was to provide a social forum for mature students. To this end we had a table on societie's day in September. We held three events during the year. Our first was a get together in Massimos. We held a table Quiz and the a first year party.

Committee 03-04

Auditor/Treasurer Clare Murphy
Secretary Frank Clark
Pro Sinead Laffan
SDO Michael Reidy.

Income & Expenditure Mature Students Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	16.21	prizes	50.00
USC Grant	50.00	Receptions	95.00
Fund Raising	95.00	Total Expenditure	145.00
Income Total	161.21	Closing balance	16.21
		Total	161.21

Marine Society (Marsoc)

The NUI Galway Marine Society was established in order to highlight marine related issues on campus and indeed around Galway. Although it is a relatively small society it is quite active. The highlights of last year included, Low Tide Day in May 2003 when MarSoc members brought school children from around Galway on an 'educational adventure' of the rocky shore in Spiddal. MarSoc also had many lectures during the year including 'How to set up your own aquaraium' and also Dr. Steven J. Hawkins from the Marine Biological Association of the UK who spoke on the interesting yet sometimes controversial issue of

marine climate change. We also had coffee mornings during the year which raised money for organisations such as the RNLI .We organised a Christmas party in De Burgos for the students and staff, with an excellent turn-out, lots of funny spot prizes and party games the night was a big hit. Our table quiz was held in the college bar on March 4th. 1st Prize €200 plus spot prizes-all were welcome- it was a general knowledge quiz so you didn't need to know the difference between a abalone and a amphipod.

We have 101 members on our mailing list.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: John Kelly

Treasurer: Ciara O'Toole

Secretary: Stephanie Mc Donagh

Vice Auditor: Naomi Saffer

Staff Treasurer: Dr Nick Morley

PRO: Roisin O'Calaghan.

Income & Expenditure Marine Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	167.07	dinner	188.27
USC Grant	450.00	receptions	226.55
Fundraising	632.83	Bus	300.00
Socs day	91.1	stationary	30.73
		materials	22.45
Income Total	1341.00	prizes	200.00
		charity	104.34
		Total Expenditure	1072.34
		Closing Balance	268.66
		Total	1341.00

Medical Society

The 2003 – 2004 college year for the Galway Medical Society was eventful, exciting and, I think, well enjoyed by all the Galway medical students. The newly elected committee worked hard all year to look after everyone's academic, social and sporting needs and, in the main, succeeded very well in doing so. Much wine, free passes, medals and (somewhere along the line) lectures and books combined to make it a fun and informative period.

September: The year kicked off with a series of introductory lectures delivered by students who had just been through that particular year. As well as setting everyone up as to what was ahead of them for the year to come it allowed everyone a chance to have night out together after the summer break and introduced the new students (and re-introduce some of the older ones) to the joys of "medcest".

October saw the first of many events throughout the year in which the VSA and MedSoc would work together to organise the Halloween Ball in the Radisson Niteclub. A night which was a great success – really enjoyed by all and with some outstanding pictures from the night (especially Mr. Buckfast!!). It was also a month in which the many International Students in the Medicine Faculty gathered for their traditional International Student Dinner – a colourful night hosted by Dean Carney in the university and where many fantastic costumes and food are enjoyed by all present.

The bimonthly newsletter published by Ruth Martin featured the first interview of the year – where Dean Carney revealed his opinions on Minister Noel Dempsey's proposed four year postgraduate Medicine Course. These were followed up with a very interesting interview with Mr. Martin of the A&E

department who showed a surprising interest in Quentin Tarantino movies and his interest in emergency medicine since his childhood.

The single biggest event in the calendar year for the Galway Med Students has always been the Med Ball and this year was no exception. The dresses were bought, the hair was done and the Radisson Hotel provided a fabulous venue for the night. A record 512 people showed up as the quartet played in the background. The international students looked amazing in their traditional dress, the women were all very elegant and the guys all looked the same! Christmas decorations set the atmosphere as everyone entered the ballroom and following a desperate scramble for seats we settled in for the meal! The food was delicious-full compliments to the Radisson chef's-who'd have thought broccoli soup could taste so good-and the wine flowed freely!

In January MedSoc and the VSA held the Inaugural Goretti Hanrahan Memorial lecture, delivered this year by the founder of the VSA Dom Colbert who spoke about the many amazing parts of the world he had worked in and the extremes of poverty he had seen in his travels.

The beginning of February saw International Student Week – a celebration of the cultural diversity within the university and with many of those international students coming from medicine MedSoc helped in putting on a week which included International Games, an expo, guest speakers, a debate and an international dinner in which students all brought traditional dishes from their own countries.

There was also the Faculty Research Presentation evening where all Medical Students who partook in research over the summer presented their Abstracts and a Gold medal was awarded this year to Seán Hynes from Second Med who did his research in the Mayo clinic of Minnesota. Afterwards Fidelma Dunne of the Medicine department delivered the 8th John D. Kennedy Memorial Lecture, outlining proposals for a radical change-around of the medicine course.

Many of the Medical years traveled out into the remote corners of Ireland for their class trips this year – the first years heading to Achill Island, the second years to the Aran Islands and the Fifth Years to the Burren. The fourth years went to the land of eternal youth (ironically enough) after their Pathology and the third years are talking about following in the first years footsteps to Achill. Final Meds will be waiting until their exams are over to head off together on a well earned holiday.

The Third years finally finished their pre-clinical medicine in March and came bearing shiny new white coats and stethoscopes into the hospital. This was accompanied by the now traditional introductory lecture from MedSoc followed by the now expected Cheese and Wine reception and night out. A guest lecture from Dr. Ultan McDermott from Queens University Belfast and one from Dr. Muiris Houston, medical correspondent in the Irish Times and a regular columnist in Medicine Weekly were fascinating and informative.

All in all a great year for MedSoc and much thanks must be given to all those who made it possible. In every year the class reps look after all the background stuff and make sure that everyone else's year runs smoothly, sorting out the niggly problems with lecturers and exams and class trips. Ciara Freeman has done almighty work organising nights out for med students in practically every pub and club in Galway – from the Warwick to The Radisson, Buskers, Bazaar, Massimos, Cuba, CPs and good old Churchy – you name it she seems to have contacts there. Mardiah and Jemimah have helped in a year where the International Students have taken a welcome unprecedented active role in MedSoc and Nuala has helped pull together the Anatomy League and Fitzgerald Cup. In addition to this publication Ruth Martin has put together the MedSoc newsletter and is responsible for the posters which let everyone know what's going on. Wan, the webmaster assures me we're going to see a revised MedSoc website up any day now!!

Nikki and Elaine have made sure that all the MedSoc business is in order and along with Sarah, Jemimah and Aideen helped form the Med Ball committee. Aideen was also responsible for all the IMSA related events which you can read about further on in this annual. I would like to thank them and all the other

people who helped out with MedSoc events throughout the year, in particular Davey (the master chef), PJ, Aisling, Conor, Keith and Andrew. Your contributions were very much appreciated.

MedSoc Committee 2003 – 2004

Peter Coyle – Auditor
 Aileen Brides – IMSA Rep
 Ciara Freeman – ENTS Officer
 Jemima Dorhij & Mardiah Mashruddin – International Student Officers

Nikki Weir – Secretary
 Nuala Healy – Sports Officer
 Wan Bin Wan Hisham – Webmaster

Elaine Davis – Treasurer
 Ruth Martin – Press Officer

Class Reps

Paul Sexton & Ruth Casey – First Year
 Eileen Crowley & Muireann Leonard – Third Year
 Ana-Louise Hawke & Barry Kelly – Fifth Year

John Morley & Neasa O’Keefe - Second Year
 Sarah Curry & Karl Neff - Fourth Year
 Antoinette Neylon, Aoife Benton & Muhammed Kanji – Final Year

MedSoc Committee 2004-2005

Doireann McWeeney – Auditor
 Sarah Burke – Treasurer
 Ciara Freeman – ENTS officer
 Aileen Brides – IMSA rep

Muireann Leonard – Secretary
 Martin Neary – Sports Officer
 Wan Bin Wan Hisham – International Students Officer
 Aya El Halali – Press Officer

Income & Expenditure Medical Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	2232.39	Stationary	87.00
USC Grant	5600.00	printing	2443.00
sponsorship	6835	Speakers Accom.	113.00
Fundraising	976.37	Receptions	539.31
Ticket sales Ball	20965	Dinner	548.00
members contribution	1388	Bus	2102.20
Income Total	37996.76	Society Transport	1600.00
		Society Accom.	3943.00
		Ball inc €500 for 05	24866.99
		phone	800.00
		prizes	135.00
		Bank charges	24.28
		Total Expenditure	37201.78
		Closing Balance	794.98
		Total	37996.76

Microbiology Society

In early 2003 many of the post-grads in the Microbiology Department did not know each other. The MicroSoc was set up for two reasons:

- 1 - To bring the post-grads together as friends and colleagues and to bring a sense of community to the Department.
- 2 - To run the Microbiology seminar program.

College Events

1: Seminar Program – 2003-04.

During the course of the year seminars were organised and held every second or third Friday in the Microbiology Department, (see our homepage for speaker details). Guest speakers were

invited from colleges throughout Ireland and also from the UK. The seminars were carried out in conjunction with Dr. Conor O'Byrne and tea, coffee and biscuits were provided before each seminar. Attached is a list of the seminar speakers and their chosen subjects.

2: SGM Satellite meeting – April 2004.

In conjunction with the SGM (Society for General Microbiology) meeting held in NUI Galway in April, the MicroSoc organised a satellite meeting which took place on the Friday afternoon of the meeting. About 80 Post Grads from labs all over Ireland attended and fourteen of these gave presentations on their work in order to share knowledge of the work being carried out in their labs. This meeting provided a forum for postgrads from different lab throughout the country to discuss problems and ideas concerning their work. It also allowed post grad to see what work was being carried in other labs across the country and thus broaden their knowledge of local research. Tea, coffee and biscuits were provided at a break in the proceedings and a wine reception with food was held at the end of the talks. A night out was also been organised in Galway city and went very well.

Social Events

1: Table Quiz – October 2003.

A table quiz was organised and held in the college bar in order to raise money for a night out at the greyhound track and also for the Microbiology Christmas Party. In all about 60 tables took part. 1st prize was €250 in cash and 2nd prize was €50. Spot prizes which were raffled (free raffle tickets for each table) included CD's, wine, boxes of chocolates and biscuits. About €1000 was raised as a net profit and was used to fund the next event (see below)

2: A Night at the Dogs – November 2003.

Because of the success and loyalty of the people who supported our table quiz, a lot of whom were Microbiology 4th years with exams looming, we decided to reward them with a night out at the greyhound race track. We organised food and drink with the race track management. Each person who went paid €5 for a ticket but for this received two free drink vouchers and a €5 tote to bet with. The evening went down very well but sadly there were no big winners.

3: Christmas Party – December 2003.

It is customary in the Department for the Annual Christmas Party to be organised by 2nd year postgrads. This year the MicroSoc gave a hand to the 2nd years with organisation and also with a small bit of funding.

MicroSoc Members

All members of the microbiology department, (postgrads, postdocs and staff) are automatic members. We hope to include all undergrads next year, 2nd 3rd and 4th years. However this year did see a large interest and participation by the present 4th year undergrads in all MicroSoc activities, a trend we hope to encourage next term.

Total No. of MicroSoc Members:

Greater than 75 members.

Research Seminars Semester I

3th October Dr Pat McGann, Department of Microbiology, NUI Galway. "Study of the ecology of tetracycline resistance determinants in the natural environment."

24th October Dr Duncan Martin, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Limerick. "The reaction front hypothesis in solid-state anaerobic digestion."

14th November Dr Antony Moran, Department of Microbiology, NUI Galway. "Helicobacters: Pathogens of the new Millennium."

21st November Gavin Collins, Department of Microbiology, NUI Galway. "Psychrophilic anaerobic treatment of phenolic waste waters: microbial ecology and process technology."

Research Seminars Semester II

16th January Dr Cormac Gahan, Department of Microbiology, UCC. "Identifying genetic loci responsible for bile resistance and pathogenesis of *Listeria monocytogenes*"

6th February Imelda Doolan (Dr Cyril Carroll's Lab), Department of Microbiology, NUI Galway. "Investigation of the prevalence of thermophilic *Campylobacter* in commercially produced broiler flocks in the Republic of Ireland."

27th February Justin O'Grady MSc (Dr Tom Barry's lab), Department of Microbiology, NUI Galway. "Nucleic acid-based detection of bacterial pathogens in food."

20th March Professor Pete Smith, Department of Microbiology, NUI Galway.

30th April Dr Alan Dobson, Department of Microbiology, UCC. "From toxic styrene waste to biodegradable plastic in *Pseudomonas putida* CA-3."

14th May Dr Jim O’Gara, Department of Clinical Microbiology, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin. “Phenotypic variation and environmental regulation of biofilm development in *Staphylococcus epidermidis*.”

Future Plans

1: Barbeque.

We are at the moment planning a barbeque to be held in the college.

2: Corrib Princess Trip.

We hope to hold this event again this year. Last year the whole department was invited out last year on a cruise on the Corrib Princess. A free drink and free barbequed food were organised for the trip. Entertainment was organised and much dancing ensued. Hopefully the weather will be better this year.

3: 2004-05 Seminar Program.

It is also planed to extend and broaden the seminar program which was a resounding success last year.

4: MicroSoc Fieldtrip

It is also planed to set up and organise some post-grad fieldtrip to areas/sites/business of interest.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Sean Connaughton

Vice-Auditor: Aoife O’Leary

Treasurer: Tara Higgins

PRO: Cyril Reddington and Justin O’Grady

Secretary: Katy Fraser

Website Coordinator: Adrian Corcoran

New committee members to be elected in September 2004.

Income & Expenditure Microbiology Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	Speakers Accommodation	75.00
USC Grant	200.00	Dinner	276.00
Fundraising	1602	Society Transport	400.00
		Entry fee	342.00
Income Total	1802.00	Bank charges	12.87
		Total Expenditure	1105.87
		Closing Balance	696.13
		Total	1802.00

Modern Dance

Our aim is to explore self expression through movement and creative dance.

We had a table on societies day in September. We held weekly workshops in both semesters. Our Thursday workshop was facilitated by Bernadette Divilly.

The highlight of our year was our performance during the Múscailt Arts Festival which had a capacity audience. The performance was entitled *Mind Body Explorations* and along with members of the society we had special guests dancer Esti Siles, Brazilian Capoeira, and NUI, Galway jugglers, the performance took place in the Bank of Ireland Theatre.

We have a mailing list of 238 members.

Committee:

Eoin Rabbitt Bowles

Adeline Gendron

Income & Expenditure Modern Dance Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	57.36	Teacher fees	450.00
USC Grant	219.00	dinner	30.00
muscailt	24.09	reception	24.09
Fundraising	261	Bank charges	0.56
Income Total	561.45	Total expenditure	504.65
		Closing Balance	56.80
		Total	561.45

Music Society

Having won the title of Best Society in NUI. G for three years running and Best National Society in the year 2000, Music Soc is one of the biggest societies in the college. We ran a variety of events, some weekly or monthly and some on a one off basis.

The high point of the year was our Music Festival, Witless, which builds up to the final of our Band Competition. Witless is a competition for unsigned musicians from the university. It is by far our most head-wrecking and wonderful event. There was a great response this year, with many different styles of music represented on the stage. The heats ran up until the Múscailt Arts festival and culminated with the Witless Final in the College Bar, the winning band *Thy Swan Army* won recording time in a studio.

We also host a weekly Radio Show 'The Amps are on but no one is home' on Flirt FM. at Wednesday 7pm.

We organised a team building murder mystery weekend in Achill in April for our members and an end of year party in Richardson's Pub with live bands to round off the year.

We met on Wednesdays at 7pm in the HUB for a general meeting for all our members

Music soc signed up 247 members last year

Events:

Witless band competition
Live Acts in the Bar and the HUB
Jamming sessions upstairs Busker Browns
Table Quizzes
Radio Show
Sound Engineering workshop.
Unseen Sounds
Achill Trip for murder mystery weekend.
Music Teaching

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Colin Duggan	Vice Auditor.: Thor Mc Veigh
Secretary: Maria Judge	Treasurer/Radio Show: Willy O'Connor
Web Master: Bill Dunne	PRO: Kyle Martin
Events Manager: Conor Smyth	Radio Show: Brid Ryan

Committee 04-05:

Auditor: Thor Mc Veigh
Radio Show: Brid Ryan
Other positions to be filled next September at the EGM.

Income & Expenditure Music Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	2480.51	Stationary	152.52
USC Grant	1175.00	Teacher fees	150.00
Múscailt	1923.11	speakers accommodation	100.00
Fundraising	134.38	bands	1200
Ticket sales	325.00	Receptions	509.82
members contribution	430.00	Dinner	300.00
Other	276.30	Bus	400.00
Income Total	6744.30	Society Accommodation	890.00
		lights	1169.40
		Equipment	386.98
		prizes	809.59
		Bank charges	3.75
		Total Expenditure	6072.06
		Closing balance	672.24
		Total	6744.30

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 amongst many other things.

Events:

- 16th May 2003: Talk given by Syeikh Khaled (Imam of Galway Mosque) about Maulud Nabawi. The talk was mainly about the Prophet Muhammad, (peace and blessings be upon him) and his teaching of Islam.
- 24th September 2003: Society's Day. A total of 84 new students (both Muslims and non-Muslims) registered with Muslim Youth Society.
- 27th September 2003: Talk on month of Sya'ban and laylatul Isra' wal Mi'raj by Syeikh Khaled.
- Regular Talk by syeik Khaled; Every Tuesday, at Large Lecture Theatre (LLT), in Clinical Science Institute (CSI)
- Regular sport activities; every Saturday for sisters (at sport's hall) and every Sunday for brothers.
- 27th September 2003: Trip to Clonskeagh mosque, Dublin. Around 50 students involved. It was a very pleasant and educational experience as we got the chance to have a tour around the Mosque, cultural exhibition and a short talk given by the Imam of the Mosque.
- 26th October 2003: Ramadhan starts. MYS encouraged students to go and pray tarawekh in the mosque by facilitating the transportation. The response was quite good.
- 6th of November 2003: National One Day Fast Campaign. Around 5000 euro was raised and the money was distributed to 2 charities, Human appeal and Children Hospital.
- 7th November 2003: Organized an Iftar at the Mosque.
- 29th November 2003: Eid party in conjunction with Galway Islamic Society and was held at the West Side Community Centre.
- 26th – 31st January 2004: **Islamic Cultural Week** Opening Ceremony: at the Aula Maxima, officiated by the President of the University, consists of exhibitions, shadow puppet and Nasyeed performance and refreshments. Exhibitions going on through out the 'Week' at the lobby of Áras Na MacLéann and consists of different topics such as; History of Islam, Science in Islam, Halal and Haram, Why Man needs religion and Muslims all around the world. Talks given by various speakers on various topics; Women in Islam, Journey towards Islam, Science in Quran and Building bridges between

Islamic and Western society. All talks were held at the Lecture Theatre in Arts Millennium Building. Closing Ceremony at the Hub. Token of appreciation was given to the Imam of Galway, and those who have greatly involved and contributed to the week.

Membership: 166 signed up on Societies Day

Committee 2003-2004

Auditor: Ghanem Al Salem
Vice-Auditor: Hebah Nashat
Treasurer: Parves Izzudin
Secretary: Mardiah Masharuddin

committee: Waqar Aziz
committee: Fa'ezah Abdul Rahim
committee: Mohd Adzreil Bakri
committee: Mohammed Khanji
committee: Altayyeb Yousef
committee: Eka Wardah Rimaya Musly Thahar
committee: Sazrina Amran

25th March 2004: Annual General Meeting. New committee was elected:

Committee 2004-2005

Auditor TBA **Vice Auditor:** Heba Nashat
Treasurer : Mardiah Masharuddin **Secretary :** Nor Adzleen Mahmood
Committee members: Waqar Abdul Azizi, Mohd Adzreil Bakri, Abdul Hafiz, Abdul Wahab, Sazrina Amran, Siti Saleha, Abdul Rani Hanim.

Income & Expenditure Muslim Youth Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	414.91	Stationary	81.17
USC Grant	1630.60	Teacher fees	240.00
Green Forms sponsorship	0	speakers accom.	240.00
Fundraising	773.01	Speakers Travel	286.08
	5573.66	Receptions	62.03
		Dinner	1051.59
Income Total	8392.18	Society Transport	157.00
		charity	5568.77
		materials	477.41
		Bank charges	18.32
		Total Expenditure	8182.37
		Closing Balance	209.81
		Total	8392.18

Orchestra

The NUIG Chamber Orchestra has just completed one of its most successful seasons to-date. Over 50 new members signed up on societies day. It was the largest number to sign up in the history of the orchestra.

The season kicked off, under the baton of their principal conductor Hugh Kelly, with a series of lunchtime prom concerts that took place outside the hub in Aras na MacLeinn. These were a great success and were very popular with both staff and students at NUIG.

The season continued with a series of Chamber Music Evenings. These were informal evenings where players would split up into quartets and ensembles to play through various chamber music pieces. Members of the public were able to attend these evenings and they were encouraged to bring their instruments to play along!!

The Orchestra continued its Múscailt tradition and performed a lunchtime concert during the festival. It was the orchestra's debut concert in the Atrium of the new biotechnology building (beside Moffets). After the acclaimed tour to Clifden last year, the orchestra decided to embark on another, equally exciting, tour. The NUIG Chamber Orchestra was approached by Caintairi Chonemara with the invitation to perform Faure's Requiem with them, prior to their departure to perform the work in the Royal Albert Hall in London. The Orchestra took up the invitation and the tour to Clifden was a complete success with an excellent performance in Clifden and another in the Aula Maxima at NUIG on consecutive nights. In addition to Faure's Requiem the orchestra also performed Britten's Simple Symphony and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 with soloists Clifton Wijaya (violin), Johnny Berrill(flute) and Sarah Sheridan(flute).

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Paul Stevens
Treasurer: Catherine Joyce
Secretary: Fiona Byrne

Committee 04-05

Auditor: Johnny Berrill
Secretary: Hazel Fahy
Treasurer: Conor Hurley
PRO: Ann-Marie Creavan

Income & Expenditure Orchestra Society 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	13.16
USC Grant	3230.00
muscailt	200
sponsorship	300
Fundraising	125
Ticket sales	420
members contribution	1180

Income Total **5468.16**

Expenditure

Teacher fees	1500.00
Dinner	574.50
Bus	600.00
Society Accom.	2460.00
materials	204.00
Total Expenditure	5338.50
Closing Balance	129.66
Total	5468.16

Philosophy Society

The Philosophy society is open to Philosophers, academic and otherwise, who together can provide answers and solutions.

Members signed up on socs day 199

Events:

- Rita-Ann Higgins, Galway poet came to the society in early October to do a talk on “Controversial Poetry”. It was a great success and her poems such as “The KKK of Kastlepark” provoked much interest and many questions. It was attended by about 30 people.
- Shane Mulhall, from the Department of Philosophy and Science in Dublin gave a talk on “Fear”. The talk and after-talk wine reception were enjoyed by all who attended and Mr. Mulhall was able to answer several questions on the theory that “Love will always conquer Fear”. Approx. 35 people attended.
- John Moriarty, the well known storyteller and Kerry native, came to the society in mid-January and entranced everyone with his old style and soulful storytelling. It was a night to remember for upwards of 45 people who attended and is one of the philosophy society's proudest achievements.
- On the 3rd of March 2004, Niall O’Murchu gave a talk on traveller culture. His theory is that the travellers remain the only true Irish people due to the Globalisation of our planet and only their culture has survived wholly intact.

- For Múscailt the Philosophy Society put on a production of “Under Milk Wood” in the Aula Maxima and also recorded it as a radio play that was broadcast on Flirt FM. The play was directed by Anita from the Dramasoc and it wouldn’t have been possible to put on the play without her and an excellent cast of NUIG students.
- In addition to the lectures we hosted, we also held a number of discussion groups covering a wide selection of topics including “Fear” and “Inspiring Song Lyrics and Poetry”.

Committee 03-04

Auditor- Luke McDonagh
 Vice-Auditor- Kieran Curran
 Treasurer- Sarah McDonagh
 PRO- Jeanne Banks

Committee 04-05

Auditor: Kieran Curran
 Secretary- Sarah McDonagh
 We will elect the rest of the committee in September

Income & Expenditure Philosophy Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	6.05	Stationary	38.36
USC Grant	510.00	Teacher fees	100.00
muscailt	40.00	Speakers Travel	60.00
Income Total	556.05	Receptions	253.39
		Dinner	28.25
		Performing rights	40.00
		Bank charges	2.80
		Total Expenditure	522.80
		Closing Balance	33.25
		Total	556.05

Photosoc

The Photographic Society organised classes, guest lecturers and social events throughout the year. We also manage our new darkroom on Distillery road and have put a lot of effort into improving our health and safety standards this year.

The highlights this year were our trips to Achill and Ballinasloe Horsefair and our annual Focus 04 exhibition which took place during Múscailt. We were also available through the year to take photos for various society events.

Activities:

Autumn 2003:

- Societies day; Basic Photography classes taught by Chris Taleff, Digital Photography classes by Alb MacSweeney and PhotoShop workshop in conjunction with CompSoc by Michéal Reidy
- Darkroom classes taught (both autumn and spring) by Heather Murphy, Chris Taleff and Maeve Egan
- Photos taken for DramaSoc’s *Clock Work Orange* and Writer’s Society’s Múscailt publication
- Photoshooting trip to Ballinasloe Horsefair in October; a weekend trip to the Achill Island in November
- Digital camera bought for the Society

Spring 2004:

- New Societies Day; FOCUS ’04 exhibition during Múscailt week and exhibition continued for a week in the College Art Gallery
- Guest lectures on Underwater Photography by Stefan Kraan and on Studio Photography by John Jordan

Total number of meetings 12.

Total number of members 236.

Committee Members 2003-2004:

Rupert Flood, Auditor
Michelle Duane, Vice Auditor
Hanna-Kaisa Hoppania, Treasurer
Anne Kukkonen, Secretary
Louise Lynch, PRO

Committee Elected for 04-05

Hanna-Kaisa Hoppania: Treasurer.
Michéal Reidy: PRO,
Eve Campbell: Secretary.
Antóine MacGaoithín: OCM.
An EGM will be held in September

Income & Expenditure PhotoSoc 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	1014.15	Teacher fees	145.00
USC Grant	2988.36	Speakers Accom.	65.00
muscailt	764.28	Speakers Travel	138.05
fundraising	200	Receptions	118.95
members contribution	1018.85	Dinner	196.58
societies day	216.35	Society Transport	737.15
Income Total	6201.99	Society Accom.	920.00
		entertainment	200.00
		charity	100.00
		materials	2531.44
		Bank charges	51.92
		Total Expenditure	5651.06
		Closing Balance	550.93
		Total	6201.99

Physics

The physics society proudly hosted a very successful science ball. The ball was the first of the season and took place in the Radisson Hotel, music was supplied by Blue Moose and DJ Sonix.

In March we organised the IPSA (Irish Physics Students Association) conference. We were joined by students from UCG and CIT. The weekend started with an ice breaking party on the Friday night, Saturday was devoted to talks and lectures. On Saturday night we organised a party with a buffet and music in the Skeffington Arms and distributed free passes to the night club. We rounded off the successful weekend with Sunday Morning bowling.

At the end of the year we had a pre exam party and an end of year party for the 4th year physic students.

Income & Expenditure Physics Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	1185.57	Ball	17909.70
sponsorship	850	Receptions	544.05
Science Ball	21665	Food	1159.06
Income Total	23700.57	Entertainment	361.10
		Bank charges	7.50
		Total Expenditure	19981.41
		Closing Balance	3719.16
			23700.57

PLUTO

The purpose of the Society is to create a safe meeting space for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual students in this university; to create a sense of community among LGB students on campus; to create visibility for LGB issues on campus; to develop gay awareness issues, thereby educating the wider campus about social, cultural and political issues; to introduce our LGB members to the wider gay community outside NUIG in the city; to create a tie between the LGB community in Galway city and the LGB students of NUIG.

This year our number of members was 120, which grew with the arrival of new students in semester two. These numbers make us the largest LGB society in Ireland; At the beginning of the year, we conducted a survey amongst new and current members asking them what they wanted us to do, and what needed to be done, and this helped keep old and current members attracted and involved.

From September we have held a different event each week. These ranged from social events such as going bowling, having a pool tournament in a gay bar in town, having a film night,. We held two charity quizzes, raising money for Aids West, We held a sexual health talk in semester one by a speaker from Aids West. In semester one we campaigned successfully to have Pink Training (the largest USI event in the country) in NUIG. In semester one, we invited Edmund Lynch (winner LGB Irish film festival, and other international awards) to give a talk about his film, followed by a showing of his film and a discussion about gay_ issues with older members of the gay community. Over one hundred people attended. In semester two, we had our gay awareness week. For this we held a coming out workshop with some professional facilitators, we had a stand during the week creating awareness about gay issues, we pamphleted about gay issues and Pluto soc throughout the campus during the day, and finished the week with a club night we setup ourselves in the Victoria Hotel '*It Smells Like Queen Spirit*' , and ran throughout the year Most recently we had the outgoing and incoming LGB rights officers give a workshop.

As an LGB society, we are probably going to encounter the most obstacles out of any society on campus, simply because of prejudices still held by many students, and because being an active member means sacrificing the privacy of your sexuality. PR was a problem we had to continually surmount as throughout the year our posters were ripped down by people who were anti what we were doing. We had no practical way of fighting this, although we did mention it to the whole country on a brief TV appearance we made on TV3 during our awareness week, when every single one of our posters were purposefully ripped down by a bunch of young male students. This severely disabled our provision of info about gay rights during our gay awareness week.

We had a full committee this year and have filled all our positions for next year but due to the nature of the society some of our committee have chosen to remain anonymous.

Committee List 03-04:

Co-auditors: Colm O' Callaghan & Michelle Hensey
Secretary: Eugene Friel
Education Officer: Tomas Burke
New Members Liaison Officer: T.J. Garrity.
P.R.O: Lucy O' Neill

Committee List 04-05

Co Auditors: Elaine McDonagh & Tiernan J. Garrity
Treasurer: Kevin Keane
Secretary: Liam Connolly
PRO: Peter D'Lima
Education Officer: Patrick o'Donoghue

Income & Expenditure Pluto Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	162.73	Stationary	34.04
USC	1007.22	Receptions	549.61
sponsorship	80	Bus	96.00
Fundraising	727.51	Society Transport	141.45
Income Total	1977.46	Society	
		Accommodation	136.00
		Entry Fee	320.00
		materials	35.20
		prizes	109.01
		Total Expenditure	1421.31
		Closing Balance	556.15
		Total	1977.46

Political Discussion Society

The Political Discussion Society's aim is to foster a high level of political discourse involving students from all faculties and to insure awareness of issues of national and international importance.

Society Activity:

Guest Speakers Monday Nights O'Flaherty Theatre 8pm.

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| 1. Leader of Seanad Éireann | Senator Mary O' Rourke |
| 2. Leader of Fine Gael | Enda Kenny |
| 3. Leader of The Green Party | Trevor Sargent |
| 4. Green Party | John Gormely |
| 5. Former E.U. Commissioner | Padraig Flynn |
| 6. Former Kerry Football Manager | Paidí O Sé |
| 7. Fine Gael | Peter Kelly |
| 8. Chief Justice | Ronan Keane |
| 9. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland | Paul Murphy |
| 10. Inter Party Panel Discussion: | |
| F.F. Eamonn O Cuív, Ind. Marian Harkin, F.G. Madeline Taylor Quinn & Green Neill O Brolocháin | |
| 11. Society Inter Party Debate: | |
| Ógra Sinn Féin, Cumman de Barra, Labour Youth, Young Fine Gael & Connolly Youth | |
| 12. Student Union Hustings | |
| Paddy Reilly, Bernard O' Connor, Emmet Dormer, Sean Butler, Keith Maye, Adam Baker, Sinead Laffan, Áine Kelly & Eoin Grealis | |

Signed up on societies day: 390

Committee 2003 – 2004

Auditor: Susan Treacy
Vice Auditor: Éilis Fallon
Treasurer: Sharon Dillon-Lyons
Corresp. Secretary: Joseph Powderly
P.R.O. : Michael Walsh
Promotions Officer: Pamela Ní Phroinnbhail
Clerk Of the House: James Hope

Elected Committee 2004 – 2005

Auditor: Susan Treacy
Vice Auditor Pamela Ní Phroinnbhail
Treasurer Tristan Nethaway

E.G.M. will be held at the beginning of the next academic year to elect the remainder of the committee.

Income & Expenditure PDS Society 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	31.68	
USC Grant	4201.54	
sponsorship	1155	
Income Total		5388.22

Expenditure

Stationary	418.33	
printing	35.80	
speakers accommodation	270.00	
Speakers Travel	522.57	
Receptions	1335.30	
Dinner	366.00	
materials	1288.00	
prizes	432.97	
Bank charges	3.75	
charity	100	
Total Expenditure		4772.72
Closing Balance		615.50
Total		5388.22

Psychology Society

The main objective of the society is to ensure that a broad spectrum of psychology is represented and promoted. The society is open to all staff and students who have an interest in psychology 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.

The committee proved to be highly active and enthusiastic and stayed busy organising guest speakers and social nights throughout the year.

A wide range of guests came from near and far to give talks on wide ranging subjects including terrorism, sports psychology, clinical psychology, health psychology, consciousness and thought, and volunteer programmes both locally and as far flung as Sri Lanka. The Social promotion of psychology was represented by riotous table quizzes, fancy dress parties and a new years bash as well as a memorable trip to the Congress of Psychology in Ireland, held in Trinity this year.

Events:

18th Sept: EGM

23rd Sept: The Galway Association volunteer recruitment evening.

25th Sept: Societies day

7th Oct: Table Quiz-College Bar

13th Oct Dr Peter Dorai Raj 'The Sri Lanka Project'.

30th Oct Halloween Bash-Massimos

18th Nov. Prof Jack James, *Health, the Health Care System and Psychology*.

15th Jan News years back to school bash-Massimos

5th Feb. Aidan Moran *Sports Psychology: From Theory to Practice*.

19th Feb Dr Brian McGuire & Treacy Hegarty an *Information Evening on Clinical Psychology*.

5th March Dr John Horgan *Understanding Terrorist Behaviour*.

8th March Table Quiz-College Bar.

22nd march Dr Brian Lancaster (JMU, Liverpool) *The Roots of Thought-A Spiritual Perspective in Psychology*.

26th-28th March Trip to the Psychology Society of Ireland (PSI) Congress held in Trinity College Dublin.

We held 18 committee meetings throughout the year.

Membership: 123

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Sinead Conneely

Vice Auditor: Edel Coughlan

Treasurer: Jill Pollard

Vice: Treasurer Haulie Dowd

PRO: Eugene Jordan

PRO: Martin Power

PRO: Maria Burke

Secretary: Leigh McCann

Health and Safety Officer: Sophia Kilcullen

Sub Committee: Michelle D'Alton, Chris butler, Sarah-Jane McHugh, Caoimhe Speakman, Padraig Walsh, Padraid Fitzpatrick, Eimhir lowry, Kristina Rowell, Abby Taube.

At the AGM an interim committee was established to keep the society running over the summer. The official elections will take place at an EGM in September.

Interim Committee 04-05

Edel Coughlan, Sophia kilcullen, Jill Pollard, Haulie Dowd, Eugene Jordan, Maria Burke, Leigh McCann, Sarah-Jane McHugh, Caoimhe Speakman and Sinead Conneely.

Income & Expenditure Psychological Society 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	141.4
USC Grant	2731.88
Fundraising	515
Members Contribution	1750

Income Total **5138.28**

Expenditure

Stationary	155
Speakers Travel	422
Receptions	310.73
Dinner	17.5
Bus	800
Society Accommodation	2200
Ball	237.5
Entry Fee	535
Bank charges	7.5
Expenditure Total	4685.23
Closing Balance	453.05
Total	5138.28

Quiz Society

The Quiz Soc. was founded on impulse by Micheal Coyne, John Nolan & Michelle Walsh last September to add a little variety and vitality to the NUI Galway Quizzing scene.

Quizzing, along with debating, is one of the few non-sporting methods of competitive expression in our culture. The aims of the NUI Galway Quiz soc and simple: to entertain, inform and challenge students through Quizzing.

Over 200 people have taken part in the Quiz Socs main three events this year.

Events:

- Our main event was the year-long *University Challenged*, a team-based quiz with the objective of finding the Universities smartest department. A different match took place every Tuesday night in the Cairnes theatre and, with free admission, people were encouraged to come along and cheer on their friends. The standard at this quiz has been particularly high and, at time of writing, The final of the Challenge featured Chemistry and History who meet in a classic 'Arts v. Sciences' final!
- Our first big once-off event was the Muscailt table quiz. This was the Quiz socs contribution to Muscailt, the University Arts festival, and was a table quiz with a difference. It featured eight rounds, none of which included any spoken questions! For the record the rounds were:

1. Songs in the key of Paddy Jordan (Intros played on Guitar)
2. College & Galway landmarks from obscure angles (Photos)
3. Book-a-minute (Reduced Shakespeare versions of famous books)
4. T.V. Recreations (Videos by Quiz Soc)
5. Songs in the Key of Paddy Reilly (Sung)
6. Fine Arts (Photos)
7. T.V. Theme tunes (Sung by members of Choral Soc)
8. Film recreations (Videos by Quiz Soc)

This was a big success which over 100 people taking part and €300 being raised to Goal, the charity.

- We also ran a table quiz for the History Society during the IHSA in a bit of inter society solidarity.
- Our second-last event was the Clubs & Societies table quiz.
- Again, we tried to make this quiz a little bit different. Instead of regular round with ten questions each, we had rounds of eight questions with two bonus points on offer if the link between all eight answered could be found. Twelve different Clubs & Societies took part in this quiz, with History eventually winning the U.C.G. Memorial trophy!
- We won best New Society at the Society Awards and represented the University at the BICS awards in Maynooth.

Committee List 03-04:

Auditor: Micheal Coyne
 Vice- Auditor: Patrick Mulrennan
 Treasurer: John Nolan
 Secretary: Michelle Walsh
 PRO: Barry Murphy

Income & Expenditure Quiz Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0.00	Stationary	82.02
USC Grant	50.00	Dinner	150.00
Muscailt	200	Charity	240.00
sponsorship	100	materials	63.38
Fundraising	760	prizes	565.40
Income Total	1110.00	Total Expenditure	1100.80
		Closing Balance	9.20
		Closing Balance	1110.00

Radio Society

The Radio Society is a student run society, which provides radio related activities for its members. It also works with Campus radio, FLIRT FM, and other groups on campus to help students gain practical experience in radio and music production.

We hosted a quasar Christmas party in Leisure world followed by a celebration in the Cellar Bar with finger-food and a night in Cuba.

As part of Múscailt we ran an open deck night in the college bar.

We ran a studio desk training for our members in Flirt FM.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Siobhan Malone
Treasurer: Patrick O'Flaherty
P.R.O.: Damien Corridan

Vice-Auditor: Donny Hurley
Secretary: Michelle Mangan
O.C.M.: Emma Doyle

Income & Expenditure Radio Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	236.72	Receptions	99.35
USC Grant	100.00	Dinner	27.00
muscaillt	100.00	entertainment	100.00
societies day	165.7	Total Expenditure	226.35
Income Total	602.42	Closing Balance	376.07
		Total	602.42

Ógra Sinn Fein

The aim of our society is to develop awareness of the political situation in the six counties and to provide a forum where students with an interest in republicanism can debate the issues relevant to them. To this end this we met weekly in AM108 where we debated issues, provided canvassing training and provide information.

We invited a number of guests to discuss a variety of issues including;

Barry McElduff speaking on 'the current situation in the six counties'.

Vincent Woods spoke on 'the neglect of the west',

Martina Anderson spoke on 'the new Sinn Fein all Ireland Agenda'

A member of the Palestinian Solidarity group spoke about the work of the group in Galway.

On the social side we attended the Sinn Fein Ard Fheis and Ógra Youth conference both in Dublin. In conjunction with GMT Sinn Fein society We organised a Christmas party in Richardson's pub with music provided by *Banna Strand* traditional group with over 70 present it was a very lively occasion.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Aideen Rosney

Vice Auditor: Cormac Conaghan

Treasurer: Anthony Murray

Secretary: Noeleen Healy

PRO: Shane O'Mara

Irish Officer: Dualta MacLochlainn

Committee 04-05

Auditor: Shane O'Meara

Vice Auditor: Noeleen Healy

Secretary: Anna Prior

Treasurer: Aideen Rosney

PRO: Anthony Murray

Income & Expenditure sinn fein Society 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	963.73
USC Grant	638.11
Income Total	1601.84

Expenditure

Stationary	130.25
speakers accommodation	60.00
Receptions	32.90
Dinner	301.10
Society Transport	134.69
socs day exp	475.00
Bank charges	5.15
Total Expenses	1139.09
Closing Balance	462.75
	1601.84

Social Action Movement

Meet weekly in the Westside community centre to help children at a home work club. It is an informal arrangement and our members call to the community centre when they are available to work with the children.

This year as part of the Múscailt Arts festival the children got involved in an art exhibition entitled 'A place to call home', which included an exhibition of children's art on the theme of home and information on homelessness. Art supplies were provided for the children by the Societies Officer and funded by the festival.

Committee 03-04

Regina Watson
Susanne Costello

Income & Expenditure SAM Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0.00	Materials	89.12
USC Grant	50.00	Societies day expenses	50.00
Múscailt	89.12	Total Expenditure	139.12
Total Income	89.12	Closing Balance	0.00
	139.12	Total	139.12

Socialist Workers

We are an open minded and active society. We work towards a society, a world which is peaceful, just, equal and nondiscriminatory for people of all races. We continually try to encourage and aid the involvement of students in striving for a world based on people not profit, peace not war. We held forums open to all discussing a wide range of social issues in the college, nationally and internationally.

- **October:** Speaker: Andy Story, Afri Ireland, *Marxist Forum on US foreign policy and militarization of the EU.*
- **November:** European Social Forum in Paris, worked with photo Soc and sent 5 delegates to the conference.
- **February:** Worked with Eco Soc to hold anti war forum, reception held in the Hub after.
- Speakers: Nuria Dunne Iraqi exile and peace activist, Margaret Roynane, Archeology lecturer NUI Galway and Fintan Lane, peace activist.
- **March:** Marxist forum on US elections and candidates, Speaker: Brid Smith, Socialist Workers Party.
- Held Anti war stall in the week leading up to March 20th, the global day of action for peace. Organised bus to Dublin on March 20th to hear anti war speakers, Michael D Higgins (Labour), Richard Barrett (Irish Anti War Movement) and Patricia McKenna (Green Party).
- **April** AGM in the HUB with refreshments and picture display of photos from ESF, Paris.

Committee Members:

Jamie Murphy
Kate Marie Hearne
Mike Ryder
Eibhlin Ni Hir
John Downey.

Income & Expenditure Socialist workers party Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	Stationary	7.50
USC Grant	1062.00	Speakers Travel	20.00
members contribution	601	Receptions	137.32
Income Total	1663.00	Bus	910.00
		Society Transport	458.00
		Materials	9.59
		Total Expenditure	1623.00
		Closing Balance	40.00
		Total	1663.00

Spanish

The Spanish society promoted the interchange of the Spanish language and culture among Irish and Spanish students or those studying the Spanish Language. We aim to integrate all year groups in a more sociable environment.

We met weekly at 9pm on Tuesdays in The Blue Note. We organised social events such as Spanish speaking evenings which enabled students to improve their spoken knowledge of the language. Two Erasmus evenings which allowed the third year students to exchange information on their experiences in Spain with the second years who will be going abroad in September.

The highlights of the year were:

La Gran Fiesta, our end of year party which took place in De Burgos, a night of Spanish food, festivity, music and dance.

In semester two we produced the comedy *Los Figurantes*, in the Bank of Ireland Theatre. With 20 actors/actresses and 3 crew, there was almost as much comic relief off stage as on.

The play was directed by Pilar Alderete and was first performed in January and then in February as part of Múscailt and finally in March.

Committee 03-03

Auditor: Marc Broderick Vice Auditor Deirdre O'Reilly

Treasurer Ciaran McLoughlin OCM: Colette Burke.

We will elect our new committee in September.

Income & Expenditure Spanish Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0.00	Receptions	220.00
USC Grant	110.00	Dinner	150.00
muscailt	84.96	set	84.96
Fundraising	100.01	Total Expenditure	454.96
Other	160.19	Closing Balance	0.20
Income Total	455.16	Total	455.16

St Vincent de Paul Society

The society began this year by recruiting new members on societies day and also by e-mailing existing members asking for their continued support and also old members through e-mail again to inform them of the continuing work we carry out here in NUI Galway.

The societies day proved very successful with over 300 signing up which was a great way to raise awareness again of the society. We never expected this amount to ever join us on a regular basis but throughout the year we saw approx 50 members being involved in the society in some form or another.

The roles of the members and activities they are involved in range from hands on homework clubs after school in the local community centre, visits to the nursing home in St. Anthony's where we talk and integrate with the residents and staff.

A variety of art, sport and drama projects in the local community centre as well as in NUI Galway. Our main event of the year was a charity ball, which was originally aimed at the mature students in NUI Galway but eventually resulted in local businesses and the public being invited along. The following are a list of the events we participated in throughout the year in NUI Galway.

CHARITY BALL	THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR MEMBERS AND OVERSEAS STUDENTS
ALTERNATIVE BEAUTY PAGEANT IN IRISH	PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN IN GALWAY FOR S.V.P.
CHARITY TABLE QUIZ	INTERVARSITIES WEEKEND IN KILDARE
ART PROJECT ON THEME OF HOMESLESSNESS	WORKING WITH S.V.P. IN GALWAY
RAG WEEK FUNDRAISING (2 EVENTS)	VOLUNTRY WORK IN LOCAL COMMUNITY-
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER	
TRIP TO COLLEGE MUSICAL WITH LOCAL CHILDREN	

Members were also involved in poster design and webpage upkeep.

We tried to hold meetings every 3 weeks but this was not always possible but members were kept informed through the community centre and postering and e-mail of all activities.

The charity ball, although an enjoyable evening, resulted in the society losing out financially. This was a big disappointment as the society is solely a voluntary and charitable organisation with our main priority each year to raise money to be used to good causes locally.

We will continue to do so and are committed to donating funds to our 3 main projects which are the local community centre in Bohermore and to assist in providing education opportunities for the children through after school homework clubs and to introduce them to art and sport.

Visiting the local nursing home and participating in activities which result in the elderly becoming actively involved whilst attending daycare is also a priority for the society and one we will continue next year.

The S.V.P. nationally benefit through both a financial donation to them and by NUI Galway students being invited to stay involved after graduating from NUI Galway.

There is also an S.V.P. project in Dublin which receives financial support from us. Sunshine House is a facility where disadvantaged and socially excluded children are offered a holiday for one week during the summer where they become involved in many activities from sport to drama and music and more importantly to be given an opportunity to enjoy a holiday.

These activities and schemes we are involved in resulted in us making donations in excess of €2500 euro this year.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Bill Tully

Treasurer: Claire Conroy

Secretary: Nuala Tully

PRO: Katie Donohoe

Income & Expenditure SVP Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	39.47	Stationary	60.00
USC Grant	1484.00	Ball	9372.96
muscailt	103.79	Charity	2630.00
sponsorship	3000.13	Dinner	500.00
Fundraising	2792.57	Society Transport	379.50
Ball	2650	Materials	223.79
		Bank charges	3.75
Income Total	10069.96	Total Expenditure	13170.00
		Closing Balance	-3100.04
		Closing Balance	10069.96

Traditional Music

We met weekly in Áras na Gaeilge in Domnick Street for a session at 9pm on Wednesdays until the beginning of March. The highlight of the year was our trip to Limerick for an intervarsity which we had established the previous year during the Múscailt arts festival. We had a table on societies' day and attracted a lot of interest.

Committee 03-04: Niall Cullen, Anthony Coyne & Patrick McDonnell.

Income & Expenditure Traditional Music Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	120	Receptions	75.00
USC Grant	670.00	Bus	600.00
members contribution	545	Society accommodation	660.00
Income Total	1335.00	Total Expenditure	1335.00
		Closing Balance	0.00
		Total	1335.00

Turf Appreciation

The Turf Appreciation Society is a Society that basically attends race meetings and discusses the merits and problems of Irish and UK Racing and our aim is to have a little craic as well.

The highlight of our year is the Cheltenham Preview night (March 8th) attracted a huge crowd and filled the O'Flaherty to capacity, all Proceeds to Direct Aid For Africa (DAFA). This year there was footage of all main contenders and expert analysis on the night from the panel which comprised Peter Scudamore, Alan Byrne (mc), Charlie Swan, Arthur Moore and John McIntyre.

During the year we organised two trips to race meetings.

We went to Limerick where the UL racing society had organised a national student race night with colleges from all over the country attending.

Our second trip was to Punchestown race course where we again filled the bus for a great day at the races.

Committee 03-04

Auditor Peter Burke
 Secretary Michael Scully
 PRO: Pearce Lynch

Vice Auditor Ciaran O’Gara
 Treasurer: Luke Mc Intyne

Income & Expenditure Turf Appreciation Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	99.17	Bus	1050.00
USC Grant	525.00	Entry fee	550.00
Fundraising	14175	charity	13400.00
members contribution	1225	Speaker expenses	500.00
Income Total	16024.17	Total Expenditure	15500.00
		Closing Balance	524.17
		Total	16024.17

Voluntary Services Abroad

Voluntary Services Abroad fundraises all year to raise much needed funds for the third world clinics, which the fifth year medical students visit and work in over the summer.

100% of the funds raised goes to the charity, the members pay all their own travel and accommodation costs. This year has been our most successful ever with a huge variety of fundraising ideas, the highlight of which was the bungee jump which saw a record number of jumpers this year.

Members also came up with fundraising ideas in their own home towns which helped to broaden our funding base.

Events:

24 th Sept	Societies Day
8 th Oct	Travellers Tales
15 th Oct	Table Quix (Quays bar)
28 th Oct	Halloween Ball (Raddisson)
Oct & Nov	Dublin & New York City Marathon (Peter Coyle)
14 th -15 th Nov	Bag packing terryland
18 th -19 th Nov	Annual Christmas Concert
3 rd Dec	Galway City Collection
6 th Dec	Carol Singing
16 th Dec	Med Ball (envelope collection)
22 Dec	Carol Singing (Skeffington Arms)
31 st Dec	New Year’s Raffle
3 rd -4 th Jan	Blood pressure clinics
20 th Jan	Goretti Hanrahan memorial Lecture
27 th Jan	Ceili (Cuba)
28 th Jan	Christmas Draw
1 st March	Meeting with Micheal Martin
9 th -10 th March	Bunjee jump
12 th -13 th March	Bed push (Galway-Limerick)
16 th March	AGM
23 rd -24 th	Cycle to Sligo
23 rd April	Golf Classic

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Patrick McSharry
Treasurer: Aisling Lyons
Secretary: Michelle Mulvihill

Vice Auditor: Emma Harrington
Vice Treasurer: Nigel Glynn
Events manager: Laura Gleeson.

Income & Expenditure VSA Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	4769.56	Stationary	290.00
USC Grant	2216.13	printing	780.82
sponsorship	9055	Halloween ball	1161.60
Fundraising	131009	Society Transport	25000.00
members contribution	25000	hire of green	2250.00
		charity	123463.20
		bungee jump	8250.00
Income Total	172049.69	promotion	155.00
		vaccines	8661.00
		prizes	1850.00
		Bank charges	188.07
		Total Expenditure	172049.69
		Closing Balance	0.00
		Total	172049.69

Writers Society

We encourage all students and college staff to engage in literary activities. Through our efforts we hope to offer staff and students events to encourage their Literary pursuits, these included workshops, film screenings, publications, bulletin boards, poetry readings, Forums, competition up dates, college-run competitions, Radio Slots and archive of Poetry Ireland Review and News for society members.

Membership: This year we have 247 registered members which we regularly contacted by e-mail,. We have 69 active Bulletin Board members.

Events:

- ❖ Workshops every week in AM 104, where students came along to discuss work in progress. This workshop was frequented by writer in residence Mike Mc Cormack who established a contact with student writers on campus.
- ❖ We held 4 Poetry readings in Café Javas with complimentary passes to the GPO nightclub for attendees.
- ❖ We published a Monthly literature magazine "POW" which was archived in the James Hardiman Library and distributed around the campus and city and to staff. These publications included prose, poetry and art work by students at all levels. POW included works in Irish, works by mature students and works by staff.
- ❖ We held two film screenings, The Blair Witch project and About Adam and two original Shorts Underworld by Ronan Gallagher and Kiss of Death by Liz Gill.
- ❖ We organized a competition in conjunction with the Arts Faculty and the Dean of Arts who sponsored us 400 Euro for a prize fund. Writers in residence Mike Mc Cormack and P. O Ciobhain, poet and German Dept. staff member Eva Bourke, student and poet Rab Swannock Fulton, and English Dept. lecturer Dr. Marie-Louise Coolahan judged the entries which included work by over 70 students at all college levels. Dr. Riana O Dwyer, head of the English Department sponsored our publication 250 Euro. The competition and publication came together in "Limited Edition" launched in the Siobhan Mc Kenna Theatre. Reading at this Launch were Kevin Higgins, Susanne Du Mars, Eva Bourke, Mike

Mc Cormack and the winning students of the Literature competition. This event included a wine reception and was recorded and broadcast by Flirt FM during Muscailt.

- ❖ Our Film Forum also took place as part of the Múscailt Film Festival. It featured writer/director Gerry Stembridge (About Adam), Liz Gill(Goldfish Memory), Ronan Gallagher (Underworld) and producer Rod Stoneman (Intermission, Circle of Friends: Director of the John Huston School of Film NUIG. The event was chaired by Lelia Doolan one time Director of The Abbey Theatre and Director of The Irish Film Institute.
- ❖ Before the end of this semester we have one more poetry reading in Café Java's. (March 24th)
- ❖ We published our Annual (April5th),
- ❖ A Murder Mystery Weekend in Achill (April)
- ❖ A reading in the Children's Ward of University Hospital, to whom we are donating children's books.

Committee: 03-04

Henry Martin, Auditor,
 Maeve O'Brien & Bebhinn Egan, Vice-Auditors,
 Carla Bredin, Secretary,
 James Mc Walter, Treasurer,
 David Meaghar, P.R.O,
 Seanan Mc Donnell, Competition Co-ordinator,
 Danny O Connor, Website Manager,
 POW editors: and distributors: Jasmine Godwin,
 Virginia Hatton, Morgan Wentworth, Claire Mc Nelis, Ciara Banks, Colm O Hehir,

Committee 04-05

James McWalter and Bebhinn Egan, Vice-Auditors
 David Meaghar, Secretary,
 Danny O Connor, Website Manager,
 POW, editors and distributors: Ciara Banks, Aideen Gleeson.

The remaining positions will be filled at an EGM in September.

Income & Expenditure Writers Society 03-04

Income

Opening Bank balance	73.4	
USC Grant	1745.56	
sponsorship	250	
Muscailt	2344.23	
members contribution	570.00	
Income Total		5183.19

Expenditure

Stationary	119.13	
printing	1854.00	
speakers accom.	195.00	
Speakers Travel	160.00	
Receptions	280.00	
Dinner	435.97	
Bus	600.00	
Society Accom.	912.00	
Entry Fee	56.00	
materials	36.73	
Socs' day exp	58.26	
Prizes	310.00	
charity	43.50	
Bank charges	0.00	
Expenditure Total		5023.86
Closing Balance		159.33
Total		5183.19

Young Fine Gael

Young Fine Gael in NUI, Galway is a collection of students from all over the country, with one thing in common a belief in getting involved in politics in an effort to provide a better society for all our citizens. We have a fairly relaxed atmosphere where everyone is welcome to share their views and get involved in our activities. Members didn't need to know every policy and historical event since the 1916, quite the

opposite. Our events included such things as attending our National Conference, the Ard Fheis and Regional Conference's. Hosting and attending Policy Workshops and organising various social events on campus. Our members got to learn about our party, contributed to Fine Gael Policy, met loads of new people. We met on Wednesday's from 8 – 9pm usually in AC213, with drinks after in Rabbits Bar, Foster Street.

The year 03 - 04 was fairly busy from a Young Fine Gael point of view on campus.

Societies' day back in September was very successful with a big increase in new members.

November 03 brought the Young Fine Gael National Conference which this year took place in Ennis Co Clare. A great weekend was had by all.

In semester one, we hosted a number of speaker including TD's Denis Naughton and Paul Connaughton as well as Martin Ward, Mayor of Tuam.

The Christmas party held in the Brewery Wood quay in December ended the semester on a high note. In January of Semester two we hosted a very successful Connacht/Ulster Regional Council meeting here on campus.

The main event of the semester however was the Fine Gael Ard Fheis held in the City West Hotel in Dublin in April 04.

Between January and April as well as our regular Wednesday night meetings we hosted Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny as well as former Young Fine Gael president Gerry O Connell. A number of local representatives and Young Fine Gael National Executive member also attended meetings at various stages during the year.

The AGM and end of year dinner were the last event of the year with Sean Finan being elected chair for 04-05. Overall a successful and enjoyable year was had by all with everyone looking forward to next year already.

Committee 03-04

Auditor: Conor Boyle
Vice-Auditor: Aidan O Driscoll
Treasurer: Aiden Enright
Secretary: David Hall
PRO: Henry Kenny
Connacht/Ulster Rep: Sean Finan
Ex-officio: Cian Kelly

Committee 04-05

Auditor: Sean Finan
Vice-Auditor: David Hall
Treasurer: Ultan Hayden
Secretary: Lorcan Gearty
Membership Officer: Frank McNamara
PRO: Padraic Dooley
Connacht/Ulster Rep: Sean Finan
Campaign Officer: Niall Cregg
Vice Treasurer: David Miskell

Income & Expenditure Young fine Gael Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	162.18	Receptions	113.20
USC Grant	922.00	Dinner	100.00
sponsorship	100	Society Transport	610.00
members contribution	500	Society Accommodation	500.00
Income Total	1684.18	Promotion	32.00
		Total Expenditure	1355.20
		Closing Balance	329.98
		Total	1684.18

Zoological Society

This was a successful year for the Zoological society. There was an excellent interest shown in the talks given by guest speakers with average attendances of between thirty and forty people. Kieran Hickey attracted a crowd of over a hundred people. It was great to see a packed lecture room. We also had some great nights out. Thanks to all who were involved in 2003 - 2004. Hopefully we can build on our success next year.

Events in the Year:

1. Conor Kelleher. "Bats, myth and reality" 23/11/03
2. Kieran Hickey. "Wolves of Ireland" 20/1/04
3. Jim Wilson. "Molly Mallones Legacy – Changes and impacts in Dublin Bay" 27/1/04
4. Pdraig Whooley. "Whales, Dolphins and Whale watching in Ireland" 18/2/04
5. Neil Stronach. "Trouble in Paradise" 12/2/04
6. Martin Robinson. "Fishing boats and creatures of the deep" 24/3/04

Committee members and reps 03-04:

Auditor:	Therese Fitzgerald
Secretary:	Anthony Brogan
Treasurer:	Edward Helps
P.R. Officer:	Fiona Higgins
Committee member:	Pat Costello
Committee member:	Rachel Finan
2 nd Year Rep:	Shane O' Maoildhia
3 rd Year Rep:	Catherine Byrne
Post Grad Rep:	Jane Gilleran
Staff Treasurer:	Colin Lawton

Income & Expenditure Zoo Society 03-04

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	157.76	speakers accommodation	336.00
Green Forms	916.00	Dinner	310.00
		Bank charges	4.03
Income Total	1073.76	Total Expenditure	650.03
		Closing Balance	423.73
		Total	1073.76

Society Facilities

Over the last number of years, since the appointment of a full-time societies officer, the facilities available for societies has dramatically increased.

The societies have acquired a state of the art darkroom for photosoc on Distillery road, a new server room for the computer society in Áras na Mac Léinn,

14 additional computers, 9 of which will be available from September.

New storage lockers in a variety of sizes in Áras na Mac Léinn, A special thanks to the Building Office for all their support on these projects.

Societies can only look to an even brighter future with the building of the new culture centre which was made possible by the student referendum this year.

However in the interim while we await the new facilities we have a number of societies in crisis due to the lack of rehearsal space in particular the dance societies and the juggling societies. Unless a way is found to work in harmony with the interest groups, which have a monopoly on the sports facilities, we could face a situation where we have wonderful new spaces and no movement based societies left to avail of it. In other universities such societies are facilitated in what may traditionally be perceived as space allocated for sports. As the trend is towards alternative forms of movement and recreation it is vital that the university respond to the very real need of these societies which boast large numbers of very committed and talented students.

Current Office Facilities & Equipment Available:

➤ **Website**

The societies now have a state of the website at www.socs.nuigalway.ie Web space for society websites, a webpage for each society on the society website and society e-mails are provided for each society. The Societies officer up dates the events calendar daily. Each society has access to their own webpage which can be updated easily. Anyone accessing the site can e-mail any society, add themselves on to any society mailing list and also find information on all society business. A special thanks to Rory Donohue and all in Compsoc for their continuing support.

➤ **Computers**

There are three society computers, plus an i-mac with quark express for desktop publishing and a apple G5 for video editing and movie making with both i-movies and final cut pro. All the computers have photo editing soft wear

➤ **Photocopying.**

Free photocopying is available in the societies' office for society business, and there is also a facility to order stationary supplies.

➤ **Printing & Scanning**

➤ **4 Phones**

➤ **Fax**

➤ **Headed Note Paper**

With the help of the Societies Officer Societies can design their own headed note paper, order their own special paper and have full colour headed note paper printed.

➤ **Audio Visual equipment.**

The societies office now has a 14” TV, video recorder, DVD, data projector, 3 digital cameras and digital camcorder, audio amp and speakers for use with the projector.

➤ **Catering Equipment**

Wine glasses and water heaters for tea and coffee making are available.

➤ **Lockers**

There are now presses and large lockers available for each society for storage.

➤ **Pigeon Holes**

Each society has its own pigeon hole where post and information on phone messages are deposited.

➤ **Postage**

Postage forms available for use at the secretariat.

➤ **Two way radios** for event management

Society Training & Support

Society training is on going throughout the year and the Societies Officer is there to support and facilitate the societies in their endeavors.

The society Officer also represents the societies on such committees as the Board of Irish College Societies, the Theatre and Arts Committee, The Visual Arts Committee, is secretary of the University Society Committee and works with the Arts Office on a variety of projects the highlight of which is the Múscailt Arts Festival.

The Societies officer also liaises with numerous University groups and outside groups on behalf of the societies and negotiates special society rates with suppliers.

The Society Officer also maintains the society funding records and facilitates the funding of the societies under the schedule of allowances for activities.

The Society officer also offers training for all the committee members.

Each treasurer is provided with their own pack which includes an order book, spreadsheet, users guide and excel spreadsheet which will create an end of year balance sheet.

Handouts on all aspects of running a society are available in the societies office including health and safety, minute taking, letter writing, public relations, sponsorship, putting on a theatrical production, society constitution template and setting up a society guide, equipment logs and travel forms.

In addition to tutorials and one to one tuition in film editing, equipment use, budgeting, financial management, event planning and organisation, webpage maintenance, publicity, maintaining society archives and filming of events the Societies officer also provides orientation sessions at the beginning of each year.

Orientation day programme September 19th 2003

10-11am Introductory talk, general information and meet the USC. Aula Maxima Lower.

11.00-1.00pm Workshops:

- Team Building, Committee dynamics, Leadership Skills, Motivation. Mediation & Problem solving.(Auditors & Vice Auditors.) SC200A
- Accounts, Financial Management, Budgeting. Fund Raising. (Treasurers) Aula Maxima
- Public Relations, The Media, Getting your Message Across. Sponsorship Minute Taking, Correspondence, Communication, Publishing. (Secretaries, PR & New Members Liaison Officer.) Siobhan Mc Kenna Theatre.

1.00-2.00pm Lunch provided in the college restaurant (Collect vouchers from morning sessions) and exchange for Lunch voucher in the restaurant.

2.00-3.00pm. Meet the press office, the presidents office, the university foundation, the arts office, the building office, Audio Visual Dept, Sports Centre, College Bar & Restaurant. Aula Maxima

3.00-5.00. Introductory Workshops:

These workshops are designed to introduce you to the various topics and may be sufficient for your committees needs, they will also be followed by a series of three workshops commencing the week of September 29th.

- Crash course in computers including an introduction to Quark Express, Digital Photography Digital Movie Making Excel Spreadsheets and the equipment available to societies.
Aula Maxima
- Web Design how to get your society on the web. This will be an opportunity to up date your society web-page so bring relevant information/ images on a floppy disc or e-mail them to yourself. Computer Suite
- First Aid/Health and Safety, developing a safety policy for your society. Siobhan Mc Kenna Theatre. Societies will have the opportunity for a representative to attend a 10 week certified first aid course.
- Good practice in physical recreation. (important for societies involved in physical activity, this course will be followed by 3 further workshops)
Sports Centre.

6pm Entertainment & Food

College Bar

Múscailt Arts Festival Societies Officers Report

This year Muscailt 04 was a fitting tribute to the talents and diversity of the societies on campus. In addition to the guest artists twenty-eight of the societies made contributions to the Festival. The spring Arts Festival offered an extraordinary array of entertaining events. There was literally something for everyone during the week.

With a turnover in excess of €56,000 this years festival was the largest Múscailt to date with a record box office, (despite the fact that most events were free), record audiences and a record number of active participants. Twenty three societies were involved in organizing events for Múscailt.

The Festival featured not only the outstanding talents of many members of the University community, but also special guests. A substantial number of the festival events were free of charge, or subsidised to encourage as wide a participation as possible from students, staff and public alike. The

events received record attendances across the board and achieved widespread media coverage and advertising on campus.

In fact attendance at numerous events was so high that people were turned away from the doors in some instances, as not one more seat was available. Campus radio, Flirt FM, extended its broadcasting hours for the week and aired numerous Múscailt specials, the societies were invited to make special radio programmes for airing during the week.

A large number of the events were organised by the societies and the remaining guests and events were invited to augment the programme and to highlight the artistic endeavors undertaken by other members of the University community. The festival has secured three years funding of €15,000 from the Foundation/Alumni Office, the balance of the income comes from the Arts Office, Student Services, Sponsorship and ticket sales.

Múscailt is jointly organised by the Arts Office and the Societies Office.

Arts office: Fionualla Galagher
Alice Hoary
Societies Office: Ríona Hughes

The Festival was launched on Friday 13th of Feb at 1pm in the Upper Aula.

Society involvement can be categorized under the following headings:

Art Exhibitions:

Photosoc launched their popular exhibition Focus 04 in Áras na Mac Léinn. This year the exhibition ran for the week. The opening attracted a huge crowd who were entertained not only by the standard of the photos on display but by the music provided by the string quartet Prima Volta. The exhibition, now in its fourth year, is the highlight of Photo Soc's calendar, with the standard of entries rising exponentially each year. Fionnuala Gallagher, Arts Officer officially opened the exhibition. The difficult task of judging on the night once again fell to award-winning master photographer Peter Harkin. The overall prize went to Heather Murphy (former auditor of photosoc) for her selection of travel images and portraiture with Alb Mc Sweeney taking the runner-up prize. The photographic talents of both students and staff of NUI Galway was showcased, with over hundred colour, black and white and digital images. With their new darkroom on distillery road photosocs place in the university community is assured.

The Art Society Exhibition was launched in the Arts Millinnium building which was opened by special guest artist John Coll, whose new sculpture graces the green outside the Bank of Ireland Theatre. As an alumnus of the university and a former member of the art society he had many encouraging words for the society. The exhibition was the culmination of the society's art classes and the resulting works of art were of a very high standard. The classes had run every week with a teacher and materials provided, The classes had varied including life drawing with a model, still life and out door sketching. The resulting images were as diverse as they were provoking.

St. Vincent De Paul Society and the Social Action Movement Society opened their exhibition 'A place to call home' also on display in Áras na Mac Léinn for the week of the festival. The exhibition juxtaposed children's idea of home against the stark reality of homelessness. Art supplies had been given to the children of the Bohermore community centre and the West Side Community centre where volunteers of both societies help out at after school clubs.

Drama:

The popular **one-act-play series** was featured again this year. With four original plays written, directed, produced and performed by students of NUI Galway. The themes were diverse including: exploring the

impact of September 11th on two Boston couples, a relationship in crisis, a young mans struggle with his faith and the trauma of suicide.

The plays ran at lunchtime with an omnibus edition of all four plays on the Friday night. The plays were written by two MA in Drama students, an MA in Writing student and an Erasmus Student.

It was the premier of all four Plays. **Dramsoc** facilitated the productions by organising rehearsal space, holding auditions and helping with the sourcing of props and set.

The plays were:

A Day Without Words by Noel Duffy,

In the Land of Freedom by Marc Frost

Mysterious Ways by Philip Doherty

Isobel by Brendan Ryan

Dramsoc and the Philosophy society produced a version of *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas which they performed to a packed house in the Lower Aula Maxima. The large cast not only performed a live version of the play they also worked with Flirt FM to produce a radio play. The live performance was followed by a talk and discussion with the audience.

The Spanish society put on a production of the riotous comedy *Los Figurantes* by Jose Sanchis Sinisterra which required a cast of over twenty.

This year's **Inter Society Musical** was *Alice in Wonderland*. It achieved a record box office with four evening shows and two matinees for the schools. It ran from February 18th – 21st. in the Black Box Theatre. The musical, devised by the students, followed Alice's journey through wonderland with a definite Galway flavour. A lot of effort, time and energy was expended by the crew who turned the black box into a wonderland for the duration of the show. In the foyer there was an exhibition of drawings by the children of the schools which attended the Matinee shows.

Rehearsals and planning for the Musical started in September when hundreds of students signed up on Societies day. There was active participation of over seventy students and there was also an increase in staff participation, NUI Galway president Dr Iognáid O'Muircheartaigh himself had a cameo role.

The new **Quiz Society** devised a special performance quiz which took place in the college bar. It was a table quiz with a difference. It featured eight rounds, none of which included any spoken questions! Rounds included: College & Galway landmarks from obscure angles (Photos), Book-a-minute (Reduced Shakespeare versions of famous books), T.V. Recreations (Videos by Quiz Soc), T.V. Theme tunes (Sung by members of Choral Soc) and Film recreations (Videos by Quiz Soc of members performing scenes from famous films) Over 100 people took part and €300 was raised for the Goal Society for charity.

Music:

During the first weekend of the festival in conjunction with the Alumni Office **The Choral Society** organised a choral reunion. The weekend saw over sixty ex-members return to their alma mater, some having traveled as far as from the US. Friday evening saw the opening ceremony and the renewal of many friendships. On Saturday the past members rehearsed their pieces for the concert which was performed in the Upper Aula featuring three of the past conductors and also the present day choir and barbershop. Saturday night ended with a party and sing-song, where the old repertoires got a very enthusiastic airing. Sunday morning saw all the participants enjoying brunch in Moffets. During the Choral Reunion which celebrated the choirs 111th year in existence and the 70th anniversary since Maire Ní Scollaigh began conducting the choir, Radio na Gaeltachta compiled a documentary on the University choir. They recorded the Irish pieces and did numerous interviews with present and past members to get a better idea of what the choir was like over the past 40 years. The programme was broadcast the on the Monday of Múscailt.. Its also important to note the other choirs present on the night also performed pieces *as Gaeilge*, these choirs were made up of past members from the choir and some had travelled from as far as the US for the event! The reunion was sponsored by the Alumni Association. Thanks to Emma Goode and Betsy Kilkenny for all their support both leading up to and during the weekend.

On the Monday of the festival the Biomedical building was musically baptized by a wonderful concert by

the **NUI Galway Orchestra Society**. The Audience and customers in the near by Moffets restaurant were treated to the wonderful acoustics as the string orchestra filled the atrium with heavenly sounds.

The Music society's week long Witless Festival, which has become a major feature of Múscailt, celebrated contemporary music with an event each night in the College bar.

On Monday Rock band *Blue Sun* played to a full house.

Tuesday night saw *Label* a 4 piece Dublin rock band rock whose reflects their roots in The Frames & The Mary Janes perform in the College bar.

On Wednesday night the **Radio Society** held an open deck night.

Thursday saw the final of **the Music Society's** Witless band competition, heats for which had been run on Monday nights. There were six college bands in the final, the winners winning time in a recording studio.

Finally at the Múscailt wrap-up party in the College bar music was provided by popular band *Charis*.

The choral society performed a lunch-time concert to a very appreciative audience, featuring their full choir, the chamber choir and the barbershop, on the last Friday of the festival.

Literature:

Writers society hosted the book launch of *Limited Edition* and an evening of readings by the winners of Writers Society Poetry & Prose Competition in the Siobhan Mckenna Theatre. Reading at this Launch were Kevin Higgins, Susanne Du Mars, Eva Bourke, Mike Mc Cormack and the winning students of the Literature competition The society organised the competition in conjunction with the Arts Faculty. Writers in residence Mike Mc Cormack and P. O Ciobhain, poet and German Dept. staff member Eva Bourke, student and poet Rab Swannock Fulton, and English Dept. lecturer Dr. Marie-Louise Coolahan judged the entries which included work by over 70 students at all college levels. The event included a wine reception and was recorded and broadcast by Flirt FM during Muscailt.

Óiche Filíochta agus seoladh oifigiúil do dán nua scríofa le Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill. Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill officially launched her new poem which had been commissioned by **Cumann Eigse agus Seanchais**, with a reading and talk in the upstairs Aula Maxima.

The Literary and Debating Society launched this year's edition of Criterion which featured prose and poetry by staff and students of NUI Galway and the wider community. The book was launched by James C Harrold, and featured readings from a number of the writers. The launch was held in the Upper Aula to a large and appreciative audience.

The Literary and Debating society also hosted a special Múscailt Debate on the Thursday night in the Kirwan Theatre. Taking the theme from the exhibition 'a place to call home' the motion for the evening was 'that this house believes we should axe the arts and house the homeless'.

Film:

As part of Múscailt a mini film festival ran for the week with screenings each night featuring feature length films and film shorts. The societies involved were: **Filmsoc, German Society, French Society, Choral Society and the Ecology Society**. A number of the film shorts were made by students of the Heuston School MA in screen writing

The films shown were:

feature Length: *Adaptation* by Charlie Kaufmann, *Nigendwo in Afrika*, *Ma Femme Est Une Actrice* and *About Adam* by Gerry Stembridge.

Shorts included *From Shannon to Kuwait*, *Traces from Places*, *Lóchrann Ceoil*, *Eireville* by James Finlan, MA in Screenwriting, *Claude et Albert* by Tracy Wren M.A. in Screen Writing, *Underworld* by Ronan Gallagher and *The French Oral*, Filmsoc short.

The highlight was the Film Forum. **The Writers' Society** played host to an eclectic panel of Irish Film-Makers. Gerry Stembridge, Liz Gill, Ronan Gallagher, Rod Stoneman and Lelia Doolin took part in a panel discussion on screenwriting and filmmaking in Ireland where audience intervention was encouraged. The event received a very large audience and the evening was very informative. The panel comprised Veteran Irish film maker Gerry Stembridge well known for such productions as *Guiltrip*, *Black Day at Black Rock*. *Ordinary Decent Criminal*, who generously shared his experience with the audience. Liz Gill latest film *Goldfish Memory* won the Audience Award at OUTFEST in LA. New film maker Ronan Gallagher's *Underworld* took 2nd place at the Galway Film Festival in the Best First Film category and received a nationwide theatrical release. Rod Stoneman is the current Director of the Huston School of Film and Digital Media at National University of Ireland, Galway. The evening was chaired by Lelia Doolin, writer, radio personality and former Director for The Abbey Theatre and Chair of the National Irish Film Board.

Dance:

Dansoc treated their capacity audience to an array of dance styles in their performance *Dance Actually*. This event showcased dansoc's very successful second year. The show presented an eclectic mix of moves and grooves. It was an exciting combination of contemporary, classical, Irish, hip hop and modern dance. This one-hour dance spectacular showed off the finest of the colleges' teachers and dance students. It was the fruits of the hard work of the society members over the year. So popular was the event that they had to have a repeat performance in March.

Modern Dance Society presented *Mind Body Explorations* to another capacity audience in the Bank of Ireland Theatre. As well as performances by members of Modern Dance Society they had special guests including Esti Siles, Flamenco, Capoeira, and members of the new NUI Galway Juggling Society.

Though not strictly dancing the **History Society** once again held the Arts Ball as part of the festival with 450 students attending the glamorous affair in the Corrib Great Southern Hotel. Music was provided by the Guinness Jazz Band and the pre drinks crowd was entertained by the choral society barber shop.

Guest Artists:

Comedy:

Renowned Irish Comedian Tommy Tiernan made a special on-campus appearance tickets for which were sold out within a few hours of going on sale. The O'Flaherty Theatre was filled to capacity for the show.

Theatre:

Drama Workshop with Geri Hughes and performance of *Belfast Blues*.
STOP - Clown Show by The Lovely Ladies
Teatro Punto's *Don't Sleep!*

Art:

Exhibition of the University Art Collection New Acquisitions
Installations by the Multi Media Art Makers.

Music:

Concert with Sean-nós singer Josie Sheáin Jeaic MacDonncha, Roisín Nic Dhonncha and Sean-nós dancer Seosamh Ó Neachtáin.
Concert with Con Tempo Quartet.

Literature:

Performance/Poetry Slam with MC Pete Mullineaux.
on the theme of Awakening
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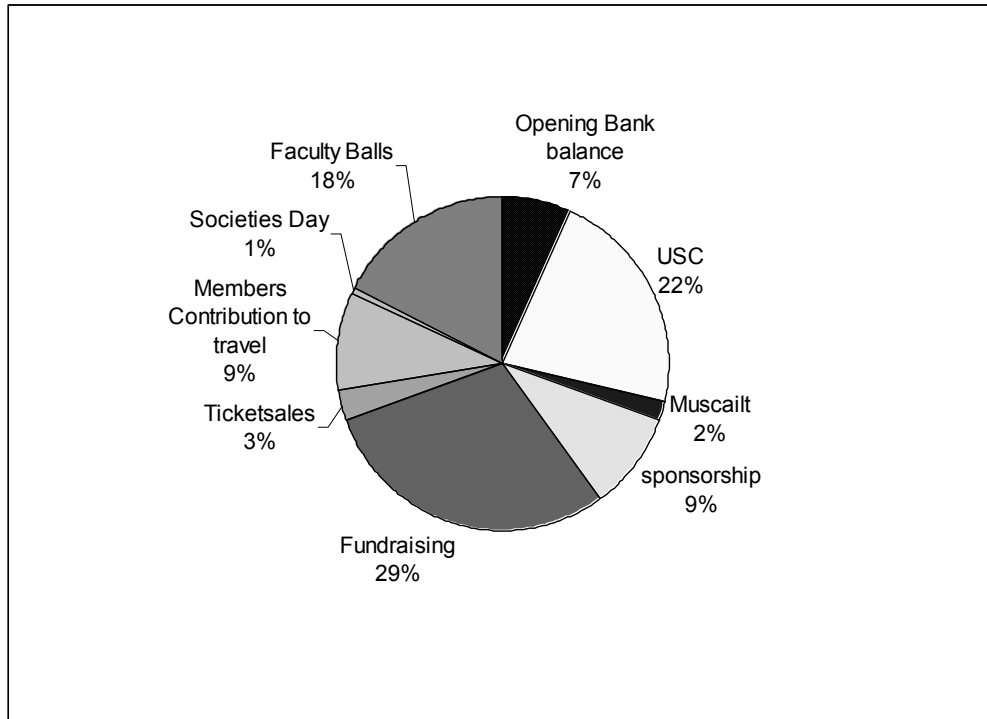
Society Financial Analysis

As a testament to the increase in society activity this year the total society turnover is up by almost €100,000 on last years figures. The largest source of income is fundraising which accounts for 29.41% of all income, with 22% of all income coming from the University Student Services Society allocation. The figure below includes funding for society activities and for the society general administration fund which accounts for only 3.86% of the total turnover figure. Again this year charities have received the largest portion of the society expenditure. Drinks receptions (excluding receptions associated with the faculty balls) accounts for only 3.79% of the total expenditure and this figure also includes non alcoholic beverages. With a turnover in excess of €600,000 Societies contribution to University life can not be underestimated.

Total Society Income & Expenditure 03-04

Opening Bank balance	€40,801.79	6.77%
USC	€132,154.42	21.93%
Muscailt	€12,767.09	2.12%
sponsorship	€55,559.74	9.22%
Fundraising	€177,021.63	29.37%
Ticketsales	€18,947.13	3.14%
Members Contribution to travel	€56,704.22	9.41%
Societies Day	€3,171.18	0.53%
Faculty Balls	€105,528.00	17.51%
Income Total	602655.20	
Expenditure		
Stationary	€11,650.08	2.04%
printing	€13,573.34	2.38%
Teacher fees	€10,363.85	1.82%
speakers accomodation	€3,657.00	0.64%
Speakers Travel	€8,588.93	1.51%
Receptions	€21,577.78	3.79%
Dinner/food	€24,092.69	4.23%
Bus	€18,288.95	3.21%
Society Transport	€60,283.26	10.58%
Society Accomodation	€31,813.20	5.58%
Ball	€107,599.05	18.88%
Entry Fee	€8,693.78	1.53%
Equipment	€19,078.84	3.35%
materials	€10,541.27	1.85%
Entertainment	€16,427.40	2.88%
charity fundraising	€151,219.97	26.53%
bank charges	€836.92	0.15%
prizes/gifts	€10,655.69	1.87%
Hall Hire	€8,639.00	1.52%
phone	€1,425.00	0.25%
set/props/costumes	€8,680.37	1.52%
promotion	€2,381.43	0.42%
sound/lights	€9,457.85	1.66%
vaccinations	€8,661.00	1.52%
performing rights	€1,713.02	0.30%
Expenditure Total	569899.67	
Closing bank balance	32755.53	
Total	602655.20	

Sources of Income including opening bank balances 03-04



Society Expenditure 03-04

