

Societies

The societies saw a year of increased activity and participation with all societies reporting on a successful and satisfactory year. From sign up on both Societies day to attending events and the number of events organised this year has shown an improvement in numbers on past years. One of the main aims at the start of this year was to improve communication between the Societies and the general student body. This was achieved in a number of ways. One of the major innovations introduced was the opening of the SocsBox in the Hub, which has become a focal point for information and a ticket desk and has contributed to this upsurge in activity. In addition to its function as a focal point the SocsBox also administers the adjoining computer suite, photocopier and the sundry secretarial facilities and facilitated the lending of an array of equipment available for both the Clubs and Societies.

The weekly 'What's Happening' guide e-mailed to 8300 students with details of all upcoming events and a daily up dated website www.socs.nuigalway.ie proved a great success. Students who wish to know about events, both on and off campus, organised by Societies and other events on campus have this information arriving in their inbox weekly. The mailing list is a compilation of all the societies' mailing lists from both Societies days, plus it is possible to add or indeed remove yourself from the mailing list on the society website.

Individual Societies also regularly used their own mailing lists to keep their members informed of rehearsal times, events and trips and some have also used texting as an effective method of communication. The SocsBox also texts the societies weekly to gather the information for both the 'What's happening Guide' and also for Dialann.

However the real stars of the show this year are undoubtedly the societies themselves and the commitment and imagination shown by the incredibly hard working committee members. This year saw an unprecedented number of awards being won by the societies at national events and a glorious array of exciting events, fascinating guest speakers, workshops and trips. Múscailt this year highlighted the range and breath of the societies' creativity. With an expenditure of €574609.78 this year of which 32.32% went to charities their generosity and the contribution which they also make towards the wider community is clearly demonstrated.

It is safe to say that Societies in all their diverse forms are alive and well on campus and it is timely indeed that plans are underway to provide a new dedicated home for this explosion of talent. In the following pages you will read the societies own accounts of their year and I hope you will take as much pride in their achievement as they should themselves for a job well done.

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Societies Officer.

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Archaeology

The Archaeology Society provides students with the opportunity to explore archaeology outside of university lectures. We organise guided field trips each semester and 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!

Events

- Field trip to Wales in March
- Letter writing to the Minister of the Environment in opposition to the M3 passing through Tara
- Trip to Craggenowen. Co Clare in March.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Tara Graham
Treasurer: Jen Sprague
PRO: Blondie Horan

Vice-Auditor: Clare Hennigar
Secretary: Brid Greene

Account Details

Archaeology Society 04-05		Balance Sheet	
Income Total		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	66.22	Stationary	60.00
USC Grant	2551.50	Receptions	116.50
members contribution	7805	Dinner	120.00
Other	152.1	Bus	3885.00
Income Total	10574.82	Society Transport	300.00
		society accommodation	5375.00
		entry fees	588.97
		Bank charges	3.08
		Expenditure Total	10448.55
		Total	10448.55
		Actual Closing bank balance	126.27

Art Society

The Art Society aimed to include as many people of varying talents as possible in our weekly sessions. We wanted to help as many beginners as possible; to teach them how to draw, use different techniques, and how express themselves through art. We intended to cover as many different artistic genres as possible so that our members could discover their artistic niche. Genres studied included still life, life drawing, comic book drawing, and general exhibition work.

We planned our exhibition to be as fair as possible, giving equal space to every contributor. Through our exhibition we wanted to show our fellow students what can be done outside of college work, and to heighten their appreciation of art. We also aimed to integrate with other societies in order to reach more people who wished to participate in our art classes in some way.

Last year, 2003, 124 people signed up to the Art Society on Societies' Day. On Societies' Day 2004, 235 people joined ArtSoc, a clear increase in numbers. We attracted members on Societies' Day by being as friendly and welcoming as possible, and by emphasising that our society is beginner friendly. Throughout the year we consistently advertised our classes through the Art Soc mailing list, posters, word of mouth and internet message boards. Our advertising stressed that anyone can attend, even if they hadn't been to a class before. As a result, we found that we had new people attending the classes every week, as well as a turnover of 50 'regulars'. In order to give everyone a fair chance of attending a class we introduced a ticket system, whereby members wishing to attend a class would buy a ticket from the SocsBox Office, available from the morning of the day of the class. This way students with classes until 7 p.m. were still able to attend, as they have already booked their place in the class. Our members thought the minimal charge to be extremely fair as we provided materials, drawing boards, easels, paper, a teacher and a model for certain classes. Overall, we found that our membership ranged from 1st year students through post graduate students, all of which were treated equally and fairly.

Events

We held classes in the Quadrangle Art Gallery on Mondays 7p.m.— 9 p.m. throughout the year and other events:

For Múscailt we held our exhibition in the Biomedical Building foyer, which was a first for us and proved a very suitable venue. We were also involved in the Human Chess Tournament making the head dresses for the 32 chess pieces.

Date	Event
22nd Sept 04	Societies' Day
27th Sept 04	Introductory Meeting EGM- new committee elected
4th Oct 04	'Favourite Things' drawing class- everyone brought a favourite item that represented themselves to class to draw
11th Oct 04	Exhibition class- Preparatory work for the exhibition
18th Oct 04	Exhibition class- Preparatory work for the exhibition
1st Nov 04	Still Life class- still life
8th Nov 04	Exhibition class- Preparatory work for the exhibition
15th Nov 04	Life Drawing Class & ArtSoc Party at Club De Burgo's
22nd Nov 04	Life Drawing class at IT202
17th Jan 05	Life Drawing class
24th Jan 05	Life Drawing class
25th Jan 05	Committee dinner at Milano's
31st Jan 05	Exhibition class- Preparatory work for the exhibition
1st Feb 05	Head dress making for Live Chess Match as part of <i>Múscailt</i> '05
7th Feb 05	Exhibition class- Preparatory work for the exhibition & Deadline for submission of work for exhibition
8th Feb 05	Head dress making for Live Chess Match as part of <i>Múscailt</i> '05
14th Feb 05	Exhibition 5p.m. Orbsen Building followed by wine reception
28th Feb 05	Comic Book and Graphic Drawing class
7th Mar 05	Comic Book and Graphic Drawing class
14th Mar 05	Comic Book and Graphic Drawing class AGM 8PM- Auditor, PRO and OCM's elected

Committee 2004- 2005

Auditor: Jessica Tuohy
 Vice-Auditor: Karla Sheerin- Griffin
 Secretary: Kate Bluett
 Treasurer: Jessica Tuohy
 PRO: Tommy Cox & Eric Daly
 OCM: Ivan Landy and Gerard Coady

Committee 2005- 2006

Auditor: Jessica Tuohy
 Pro: Ivan Landy
 OCM: Kate Bluett & Gerard Coady
 Remainder of committee will be elected at the EGM in September

Account Details

Art Society 04-05			
	<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>
Opening Bank Balance	38.92	Teachers Fees	1020
USC Grant	613.7	Receptions	276
<i>Múscailt</i>	732.28	Society Transport	42
Ticket Sales	493.65	Equipment	29.99
Members Contribution	7	Materials	588.43
Other	198.73	Bank Charges	3.75
Income Total	2084.28	Expenditure Total	1960.17
		Closing Bank Balance	124.11
		Total	2084.28

Baha'i Society

The Baha'i Society is a new society within NUIG. We have talks, workshops and social events inspired by the teachings of the Baha'i Faith, on a wide range of topics, from personal transformation to life after death. The Baha'i Society welcomes everyone and their ideas. This year, we only held events for the Semester one. We had our usual support of around 60 people showing interest in the Baha'i Society on Societies' Day.

We held our first introduction event around a week or two later. Our events took the form of mini-talks and workshops on subjects such as; *World Peace and Spirituality*, *Life after Death*, and the *Life of the Spirit*. These ran from the end of September up to study week before the Christmas exams. We held these meetings weekly. These were attended by Baha'is and non-Baha'is, some better attended depending on the time, day and topic under discussion. We also held a workshop on 'Spirituality and World Unity' with Tawfik Rushdy.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Brian McNamara

Vice-Auditor: Sahar Rahmani

Treasurer: Sarah McCullough

Account Details

Income: nil Expenses: nil

Biochemistry Society

The aim of our society is to cultivate an interest in the chemistry of life.

Events

Christmas party December 17th Massimo's- plenty of food, spot prizes and a raffle.

Committee 2004-2005

Auditor: Shaun O'Boyle

Vice-Auditor: Heinrich Anhold

Treasurer: Elaine O'Connell

Secretary: Patrick Ryan

P.R.O: Helen Dodson

Account Details

Biochemistry Society 2004-2005		Balance Sheet	
<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Opening Bank balance	312.59	Materials	20.00
USC Grant	100.00	Prizes	170.00
Fundraising	90		
Ticket sales	14.55		
members contribution	20		
Other	60		
Income Total	597.14	Expenditure Total	190.00
		Closing Balance	407.14
		Total	597.14

Biomedical Society

We held a table on Societies Day in September and had a subsequent AGM to elect members. The aim of the Society is to promote importance of Biomedical Engineering in the University and Community as well as to provide a forum whereby students and staff at all levels in the Biomedical field can meet and discuss important issues. However, it is with regret that due to circumstances the Society never really got off the ground this year but it is hoped that the situation will improve next year as it is felt that there is a need for the Society.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Ailish Breen
Vice-Auditor: Jerome Henry
Treasurer: Abhay Pandit
Secretary: Sarah Brody
PRO: Eoin O’Cearbhaill
Overseas Rep: Adam Stops
Entertainment: Claire Brougham

Account Details

Income: nil Expenditure: nil.

Biotechnology Soc

The Biotechnology Society came into being in semester two and aims to improve the social and academic lives of students who study Biotechnology and Science. The society hopes to promote Biotechnology and its activities to as broad an audience as possible. Our aim is to have an exciting series of events ranging from trips to table quizzes. We also plan on having several prominent speakers from the Industry. In our few short months this year we organised a table Quiz in the Aula Maxima followed by a party. Twenty of our members attended our Gorilla Games event and we worked with the choral society on a fundraising concert.

Committee Members 2004-2006

Auditor: Martin Melvin
Secretary: Eoin Murphy
P.R.O: Deborah Waters

Vice Auditor: Anthony Guinan
Treasurer: Lisa Flynn
Class Reps will be co-opted in September

Account Details

Biotech Society 04-05 Income & Expenditure			
Income		Expenditure	
USC	160	receptions	100
Sponsorship	200	Dinner	200
members contribution	120	materials	60
Fundraising	198	charity	198
		Entry Fee	120
Total	678	Total	678

Botany Soc

The overall aim of Botany Society is to promote and encourage botany in relation to the environment, provide information on a wide range of environmental topics with particular attention to botany. In addition, Botany Soc provides a place to socialise and meet new people. Botany Soc is a relatively new society, and the last college year 2004/2005 has proved to be very successful. At present there are 129 members in Botany Society.

Events

Talks dealing with various topics were held—

- Dr. Micheline Sheehy Skeffington (Dept of Botany, NUIG) '*Organic Farming in Cuba*'
- Prof. Michael O'Connell (Dept of Botany, NUIG) '*Botany in Spain and its link to Ireland*'
- Dr. Pdraig Whelan (ZEPS, UCC) '*Galapagos Archipelago and its Importance*'
- Dr. Mihai Coroi (ZEPS, UCC) '*Biodiversity and Nature Conservation in Romania*'
- Fieldtrip to Glenstal Abbey- where a guided tour of the grounds and information on the unique vegetation that occurs within Glenstal was given

For 2005-2006, Botany Soc is looking forward to an exciting calendar with field trips aplenty now that we have achieved full recognition as a society.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Richard Lyons

Vice-Auditor: Eamonn Delaney

Treasurer: Caroline Sullivan

Secretary: Dervla O'Dowd

Staff Liaison: Dr. Dagmar Stengel

PRO: Laura Toner

Third Year Rep: Helen Carty

Fundraising Officer: Heather Lally

SDO: Brigid O'Donnell

Zoosoc Liaison Officer: Niamh Quinn

Account Details

Botany Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income	329.25	Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	79.25	speakers accommodation	25.00
USC Grant	250.00	Receptions	53.12
Ticketsales	70	Bus	260.00
Income Total	399.25	promotion	20.00
		materials	41.12
		Expenditure Total	399.24
		Closing Balance	0.01
		Total	399.25

Bridge Society

NUI, Galway Bridge Society set out to build upon the successes of previous years with an energetic new team lead by Auditor Kara Griffiths. A strong presence at Societies Day together with a vibrant college-wide recruitment campaign lead to significant growth in membership and the society looked forward to a promising year ahead. The Bridge Society proudly represented NUI, Galway at the Ballina Congress and subsequently at the Sligo Congress, competing amongst some of Ireland's premier players. Weekly tutorials provided new players with the opportunity to develop and enhance their bridge skills, with expert coaching provided by an experienced Irish international, and supplemented by tutorials especially designed for newer players.

The Bridge Society's website was further developed, and this together with the mailing list and text message systems provided for ease of communication between the society and its membership. The society's ability to teach and host events was augmented with new equipment, empowering the society to organise the 2005 Irish University Bridge Inter-varsities.

A strong social dimension permeated all of the society's activities as members both new and old, consolidated existing relationships and embraced new friendships and partnerships. An impressive number of Bridge Society players were selected to compete in trials in order to internationally represent the Republic of Ireland at Under-25 level, with NUI, Galway pairs winning both first and second place on the occasion.

The Contract Bridge Association of Ireland accordingly selected and funded 2 players from NUI, Galway to represent Ireland at the Junior Camrose in Porthcawl, Wales. The Irish team performed strongly, leading the competition mid-way although sadly not winning outright in the end. Four other Bridge Society members were subsequently selected and funded by the CBAI to represent Ireland at Junior Chelsea event in England.

Further Bridge Society events included sending a delegation to European trials and training in Dublin. A valiant team of 4 from NUIG defended the Paddy Walsh and Galway Hooker trophies at the 2005 Galway Congress at Easter Weekend. The Bridge Society performed well in many events throughout the weekend, distinguishing themselves with a number of honours. The society is also sending a team from the University to the World Bridge University Championships in Rotterdam in August 2005.

NUI, Galway Bridge Society looks forward to completing their successful year at their AGM on 13th April, with the election of a driven and forward-looking committee to carry forth the society into the exciting New Year that lies ahead.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Kara Griffiths
Treasurer: Susan Burke

Vice-Auditor: Owen Feehan
Secretary: Emmett Davis

Account Details

Bridge Society Accounts 2004-2005			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Balance	94.99	Society transport	516.00
USC	1464.49	Accommodation	279.00
Members contribution	450.00	equipment	427.29
		entry fee	590.00
		Current Account Fees	33.73
		Receptions	156.80
		Dinner	50.00
Total Income:	2009.48	Total Expenditure:	2052.82
		Closing Balance:	-43.34
		Total	2009.48

Business Society

The main aim of our society is to create an enthusiasm amongst students for Business. We invite in various speakers from a range of different businesses and they tell us how they got involved in their business, what their business entails and reassure us that the real world is not as scary as it seems. This year we opened up the society to all faculties, not just restricting it to Commerce. We had a very successful Societies day 2, signing up to 200 members. Since then we have had a weekly meeting in which any student or staff member could sign in. Most of our meetings averaged 70 students. The Commerce and Economics Society has fallen in recent years and only organised the Commerce Ball. Considering our Society has only recently become active again we definitely compare very well in comparison to other years.

Events

Our society only reformed in the second semester of this year.

- Our first meeting had Professor Brendan Connelly speak to us and chair an EGM to appoint our first committee.
- Enterprise Ireland sent a speaker to speak on the need for enterprising ideas among students
- Cllr. Niall O Brolochain who spoke on EcoBusiness and Business Ethics
- Stock broking Competition. Val J. Murray, head of Goodbodies stockbrokers spoke on how the market works and also launched the competition, which is still running (150 competitors)
- Padraig Kenny, CEO of the Atlantic Technology Corridor, who is very enthusiastic about the society and spoke about his organisation and the importance of young people getting involved with Business ideas.
- Mr. George Lee, Chief Economist for RTE News, author and Journalist of the Year 1998. He spoke on the possibilities of the Celtic Tiger making a come-back. This was very successful, filling one of our biggest lecture halls with over 200 in the audience.
- Our final main speaker was from AIB and a local Auctioneer who spoke on first time buying of property.

Roy Green, Dean of Commerce, will be hosting our AGM. We also became involved with the pilot mentoring programme with the Careers Office and JCI. This seems to have been a very successful event with over 40 local business people acting as mentor for students who wish to get involved in various forms of Business. The Commerce Ball was also run with considerable success.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: David Keane

Treasurer: Joe Duggan

Communications Officer: Shane Duffy

Vice Auditor: Ronan Byrnes

Secretary: David Lynch

Events Officer: Ronan Byrnes

Account Details

Business Society 04-05	Balance Sheet			
Income Total		Expenditure		
Opening Bank balance	681.55	speakers accommodation	104.00	
USC Grant	794.70	Receptions	603.60	
Ticket sales	12000	Dinner	54.00	
Income Total	13476.25	ball	12600.00	
		Bank charges	16.32	
		Expenditure Total	13377.92	
		Balance	98.33	
		Total	13476.25	

Chemistry Society - Cumann Ceimice

The Chemistry Society run a varied, educational guest lecture series, as well as organising various social events during the year.

Events

Our speakers this year included:

- 29th September 2004: Dr Neil Cameron, University of Durham 'Nitroxide-mediated Radical Polymerisations: Importance of nitroxide and alkoxyamine structure'
- 19th October 2004: Prof. Robert Sawyer, Berkeley, California 'Diesel Particulate: Characterisation, Health Effects, Regulation and Control Technology'
- 21st October 2004: Prof. Lokesh Joshi, Arizona State University 'Glycobiology and the Biopharmaceutical Industry'
- 20th January 2004: Prof. Han. Vos, Dublin City University 'Love and Attraction in Inorganic Chemistry'
- 15th February 2004: Prof. Martin Wills, Warwick University 'New Methodology for the Asymmetric Reduction of Ketones'
- 7th April 2004: Prof. David Leigh, Edinburgh University 'Tooling up for the Nanoworld: The 'Magic' of Molecular Machines' (In association with the ICI)
- 13th April 2004: Ciba Vision Funded Public lecture by Prof. Michael J. Hynes, N.U.I.G 'Crisis in Drug Development: Turmoil in the Pharmaceutical Industry'
- 28th April 2004: Dr. Dominic Wright, Cambridge University 'Torocyclic Ligands: New Dimensions in the Chemistry of Phosphazanes'

Our social events included

- An Cumann Ceimice Introductory Night with a reception in the chemistry classroom and then to De Burgos, 13th October.
- End of Semester Party with finger food in McSwiggans and passes to the GPO nightclub, 18th November
- Christmas Party with Kris Kringle in the classroom then into De Burgos, for finger food and DJ, 20th December
- Annual Chemistry Society Table Quiz in the college bar with free passes to GPO afterwards, 15th March

Events planned for the summer include a "Summer Olympics" and our annual weekend away. This year An Cumann Ceimice had 104 members, and raised over €1000 for Croi, the West of Ireland Heart Foundation, through a coffee morning and a raffle at the table quiz.

Committee Members 2004 –2005

Auditor: Cheryl McCaw

Corresponding Secretary: Jason Reynolds

Recording Secretary: Elaine Hernon

Treasurer: Mark Hanniffy

PRO: Cormac O'Keeffe & Hilary Gallagher

Chemistry Society 04 - 05					
Income			Expenditure		
Opening Bank balance	1316.63		Stationary	8.99	
USC Grant	2132.01		printing	9.58	
sponsorship	2358.58		speakers accommodation	100.00	
Fundraising	2768.8		speakers travel	442.02	
Ticketsales	305		Receptions	1050.42	
members contribution	330		Dinner	1659.23	
Other	124.6		Bus	500.00	
Income Total		9335.62	socs accommodation	925.00	
			prizes	49.59	
			Charity	1906.60	
			materials	101.98	
			Phone	10.00	
			socs day	22.00	
			Bank charges	60.65	
			Total Expenditure		6846.06
			Bank Balance		2489.56
			Balance		9335.62

Chess Society

This was a very active year for the Chess Society. At the beginning of September three of our members took part in the Galway Chess congress and we won two prizes; both at minor and major level. One of our members also traveled to the Bunratty chess congress and came 2nd in the Major category.

The highlight of our year was the game of human chess which we organised with the aid of the FanSci and Art societies. This event took place during Múscailt arts week, with a large audience outside the library and raised €334 which we donated to the Zitcomo charity and a Mongolian Charity. Our new committee will be elected next September.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Fintan Hegarty

Vice-Auditor: James Lovett

Treasurer: Zaidan Zulkipli

Secretary: Susan Walls

Account Details

Chess Society 04-05		Balance Sheet	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	Society Transport	65.00
USC Grant	265.00	entry fees	350.00
Fundraising	334.54	Materials	150.00
Múscailt	360.00	Charity	334.54
		Dinner	50.00
Total Income	959.54	Expenditure Total	949.54
		Closing Bank Balance	10.00
		Total	959.54

Chocolate Society

The Chocolate Society caters to the portion of the student population with a passion for chocolate and informs members about the various health and social issues associated with chocolate

Events

- EGM at the start of the year followed by a chocolates and wine reception
- Irish Handmade Chocolates Tasting evening in association with Butlers, Lily O'Brien's and Celtic Chocolates in the College Bar.
- Showing of the films *Chocolat* and *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* in association with Mars Ireland
- Upcoming Belgian Chocolate Tasting Evening in association with Leonidas in the College Bar
- Valentines Day Belgian Chocolate Exhibition at the opening of the University Arts Festival "*Múscailt*" in the Aula Maxima
- "Who Wants to be a Chocolataire" – combined team table quiz and one-to-one "Who wants to be a Millionaire" style quiz, sponsored by McCambridges Fine Foods Shop in Galway, in the College Bar
- Tsunami Relief Fund/Cope Hot Chocolate and Pancake morning on Pancake Tuesday in the Student Centre Foyer
- Easter Treasure Hunt around campus
- The society has released a bi-monthly newsletter with details of issues associated with chocolate, reports on society events, details of up-and-coming society events, and recipes for simple student friendly chocolate desserts.

Committee Members 2004- 2005

Auditor: David Coyle

Vice-Auditor: Andrew Fogerty

Treasurer: Eve Robinson

PRO: Sean Hynes

Account Details

<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
USC Grant	300	receptions	107.3
Membership fees Socs day	659.3	materials	244.17
Fundraising	1068.75	entertainment	122.06
<i>Múscailt</i> funding	88.76	Prizes	200
Total Income	2116.81	Charity	1146.78
		Expenditure Total	1820.31
		Closing Bank Balance	296.5
		Total	2116.81

Choral Society

Choral Soc aims to promote choral singing and music, through performance and education, within a university without a music department. Active numbers are up nearly 20% on last year. The choir boasts an active number of 60 singers. The numbers of active singers increased from our winter concert on November 13th to our Limerick festival trip February 25th. Our members are attracted mainly by word of mouth. The inclusion of a number of open rehearsals and recitals in the chapel allows possible members to see what we do. We have a large per cent of members who are in the choir for over one year and they return the following year, some stay with us during the summer months.

This year saw a new departure for the society when in the search for new material we commissioned a number of works for leading international composers including David Hamilton (New Zealand), Urmak Sisask, (Estonia), Rihards Dubra (Latvia) Douglas Gunn and Colin Mawby. This year saw many triumphs for the society at competition level. We competed at the 'National Choir of the Year Competition' in Navan on May 8th, where we achieved 4th place. Choirs attending the competition had to be nominated from other choral festivals. We had been nominated by the Limerick Church Choral Competition which they won earlier in the semester. We also won at the Choral Intervarsity in Maynooth and were awarded the prize of best society at the Society awards in NUI Galway. We traveled widely the highlight being a trip to Paris and Euro Disney to participate in a new choral festival. We will remain active over the summer and are performing a concert during the Galway Arts Festival where we will premier some of our new works.

Events

Choral Radio on Flirt FM	Every Friday at 10.30a.m.
Organised and performed Galway's first voice festival – "Festival of Voice"	Nov. 2004 – all moneys to charity Held in St. Nicholas Church
Sligo Choral Festival 2004	Nov. 2004 - Sligo
Visit to contemporary Opera – "Vera of Las Vegas" – European Premier	Nov. 2004 – Town Hall Theatre
Winter Concert	13th November – St. Nicholas Church
Organised workshops for visiting choirs (UCC choral society and Trinity singers) with Dr. Brendan O'Connor, Ann-Michael Durham, Mark Keane and Michael Shields	Nov. 2004 – NUIG
CD Recording & Launch ("I Watched a Televangelist")	Nov. & Dec. 2004 – St. Nicholas & NUIG
Christmas carol services in University Chapel.	Dec. 2004 – NUIG
<i>Muscailt</i> (Arts Festivals) Performances	Feb. 2005 – NUIG
Organised workshops for choral society with Ann-Michael Durham (Vocal Coach), Dr. Brendan O'Connor (Conductor) and Brendan Taffe (UL World music centre)	Feb. 2005 – NUIG & World Music Centre, UL.
Limerick Church Music Festival 2005	Feb. 2005 – St. Augustinians Church
Assisted in the organisation and publicity of the Choral Intervarsities 2005 at NUI Maynooth	March 2005 – NUIM
Paris Choral Festival March 2005	March 2005 – Paris / Disneyland
Choral Intervarsities 2005	March 2005 – NUIM
Recording of second CD- Sacred music for chaplaincy	April 2005 – NUIG Chapel
Spring Concert 10th April (Charity concert with visiting Swedish Choir)	April 2005 – NUIG
Celebratory Party	After Limerick 2005
DVD Night (of Limerick, Sligo and Winter Concert)	March 2005
Visit to Glenstall Abbey, Limerick (to hear the monks chanting)	March 2005
Music Reading Classes	All Year

Committee Members 2004- 2005

Auditor: Peter Mannion

Vice-Auditor: Emer Barrett
 Treasurer: Laverne Mullan
 Secretary: Claire Reynolds

Account Details

Choral Students Society 04-05			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	-66.97	Stationary	5.52
USC Grant	9149.23	Teacher fees	300
Green Forms	200	speakers accommodation	150
sponsorship	2000	Receptions	200
Ticket Sales	150	Dinner	90
members contribution	3703	Bus	1500
Other	50	Society Transport	3236.97
		society accommodation	2680
Income Total	15185.26	promotion	60
		entry fees	835.97
		Equipment	537.5
		materials	2645.8
		prizes	2500
		Bank charges	53.32
		Closing Balance	14795.08
		Closing bank balance	390.18
		Total	15185.26

Christian Student Society

CSS Galway is a society for all students. We're exactly the same as you, we lead ordinary lives, we're not perfect but we believe that the bible is God's way of speaking to us today and we believe it can help us in life because it helps us know the living God and what his plan is for our lives. We meet on Wednesday at 7pm in the University Chapel behind the Arts Millennium Building on campus.

Events

2004/2005 saw a great year for the Christian Student Society. It was led by Sarah Reynolds, Dave Kelly, Avia Sheeran and Declan Kelly. Numbers averaged at about 25 per meeting. There was a wide variety of nationalities; Germans, Americans, Chinese, Spanish, Parisians and of course Irish.

Semester one saw many guest speakers such as Ms Susan Connolly from I.F.E.S. Ireland, Dr. Joe Fitzgibbon from G.C.F., Mr. Mark Ray, an American Missionary and a past member of CSS Mr. Brian Lockington. There were many social events including bowling, trips to the cinema, Christmas dinner and our charitable work with Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child. Our semester one retreat took place at the end of October in Kilkenny, where we met several other Christian union students from North and South of the Isle for a weekend of spiritual growth and fun.

Semester two saw many of the same guest speakers back again as well as Mr. Darren McDonnell and a CSS student Mr. Philip McCaul. Our social events included trips to the cinema, coffee evenings and a bonfire night. The semester two retreat was to Avoca in Co. Wicklow where we stayed in Avoca Manor and enjoyed a weekend of bible teachings and fun & games! Semester two also saw the addition of small groups, where 5/6 people would meet up during the week for bible study, encouragement and fellowship. There were 5 groups in total lead by members of CSS both international and national. The end of semester two saw the election of

the new committee 2005/2006; Muireann, Naomi Black and Helen Lane and a training day was arranged for them.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Sarah Reynolds
Treasurer: David Kelly
Secretary: Avia Sheeran

Committee Members 2005-2006

Muireann, Naomi Black and Helen Lane

Account Details

Christian Student Society 04-05			
<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Opening Bank balance	9.04	speakers accommodation	170
USC Grant	2015	Speakers Travel	160
Sponsorship	180	Receptions	15
members contribution	1597.5	Society Transport	1450
Income Total	3801.54	Society Accommodation	1922.5
		Societies day exp	27
		Bank charges	3.08
		Total Expenses	3747.58
		Closing Balance	53.96
		Total	3801.54

Classics

The Classics Society aims to provide a means for students to further their knowledge of Classical Greece and Rome. We put on a number of talks by visiting lecturers each semester from across Ireland and the modern world as we know it.

Events

- Wednesday 6 October 2004 Dr. Mark Humphries, NUI Maynooth "Friendly Dolphins and one-legged men: Greeks, Romans and the Natural World"
- Monday 8 November 2004 Prof. Bob Hohlfelder, University of Colorado at Bolder "The Persian War Shipwreck Survey"
- Wednesday 17 November 2004 Prof. Greg Woolf, University of St Andrews
- "New Gods in the Roman provinces"
- Tuesday 25 January 2005 Dr. Kieran McGroarty, NUI Maynooth "The Philosophy of Plotinus"
- Tuesday 15 February 2005 Prof. Colm Luibheid, Emeritus Professor, NUI Galway "Diogenes and his barrel"
- Monday 7 March 2005 Dr Kathryn Lomas, Institute of Archaeology, University College London "Being Roman in the Age of Cicero"
- Quiz Night Wednesday 27 October 2004
- Christmas Party Tuesday 23 November 2004
- AGM was held on Wednesday 6 April 2005

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Suzanne Young
Vice-Auditor: Jennifer Spollen
Treasurer: Sarah O'Driscoll
Secretary: Siobhain Ruddy
Public relations officer: Jennifer Spollen

Account Details

Classics Society 04-05		Balance Sheet	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	124.96	Receptions	131.06
Green Forms	600	Dinner	135
Fundraising	120.28	Society Transport	20
members contribution	50	AGM	100
Income Total	895.24	Society Day	4.47
		Prizes	111.95
		Bank charges	5.15
		Expenditure total	507.63
		Closing Balance	387.61
		Actual Closing bank balance	387.61

Comedy Society

The aims of the Comedy Society are to encourage and develop student's interests in the writing and performing of stand-up comedy and sketches. The Comedy Society, NUIG, was set up in September 2004 by Giles Brody and Michael Nutley. On the first Societies' Day at the beginning of the first semester, the new society received over 300 members sign-up. Gerry Mallon, MC of the Comedy Club in Cuba and manager of Tommy Tiernan, agreed to give Comedy Soc members a very generous 20% discount for entry to Cuba's hugely popular Sunday shows. The first meeting was attended by over thirty people with the assignment of committee positions and included people trying out self-penned jokes in front of a crowd for the first time and the playing of improve games. Membership of the society spanned just about every group of people on the college of all ages and backgrounds. A number of well known comedians lent their name to the societies list of patrons including Dara O'Briain, David O'Doherty, Jason Byrne and Colin Murphy.

Events

Three open mike performances in Cuba organised through the society (2 by Giles Brody, 1 by Tadhg Collins.) The society made its first bow at the Musical Society fundraiser with four members performing stand up and 6 members partaking in sketches. The slot lasted 25 minutes in total and was well received. The Society has shot over two hours of sketches on DV. In February, the society put on its first ever show in the Bank of Ireland theatre during *Múscailt*. The show proved to be a big hit with audiences and was so popular; it necessitated the creation of three new rows at the front of the theatre to meet demand. To promote this gig, society members performed both stand up and musical support for The Camembert Quartet two days prior to the show. The Society also frequently goes for nights out to the Comedy Club in Cuba.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Giles Brody

Vice Auditor Michael Nutley

Treasurer: Eoin O'Shaughnessy

Secretary: Kieran Lawless

PRO: Tom Whyte

Account Details

Comedy Society 04-05				
Income		Expenditure		
Múscailt ticket sales	243		Stationery	20
Total Income	243		Costume/props	75
			Present	31
			Total Expenditure	126
			Balance	117
			Total	243

Complementary Therapy Society

Complementary Therapy Soc was set up to investigate different areas of complementary, alternative therapies and natural health. The society was also established to bring like minded people together to broaden our horizons and learn to interact with each other on important issues. It promotes well being by a holistic view of health and teaches people new ways to maintain a happy and healthy mind, body and spirit. We have 200 on our mailing list, 20 members regularly attend meetings and five committee members.

Events

We held regular talks by practitioners of complementary therapies, such as herbalists, a Reiki practitioner and L.N.P therapists. We organised a holistic fair which was a great success. We participated in a debate on “Complementary Therapies” and are currently planning on planting an herb garden. We also held a talk and demonstration by Mary Ester Judy entitled ‘Metamorphic Technique’

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Ciara Brady

Treasurer: Mei Ann Choong

Secretary: Andi-Lundi- Reilly

PRO: Brendan O’Sullivan

Account Details

Complementary Therapy Society 04-05		Income & Expenditure	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	printing	217
USC Grant	1212.43	speakers accommodation	110
sponsorship	201.00	Speakers Travel	22
Income Total	1413.43	Receptions	245
		dinner	385
		charity	130
		Society Transport	40
		Expenditure Total	1149.00
		Bank Balance	246.43
		Total	1413.43

Computer Society – CompSoc

The NUI, Galway Computer Society has been in existence for 25 years and is now as vibrant as ever. Compsoc is a great way to meet new people and has over 1,000 members comprising of students from every Faculty and Course on campus.

Compsoc has three servers and provides of email, web space and storage services to all members as well as managing the websites and email for over 110 clubs and societies on campus. Compsoc meets regularly and organise many diverse events, including workshops on Web Development, Linux, Digital Art and Hardware. Compsoc also invite many people who contribute to the world of computing to come along and speak to the society, as well as both hosting and attending intervarsity both in Ireland and abroad. Compsoc also holds frequent social events such as nights out, film screenings, bowling etc.

2004/2005 has proven a highly successful year for Compsoc with over 25 events successfully run including workshops, talks from guest speakers, film nights gaming events and competitions. This year the society acquired a dedicated server room, which went into operation over the summer. The room is fully equipped with air conditioning, 10 network ports and a 39u rack enclosure to keep Compost's servers and all members' files safe and secure. The server room currently houses all of Compost's servers which include a dual Pentium III Dell machine and the newest addition, a SunFire E280R, donated by Sun Microsystems in 2003.

The room also houses the primary clubs and societies' server, an Apple Xserve G5, which Compsoc currently administers. Supplying the power to these machines is a Smart UPS with SNMP Card kindly donated by APC this year.

The Day of IT and Motorsport, run for the second time this year, was a huge success, with WRC cars on campus during the day and an evening of talks with special guest speakers including Alan "Plum" Tyndall and Eugene Donnelly.

The launch of the new website in September provided a sleek new public face for the society and provided our members with convenient, and easy access to their accounts and to a host of new interactive features which are continually being developed. The new site won best website at the NUI Galway Society awards and at the National BICS Awards in DCU, it also caught the eye of the judges at the *Smedia* awards where Compsoc won best website award and Rory Donohue, our lead web designer won the best web designer award.

Events

- Digital Mapping and Artificial Intelligence, by Diarmuid O'Donoghue. 10th March 2005 .
- Web Standards, Accessibility, XHTML and CSS, Thurs 3rd March 2005.
- Tomorrow's Smart Web, by Dr Nicholas Kushmerick, 28th Feb 2005.
- X-Box Competition: FIFA competition on an X-box with a €40 prize, 24th February 2005
- Talk from HEAnet, Ireland's largest ISP, 17th February 2005.
- OpenGL Workshop, 10th February 2005.
- X-Box Gaming, 7th February 2005
- Motorsport and IT Day, Cars & guest speakers, PS2 competition, 3rd of February 2005.
- Committee Meeting, 31st January 2005.
- Linux Introductory Session, 27th January 2005.
- Cinema trip, Team America, 19th January 2005
- Societies Day 2, 19th January 2005.
- Committee Meeting, 15th January 2005.
- Informal general society meeting, 13th January 2005.
- Compsoc Night Out, 24th November 2004.
- Retro Gaming night, 22nd November 2004.
- Film showing: *The Big Lebowski* and Bowling, 18th November 2004.
- Photoshop Tutorial, 17th November 2004.
- Committee November, 15th November 2004.
- Dreamweaver workshop: 11th November 2004.
- Lego Robotics Introduction, 8th November 2004.
- Practical Linux workshop, 4th November 2004.
- Committee Meeting, 3rd November 2004.
- PHP workshop, 1st November 2004.
- EGM to elect Secretary and Vice-Auditor, 28th October 2004.
- Sys Admin talk, 18th October 2004.
- HTML workshop, 11th October 2004.
- Film showing: Cube, 7th October 2004.
- Technology: a need for literacy, by Fergus Cassidy 4th October 2004.
- Linux Introductory Session, 30th September 2004.
- Introductory Meeting and Party, 27th September 2004.

Committee Members

2004-2005 Auditor: Fionnuala Gibney Vice-Auditor: Shane Duffy Treasurer: Patrick O'Flaherty Secretary: David Gilmore	2005-2006 Auditor: Patrick O'Flaherty Vice-Auditor: David Gilmore Treasurer: Shane Duffy Secretary: Fionnuala Gibney OCMs: Rory Donohue, Gabriel Garret, Nicholas Geohegan
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Account Details

Computer Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	Stationary	70.93
USC Grant	1288.00	Speakers Travel	40.00
Muscailt	2050.59	Receptions	318.68
members contribution	32.4	Dinner	155.93
Other	671.06	Society Transport	13.00
Income Total	4042.05	society accommodation	150.00
		Equipment	2050.59
		Prizes	51.00
		Expenditure Total	2850.13
		Balance	1191.92
		Total	4042.05

Cumann De Barra/ Fianna Fail Society

We're the largest and most active political party on campus dedicated to the promotion of student related issues at both a local and national level. The Cumann also hosts guest speakers regularly. Everyone is welcome.

Events

Cumann de Barra held seventeen meetings during the academic year 2004-2005. The Cumann used its position to highlight student related issues and provided a forum for students from across the country to express their opinions and views. Our members were given the opportunity to meet, listen to and put questions to the people who are running our country as our guest speakers included Ministers Eamon O'Cuiv TD, Frank Fahey TD and Noel Treacy TD, Senator Margaret Cox, Mr. Sean O'Neachtain MEP, Councilors John Connolly and Michael Leahy and many more.

On Friday November 12th, Cumann de Barra held a gala banquet in The Great Southern Hotel, Eyre Square. The event marked our fiftieth anniversary which makes Cumann de Barra the oldest political Society to exist on any university campus in the entire country. The guest of honour on the night was the leader of Fianna Fáil, An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern TD. Over two hundred and seventy people attended the event and the night was deemed a great success.

The following weekend a large delegation from Cumann de Barra traveled to the National Youth Conference, which took place in The Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, to represent the Cumann and NUI, Galway. The weekend proved a further success for Cumann de Barra with members from the Cumann being elected to the National Youth Committee and our debating team winning the DeValera Debating Cup.

On Friday December 17th, Cumann de Barra held its Christmas party in the Living Room Pub, Galway. The event was enjoyed by all present and marked the end of a busy first semester. Cumann members were kept busy in semester two with several different guest speakers. On Monday March 14th, Cumann de Barra held its Annual General Meeting. The

Cumann is already making plans for the academic year 2005-2006 and the year promises to be a very busy and exciting one.

Committee Members 2004-2005	Committee Members 2005-2006
Chairperson: Aoife Golden	Chairperson: Darragh McShea
Vice-Chairperson: Shane Trearty	Vice-Chairperson: Liam Spell
Hon. Secretary: Darragh McShea	Hon. Secretary: Kate Feeney
Treasurer No.1: Gavin Bohan	Treasurer No.1: Emma Brennan
Treasurer No.2: Tristan Nethaway	Treasurer No.2: Con Aherne
P.R.O. David Keane	P.R.O.: Vincent Lacey
Membership Officer: Liam Aspell	Membership Officer: Andrea Gilligan
Events Officer: Robert Rooney	Events Officer: Enda Heslin
Asst. Secretary: Emma Brennan	
First Year Rep: Vincent Lacey	

Account Details

Cumann de Barra Society 04-05			
Balance Sheet			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	-100.54	Speakers Travel	75.2
USC Grant	1712.27	Receptions	374.55
ticket sales	14859.93	Dinner	114
Fundraising	65.25	Society Transport	168
members contribution	390	Society accommodation	1120.1
		entry fees	176
Income Total	16926.91	Reunion ball	14648
		Bank charges	29.49
		Total Expenditure	16706
		Closing Balance	221.31
		Actual Closing bank balance	221.31

Cumann de Dramaiochta

Cuireann an Cumann Dramaiochta dramar tri Ghaeilge ar an staitse agus bionn ceardlanna dramaiochta a chur ar siul freisin. Bionn deiseanna ann leiriu, stuiriu, aisteoireacht chomh maith le bainistiocht staitse, smidiu, soilse agus fuaim a fhoghlaim.

chuir muid drama darbh ainm *Trathnona la Mona* ar siul roimh nollaig sa cholaiste. thug muid an drama ceanna chuig an Rinn i bPort Lairge.

Tar eis na nollaig chuir muid drama darbh ainm *An Tobar* ar siul. Thug muid an drama chuig feile na gcolaisti i gCorcaigh agus d'eirigh thar barr linn. freisin chuaigh muid chuig feile dramaiochta i gCorr na Mona.

In addition to workshops we umann put on a play before christmas by the name of *Trathnona la Mona*. the play was put on in the theatre in the college and was brought to a competition in Ring in county Waterford. After Christmas we put on a play called *An Tobar*. we brought the play to the national Irish universities drama competition. We also took part in a drama festival in Corr na Mona.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Reachtair: Mícheal O'Leidhn

Cisteoir : Feilini O'Connor

Account Details

Cumman Dramaiochta 04-05		Balance Sheet			
		Income	Expenditure		
Opening Bank balance	2358.57		Expenditure		
USC Grant	2700.00		Dinner	500.00	
members contribution	3085.00		Society Transport	2720.00	
societies day	100		Society accommodation	1730.00	
			entry fees	544.00	
Income Total		8243.57	Equipment	30.00	
			Materials	141.78	
			Bank charges	3.75	
			Total Expenditure		5669.53
			Closing Bank Balance		2574.04
			Balance		8243.57

Cumann Eigse & Seanchais

Tá sé mar aidhm again an culture Ghealach a Spreagadh san Ollscoil. Bhí an cumann gníomhach go leor an blain seo. Togadh bord stúrtha i mí Méan Fómhar:

I rith mí Samhna d’eagraigh muid ticéadi do cheolchoirm Kila in Óstan an Victoria. Bhí chuid den coiste i lathair ag Oireachtas na Gaeilge I Litir Ceannain, Dún na nGall. Ar an 27ú Feabhra bhí failtú fíona againn sa téatar Siobhan nic Cionnaith. Bhí slua reasunta do na baoill nua i lathair. D’éirigh go geal linn ar an 6ú lá Márta nuair a bhí óiche iontach scealíochta Chonamara againn leis an scéalái Eddie Bheirtle Ó Connghaile, as ceantar Cárna ó dhúchas. Bhí níos mó ná dhá scór daoine i lathair. Bhí neart bia agus sóláistí fresin!

Tá súil againn go mbeidh an t-adh orainn an bhlian seo chugainn comh maith!

Bígí caint is ag cómhra!

Reachtaire: Cionnaith Ó Madaoin.
Rúnaí/Cisteoir : Philip Ó Fláthartaigh

Leas Reachtaire: Luke Mc Donnacha
Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí : Niall Ó Cuillineáin

Account Details

Cumann Eigse 04-05		Balance Sheet			
Income Total		Income	Expenditure		
Opening Bank balance	8.13		Speakers Travel		30.00
USC Grant	230.00		Receptions		125.00
Fundraising	39.98		promotion		15.00
Income Total		278.11	entry fees		60.00
			Total Expenditures		230
			Balance		48.11
			Total		278.11

DanSoc (Dance)

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 to 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 university. In the past year, we have seen a huge increase in our membership from 450 to 648. In direct proportion to this increase in membership, our range of classes has also increased. We introduced a number of new and exciting classes, especially taking advantage of visiting students looking to teach.

With two performances this year of 'Just Dance', the first such a sellout during *Múscailt* 2005 that we performed another sell-out show in March, a stage has been set for following years to continue to provide this high level of dance in NUI, Galway. One of the greatest difficulties DanSoc has always had to overcome is getting space for our classes and also suitable rehearsal space as it approached performances.

Events: Semester One

Monday: Hula (beginner) 5 – 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Hip-Hop (general) 5 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Swing (beginner) 5 – 6 p.m., Irish Dancing (beginner) 6 – 7 p.m., Salsa (beginner) 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Thursday: Hip-Hop/Modern (intermediate) 5 – 6 p.m., Hip-Hop/Modern (intermediate) 6 – 7 p.m., Hip-Hop (general) 7:20 – 9 p.m.

Activities: Semester Two

Tuesday: Hip-Hop (general) 5 – 6 p.m., Irish Dancing (beginner) 7 – 8 p.m., Salsa (beginner) 8- 9 p.m.

Wednesday: Swing (beginner) 5 – 6 p.m.

Thursday: Belly Dancing (beginner) 5 – 6 p.m., Hip-Hop (general) 8:15 – 9:30 p.m.

Guest Teachers

In January, DanSoc invited two Guest Teachers to give a workshop in hip-hop.

John Graham and Emer Walsh are two New York and L.A. trained dancers and they brought a whole new style and attitude to DanSoc. The day was very well attended, a lot learned and fun had by all.

***Múscailt* 2005: Just Dance**

Just Dance was performed as part of *Múscailt* 2005. The event showcased DanSoc's very successful third year. It was a presentation of an eclectic mix of moves and grooves. It encompassed an exciting combination of contemporary, salsa, Irish, Hip-Hop and modern dance.

Dance Intervarsity

This year saw the first ever Dance Intervarsities held at NUI, Maynooth. A troop from DanSoc represented NUI, Galway in great numbers and with great energy. Classes were offered in Hip-Hop, Breakdancing, Salsa, Swing, Jazz and Contemporary Ballet. We were very proud of our performance on the day. Just Dance...again.

Due to the first show being sell-out we decided to perform our show again. As with the original performance during *Múscailt*, this display of the University's talent was well received by the audience and again, a sell-out.

Total Membership 2004-2005: 648.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Clare Graham

Vice Auditor: Sarah-Jayne MacLavery

PRO: Jennifer Coleman

Treasurer: Niamh Donagh

Secretary: Jill Shaw Carey

Committee Members 2005-2006

Auditor: Jennifer Coleman

Vice Auditor: Sarah-Jayne MacLavery

PRO: Selina McCarthy

Treasurer: Niamh Donagh

Secretary: Catherine

Events Officers: Andrea Byrne & Ruth Daly

Account Details Dansoc

Income & Expenditure	DanSoc 04 – 05		
Opening Bank Balance:	566.7		
<i>Income:</i>		<i>Expenditure:</i>	
USC Grant	680	Teachers Fees	1411
Ticket Sales	404	Speakers Accom	79
Members Contribution	700	Receptions	100
Sponsorship	1020	Promotion	22
		Equipment	172.55
		Materials	1000
		Bank Charges	3.75
Total Income	3370.7	Total Expenditure	2788.3
		Closing Bank Balance	582.4
		Total	3370.7

DJ Society

We aim to promote DJing in the College by educating and providing an environment of learning. We conducted classes for beginners on how to DJ and using the equipment. We ran ‘Master Classes’ on Hip-Hop/Scratching and computer classes. This was aided by the purchase of new decks. We also have a social element and aimed to provide newly recently experienced members with an outlet to DJ in bars and clubs. Membership is registered at 170 compared to 10 last year! We attracted members by having a realistic manifesto and being approachable both off and on campus! We were also visible on campus by playing during “Open Days”, *Múscailt* ‘05 and in the College Bar.

Events

- We held 12 OpenDeck sessions in the Drum Bar
- 10 beginner classes for absolute beginners on campus
- 4 Master Classes in advanced techniques
- All classes were free of charge
- We had 3 nights in The Vic nightclub at which only members played.
- DJ’ed for College events such as Open Day, *Múscailt* ’05 and other Society Events
- We held a charity collection between our members for the Tsunami Appeal.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor	Chris Linehan
Vice-Auditor	Ronan Byrnes
Treasurer	Peter Tiernan

Account Details

DJ Society 04-05		Expenditure	
Income		Teacher fees	60
Opening Bank balance	290	Receptions	105
USC Grant	855.5	Society Transport	40.56
Sponsorship	200	Equipment	1160.5
members contribution	215	Bank charges	2.5
Income Total	1560.5	Total Expenditure	1368.56
		Closing Balance	191.94
		Total	1560.5

Dramsoc

We had over 250 members sign up on Societies' Day 2004. We held auditions for two plays on Societies' Day, enabling our committee to have tangible events to encourage new members to get involved. We also moved our weekly drama night, *Staged and Confused* from the College Bar into the Bank of Ireland Theatre. We made this change because we realised there are numerous 1st year students who are only 17 and thus would not be allowed into the College Bar. This proved very successful with attracting 1st years to *Staged and Confused*.

Events:

- *Crave* by Sarah Kane. Directed by Meabh McNairney
- *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare. Directed by Gerard Rafferty
- *Paddy's Day* by Micheal Hale. Directed by Tracy Bruen
- *Pieces of Me* Directed by Kelly McMahon
- *Tales from the Poorhouse* by Eugene McCabe. Directed by Tracey Diamond
- *The Open Couple* by Dario Fo. Directed by Mairead NiCuailin
- *Rain of London* by Sean O'Suilleabhain. Directed by Sean O'Suilleabhain
- *Twist of Fate* directed Angie Scott
- *Staged and Confused* A weekly drama night of improvisation, theatre games and monologues
- Lighting Workshop with Paul Noble
- Acting workshop with Rod Goodall

How we've improved the Society over the year:

Moving *Staged and Confused* into the Bank of Ireland Theatre allowed for more access for members to participate in drama. This night involves theatre games, improvisation and general madness. We had on average 30 members every Wednesday. These participants were usually those members who for one reason or another didn't get parts in our productions. This night allowed them to still participate in drama. Tea and coffee was supplied each session to allow everyone a break and a chance to mingle. We also organised a number of nights out after *Staged and Confused* enabling everyone to get to know each other better. We organised two lighting workshops with Paul Noble from the Town Hall. Paul instructed 13 members in operating, design and programming of lights in the theatre. From these workshops we now have a number of very eager lighting technicians who will be available next year for our productions.

The Merchant of Venice was also performed this year. This play was designed to attract new members where we had 15 1st years in the cast. Many of these went onto do other plays during the year.

Special Event / Commission:

In November we were commissioned by Forfás to write a new play aimed at 12-15 year olds to promote Science during National Science week. We had 4 weeks to write, direct and perform this play, which we called Paddy's Day. The project was overseen by the Dean of Science Gerry Morgan and was performed to full houses for 3 matinees in November. Feedback from students was excellent. The play was subsequently performed in the Helix in Dublin where we came an excellent 2nd from all the Universities in Ireland.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Nigel Connor

Vice-Auditor: Rob McFeeley

Treasurer: Ciara Norman

Secretary: Catriona Mulhall

Production Coordinator: Ronan McMahon

Society Development Officer: Meabh McNairney

PRO: Aileen Bradley

Account Details

Drama Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	39.34	Stationary	55.00
USC Grant	4737.94	printing	137.94
Sponsorship	1302	Teacher fees	300.00
Fundraising	327.17	Receptions	648.15
Ticket sales	2699.94	Dinner	469.96
Other	550	makeup/costumes	402.55
Income Total	9656.39	Society Transport	1205.00
		society accommodation	817.00
		Promotion	225.00
		phone credit	200.00
		Set	1414.84
		performing rights	770.00
		lighting	100.00
		scripts	72.40
		bank charges	4.96
		Expenditure Total:	6822.80
		Closing Balance	2833.59
		Total:	9656.39

Ecology Society

For the Ecology Society— 2004-2005 was spent hosting public meetings, film nights, one mini-conference and so on— in short, being an active presence on campus. Ecology Soc offers an arena for the airing of ecological and social issues that are all too often given short shrift in Irish public life – not to mention the scanty treatment such issues would normally receive in the public life of the University.

September opened with film showings drawing on recent confrontations between Ireland's growing social protest movements and the Irish state. In this vein were presentations on the Mayday 2004 events in Dublin, and on the wave of opposition that greeted the visit of US President George W. Bush to the country in June – the latter for reasons too obvious to detail here.

Following the film showings was a talk by Pdraig Campbell of SIPTU on the Shell Oil development due to commence soon on the Erris peninsula in County Mayo. Pdraig was also able to fill the meeting in on the battle between locals and developers in Barna, on the edge of Galway. The public meeting on the situation in Mayo was emblematic of a commitment on the part of Ecosoc members to support grassroots ecological struggles as a matter of priority, and it was a theme that would be returned to as the year wore on.

Late October saw a well-attended public meeting featuring presentations of more international and theoretical scope. NUIG lecturer Soo-Ming Khoo spoke on eco-feminism, as did Bob Miller of Manchester Anarchist Federation on the topic of anarchism and ecology. Keeping an international flag flying, in early November the Ecology Society hosted Saif Abukeshek, a Palestinian activist with the International Solidarity Movement, and Itay Greenstein, an Israeli anarchist and refusenik on their Galway leg of a European speaking tour on Grassroots Movements of the Middle East.

In the New Year, Dr. Niamh Clune briefed an EcoSoc public meeting on the Wealth from Waste initiative she is promoting to implement a system of 'Resource Recovery Parks' in the Galway area.

The following week students, city-dwellers and a smattering of NUIG academic staff attended an EcoSoc talk on the history of Irish environmentalism given by Dr. Lawrence Cox of NUI, Maynooth, a sociologist and social justice activist. The event was significant in that it was

pioneering: in Laurence’s words, “the history of the environmental movement in Ireland has not yet been written”.

January and its string of public EcoSoc events was closed off by a one-day conference under the heading *Ideas for Change*. A session on the environment featured presentations on grassroots ecological struggles such as the successful popular movement against nuclear power at Carnsore, Co. Wexford in the 1970s; and on recent confrontations in Cork over the enclosure of open countryside at the Old Head of Kinsale in the name of private golf, and ongoing community resistance to the building of a super-incinerator at Ringaskiddy. These contributions were given by Alan MacSimoin and James McBarron of the Workers Solidarity Movement, respectively. As part of the same session, Colm Breathnach of the Irish Socialist Network spoke on the topic of Marxism and the environment.

The second session of the conference was devoted to women’s issues. Rosita Sweetman was unable to appear as planned – she was due to speak on the history of the women’s liberation movement in Ireland. But present were Sandra McEvoy of UCC Women’s Studies department, presenting on pro-choice activism, and Toby Marven of Dublin Grassroots Network on Ladyfest, the continent-hopping DIY feminist festival that touched down in Dublin in 2004. Coinciding with the campus arts festival *Múscailt*, EcoSoc hosted a mini-season of film showings in mid-February. The *New Antagonisms* series featured films brought to Galway from the European Social Forum in London in October; the subject matter sampled social struggles across the globe from Latin America to Korea, a recurring theme being the widespread precarisation of employment under the rubric of neoliberal economics. A presentation on the recent crises of Argentina around debt issues was able to share a bill with a Human Rights Society film presentation on kindred debt issues across the Americas in Jamaica.

Throughout the year, EcoSoc members attended the Grassroots Gathering activist conferences in Belfast and Dublin, a conference on sociology and social activism in the University of Manchester, and the trials of anti-war activists in Ennis, Co. Clare and in the High Court in Dublin.

The most important act by members of EcoSoc in the latter part of the academic year was a fact-finding mission to Erris, Co. Mayo, to liaise with locals’ intent on resisting the rapacious Shell Oil project in the pipeline, and to examine the lay of the land for themselves. The linking up of EcoSoc members with this cause – a cause meeting overwhelming support in the local Gaeltacht community, and one that is as much global as it is local – signals the shape of EcoSoc activities of the near future.

Committee Members 2004 –2005

Auditor: Eve Campbell
Secretary: Donagh Davis

Treasurer: Terry Dunne
PRO: Michael Kearney

Committee Members 2005-2006

Auditor: Terry Dunne

Treasurer: Paula McGrane

Account Details

Ecology Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	2743.27	Stationary	110.56
USC Grant	2447.54	speakers accommodation	534
muscailt	1270.96	Speakers Travel	425.59
Income Total	6461.77	Receptions	138.5
		Dinner	346.85
		Society Transport	2043
		Expenditure Total	3598.5
		Closing Bank Balance	2863.27
		Total	6461.77

Engineering Society

Events

The Engineering Society organized the Annual Engineering Ball. There were 15 Meetings, not including the AGM. In addition, the Engineering Society also helps fund class parties.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Secretary: Thomas Nally

Chairman: Darragh McDermott

Treasurer: Jacqueline Hennessey

John Murphy, Joanne Finnegan, David Brody, Cian Friel, Niall O'Connor, Donal Gannon

Account Details

Engineering Soc 04-05			
<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Opening Balance	0	ball	14775
Ticket Sales	16150	reception	2200
Sponsorships	1000	total expenditure	16975
total income	17150	bank balance	175
		Total	17150

Fantasy and Science Fiction Society (FanSci)

The promotion of Fantasy and Science Fiction throughout NUIG in the form of literature, performance art, visual art, social activities and games is the main aim of FanSci. We also maintain a library of literature, films and games which is open to all our members, and which we take every opportunity to expand. Above all, we provide an open and friendly atmosphere in which to achieve all of the above.

This year Fansci's membership rose to a previously unprecedented level, with 178 members. This is a marked rise on last year's number of 60. We credit this rise in membership to an increase in the diversity and frequency of our activities. We were pleased with this increase in membership which came despite having our weekly meetings dropping from two nights a week to one. In fact, this increase in membership caused, in semester one, our meetings to spread out into neighboring rooms, and so in semester two, the Buildings Office felt it was necessary to move us to a bigger room on the concourse.

We believe this increase in membership is partly due to the inter-society relations we pursued during the year with Chess Soc and FilmSoc. We also took a new approach in promoting ourselves on Societies day one and two, organising our most popular game, *Assassins*, during Societies day. This event drew over ninety participants, most of whom also signed up to the society on the day. We also pursued a more active PRO campaign, ensuring that all our events and activities were sufficiently advertised throughout the year. This year we also held a diversity of events (Hallowe'en film festival, radio production of *The Hitch-Hikers Guide*, Fantasy and Science Fiction writing competition, etc.) which we believe maintained interest in the society throughout the year.

We also organised more structured events within our weekly meeting, such as tournaments and competitions. This encouraged a strong weekly attendance amongst our members, who were eager to participate. Due to the nature of such competitions, many people were given the opportunity to meet other members, and this helped build a sense of community within the society.

Events

This year saw FanSci host a great number of diverse events, all of which proved to be very successful

- **Assassins:** We ran the Assassins event at the start of the first semester. From past years we knew that this was our most popular game, which appealed to the majority of the student body. We decided to publish it this year by putting the opportunity to sign up for the game alongside our table on Societies' Day. This led to the largest amount of participants in the history of the society, with over one hundred people taking part. This game was so popular we had many requests to run it again in the second semester. This caused the inclusion of a special rules variant within our convention during the second semester.
- **Zombie Survival Guide:** For Societies' Day, semester one, in keeping with our policy of organising new and interesting events, we produced the society's first film, *The Zombie Survival Guide*. This was co-produced with FilmSoc, and was previewed at our table on Societies' Day. This comedic piece outlined the safety regulations students should take in the unlikely event of a Zombie attack. The making of this film gleaned a lot of interest from the student body, with many premier actors spontaneously joining filming. Several of these people later joined the society.
- **Hallowe'en Film Festival:** We showed several films throughout the first semester, and due to the successful attendance of these films, we decided to hold a film festival (In association with Filmsoc) during the Hallowe'en week, ending with a night out for society members. This proved to be very popular, and we received many requests to make it an annual event.
- **Intersarsity Events:** Several of our members represented the society at a number of intersarsity events throughout the year, including Confess (Sligo IT), Gaelcon (DCU), Warpcon (UCC) and Leprecon (Trinity). At each of these events we received at least one intersarsity accolade.
- **Warpcon:** The society trip to Warpcon, UCC, saw a record number of FanSci members in attendance. Thirty Two members took part in this annual trip, and saw a repeat of our record breaking eight accolades at this intersarsity event, with one of our members, Yolande O' Brian, winning three separate events.
- **Christmas Party:** We held a wine reception this year at our last meeting, followed by a bowling party for all our members. This, too, was a novel event, and proved to be an excellent way to wrap up the semester's activities.
- **Múscailt:** For *Múscailt*, in semester two, we organised a large calendar of events, which had over twenty seven members participating in different events. These included the radio production of *The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, a Fantasy Writing Competition and Human Chess.
- **Itzacon Eire:** Itzacon was, without a doubt, the most ambitious project ever attempted by the society. Taking place over the weekend of the 11th to the 13th of March, Itzacon was Galway's first Fantasy and Science Fiction convention, and took place in the Quadrangle in NUIG. It saw an enormous turnout, and has already joined Leprecon (Trinity) as the third largest convention in the country. This convention saw over five different internationally recognised tournaments take place. We had over twenty two original role-playing games submitted from all over Ireland, this encompassed twenty two original pieces of writing being scripted, and over two hundred acting participants. In all, €1768 euro was raised for charity (Irish Myasthenia Gravis Association), adding to the €800 euro already raised in October at Gaelcon for our VIP tickets. We felt that holding this convention was important on a national level, as for the past ten years NUIG was the only national university in Ireland not to host such a convention.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Padraic Barrett

Vice-Auditor: Anita Murray

Treasurer: Brian Sharkey

Secretary: Patrick Ryan

PRO: Yulande O'Brien

Librarian: Pól MacFhionngáile

Entertainment Officer: Pat Ryan

Role-Playing Convenor: Niamh Dolan

Film Officer: Bryan Devanay

Account Details

FanSci 04-05			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	663.20	stationary	37.41
USC Grant	2695.00	printing	225.1
Muscailt	93.17	speakers accom	178
Sponsorship	500.00	speakers travel	10.66
Fundraising	1768.00	reception	139.53
Balls	1519.46	soc transport	750
Membership contribution	991.00	soc accommodation	1024
societies day	113.82	entry fee	480
Income total	8344.65	equipment	472.95
		materials	189.74
		charity	1768
		bank charge	8.23
		prizes	220.25
		promotions	734.64
		total expenditure	6238.51
		Bank balance	2105.14
		balance	8343.65

Film Society

Are you sick of spending Monday night at home with your beans on toast? Do you dream of writing the next Hollywood or Bollywood blockbuster? Or do you just want to have fun with weird people wearing berets and drinking coffee? If you fit the criteria (the last one is a bit dodgy!) then filmsoc is the society for you. Come to our meetings and allow yourself to get sucked up in a world of film, fun, and if it really does tickle your fancy, beret wearing competitions!! Not only did we show films but we started a number of film projects which we look forward to bringing to the big screen next year. We co organised a number of film nights with other societies including the Writers Society and Comsoc. Our members were also on hand to film events and productions throughout the year.

Events

Movie Night every Monday- films shown included *Citizen Kane*, *Dr. Strange-Love*, *Goodfellas*

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Louise O'Dwyer

Vice-Auditor: Annemarie Power

Secretary: Jonathon Ryan

SDO: Brian O'Rourke

Equipment Officer: Bryan Devaney

Account Details

Film Society 04-05	Balance Sheet			
Income		Expenditure		
Opening Bank balance	134.59	entertainment	231.09	
USC Grant	391.09	Equipment	59.99	
Fundraising	71.97	materials	80.15	
Other	516	charity	70.00	
Income Total	1113.65	prizes	75.10	
		Expenditure Total		516.33
		Balance		597.32
		Total		1113.65

French Society

French Soc aims to promote the French language in a fun and diverse way and allow NUIG students to interact with Erasmus students in the college, thereby enhancing cultural awareness about other French speaking countries whilst also making our visiting students feel welcome around our campus, allowing them also to experience Irish culture and meet Irish people interested in their homelands. It also aims to establish links with French universities and their English speaking societies in order to begin exchanges and allow NUIG students to experience the fruits of their college life by traveling abroad and putting their studies into practice and to provide diverse mediums for learning French to cater for as many students as possible - through organizing activities on different days of the week and by exploring many ways of introducing French and French culture; through cinema, drama, crepe evenings, workshops, regular get-togethers through French and trips abroad. At the moment, we currently have 222 members on our mailing list. We won best Departmental Society at the Society Awards in March.

Events:

- Weekly meetings in De Burgo's Bar every Wednesday evening
- Weekly film evening every Tuesday
- Cheese & Wine Reception to start off the year and get new members involved (... as only the French can!)
- Drama Workshop with professional French actor living in Galway. The workshop lasted an afternoon, and students took part in improvisation, read scripts by Moliere and learned techniques from the Stanislavsky school of acting... all through the medium of French.
- Table Quiz in College Bar.
- Crepe Evening in DeBurgos. We combined the Irish tradition of Pancake Tuesday and the Breton culinary speciality of crepes to make our own French Society "Soiree Crepes". We invited a Breton living in Galway to be our chef for the evening, who using a professional crepe hot plate imported from France, served both sweet and savoury crepes.
- Play (organised as part of *Múscaill*, the NUIG Arts Festival). The play, *La Photo du Grenier*, is a comedy set in modern-day France. It was directed by a French assistant lecturer and society member, and comprised of 7 cast members. The set, props and costumes were organised by the cast members themselves, and the play was staged in the on-campus, 80-seater Bank of Ireland Theatre to a full house.
- Overseas Trip to Lorient (where play will also be performed in Lorient University). Society members will be hosted in the homes of students of the university, thereby allowing them to make friends, build contacts, integrate culturally, experience France from a French perspective-enjoying it all for a fraction of the normal cost. Cultural activities will also be organised, such as a visit to the famous port of Lorient and to a museum charting Lorient's naval history and past involvement in the Spice trade.
It is hoped we will host students from Lorient in NUIG next year through a similar theatrical exchange.
- Liaison with Galway/Lorient twinning committee and thereby French/Breton cultural evening in Galway city (to be held this week, March 16th). Students will meet Breton traditional dancing group from Lorient, take part in a parade to celebrate the Eve of St.Patrick and generally socialise with the group, so as to further establish our link with Lorient.
- Christmas party held in DeBurgo's with light snacks and DJ.
- Members took part in an information evening for BA's travelling abroad to Francophone countries next year
- Members also took part in Information evening for students wishing to travel to France/ French Speaking countries for the summer in order to work/ travel.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor Keira Kennelly

Vice-Auditor Isla Cully

Treasurer Labhras O Loideain
 Erasmus Reps.: Julien Rosset / Pauline Salerno
 BA Rep.: Chloe Diskin
 Eng. Rep.: James Cahill

Secretary Darragh Geraghty
 Comm. Rep.: Fergal McCann
 T.O.: Helen McQuaid
 PostGrad: AnneMarie Shaver

Account Details

French Society 04-05	Income & Expenditure		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	218.86	Stationary	12.52
USC Grant	575.00	Teacher fees	120.00
<i>Múscailt</i>	237	Dinner	135.00
Fundraising	330.10	Bus	494.00
Sponsorship	1300	Society Transport	1702.80
members contribution	661	materials	15.00
societies day	88	charity	20.00
Total	3409.96	prizes	19.87
		Bank charges	4.59
		Total Expenditure	2523.78
		Bank Balance	886.18
		Total	3409.96

Gaisce Society (President's Award)

The Gaisce Society is another name for the President's Award Society. The President's award is Ireland's very own National challenge award, the country's most prestigious and respected national award program and a challenge from the President of Ireland to you...the nation's future.

The aim of this society is to help student and staff attain their personal goals toward receiving the Bronze, Silver and Gold President's award. The Bronze award is earned over a minimum period of 6 months. If you want something a little more testing, then go for the Silver award. It's earned over a period of 12 months. If you're up to the challenge, the Gold award is the most challenging and earned over a minimum period of 18 months. To earn an award you must take part in each of the 4 areas: personal skill, community involvement, physical activity, and adventure project. The award is open to all young people between the ages of 15 and 25. Anyone can take part as long as you're self motivated and up for the challenge.

At the moment we are a provisional society only set up this year and are waiting for official society recognition early next year. We are delighted with the successful year we had with the final tally of 115 members by the close of the academic year '04-'05. However not everything ran smoothly during the year when in March '05 our website gaiscesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie was hacked by persons unknown.

Events

November

- "The Big Leowski" Film and Bowling
- Talk with Liam Grant from Chernobyl Aid Ireland followed by a Cheese and Wine Reception which continued to the Living Room.

January

- Table at Societies' Day 2 where we signed up 34 new members.

March

- Adventure weekend in Clifden. Enjoyed immensely by all.

Committee Members 2004-2005:

Auditor: Nick Geoghegan
 Vice Auditor: Aril Garvin
 Secretary: Denise O'Flaherty
 Treasurer: Evin Joyce
 PRO: David Yip
 First OMC: Adrian McGoldrick
 Second OMC: Claire Gormon

Account Details

Gaisce 04-05		Balance Sheet	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	Food	50.00
USC Grant	240.00	Travel	78.00
Income Total	240.00	Accom	45.00
		Bank charges	7.50
		Total Expenditure	180.50
		Closing Bank Balance	59.50
		Total	240.00

Geology

We host a lecture series throughout the year covering topics from Dinosaurs to mountain building. Lectures advertised in Geology Dept and Marine Science building adjoining to the Stage door afterwards. Lectures included one by Professor Brock entitled 'The State of Our World: From an Earth Science Aspect' and a talk by Professor Miles Williams about Tsunamis. The highlight of our year was our trip to Kerry where we studied some very interesting rock formations firsthand.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Aishling Fagan
 Treasurer: Charlotte De Bút
 Secretary: Judy Kavanagh
 Vice P.R.O: Rachel Griffin
 Vice Social Secretary: Rachel Griffin
 Social Secretary: Aoife Brady
 Public Relations Officer: Milo Barham

Account Details

Geology Society 04-05		Balance Sheet	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	49.91	Stationary	2.25
USC Grant	1333	Dinner	20
Ticketsales	495	Society Transport	1200
Other	83	society accommodation	510
Income Total	1960.91	materials	61.32
		Bank charges	3.75
		Total Expenditure	1797.32
		Closing Balance	163.59
		Total	1960.91

German Society

German Soc, the 2005 voted Best Improved Society of the Year at the Students Union Awards, aims to bring the flavour of Germany, Austria and Switzerland to NUIG. Our society is very active with weekly Film- und Barabende, and regular parties and trips. We aim to make the German Language a living and active language on campus by bringing Students, Staff and native German speakers together in an informal atmosphere. This year we signed up 132 members on Society's Day in Arás na MacLeinn. Last year numbers were difficult to gage as we had no previous committee member and no apparent record of numbers.

Anecdotally last years' membership on Society's Day was said to be approximately 70. As the year went on we lost and gained active members. Our biggest success was in attracting German Erasmus students to our events. We went about attracting further members by advertising on campus, but the most effective method was by addressing classes before lectures and getting lecturers from the Department to advertise our events in class and encourage students to come along.

Events

- Boat Trip on the Corrib Princess, Oktoberfest in De Burgos.
- "German Soc Goes to the Dogs" we brought 35 members to the Greyhound track for a night's fun. Using money we had raised from the Corrib Trip, we organised a €1 tote voucher for everyone.
- Commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, showed the award winning film "Goodbye Lenin" followed by a lively and sometimes stormy open panel discussion on German Unification featuring Dr Heinrike Rau, a Sociologist from East Germany, Steven Ellis Prof. of the History Department and Dr Jochem Bendek from the German Department
- Christmas Party, in De Burgos.
- *Das Galwayer Blatt* A German language newspaper produced by the students of the final year Media Studies class and jointly funded by the German Society and Department. The reception to launch the paper was also funded by the Society and the paper has been distributed at subsequent German Society events.
- Erasmus Information Evening:
- Final year class Party.
- *Ein Engel kommt nach Babylon* The German Society play.
- "Burren Weekend" the Society annual trip away to the Burren.
- In addition to this we showed German language Films every Tuesday night in the Darcy-Thompson Theater. The films in Semester 2 were picked to tie in with the final years' German Cinema Course. In Semester 1 we ran East Germany/GDR themed films and held our Barabend afterwards in Massimos.
- We organized indoor-soccer every Friday in the Sports hall with a view to entering a team in the DAAD-Sauerkraut Cup in Dublin on April 23rd.
- 2005-2006 Committee will be elected in September 2005

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor	Stephen Madden
Vice-Auditor	Bernie Geraghty
Treasurer	Laura Argue
Secretary	Elaine Shea
PRO:	Vincent O'Connell

German Society 04-05 Income & Expenditure				
Income	€		Expenditure:	
Opening Balance	20.02		Receptions	742.3
USC Grants	2281.73		Dinner	530
Tickets	370.95		Entry fee	30
Fundraising	1177.51		society transport	1040
Total Income:	3850.21		Printing	350
			Costumes	211.73
			Lighting	260
			Costumes	350
			Total Expenditure	3514.03
			Current Balance	336.18
			Total	3850.21

GOAL

Goal is a international humanitarian organisation currently operating in 20 countries around the world. This is the second year that the NUIG Goal society is running. Its aims are to help Goal in it's vital work by collecting funds and highlighting development issues, while contributing to the social life on campus. We ran a number of fund raising events throughout the year and co-operated with a number of societies on fundraising ventures.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Noel Gibbons

Vice-Auditor: James O Malley

Treasurer: Laverne Mullen

Secretary: Liz Ball

PRO: Maeve Gormley

Account Details

Goal Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	48.2	charity	6560.00
Fundraising	7246	prizes	240.00
Income Total	7294.20	Bank charges	1.12
		Expenditure Total	6801.12
		Bank Balance	493.08
		Total	7294.20

GUMS – Galway University Musical Society

The Musical Society aims to cast, organise and produce Musical Events featuring the students and Staff of NUI, Galway who are interested in musical productions. We had roughly sixty members; between cast, committee, backstage, and make up. We attracted members by having a very loud and eye catching stand on Societies' Day. We had access to the mailing list from last year's musical, and were able to contact all the current students via the mailing list.

Events:

Every week, we held at least three meetings; either singing, dancing or acting classes. There were numerous “get to know you” nights out before Christmas, with even more after. After Christmas, the meetings increased to four or five nights a week, with most weekends having a good six or seven hours a day. Last semester, we organised a charity Variety Show in The BOI Theatre, performing songs and dances from famous musicals. It ran for two evenings, and was a great success, and we donated a significant amount of the takings to charity.

We were also the only society to organise and hold our own Society Ball. It was held in the Westwood Hotel on Thursday March 10th. It was a black tie affair, and by all accounts, a fantastic and memorable night.

Our show this year was *The Boyfriend* a light hearted twenties musical with a large cast and lots of main parts to show off the casts talents. This year we also had a professional director Lara Cambell and the production was nominated for an AIMS award for Lisa McAnena as best supporting actress.

We held a Patron’s Night on the second night of the show, to invite prominent local businesses, and family, to show how professional a show we could produce, and to thank them for their support, via a wine and cheese reception. Through these events, we attracted more than two thousand spectators.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Gillian McGreevy

Vice-Auditor: Lisa McAnenea

Treasurer: Lisa Owens

Secretary: Derek Cahalan

Committee Position OCM: John Kennedy

Account Details

GUMS 04-05			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	13	Printing	735
USC Grant	3900	Teacher fees	1000
Muscailt	200	Receptions	110
Sponsorship	300	lighting	900
Fundraising	3330.2	sound	2000
Ticket sales	5959.69	costumes	1313
Income Total	13702.89	set	1950
		makeup	55
		aims	165
		scores	130
		rights	750
		hire of hall	4000
		Bank charges	121
		Expense	13229
		Bank balance	473.89
		Total	13702.89

History Society

The main aim of the History Society/ An Cumann Staire is to encourage and promote historical discussion both on and off campus. Is cumann dhá-theangach é an Cumann Staire agus is aobheann linn gach deis chun ár dteanga alainn a chur chun cinn.

This year the society has branched out, and began holding meetings off campus, namely a series of lectures in the King’s Head. This has opened up the society to members of the general public. The official launch of the off campus lecture series was opened by the Mayor and was followed by a talk

on the history of the 16th century building that is now home to The Kings Head by Paul Gosling and Jackie Uí Chionna.

Other events included lectures on topics as varied as a talk ‘A License to print money’ by Dr. Marie Coleman of Queens University about the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes, the history of Padraic Pearse and another on Tudor England. Because we are a departmental society we held a number of staff student get-togethers, and we also hosted a graduates evening for which we got history graduates of this university to talk on their experiences in the field of academia and the workplace in general. We feel that this helps history students gain focus and insight into the possibilities of post-graduate studies.

We sent students off to Dublin to participate in the Irish History Students’ Association’s annual conference. We had students attending to present papers as well as going along to learn. The head of the History Department decided to show his support of the society by attending the conference along with the Galway contingent.

The largest event that we held was of course the Arts’ Ball which took place in the Radisson Hotel with an attendance of 650 people. The society is also responsible for the organisation of the Arts’ Ball, the largest ball on campus with an attendance of 650 people. On arrival we were welcomed by some harmonious male choral singing in the lobby of the óstán. Our meal was accompanied by the lovely sounds of harp and fiddle; Sorcha ar an gcláirseach agus Liz ar an bhfidil. Agus ní raibh sé sin ach an tús! Following the bia breá blásta one of the city’s best bands, Lewd Tunes, took to the stage with their manic mix of jazz, blues, pop and rock. To finish the night off we had more dancing to the tunes of DJ Byrno.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor Tadhg Ó Broin
 PRO Eugene Mac Shiúrtáin
 Postgrad Rep: Rose Anne de Faoite
 Oifigeach Gaeilge: Deirdre

Vice-Auditor Tommy Ó Murchú
 Eagraí don Arts Ball 2006: Tonaí Ó Roduibh
 Oifigeach Seirbhísí Teicniúla: Pait Ó Flaitheartaigh
 Secretary: Ray Mac Giolla Cheara

Account Details

HISTORY Society 04-05			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	2377.79	Stationary	19.99
USC Grant	1475	printing	47.95
arts ball	27350	ihsa membership fees	390
socs day	26	speakers accommodation	138
Income Total	31228.79	Speakers Travel	92
		Receptions	644.52
		Dinner	188.6
		Society Transport	73
		Socs day	70.25
		arts ball	26891.96
		Bank charges	7.95
		Total	28564.22
		Closing Balance	2664.57
		Total	31228.79

Horse Racing Society

The horseracing society is a society that promotes horse racing on campus, attends race meetings, discusses the merits of horseracing and have some craic along the way.

This year’s highlight was our annual Cheltenham preview on the 1st of March. For the first time this year we moved out of the college to the Radisson SAS Hotel this was at the request of our new sponsors Betdaq (online betting exchange) and local bookmaker John Mulholland.

The night was a great success with a crowd of approximately four hundred (355 paying on the night). The night was hosted by Alan Byrne racing pundit and former editor of the racing post and the panel included Barney Curley, Philip Hobbs, Tom Taaffe, Derek O'Connor, Dessie Scahill, Alan Mulholland and Justin Carty which formed one of the strongest panels of any Cheltenham preview held throughout the country. Anyone who intended found it highly informative and entertaining. The night itself raised € 21677 for Direct Aid for Africa which is a very worthy charity and every cent raised goes direct to the needy projects, unlike other charities where your money gets lost in red tape.

During the year we attended the national student's race day at Limerick racecourse a day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We also attended a Fundraising evening at Leopards Town Race Track.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Peter Burke
 Secretary: Michael Scully
 PRO: Michael Rock
 Treasurer: William Morris

Account Details

Horse Racing Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income			
Opening Bank balance	925.17	Expenditure	
USC Grant	200	Stationary	50
Sponsorship	12522	printing	296.45
Fundraising	5710	speakers accommodation	1072.34
Ticket sales	5370	Dinner	511.21
members contribution	390	Bus	400
Societies Day	50	entry fees	120
		charity	21722
Income Total	25167.17	Total Expenditure	24172.00
		Closing Balance	995.17
		Total	25167.17

Human Rights

The Human Rights Society is primarily a forum where like minded students interested in issues relevant to Human Rights can meet, discuss and act on particular campaigns that they agree need attention. The Human Rights Society this year has 397 members. This number increased from 147 in 2003 -2004. We attracted new members at the two Societies' Days. We spoke to many students on those days, described the types of issues we would be interested in raising awareness about and stressed the willingness with which we are prepared to take on and research human rights issues of interest to our members.

Events

30 September- film screening *Rabbit Proof Fence*

In October, we organised "Sudan Awareness Week" to raise awareness among students about the world's worst humanitarian crisis. We displayed a photo exhibition in the Arts Millennium Building depicting both beautiful sides of the people and culture of Sudan and the devastating effects Janjaweed and government attacks have had on the country. Alongside photographs we depicted the lives of the African tribes of Darfur through snippets of newspaper reports, statements by NGOs and first hand accounts of victims. To raise money for Sudan, jugglers busked all day.

From March 7th - 11th, the Human Rights Society coordinated Global Rights Awareness Week (GRÁ) in conjunction with a number of other societies. The weeklong event included an information day in Áras Na Mac Leinn, where there was also a collection of educational materials for Third World schools. GRÁ week was awarded best society event at the Society awards in March.

Amnesty International Hand project for Stop the Violence Against Women Campaign Workshop with Ann Reilly from The Debt and Development Coalition Ireland.

Our auditor Aoife Gillespie was chosen as Societies best individual at the Society Awards in march and went on to represent the university at BICS.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Aoife Gillespie

Vice-Auditor: Thomas Meehan

Treasurer: Eimear Higgins

Secretary: Katie Mannion

PRO: Mike Donnelly

Account Details

Human Rights Society 04-05		Income & Expenditure	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	2,064.68	Stationary	12.5
USC Grant	2013.82	Charity	760
Fundraising	€760.67	Refreshments	357.72
members contribution	48.00	Speakers accommodation	260
Income Total	4,887.17	Speakers Travel	81.54
		Receptions	205.05
		Dinner	211.35
		Photocopying	150.5
		Society Transport	30
		Society Accommodation	390
		Entry fee	245
		Materials	135.39
		Socs day	18
		Bank charges	3.75
		Expenditure Total	2860.8
		Closing Bank Balance	2026.37
			4887.17

International Students Society

The International Student Society is for all visiting students and Irish students who would like to meet our visitors. We plan trips, social events and our now famous 'Dincert' which celebrates the food, culture and music of the world. Our committee meeting is every Thursdays at 5pm in the Hub, anyone with ideas is welcome. We meet every Wed at 9pm at the King's Head. All are welcome.

Events

- Two trips to Cliffs of Moher
- Day drip to The Burren
- Overnight trips (2) to Belfast
- Overnight trips (2) to Cork

- (2) International Students Dinner Concert
- End of Year Party
- Christmas Party
- Thanksgiving Party
- Wednesday Pub nights- Cooke's, DeBurgo's, King's Head

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Tim Shortt

Vice-Auditor: Meg Canny

Treasurer: Taryn Williams, Gamu Nthaba

Secretary: Saud Al Azmi

Mentor: David Higgins

Mentor: Thekiso B. Thekiso

Mentor: Adrienne Rogers

Public Relation Officer: Catherine Beglan

Account Details

International Students Society 04-05			
Income Total		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	1266.07	Receptions	253.10
USC Grant	1920.00	Dinner	30.00
Members Contribution	14525.90	Bus	9500.00
Societies Day	350.14	society accommodation	7456.90
		entry fees	66.00
Income Total	18062.21	Equipment	15.00
		Bank charges	3.75
		Expenditure Total	17324.75
		Balance	737.46
		Total	18062.21

Juggling Society

The main aim of the juggling society is encourage and develop juggling, other circus skills and physical performance in NUI, Galway. In particular, we seek to provide a space for practice, socializing, skill sharing and performance. Also, to organise trips to Juggling events and host our own events as well. In doing this, we hope to provide an alternative means of recreation which is physically and mentally active, productive, progressive, yet non-competitive.

The juggling society juggles things, spins things, throws things, and swings things. We teach and learn juggling, diablo, poi, acrobalance, spinning plates, devil sticks, staff, cigareboxes, hacky sack, Yo-Yo, rola-bola, Frisbee and anything else you we can think of. It is one of the few performing arts societies in the college. We provide a medium for the expression of visual and skills based performance on a non-competitive level.

The social aspect of the society is especially fostered in the skills sharing sessions. We have attracted numerous foreign students to the sessions to learn diverse skills and make new friends while visiting our country and university. The juggling society has captured the hearts and imaginations of many a student in the college who look to us for relief from pressures of college life. We provided, in the form of weekly sessions, a release from conventional stresses associated with the college semester. We currently hold over 300 members on our mailing list, compared to 100 after our first semester last year. We have at least 200 active members, with a weekly attendance of more than 60 students at workshops and skills sharing sessions.

Events:

We are quite an interactive society, cooperating regularly with other societies in the university, an example of this being the rather successful busking session held before Christmas to help with fundraising for Suas society. We also collaborated with the Kayak club to host a wonderfully unique and entertaining Christmas party at the Kayak clubhouse. With a mixture of visual entertainment and music, all celebrated the end of exams.

The society co-hosted the Galway Juggling Convention in June 2004, which was held in the Galway Rowing club and other locations around the city. This is a three day festival, which follows a similar pattern to our weekly sessions, but also includes open stage and fire shows, games and parties.

We have hosted workshops given by professional workshop coordinators including acrobalance, devil sticks, poi, ball juggling and club passing to name but a few.

The society has put forward members for a number of parades around the country. The most significant were last July for the Macnas parade and last October for the Hallowe'en parade, when we provided our own juggling society sections of the parades. These proved to be a big hit, and members have since worked in conjunction with Macteo, the commercial side of Macnas, in performances around the country.

Through our work with various children's groups we have publicised the existence of our society in the wider Galway community. Our work with the surrounding community has included workshops in various schools around Connemara and Performing Arts groups in the city. We have been promoted regularly in Galway's Juggling Clubs, Circuldelic, Circus Culture and the Galway Circus Project. These clubs have been attended by many a society member, who spread the word of our society to possible new members

Lots of headway was made this year in getting our name around the country, particularly at the Juggling Conventions that we have attended. Here, we have discussed and exchanged ideas with Ireland's other Juggling societies. In particular, co-hosting the Galway Juggling convention proved to be a huge endorsement to our society. Our society won best new Society of the Year at the society awards and we represented the university at BICS national awards in DCU.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Donal Gannon

Secretary : Patrice Keenan

PRO: Thomas Nally

Equipment Officer: Rowan Lee/ Brian McDonnell

Trading Officer: Tim Lennon

OCM: Elaine Heneghan

Vice-Auditor: Joanne Finnegan

Treasurer: Brian McGinly

Safety Officer: Maire Greene

New Members Liaison: Laura Heneghan

Society Development Officer: Luke Dillon

Account Details

Juggling Society 04-05		Income & expenditure	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	Teacher fees	580.00
USC Grant	3580.25	Reception	330.00
Hoodies Fundraising	1200	Dinner	130.00
Members contribution	790	Bus	1043.00
Income Total	5570.25	Society accommodation	790.00
		Promotion	1234.20
		Entry Fee	780.00
		Equipment	500.00
		Materials	50.75
		Prizes	100.00
		Bank charges	12.13
		Total Expenditure	5550.08
		Closing Bank Balance	<u>20.17</u>
		Total	5570.25

Karting Society

Karting Soc is all about having fun and interacting with other students and staff with a background of high adrenalin karting fun. The Society went on a trip to Cork to Waterglass Hill (KartWorld) on January 29th. We sent one team to an intervarsity championship. Otherwise the Society was very quiet this year as it took a long time to get provisional recognition. We plan on holding an EGM in September to elect a full Committee.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Shane Mortimer

Vice-Auditor: Barry Murphy

Treasurer: Sean de Burca

Account Details

Income- nil

Expenses- nil

Labour Youth

Labour Youth is the youth branch of the Labour Party NUI, Galway. As Ireland's only real left-wing alternative to the domination of corrupt and self-serving petty politics that have marked this country, we aim to try and give the students of NUI, Galway a voice in building a better Ireland. With increasing voter apathy, this society tries to show students that they can, make a real difference in Irish politics.

We hold meetings and talks on Labour politics and organise events throughout the year, focusing on issues such as equality, human rights and social justice. Labour Youth also has a strong international dimension, regularly participating in European events with our sister social democratic parties in the Party of European Socialists.

Events

Campaign for Cuban Solidarity

Boycott Coca-Cola Campaign

Campaign Against the Criminal Justice Bill

Tsunami Fundraiser & film showing

Public lecture in SIPTU office by Burma Action Ireland with Michael D Higgins as chair

Special Conference, Organisational Council, and training event in Dublin

Talk by Labour Party Spokesperson on Justice Mr. Joe Costello TD

Elected members of the branch to the national youth exex (the governing bodu of ly

Members went to ecosy in Lisbon European congress of socialist youth.

Committee Members 04-05

Auditor: David Geary

Vice-Auditor: John C. Friend-Pereira

Treasurer: Owen Feehan

Equality Officer: Fiona Coyle

Campaigns Officer: Éanna O'Donnell

P.R.O: Ronan Moyles

OCM: Daniel Regan, Nick Geoghegan, Shane Ryan, Neil Duggan

Account Details

Labour Youth Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	428.02	printing	4.60
USC Grant	0.00	Speakers Travel	25.00
Green Forms	870	Receptions	210.45
Income Total	1298.02	Dinner	200.10
		Society Transport	219.80
		Society Accommodation	255.00
		Affiliation Fee	150.00
		Total Expenditure	1064.95
		Actual Closing bank balance	233.07

Language Society

The language society was formed this year to provide classes in a number of foreign languages. They ran classes in five languages and the society also organised a few social gatherings for their members in the HUB. No secretaries or treasurers report has been received.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Deirdre Murphy

Vice-Auditor: Liz McCarthy

Treasurer: Dara O'hEachteirn

Law Society

The Law Society is one of the most progressive and vibrant societies on campus. Led by a committee of students, the society promotes learning and interaction among law students through a range of academic and social events. Meeting on Wednesdays in the Cairns Theatre, the Law Society provides a forum for discussion of day to day national and worldwide issues. After Private Members Time guest speakers are invited to address the society.

The distances that speakers were willing to travel to speak to the students of NUIG this year is indicative of the growing recognition of the society. Justice Antonin Scalia, one of the most outspoken and colourful judges of the U.S. Supreme Court addressed the society on "Judges as Propounders of Transcendent Moral Law" in February. Among the capacity crowd of students, academic staff and local solicitors were the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland Mr James Kenny and the President of the High Court, Mr. Justice Joseph Finnegan. The visit sparked much jurisprudential debate among students and lecturers alike.

Lord Hutton accepted an invitation to the society during Rag Week. He spoke on "Balancing the Rights and Roles of Judges" but was happy to answer students' questions on the Hutton inquiry, the Pinochet case and his years as Chief Justice of Northern Ireland. A visit from Lord Cullen of the Scottish Supreme Court in March proved extremely successful. Justice Peart provided a helpful insight into negligence before Christmas. The society also organised informative events on the Law Society of Ireland and on Kings Inns and a "How to Study Law" lecture aimed at first years. The prestigious National Law Debates are also co-hosted by the Law Society.

The Law Society organises purely social events as well; a Karaoke night in Bazaar this year provided much fun and entertainment. The main headline and the event which is anticipated and planned from September is the Law Ball, newly termed the "Law Ball Festival" this year to reflect the extended nature of its duration.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Barry Crushell: Auditor

Aoife Golden: Treasurer

Derek Dennison: Social Officer / Law Ball Convenor

Laura Cunningham, Sandra Davey: Speakers Convenors

Lynn Cramer: PRO

Katie Mannion: Vice-Auditor

Rose-Alice Murphy: Secretary

Gemma Corcoran: Education Officer

Peter O'Brien: Debates Convenor

Ryan Gibbons: Marshall of the House

Account Details

Law Soc 04-05	Balance Sheet		
<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Opening Bank Balance	2329.86	Stationary	123.38
USC Grant	2573.95	printing	215.15
Green Forms	845	speakers accommodation	964.85
Sponsorship	250.00	speakers travel	4844.97
Ball Ticket sales	19060	Receptions	3103.39
Societies day	271.6	Dinner	2208.60
Income Total	25330.41	Ball	11883.5
		Society Transport	568.2
		Society accommodation	160.00
		promotion	60.00
		entry fee	200.00
		Equipment hire	100.00
		socs day	37.00
		prizes	50.00
		Bank charges	12.60
		Expenditure Total	24531.64
		Closing Bank Balance	798.77
		Total	25330.41

Life Society

We are a pro-life society that deals with a range of life related issues such as crisis pregnancy, disability awareness and mental health awareness. We also hold discussions on many other issues, for example, Euthanasia, capital punishment etc. We approach these topics from a truly caring, non-judgmental way. Our primary aim is the promotion of respect for life in all circumstances.

For 2004-2005, Life Society changed its meeting format to a small number of meetings but larger attendances. The first event of the year for Life Soc was Societies' Day, with a sign up of approx 100. That evening we had a tea & coffee meeting to discuss what lies ahead for Life Soc. Our first major Social event was a bowling night in October to integrate old and new members, which was very successful. Our first big speaker was Dr. John Monaghan, who spoke before a large audience in the Larmor Theatre in mid-October. Dr. Monaghan's catchy topic for discussion was "There Is Nothing Wrong With Abortion", in which he entered into a fascinating lecture on the concept of natural law and its history. This was followed by a very interesting discussion lead by questions from the floor.

On Wednesday the 27th of October, the Society held a Charity Table Quiz in aid of Down's Syndrome Ireland in the College bar. This was fantastic and raised good money for DSI. The final act of Semester 1 was a Poster Competition to promote mental health on Campus, run in association with College Counselors. Sarah Barron was awarded 1st Prize at a wine reception in February.

Our major event of the year was the 3rd Annual Life-Related Issues Conference in January. Professor William Binchy was the keynote speaker at the Conference entitled "Towards

a Pro-Life Europe". Emilia Klepacha (Head of the European division of the World Youth Alliance), Dr. Phil Boyle, Sinead Fallon, Tom O'Gorman, Audrey Dillon and Maria Mac Mullan all gave excellent talks and the event was awarded 'Best Conference/Intervarsity at the USC Societies' Awards in April.

During RAG Week in the College Bar, our Auditor lost his great mane of hair and a number of male members of the committee parted with their leg hair in aid of charity. Approximately €500 was raised for charity by the event. Life Soc in association with other

Life Societies around Ireland launched 'Alumni for Life', an organisation who's aim is to maintain links with Alumni. Dr. Phil Boyle was elected Chairperson of Alumni for Life at it's AGM on September 18th 2004, hosted by ourselves. On the 12th April 2005, the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held, and a new committee was elected.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Myles Monaghan

Vice-Auditor: Maria O'hAodha

Secretary: Sean Butler

Treasurer: Eibhilin Nic Ghiolla Bhui

External Liasion: Laura Howley

PRO: Paul Smith

OCM: Anne Doherty, Maria Mac Mullan, Jim Jeffers

SDO: Colin Smith

Account Details

Life Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	116.47	Stationary	100.20
USC Grant	1805.98	Refund	276.00
Sponsorship	169.00	Events	60.00
Fundraising	406.00	Speakers Travel	223.00
Ticketsales	175.00	Receptions	237.73
members contribution	105.00	Dinner	612.50
Other	14.00	Society Transport	89.10
		Charity	206.00
Income Total	2791.45	Society Accommodation	105.00
		Registration Fees	210.00
		Equipment	81.78
		societiess day exp	16.23
		Prizes	400.00
		Bank charges	4.20
		Expenditure Total:	2621.74
		Closing Balance	169.71
		Total:	2791.45

Literary & Debating Society

The purpose of the Literary and Debating Society is set out in our constitution: "*The object of the Society shall be, the promotion, in the first place, of oratory among the students of the University, and in the second place of the faculty of clear thinking and sound reasoning upon subjects which may be deemed to be of vital importance.*"¹

The Lit & Deb ensures that each week during the academic year there is a forum for free speech, debate and discussion. Open to all students and staff of the University. The Society allows for full and frank discussion and ultimately a broadening of intellectual horizons. The Society participates in national and international competitive debating competitions. We Publish two magazines each year, the College Annual since 1913, and the literary magazine *Criterion*.

In September 2004 the Literary and Debating Society embarked upon its 158th year with the annual Gibs' Symposium. Throughout the academic year the Society played host to numerous high profile guests and enjoyed considerable success in international debating competitions. On Thursday March 3rd 2005, the Society held the Lord Atkinson Lecture. This distinguished lecture is dedicated to the memory of John Atkinson, a former Auditor of the Society who was created a Law Lord. Delivering the inaugural lecture to a full Kirwan Theatre, UCG graduate and current Archbishop of Durban, Cardinal Wilfred Napier spoke on his chosen topic of Natural Law and Human Rights. Afterwards the Cardinal responded to questions raised by students in attendance. Welcoming Cardinal Napier back to the University, Lit&Deb Auditor Kevin Leavy remarked that the Lord Atkinson Lecture was yet another contribution by the Society to extracurricular life which facilitated lively academic debate in NUIG.

In February the Lit&Deb launched its literary journal *Criterion*. This year's publication, edited by Ruairi Talbot featured articles by award winning author Colm Toibin and Dom Mark Patrick Hederman of Glenstal Abbey. A debate on the future of the Abbey Theatre followed the launch and the speakers included Dr. Alan Titley, Dr. Christopher Fitzsimons and Ulick O' Connor.

Earlier in the year the Society welcomed former State Pathologist Prof. John Harbison. Prof Harbison presented a paper to the Society in which detailed the role played by forensic sciences in criminal investigations.

Again this year, the Lit&Deb represented NUIG at the World University Debating Championships. This year's competition was held in Malaysia where the Lit&Deb team were ranked thirty-second in the world. This outstanding achievement represents the highlight a very successful year on the competitive debating circuit.

Official Society membership is approximately thirteen thousand as Lit&Deb is open to all students and staff of the University. The average throughout the year has been approximately 150 people per week. Typically, a crowd of 300 approx. attend a guest speaker debate, while a reduced number would be present at an internal debating competition. Lit&Deb organises weekly workshops and tutorials which facilitate students who wish to improve their competence in debating and public speaking. On average, forty to fifty students attend these workshops on a weekly basis.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Kevin Leavy

Treasurer: Thomas Curran

Clerk of the House: Donna Cummins

Public Relations Officer: James Hope

Society Development Officer: Sinéad Laffan

Corresponding Secretary: James Jeffers

Vice-Auditor: Stephen Nolan

Secretary: Seán Butler

Promotions Officer: Louise O

Literary Officer: Ruairí Talbot

Schools Convenor: Tristan Nethaway

Internal Convenor: Robert Rooney

Account Details

Lit & Deb Students Society 04-05			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	5030.16	Stationary	48.64
USC Grant	16409.2	Printing	1158
Muscailt	1583	speakers accommodation	755.5
sponsorship	400	Speakers Travel	5384.6
Fundraising	1456	Receptions	2698.63
		Dinner	1033.55
Income Total	24878.36	Bus	600
		Society Transport	3220.54
		society accommodation	131
		entry fees	9405.68
		Equipment	81.72
		prizes	160
		Bank charges	12.58
		Total Expenditure	24690.44
		Closing Balance	187.92
		Total	24878.36

Marine Society - MarSoc

Marine Society was established in NUI Galway in 1998. As a departmental society, we aim not just to create a greater unity between staff of the Martin Ryan Marine Science Institute (MRI) and its students but to promote an awareness and appreciation for all aspects of the marine environment.

Events

Our guest speakers provided members with interesting topics, whilst perhaps controversial in some cases. All of our lectures were held in the MRI and were enthusiastically discussed at a reception after each lecture.

This year's speakers were:

- Orla Joyce "Bring the sea into your home, Aquarium Maintenance"
- Dr. Sarah Gerkin of University of Anchorage Alaska "An appreciation for the small things – Cumacea"
- Dr. Colm Lordan of the Marine Institute "The science underpinning management of our marine fish stocks and their ecosystem".
- Lorcán O'Cinneide President of the Irish Fishermans Producing Organisation "An overview of the fishing industry"
- Peter Green of the Central Fisheries Board "The Central Fisheries Board Marine Sport fish Tagging Programme." Marine Tagging Programme on blue shark, tope, monkfish common skate, ray etc.

Christmas and New Year was an active time for many members. This year was the first time the society were invited to attend the MRI Christmas party at the Westwood House Hotel, where both staff and students put on their glad rags and enjoyed the festive celebrations. A less formal Christmas gathering was held in DeBurgo's where prizes, fun and laughs were had by all especially when Mr. and Mrs. Clause dropped by!

We may be a relatively small society but this year's total fundraising was outstanding. Raising over €500 for the Asian relief fund from the excellent turnout of members at our annual table quiz held in the SU College Bar in the New Year. Three successful coffee mornings were held in the MRI foyer where staff postgraduates and undergraduates chatted and mingled over coffee, biscuits and cake whilst contributing €145 to the RNLI. Marsoc hoodies were commissioned and were a great success everyone wanted one, some even demanded two!

For our trip away after exams a summer BBQ on the Aran Islands was the perfect end to a spectacular year, members pitched their tents listened to sea shanties and slept by the sound of crashing waves!

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Rebecca O Connor
Vice-Auditor: Fiona Ni Riain
Treasurer: Marie O Callaghan
Secretary: Celine Mangan
Second Year Rep.: Micheal Devaney
Third Year Rep: Mark Quinn
Post. Grad. Rep.: Lonneke Goddijn
Webmaster: Hazel Farrell
Other Committee Member: Rory O Connell
P.R.O: Darragh Moran
First Year Rep: Caroline Heaney
Staff Treasurer: Martin White
Fourth Year Rep: Naomi Soffer
Ass. P.R.O.: Margaret O Callaghan

Account Details

Marine Society 04-05 Income & Expenditure			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening balance	323.00	Bank charges	3.75
RNLI Fundraising	145.80	Table quiz expense	28.74
Socs Day	70.45	Dinner	45.00
USC Grant	545.95	Christmas party	91.85
Table quiz	706.00	Receptions	258.86
Total income	1791.20	Table quiz donation	506.00
		Table quiz prize money	200.00
		Speakers accommodation	50.00
		Donation to RNLI	145.80
		hoodies	140.00
		Total expenditure	1470.00
		Closing Balance	321.20
		Total	1791.20

Mature Students Society

The purpose of the Mature Students Society is to provide individual students with a support network of peers. We achieve this by organising social events where students can meet and chat to other mature students. We also organise study support discussions and practical advice on coping with life in college. New members are assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Pdraig McMahon

Vice-Auditor: Dominique Mayer

Treasurer: Eileen Moran

Secretary: Eugene Jordan

PRO: Anna Antaya

Account Details

Mature Students Society 04-05 Income & Expenditure			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	24.58	Receptions	60.00
USC Grant	220.00	Dinner	177.50
		Bank charges	3.75
Income Total	244.58	Expenditure Total	241.25
		Closing Balance	3.33
		Total	244.58

Medical Society

Societies' Day, VSA/ Med soc Hallowe'en Ball, Information evenings for each year group re subjects, exams, syllabus etc, Class trips for each year group, The annual Medical Ball, 4 Regular meetings with the dean of meeting, Weekly meetings during the year every Tuesday 1pm for whole committee, Production of term newsletters, Production of Galway Medical Annual and Yearbook. Events throughout the year include; Class Nights Outs, Medical 'Open Mic', Events during International Students week include; Irish Medical Student Association events throughout Ireland, eg. Sports weekend in Dublin etc.

Total Membership for the year includes every Medical student in all six years. This figure lies at around 400. There were no constitutional changes made during the year.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Doireann McWeeney
Vice Auditor: Eileen Crowley
Hon. Treasurer: Sarah Burke
Hon. Secretary: Muireann Leonard
Ents Officer: Ciara Freeman
IMSA Rep: Aideen Brides
International Stdnts Officer: Wan Hisham
Sports Officer: Martin Neery
PRO: Aya
1st year reps: Vanessa Ni Churraín, Adam Eddie
2nd year reps: Aoife Gerrahy, Steven Touhy
3rd year reps: Emma O'Doherty, Myles Monaghan
4th year reps: Roisin Nee, Sieglinde Mullers
5th year reps: Gillian Jordan, Una Murtagh
6th year reps: Aisling Lyons, PJ Whooley

Committee Members Elected for 2005-2006

Auditor: Shiri Van der Bijl
Vice Auditor: Ruth Martin

Medical Society 04-05					
Income Total		Income			Expenditure
Opening Bank balance	555.14		Stationary	20.00	
USC Grant	2095.00		Receptions	550.00	
Ticket-Sales	22324		Society Transport	2080.00	
Sponsorship	10087		society accommodation	1662.00	
Fundraising	1220		Entry Fees	430.00	
			Ball	27344.50	
			Materials	600.00	
			Charity	1450.00	
			Prizes	257.00	
Income Total		36281.14	Bank charges	12.58	
			Expenditure Total		34406.08
			Closing Bank Balance		1875.06
			Total		36281.14

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 three reasons:

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

This was an excellent year for Micro Soc. The seminar program was extended and broadened and great interest was shown with average attendance of 30 to 40 people. We had some great nights out as well as managing to raise €2766 for Concern through a coffee morning.

Events

Seminar Program – 2004-05

During the course of the year, seminars were organised and held every second or third Friday in the Microbiology Department. 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. Below is a list of the seminar speakers and their chosen subjects.

24th September - Tara Higgins, Department of Microbiology, NUI Galway.

"Lake creation on cutaway peatland in Ireland: an evaluation of water quality in four experimental lakes and implications for future design"

1st October - Prof Geoff McMullan, School of Biological Sciences, University of Ulster, Coleraine.

"Physiology and genomics of an obligately aerobic thermophile isolated from Irish soil".

29th October - Adrian Corcoran, Department of Microbiology, NUI Galway.

"Campylobacter jejuni polysaccharides: New evidence in an old controversy."

12th November - Dr Ed Lavelle, Department of Biochemistry, Trinity College Dublin.

"Immunomodulatory properties of bacterial A-B toxins"

26th November - Dr Dearbhaile Morris, Bacteriology, NUIG.

"Antibiotic Resistance: the Role of beta-lactamases"

1st December - Dr Armin Gieseke, Max-Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen, Germany.

"*In situ* analysis of activity and structure of environmental biofilms."

9th December - Nina Tuite, Bacterial Stress Response Group, Department of Microbiology, NUI Galway. "Using *E. coli* as a model system to understand the toxicity of homocysteine in humans."

Research Seminars Semester II

14th January - Dr Kevin Kavanagh, Medical Mycology Unit, Department of Biology, NUI Maynooth.

"Insects as models for studying microbial pathogenicity."

4th February - Dr Majella Maher, National Diagnostics Centre, NUIG. Molecular Diagnostics for Pathogens.

18th February - Professor Timothy Foster, Microbiology Department, Moyne Institute for Preventative Medicine, Trinity College Dublin. "Staphylococcus aureus: Colonization, pathogenesis and vaccine development."

25th February - Prof Tony Pembroke, Department of Chemical and Environmental Sciences, University of Limerick. "Unusual mobile elements and the evolution of pathogenicity islands"

18th March - Dr Julian R Marchesi, Department of Microbiology, UCC.

8th April - Dr Fidelma Herson, Environmental Change Institute, NUIG.

"A molecular diagnostic assay based on a novel target SsrA/tmRNA for the detection of *M. avium* subsp. paratuberculosis."

SGM Postgraduate meeting.

Society for General Microbiology, Irish Branch, 2nd Postgraduate Meeting.

Waterford Institute of Technology, December 2004.

This meeting provided a forum for postgrads throughout the country to see what work was being carried out in other labs and thus broaden their knowledge of local research. Postgraduate students from 7 colleges met in Waterford IT for two days of talks and poster presentations.

Out of 16 postgraduate speakers at this conference, 7 were from our Micro department in NUIG and members of Micro Soc. All other Micro Soc members that attended the conference presented posters.

Social Events Calendar

1. College Bar BBQ

18th June 2004

A summer BBQ was held in the College Bar. Everyone enjoyed as much wine as they could drink and as much food as they could eat for €5 per ticket! We hope to repeat the experience this summer.

2. Corrib Princess Cruise

8th July 2004

As we did in 2003, the Micro Soc was invited out on a cruise on the Corrib Princess. A free drink and free barbequed food was organised for the trip, not forgetting our on board entertainment.

3. Christmas Party

December 2004

It is customary in the Department for the Annual Fancy Dress Christmas Party to be organised by 2nd year postgrads. This year the Microsoc gave a hand to the 2nd years with organisation. A great night was had by all in Brusker Browns.

4. Micro Soc Table Quiz

17th November 2004

College Bar

200euro – 1st Prize

50euro – 17th Prize

Spot Prizes – 2nd and 3rd Place

5. Bowling Night

2nd Feb 2005

A gang of about 20 headed to Leisureworld for a night of highly competitive bowling followed by pints in Mc Swiggans and dancing in the GPO.

Charity events

6. Concern coffee morning

19th August 2004

€2766 was raised for Concern through a coffee morning / cake sale. The event was held in the hub. Thank you to all who contributed.

Future Events:

Gorilla Games

April 2005

We are planning to arrange a day out at Gorilla Games some time in April this year. Details of the planned event will be posted on our website. <http://www.nuigalway.ie/microbiology/microsoc>

Corrib Princess Cruise

Summer 2005

As we did in 2003 and 2004, we hope to maintain this new found tradition and hold the event again this year. The whole department will be invited out on a cruise on the Corrib Princess. Entertainment refreshments and free barbequed food will be organised for the trip.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor : Justin O'Grady

Vice-Auditor: Cyril Reddington

Secretary : Nina Tuite

Treasurer : Siobhan Dorai-Raj

Website Coordinator : Adrian Corcoran

Society Development Officer: Christina Forbes

Staff Treasurer: Dr. Conor O' Byrne

Public Relations Officers : Pamela Ryan and Anne-Marie Enright

Account Details

Microbiology Society 04-05		Income & Expenditure	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	696.13	Stationary	29.71
USC Grant	432.88	Receptions	419.88
Sponsorship	550	Dinner	1285.00
Fundraising	160	Society Transport	500.00
Ticket sales	1345	Society Accommodation	250.00
members contribution	265	Entertainment	490.00
charity fundraising	2766	Charitable Donation	2791.00
Income Total	6215.01	prizes	100.00
		Bank charges	0.12
		Expenditure Total	5865.71
		Closing Bank Balance	349.30
		Total	6215.01

Music Society

MusicSoc have had a typically active year. From the full appointment of a fully working Committee at an Emergency General Meeting on September 14th through to seeing Witless 2005 winners 'A Band Called Wanda' competing in the DCU National Intervarsity Band Competition in Dublin in April, the Society have been continually active on a weekly basis.

During Semester 1, in addition to weekly meetings in the College Bar, MusicSoc members were invited to attend, enter and vote in a weekly band competition held in the Quays. The Society drew from the College's wealth of solo and acoustic talent setting up the weekly 'Backstage' slot in Richardson's on Wednesday nights. Some of the support performers went on to be successful in the Witless 2005 solo competition and one first year Anna McCarthy, took second place in the overall final.

Witless was the main focus of the second Semester. Heats were run over three consecutive Mondays in the College Bar with the grand final taking place on the Thursday night of the *Múscailt* Arts Week, the last of MusicSoc's nightly events during that week. A very high standard was seen in the final as well as a diverse range of styles and winners 'A Band Called Wanda' accepted the invitation to participate in DCU's Intervarsity in April.

Representatives from the Galway and DCU Music Societies met last semester to discuss cooperation between the two societies. Plans for next year include organising at least two events in conjunction with them and possibly with MusicSoc Maynooth.

To maintain high quality and well attended events, a consistent effort was made by the committee, the treasury, events managers and by the presenter of the Society Radio Show and incoming Auditor, Brid Ryan.

At the Annual General Meeting in the Ruby Room on April 4th, special tribute was paid to Auditor and Vice-Auditor Thor McVeigh and to Cillian O'Kelly for their relentless enthusiasm, humour, good spirit and pure dedication to MusicSoc throughout the academic year. As secretary I will go on record as saying that it was a pleasure to work with them and I hope they are remembered as having been two of the greatest contributors to the life of the society in its long history.

Events

Semester 1:

Monday night meetings (Held in the College Bar):

27/9/04: Open Mike Session

4/10/04: Film Night: 'Yellow Submarine'

11/10/04: 'The Simpsons' Table Quiz

22/11/04: Computer Games evening with CompSoc

Tuesday night gigs at The Quays

5/10/04: Showcase

12/10/04-23/11/04: 'Last Band Standing' weekly competition

'Backstage'-Wednesday nights at Richardsons:

29/9/04-24/11/04: Weekly acoustic gigs

Sound Engineering Class: 11/10/04

Field trip to Achill Island: 19/11/04-20/11/04

Ruby Room Gig: 1/12/05

Semester 2

Tuesday night gigs at the Quays

11/01/05: Showcase

18/02/05-1/2/05: 'Last Band Standing' Finals

Monday night heats for 'Witless 2005'

24/1/05, 31/1/05 & 7/2/05

9/2/05- Witless Solo Heat

Witless Week (Múscailt)

14/2/05: Captain Pleasure
 15/2/05: Never Mind the BuzzSocs
 16/2/05: Acoustic Session in The Hub
 17/2/05: Grand Final of Witless 2005
Rosin Dubh Support Slots
 27/1/05: Anto Yau
 21/2/05: Captain Pleasure
 24/2/05: Wayne O'Connor
 10/3/05: Breakdown Rambles
Curlisduane & Anto Yau in the Quays: 22/2/05
Music Quiz: 14/3/05
Annual General Meeting: 4/4/05
Ruby Room Gig: 13/4/05
DCU Inter-Varsity Band Competition: 19/4/05

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor Thor McVeigh
 Vice-Auditor: Cillian O'Kelly
 Secretary: John Moriarty
 Treasurer: Ronan Moyles
 Committee Treasurer: Ciara Clancy
 Development Officer: Jenny de Lacy
 Public Relations Officer: Dallon Byrne
 Assistant PRO: Amanda Sweeney
 Webmaster: Niall Farrell
 Events Managers: Edel McCormack, Rosa Ledner, Pearce McLoughlin, Catriona Mallory, Elizabeth Bree

Committee Members 2005-2006

Auditor: Brid Ryan
 Vice-Auditor: Ronan Moyles
 Treasurer: Ciara Clancy
 Secretary: Edel McCormack
 Events Manager: James Keavenev, Dermot Moran
 Webmaster: Niall Farrell
 Radio Show: Jenny De Lacy, John Moriarty
 Society Development Officer: Kevin Bergin
 PRO: Rosa Ladner

Account Details

Music Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	492.27	Stationary	64.2
USC Grant	993.85	Sound	290
muscailt	1165	bands	1110
sponsorship	1083	Receptions	185
Fundraising	1144	Dinner	230
Ticketsales	200	Bus	450
members contribution	300	Society Transport	72
societies day	462.31	society accommodation	600
		promotion	526
Income Total	5840.43	Phone	260
		Equipment hire	640
		materials	30
		Bank Charges	3.75
		prizes	58.9
		Total Expenditure	4519.85
		Closing Balance	1320.58
		Total	5840.43

Muslim Youth Society

Hold fast to the rope of Allah, all of you together, and do not disunite"
(*surah Aal-Imran 3:103*)

The Muslim Youth Society is the premier Muslim Student representative body in the university. It was established in few year back by some Muslim students, most of them from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia; who realised the need to co-ordinate the work of Islamic students in the university.

MYS strives hard to uphold the motto: "And hold fast to the rope of Allah, all of you together, and be not disunited" (Quran 3:103).

- The work of MYS is guided by the following broad aims and objectives:
- To unite all existing Muslim students in the university on Islamic principles.
- To promotes Islamic activity on campuses.
- To protect and promote the interests of Muslim students by providing facilities for Muslims students such as prayer rooms, alcohol-free social events, regular talk Al Quran and Prohet's tradition as well on Islamic faith and Arabic language.
- To develop the understanding, character and skills of Muslim Students.
- To invite students from other faiths to Islam, as a complete, balanced and comprehensive way of life.
- To initiate mechanisms for regular communication and co-ordination among Muslim students.

Having won the Best Event 2003/2004 in NUIG at the SU awards MYS is more than courageous to organize more faithful, yet interesting and interactive event to promote Islam in the campus.

MUSLIM YOUTH SOCIETY ACTIVITIES 2004/2005

September

22nd – Society's day with 92 members registered (70 Muslim students and 22 nonMuslim students)
29th – Meet the Muslim session

October

9th – 10th – Trip to Dublin for FOSIS fresher's party and visits to Dvblinia Museum
12th – Pre-Ramadhan talk by Sheikh Khalid
17th – Meeting with Federation of Students Islamic Society (FOSIS) of UK and Eire political officers Br. Marwan and Firdaus

November

4th – **One day Fast**. This is one of the mega event of the year by promoting fasting to students in the campus having to raise **5693.73eu** total for the Human Appeal Association.

December

16th – Regular Talk by sheikh Khalid

January

5th – **Tsunami Appeal National Collection** day, successfully raised **4551.11eu** by bucket collection and Shop Street Galway and Jumuah prayer.
6th – Regular talk
14th – India War talk by Br. Haseeb (Dublin)
24th – 28th – **Islamic Cultural Week**. Opening ceremony officiated by Mary O'Riordan, Vice-President for Student Services & Human Resources at the Aula Maxima. It consist of the whole week of exhibition, short pantomime, and refreshment. The exhibitions going on through out the week at the Aras na Mac Leann. Interesting talks delivered by Sr. Sumayyah from ICCI,Dublin, Br.Massouod Shadjerah, Islamic Human Right Commision,London, Dr. Azzam Tamimi, Director of Islamic Political Thought Institute in London and Vince Murray and Br. Shabir Ally from Toronto,Canada.

February

3rd – Table Quiz

- Regular talk

March

16th – End The Occupation Conference stall opened at sport hall

21st – 22nd – End The Occupation Conference (Dublin)

April

1st – Regular Talk

7th – Annual general meeting 2005

We are indeed in on-going discussion with the university administration and USI in terms of getting a permanent **prayer room** at the university since there is a remarkable increase in the number of Muslim students in university currently and insya Allah in years to come.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Parves Izzudin

Vice-Auditor: Hebah Nashat

Treasurer: Mardiah Masharuddin

Secretary: Adzleen Mohmood

Committee: Siti Saleha Abd Rani, Waqar Aziz, Shahzad Javid, Sazrina Amran, Mohd Adzreil Bakri, Fadzilah Hanim Rahim, Abdul Hafiz Wahab

Committee Members 2005- 2006

Annual Grand Meeting 2005 was held on 7th April 2005.

Auditor: Mohd Adzreil Bakeri

Vice-Auditor: Mardiah Masharuddin

Treasurer: Saud Al Azmi

Secretary: Fadzilah Hanim Rahim

Campaign & Student Welfare Officer: Md Syazwan Md Amin

Webmaster: Shahzad Javid

Dawah & Tarbiyyah Officer: Sharifah Najwa Syed Mohamad

Public Relation Officer: Adilla Halim, Wan Noor Aida Muhamad Idris

Sports & Recreation Officer: Mohd Zaquan Arif

Events Officer: Mohd Rafiq Mohd Taib

Publication Officer: Adzleen Mohmood

Committee: Adzleen Mohmood, Waqar Aziz , Shahzad Javid, Rafiq, Mohd Zaquan, Wan Noor Aida Muhamad Idris, Adilah

Account Details

Muslim Youth Society 04-05		Balance Sheet	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	209.81	printing	300.83
USC Grant	2677	speakers fee/dinner	245
sales during ICW	366.74	Speakers Travel	445
students' fee (socs day)	75.01	Dinner	510
Fundraising	5527.31	food	220
sponsors	993.04	Society Transport	1100
members contribution	581.4	society accommodation	80
prayer room donation	124.9	entry fees	150
		Equipment	20
Income Total	10555.21	charity	5437.31
		prizes	250
		Total expenditure	8758.14
		Closing Balance	1797.07
		Total	10555.21

Ógra Shinn Féin Society

Sinn Féin is the fastest growing political party in Ireland. It is the only party that represents Irish Citizens in all 32 Counties. Sinn Féin is committed to the establishment of an All Ireland Socialist Republic. 2005 marked the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Sinn Féin.

We held regular meetings throughout the year our guest speakers included Barry McElduff and Aengus O'Snodaigh. Thirty three of us traveled to Omagh for a commemorative ceremony. We also organized a number of social gatherings our most recent with the Galway Basque community.

Committee Members 2004- 2005

Auditor: Anna Nic an Phriona

Vice-Auditor: Kate Peck

Treasurer: Aideen Rosney

Secretary: Conor McGuinness

Account Details

Sinn Fein Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	235.74	speakers accommodation	50
USC Grant	1574	Receptions	114
members contribution	710.28	Dinner	100
Income Total	2520.02	Society Transport	990
		society accommodation	525
		Promotion	150
		Bank charges	7.79
		Total Expenditure	1936.79
		Closing bank balance	583.23
		Total	2520.02

Orchestra Society

The NUIG Chamber Orchestra has just completed yet another successful year. Over 50 people signed up with us this year again. We performed a couple of lunchtime prom concerts and played at the college open day all taking place in Aras na Mac Leinn. We played again this year in the *Múscaill* Festival which was a great success and was popular with staff and students alike.

We had a number of master classes with the Con Tempo Quartet which were both very enjoyable and extremely beneficial. We hope to keep up this arrangement in the coming year. We finished up with our final concert, which was a great success, and we look forward to another year of chamber music at NUIG. One of our highlights for the year was our trip to Cork for the festival of Youth Choirs where we performed a concert in the Half Moon Theatre on Sunday 13th Feb.

Committee Members

Auditor: Johnny Berrill

Treasurer: Hazel Fahy

Secretary: Conor Hurley

Account Details

Income and Expenditure Orchestra Society 04-05				
Income			Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	129.66		Teacher Fees	1500
USC Grant	3284.75		Dinner	847.37
<i>Múscailt</i>	200		Bus	1000
Ticket Sales	350		Society Accom.	1400
Members Contribution	1120		Materials	238.5
Income Total	5084.41		Total Expenditure	4985.87
			Closing Balance	98.54
			Total	5084.41

Palestine Solidarity Society

The Palestine Solidarity Society is run by students from a variety of different courses. We are affiliated to the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign (www.ipsc.ie) which in three years has grown to become Ireland's leading solidarity campaign. Since our inception, we have worked vigorously to expose the reality of life in Occupied Palestine, to lobby politicians, challenge media bias, encourage the consumer boycott campaign and develop cultural links between Ireland and Palestine.

Aims

- to build solidarity and mutual understanding between the people of Ireland and the Palestinian people;
- to raise awareness in Ireland of the illegal occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the situation of Palestinian refugees and the struggle of Palestinian citizens of Israel for full equality and civil rights;
- to promote Irish Government and European Union engagement for a just and equitable settlement of the conflict in Palestine based on the full and unequivocal implementation of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council resolutions regarding the right to self determination and respect for the human rights of the Palestinians;
- to develop and co-ordinate support for Palestinian rights among the media, local authorities, trade unions, civil society and the public;
- to foster links between Palestinian and Irish institutions and organizations in the areas of health, education, culture, local government, workers' rights, the global economy, and the promotion of human and civil rights;
- to promote Palestinian culture, including literature, music and Drama in Ireland
- to encourage the media to attend to Palestinian voices in order to contribute to informed reporting on the Middle East conflict.

Our membership for the year was over 150. We are open to Students, Staff and to any interested party who wishes to take an active role in challenging the ethnic cleansing of Palestinian lands.

Events

- Christmas Collection for Palestine December 2004
- General Media Campaign focusing on the inadequate and unbalanced coverage in the Irish Media of the Israel / Palestine conflict
- Documentary Film Nights Usually held every month.
- Gaza Assault Urgent Action Campaign
- Sha`wan Urgent Action for Palestinian Student detained in Iraq by U.S. Occupation Forces

- Talk with Lenni Brenner: American Jewish Anti-Zionist Historian, Author of 51 documents: Zionist collaboration with the Nazis. The Irish centre for human rights (N.U.I.G.) 1-2pm Thursday March 3rd and in The Imperial Hotel, Eyre Square. 8pm Thursday March 3
- David Rovics Gig: Wed Nov. 10, Roisin Dubh 7-9
- Adah Kay/Shawwan Talk Thurs Oct. 28, An Taibharc 8pm (Book Launch & talk by Adah Kay, Co Author of Stolen Youth, The politics of Israels detention of Palestinian Children).
- Involvement with Amnesty Members annual Conference: Saturday: 9-11am Shawwan Jabarin (Palestinian Human right Former prisoner of conscience and subject of Amnesty letter writing campaign).
- Palestine Awareness Week Nov. 29. This year's Galway Palestine Awareness Week was launched with a Commemoration of Palestinian Voices evening in St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Galway on Monday (29 November), starting at 7.30pm. An exhibition of photographs from Palestine was held for the duration of the week in St. Nicholas' Church, while on Wednesday, 1 December, a public talk on the plight of the Palestinians took place in the Clybaun Hotel, Knocknacarra, Galway at 8.00pm.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Adrian Parkes
 Vice-Auditor: Frank O'Connor
 Treasurer: Frank O'Connor
 Secretary: Conor Mc Guinness

Committee Members 2005-2006

Auditor: Adrian Parkes
 Vice-Auditor: Frank O'Connor
 Treasurer: Frank O'Connor
 Secretary: Conor McGuinness
 Emmett
 Peadar Ruane

Account Details

Palestine Solidarity 04-05			
Income		Expenditures	
Opening Balance	0	stationary	10
Societies Day	50	Guests expenses	400
IPSC Donation	150		
USC Grant	210	total expenditure	410
total income	410	Closing bank balance	0

Photo Soc

This year we're running black and white printing course in our darkroom, invite speakers on topics including photojournalism, theater, landscape, travel photography, underwater and fashion photography, organize classes in general and digital photography and a course in Photoshop. The highlight of the semester will be our fourth annual exhibition entitled *Focus 2005* which will feature the photographic talent of NUI Galway students and staff. *Focus 2005* was organized as part of *Múscailt 2005*. The Photographic Society is also responsible for taking photographs for SIN, the student newspaper.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Alan Keaveney
 Treasurer: Hanna-Kaisa hoppania

Secretary: Eve Campbell
 darkroom manager: Anne Kukkonen
 PRO: Micheál Reidy
 Ocm: Mihai Basa, Antoine Macgaoithin

Account Details

PhotoSoc 04-05

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	530.44	Stationary	212.38
USC Grant	319.09	Teacher fees	100.00
<i>Miscail</i>	544.62	Dinner	445.93
Fundraising	150	Equipment	89.83
members contribution	87.6	materials	240.54
Other	176.9	prizes	50.00
		Bank charges	31.61
Income Total	1808.65	Expenditure Total	1170.29
		Balance	638.36
		Total	1808.65

Physics

In addition to having tables at both Societies days the highlight of our year was holding the Science ball. We also organized a number of social events and class parties and donated money to charity.

Committee Members

Lysha Quinn
 Roisin Ni Chuimim
 Catherine Rahill

Account Details

Income-		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	2359.07	Expenditure	
Ticket sales	23051	Receptions	1160.00
Income Total	25410.07	Dinner	750.00
		Ball	19426.14
		entry fees	1925.00
		charity	2000.00
		Bank charges	7.50
		total expenditure	25268.64
		Closing balance	2066.43
		Total	25410.07

PLUTO Society

PLUTO exists to provide a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students to meet, have fun, and support one another in a relaxed atmosphere. The society is always open to new ideas about how we can make life easier for LGBT students and increase awareness and tolerance in the wider student body.

Events this year included:

First meeting of the Year - 28th Sept
 Table Quiz - 12th Oct 2004
 Bowling Night - 5th Nov 2004
 Attending Pink Training.

Committee members 04-05

Male Auditor TJ
 Female Auditor Elaine
 Treasurer Kevin
 Secretary and Webmaster Liam
 Public Relations Officer Peter
 New Member Liaison Officer Colm
 Education Officer Paul

Committee Members 2005-2006

Auditor: Jo
 Treasurer: Sean
 Secretary: Dáire
 Auditor: Alan
 PRO: James
 Education Officer: Adrian
 New Members Liaison Officer: Barry
 Extraordinary Committee Member: Liz

Account Details Balance Sheet

Pluto Society 04-05			
Income Total		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	254.9	Receptions	260.00
USC Grant	990.00	Society Transport	70.00
members contribution	70	charity	430.00
Income Total	1314.90	Expenditure Total	760.00
		Balance	554.90
		Total	1314.90

Political Discussion Society - PDS

The Society was established in 1967 to ensure discussion of issues of national and international importance. The Society is politically orientated without a political agenda and reaches out to all facets of the student body culminating in a cross section of the University. We see it as our role to promote amongst the student populace and the broader centre of population in the West of Ireland, an awareness of the issues affecting contemporary Ireland.

The aim of the Political Discussion Society is to promote a high level of Political, Social and Cultural awareness on campus. The Society fosters a high level of political discourse to further engage the staff and students of the University in the ever changing Irish Political landscape. This year over 300 Students signed up to the Society. The year saw an overwhelming increase in the amount of Students attending our weekly meetings. This year we gave each new member a pen which had our meeting time and venue advertised on it. We maintained a high presence on campus with rigorous postering and information campaigns

Events

- Nell Mc Cafferty
- Mary Lou Mc Donald
- Information week on the United Nations, European Union and Constitution, Former Presidents of Ireland
- SDLP Leader Mark Durkan,

- John Hume
- IRA Brighton Bomber Patrick Magee and Jo Berry
- Michael O Muireachartaigh
- Schools Programme
- Dana Rosemary Scallon
- SU Hustings
- *Múscailt* event with Mick Lally
- Martin Mc Guinness
- Sinn Fein V Fianna Fail Debate
- USI Debate
- Trip to Dail and Questions and Answers
- Trip to Brussels to see the European Parliament and Commission.

Committee Members: 2004-2005

Auditor: Pamela Prendiville

Vice-Auditor: David Geary

Secretary : Fiona Brick

Treasurer: Louise Kelly

PRO: Donna Cummins

Recording Secretary: Sinead Gallagher

Promotions Officer: Aoife Kane

O.C.M: Jeffrey Rockett

Account Details

POLITICAL DISCUSSION SOC 04-05			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	431.4	Stationary	382.29
USC Grant	6075.71	printing	818.81
Muscailt	225	Teacher fees	480.2
Sponsorship	1080	speakers accomodation	1046.55
members contribution	1876	Speakers Travel	386.31
		Receptions	284.82
Income Total	9688.11	Dinner	269.05
		Society Transport	2153.44
		society accommodation	2713.35
		entry fees	99.28
		Equipment	29.96
		materials	20
		prizes	650
		Bank charges	7.5
		Total Expenditure	9341.56
		Closing Balance	346.55
		Total	9688.11

Psychological Society Ψ

The aim of the Psychological Society is to ensure psychology in all its forms is promoted and projected to as broad an audience as possible. The only requirements for membership are an interest in psychology (whether mild or intensely passionate!) and an eagerness to meet others and engage in a wide range of activities incorporating both the serious side of psychology, and the light-hearted social side, both equally interesting and enticing! We have an exciting schedule planned for the coming year, from frequent guest speakers and riotous table quizzes, to the annual trip to the Congress of Psychology Students in Ireland.

Events

- Dr. Todd G. Morrison, November 2004; *“Pornucopia: Perspectives on Male Gay Pornography”* Dr Morrison gave a controversial, yet highly interesting and entertaining account of gay male pornography, and the various portrayals of gay men in this context. He drew upon material from contemporary, popular gay male pornography in print, and on film and the internet during the course of the talk, as well as discussing past research on the topic and future directions for research relating to this neglected subject in the realm of psychology.
- Dr. Jane Edwards, October 2004; *Music Therapy* Jane Edwards discussed how music therapy can be used as a successful therapy in its own right, and alongside other therapies, in helping those (particularly children) who suffer from physical illness or lack adequate communication skills. Using examples from her own work and experiences, she demonstrated how music therapy can transcend language barriers, for example, and provide a stimulating outlet for emotions such as anger and joy, that may not otherwise be expressed.
- Frank Smith, Bodywhys, October 2004; *“Understanding Eating Disorders”* Frank Smith of BodyWhys spoke on the serious issue of eating disorders, and how these not only deeply affect those who suffer from them, but their families and friends also. Approaches to facilitate a better understanding of how and why people develop eating disorders (the primarily psychological nature of this) and how we might begin to overcome these, were discussed. This particular presentation was advertised in the local press, and was open to members of the public.
- Prof. Michael Fitzgerald, February 2005; *“Autism and Creativity”* Professor Michael Fitzgerald, Henry Marsh Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Trinity College, Dublin, and author of numerous texts on autism, autism and creativity, autism and the MMR vaccine controversy etc., spoke about Asperger’s Syndrome, a form of ‘high functioning’ autism, and how many of the world’s most prominent geniuses (including most Nobel prizewinners, he believes) were (or are, in terms of current and living figures) probably autistic. Specifically, he spoke about W.B. Yeats and Eamon DeValera, their family histories and characteristics that indicated that they probably did have Asperger’s Syndrome, which was likely to have fostered their respective streaks of creativity and genius. The questions and answers session following the presentation prompted a fascinating discussion, and Prof. Fitzgerald also described his particular interest in developing support programmes and methods to help students with Asperger’s Syndrome to integrate better in third level educational institutions. The talk was particularly well received due to Prof. Fitzgerald’s compassionate and positive approach to autism, highlighting positive rather than negative aspects.
- Dr. Brian Hughes; Dr. Paul O’ Donoghue; Mr. Michael Reen; Dr Dilis Clare; Ms. Catherine Dowling; Ms. Denise Sweeney, February 2005; *“Complementary and Alternative Therapies: Questionable Treatments or Commendable Practices?”*[Debate] This event was perhaps the highlight of the Society’s calendar. Six guest speakers (three in favour of complementary therapies: Dr. Dilis Clare(GP and proprietor of ‘Alternative Health and Herbs’, Ms. Denise Sweeney (Representing the Irish Society of Homeopaths), and Ms. Catherine Dowling (Representing the Federation of Irish Complementary Therapy Associations), and three against: Dr. Brian Hughes (President of the Psychological of Ireland), Dr. Paul O’ Donoghue (Principal Clinical Psychologist at the Central Remedial Clinic, Dublin and co-founder of the Irish Skeptics Society), and Mr. Michael Reen (Clinical Psychologist with the Brothers of Charity, Clare, and also a co-founder of the Irish Skeptics Society) participated, each speaking briefly on the above topic. As predicted, the most lively portion of the evening occurred when the audience were invited to direct questions to the panel. A heated, sometimes humourous, sometimes serious debate ensued. AM 250, the host lecture theatre, was packed to capacity on the night, and both the debate itself and the reception afterward, were deemed a resounding success by all who attended. The event generated a great deal of media interest at local and national level, and was open to members of the public.
- Mr. Neil Walshe, March 2005; *“Emotional Labour and Toxic Emotions in the Workplace”* Mr Neil Walshe, our final speaker of the year, gave an excellent presentation on toxicity and emotions in the workplace and general relationships with others. He reviewed the research to date, relating to the caring professions in particular, and provided suggestions on how these toxic

relationships and situations might be avoided, considering their adverse effects on psychological and physical wellbeing.

Social Events

- Two table quizzes (of the usual riotous variety that is characteristic of the Psychological Society's famous table quizzes!) before and after Christmas
- Halloween fancy dress party, October 2004; The Living Room
- End of term party, semester 1
- 'Any excuse for a party' party in the Living Room in January 2005

A lively group of second and third year psychology students attended the **27th Annual Congress of Psychology Students in Ireland**, hosted by **Queen's University, Belfast**. The highlight of the psychology student's year (!), a fantastic time was had by all, and as usual, Galway students did not return home empty handed, having scooped both third prize in the main prizes category, and a highly commended award. A hearty well done to all who presented, partied, and upheld the pristine reputation of NUI Galway Psychology students!

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Leigh McCann
 Treasurer: Sarah-Jane Mc Hugh
 Vice-Treasurer: Jill Pollard
 Quiz Master Cienna Smyth
 PROs: Sophia Kilcullen, Sarah Roddy, Niall Lally, Eugene Jordan
 Committee Edel Coughlan, Garrett Ryan, Michelle Dalton

Vice-Auditor: Maria Burke
 Secretary: Sinead Conneely
 Society Dev Officer: Caoimhe Speakman:
 PRO co-ordinator Rhona McGinn:
 Event photographer: Haulie Dowd

Account Details

Psychology Society 04-05 Income & Expenditure			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	196.83	Stationary	74.26
USC Grant	2690.26	speakers accommodation	250.00
Fundraising	574.65	Speakers Travel	50.00
members contribution	1392.5	Receptions	535.49
Other	52.4	Dinner	424.00
		Bus	840.00
Income Total	4906.64	Society Accommodation	1156.00
		entry fee	710.00
		Bank charges	7.50
		Total Expenditure	4047.25
		Closing Bank Balance	859.39
		Total	4906.64

Quiz Society

We're a new society in college, in our first year of full recognition, with modest aims: to entertain, inform and challenge students through quizzes. We intend to expand on the pub quiz format, adapt television formats to host in lecture theatres and give every student the opportunity to show just how smart they are. The main event we run is "Universally Challenged", a weekly Challenging Times style quiz between faculties and departments. This is a 16 team knock-out

competition; last year won by the Chemistry Dept. We hope to expand this format this year by inviting quiz teams from other Irish colleges for an inter-varsity showdown.

Events

- The biggest event of the year is *The Performance Table Quiz* to be held as part of the *Muscailt* festival. The idea behind it is that all of it is performed in some way. Those of you familiar with our quizzes may well remember our Movie Recreations. These are but one round of what we do in this quiz. Look forward to it. Again, all proceeds will be donated to charity.
- Our centerpiece event, *Universally Challenged*, consists of weekly quizzes between faculties and departments. These take place every Wednesday at 8pm from November 3rd onwards
- Movie Table Quiz On January 25th, our movie themed quiz took place in the college bar. It was a fun night, but slightly marred due to some technical glitches. However, all money raised is going to the GOAL tsunami fund, via the GOAL society here in campus
- *Epic Table Quiz* Our first quiz of the season took place in the college bar on Wednesday, October 6th at 8pm in the College Bar. It was a fantastic night, with a massive turnout of 40 tables and cash prizes of €240, €160 and €80 respectively for the top three teams.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Finbarr Murphy
 Treasurer: Patrick Mulrennan
 Technical Design: Donal Keady
 P.R.O.: Paddy Duffy

Vice-Auditor: Sean Ryan
 Muscailt Co-ordinator: Michael Coyne
 Lego Director: Padraic Coyne

Account Details

Quiz Society 04-05			Balance Sheet
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	9.2	entry fees	50
USC Grant	470.92	materials	288
Fundraising	790	charity	400
Other	149	prizes	480
Income Total	1419.12	Expenditure Total	1218
		Balance	201.12
		Total	1419.12

Radio Society

The Radio Society was founded with the intention of promoting and developing interest in broadcast radio on Campus. In this media-rich age media skills and awareness are more central to students and we try to help other students achieve such abilities. In addition to the college radio station FLIRT 105.6 FM we aim to provide students with more than the opportunity to improve to improve their media skills but a social space where they can enjoy themselves too.

This year the society has held talks on the future of college radio and on the potential pitfalls associated with the regulation of Digital Audio Broadcasting as well as hosting social meetings for station volunteers. This summer the society is organising the events to celebrate the 10th anniversary of FLIRT FM and is also the principle coordinator for the online streaming of FLIRT FM. A new committee will be selected at an EGM in September 2005

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Michelle Mangan
 Treasurer: Patrick O Flaherty

Vice-Auditor: Geraldine Carolan
 Secretary: Adrienne Preston Kelly

Account Details

Radio Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance		Stationary	25.50
USC Grant	541.06	speakers accomodation	65.00
Other	106.1	Receptions	211.99
Income Total	647.16	society accommodation	210.00
		Expenditure Total	572.49
		Balance	74.67
		Total	647.16

Social Action Movement Society

This year proved hugely successful for S.A.M soc. As a volunteering society, our prosperity depends on the generosity of the NUIG students and this year produced unprecedented support, to the delight of the committee. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who got involved over the year, and especially Anne Hunt, our liaison with Le Cheile, and those who helped out with the table quiz on March 10th, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone involved.

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For the year, S.A.M. had stable support of about 15 volunteers and a few more who floated in and out, although we did have about 100 names from Societies' Day in September- this might not sound like much but it was a great improvement on last year at least. The club is all volunteering and we meet every Thursday in the Westside Community Centre for an hour and a half to help the kids.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Sandra McMaster	Entertainment Officer: Margaret Hanafin
Vice-Auditor: Ruth Miller	Community Liaison Officer: Carmel Concannon
Head of Committee: Lorraine Devane	Community Liaison Officer: Katie Healy
PR Officer: Tania Telford	Gaeltacht Liaison Officer: Aileen Fitzgerald
Second Yr Rep: Emma Galligan & Gerard Kennedy	International Rep: Elisa Pietrelli
Third Yr Rep: Sarah Barron & Pauline Boyle	International Rep: Lola Moreno

Account Details

SAM Accounts 04-05			
Income		Expenditures	
opening bank balance	36.41	AGM	60
Societies' Day	30	Societies's Day	50
USC Grant	50	Total Expenditures	110.00
		Bank Balance	6.41
Total Income	116.41	Total	164.41

Socialist Workers Student Society

SWSS is an activity based political party who engage in issues relating specifically to students but also to broad global issues such as war and the rights of those whom the capitalist system discriminates against.

SWSS was involved in a number of activities this year. We sent delegates to a many national and international events.

Our first major trip was to the Socialist Worker Party national conference which took place in Dublin in September 2004 and was attended by 3 members of N.U.I.Galway S.W.S.S.

One of the highlights of the year was the European Social Forum which was in London in October; 7 N.U.I.Galway delegates attended the 3 day event.

On the 6 October we hosted speaker Donall McFearghail 'Islam and the West: A Clash of Civilizations?'

Our on-campus activity was mostly concerned with organising public meetings with guest speakers to raise awareness of different issues e.g. "How Can Palestine Win Freedom?" which was addressed by Saif Abukeshk of the International Solidarity Movement; "Iraq and Syria: Bush's Next Target?". We also had a number of antiwar meetings which were addressed by the chair of the Irish Anti-War Movement, lecturers and local Councillors.

We screened a number of films throughout the year including "Chavez: Inside the Coup" and "Venezuela, Bolivariana".

A bus trip to the anti-war activity in Shannon was organised and well attended.

SWSS members also went to the Marxism 2004 conference in November 2004.

We were involved in various campaigns on and off campus such as the Coke Boycott campaign and the anti-war campaign. During the summer (2004) we also campaigned strongly against the 2004 referendum on restricting citizenship.

Film showing 'Chavez Inside the Coup'

European Social Forum Report back meeting

Public meeting 'US Troops out of Shannon and Iraq' – Speakers include Richard Boyd Barrett, Cllr Daniel Callahan, Cllr Colette Connolly, and Brenden Flynn

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Michael Ryder

Vice-Auditor: Anthony Murray

Treasurer: Peadar Ruane

Account Details

socialist workers student society 04-05			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	40.5	Stationary	11.72
USC Grant	958.47	speakers travel	100
members contribution	518.14	Receptions	15
Income Total	1517.11	Dinner	65
		Bus	200
		Society Transport	848.64
		Bank charges	1.78
		Total Expenditure	1242.14
		Closing Balance	274.97
		Total	1517.11

Spanish Society

The Spanish Society had a very active year- highlight of which being the weekend trip to Cork to celebrate the European City of Culture. We also organised two Spanish fiestas which raised a total of €400 for charity. We held weekly meeting in Massimos for the first semester and Richardson's for the second semester. We also had a film season throughout the year showing various Spanish language films. Next year's committee will be elected in September at the AGM.

2004-2005 Committee Members

Auditor: Kevin Keary	Erasmus Officer: Laura Irazoqui
Vice-Auditor: Liam Heaphy	Vice Secretary: Liam Tracey
Treasurer: Fergus Brett	Honorary Chairperson: Niamh McNamara
Secretary: Ciara mc Nelis	Postgraduate Officer: Rico Santiago

Account Details

Spanish Society 04-05		Balance Sheet	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	0	Receptions	327.06
USC Grant	885.00	Dinner	240.00
Fundraising	300	Society Transport	660.00
members contribution	1015	society accommodation	855.00
Other	133.2	charity	240.00
Income Total	2333.20	Bank charges	11.14
		total expenditure	2333.20

St. Vincent de Paul

The SVP Society is involved in providing volunteers to help with children's' homework clubs, Sports Clubs, Drama and Music Classes, Arts and Craft Classes Day Trips computer classes and many more activities in a local community centre. We are involved in many Fundraising events with table quizzes, beauty contests, pool competitions, fast food eating contests just a few of the events we have been involved with. Nursing Home visitations in St Francis home near the college also prove popular with the day care patients there. We are also involved with the SVP in Galway and there are places for anyone interested in assisting with home visits in and around the Galway area. As well as offering you the chance to make a difference (by contributing just 1hr. of your week,) we also have a fun Social side, including trips away, nights out, guest speakers and intervarsity events with other colleges. So if you want to make a difference and give a little back why not come to one of our meetings. As always, we will be participating in RAG WEEK and are always looking for new fresh ideas to help raise funds for the society.

Events

Table quiz with Geography Society 12 October

Intervarsity Trip to Kerdiffstown House in Kildare An opportunity to meet other students from SVP societies throughout the country and to exchange ideas and discuss the work we all do.

Christmas / Thanksgiving Dinner Dinner followed by a club in town on Thursday the 25th November. This was an opportunity for SVP volunteers to get to know each other and also as a thank-you for everyone's work this semester.

3. 5-a-side Football Competition 15th March The competition lasted for the day and we signed up 16 teams of five players.

Kids trip to college musical during Muscailt Week We took the kids from Bohermore Homework Club to see a college musical during Muscailt Arts

Ragweek Events

Collection Day - Mon 21st February

Bar Quiz - Mon 21st February bar quiz held in the Huntsman bar.

Greyhound Race Night - Thursday 24th February

SVP Ball in the Radisson Hotel, the accounts below do not reflect the final figures from the Ball as the Ball accounts are not finalized.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Bill Tully

Treasurer: Ronan Moloney

Secretary: Edel Curry

PRO: Erin Shepherd

Account Details

Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	2203.83	Stationary	1.02
USC Grant	440.00	printing	440.13
muscaillt	0.2	Speakers Travel	27.48
Fundraising	3,340.00	Receptions	100.00
Income Total	5984.03	Dinner	25.50
		Society Transport	117.00
		society accommodation	158.00
		entry fees	20.00
		entertainment	1090.00
		charity	3950.00
		Bank charges	24.80
		Expenditure Total	5953.93
		Balance	30.10
		Total	5984.03

SUAS Society

The Suas society hopes to highlight the importance of education to the creation of a just and fair society. Suas Nationwide is a registered N.G.O and charity which involves itself in highlighting education and providing a volunteer program for students to teach abroad. SUAS also held a Pizza Eating fundraiser sponsored by Four Star Pizza for a SUAS partner school in Nairobi, Kenya

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Thomas Meehan

Vice-Auditor: Roisin McLoughlin

Treasurer: John Walsh

Secretary: Sandra Davey

Society Liason Officer: Laura Heneghan

Account Details

Income- SUAS 04-05			
Income		Expenditures	
Opening Bank balance	0	Charity	1528
USC Grant	250	Refreshments	77
sponsorship	50	Speakers accomodation	50
Fundraising	1,528.00	Dinner	23
Income Total	1828	Materials	150
		Expenditure Total	1828

Traditional Music Society

Events

Sessions: Deburgos every fortnight (semester one) Crane Bar every fortnight (Semester 2)
Tradsoc lunchtime concerts, Friday November 12th in Bank of Ireland Theatre at 1pm. Concert given by traditional singer Mary McPartlan with support from TradSoc members

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Mairead Hurley
Vice-Auditor: Sorcha Rooney
Treasurer: Liz Coleman
Secretary: Aine Bird

Account Details

Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income Total		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	71.29	Entertainment	650.00
USC Grant	370.00		
Ticket sales	280	Expenditure Total	650.00
		Balance	71.29
Total income	721.29	Total	721.29

VSA (Voluntary Services Abroad)

Voluntary Services Abroad (VSA) is an NUI Galway based charity which enables medical students to deliver desperately needed medical supplies and to assist in healthcare to the Third World. All of the monies raised go directly to towards development and sustained support of these services.

This year's fundraising efforts included a Bungee Jump Bungee Jump on Tuesday 9th/Wednesday 10th March, Fancy Dress Halloween Ball, Galway-to-Limerick Bed Push, Flag Day, Table Quizes, Church Gate Collection, and Galway Hospice Child Line. In addition to these fundraisers, all VSA members raised money in their hometowns throughout the year. Their phenomenal efforts resulted in €132, 430 being raised for charity.

This summer, 25 fifth year medical students are going on self-funded trips to the Philippines, Guyana, Honduras, Malawi, Belize, and Zambia to perform medical treatments.

Going from strength to strength, next year's VSA committee is already producing their ever popular calendar to be launched in the Autumn.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Patrick McSharry
Vice-Auditor: Emma Harrington
Treasurer: Aisling Lyons
Secretary: Ruth Neary

Account Details

Balance Sheet

Society 04-05			
Income Total		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	6168.18	Stationary	344.09
USC Grant	920.00	printing	271.80
muscailt	25155	Dinner	75.00
Fundraising	115,280.87	hire of hall	2400.00
members contribution	27500	Society Transport	25000.00
Income Total	175024.05	society accommodation	70.00
		equipment	4225.00
		entertainment	300.00
		vaccinations	6646.00
		charity	132430.00
		prizes	295.00
		Bank charges	288.13
		Expenditure Total	172345.02
		Balance	2679.03
		Total	175024.05

Writer's Society

The Writers' Society was formed to encourage and celebrate the self-expression of its members through the medium of writing. This is done in a social environment where people can feel comfortable with showing their work in public. Through workshops, public readings and our publications, the quality and quantity of output that our members produce has greatly improved. This year was an amazing one for the Writers' Society. At the SU society and clubs award we won 'Best Society' and 'Best Website'. In the NUI, Galway BICS awards we won Best Publication, for 'Limited Edition' and Best Small Publication, for the February edition of 'The Sharp Review'. For a relatively small society this shows an excellent return for a very hard-working committee and enthusiastic membership.

This year the Writers' Societies attempted its first venture into film-making. At a workshop a screenplay called 'The Last Temptation of Jamesjames' was written and this short is now in pre-production with the premiere scheduled for October. Another script called 'The Oresteia', a modern retelling of a Greek tragedy, was also developed. This half hour film short was written, shot, edited and premiered in less than 5 weeks. The success of this film has inspired many other members to write scripts and we are looking at a busy year of film-making ahead.

This society has managed to build on the work of last year's committee and create an organisation to be proud of. The Writers' society is looking forward to another successful year, where the improvements made previously are further developed.

Events

- Ordinary Workshops every week in IT 202. Also two professional workshops catering to both prose and poetry writers were run. The first, in semester one, was given by Kevin Higgins, Galway based poet and critic. The second was presented by Susan DuMars, short-story writer and founder of the 'Over the Edge' series of poetry readings.
- The Society produced two screenplays, the first called 'The Last Temptation of Jamesjames' was written and this short is now in pre-production with the premiere scheduled for late April. The other was called 'The Oresteia', a modern retelling of a Greek tragedy, which represents the Writers' Societies first venture into film-making.
- A monthly magazine was published monthly called, 'The Sharp Review', which contains the writings of our members, both fiction and non-fiction and also art and photography. Since its inception, four issues have been published.

- The Murder Mystery Weekend in Achill was once again held and in a weekend of Murder, Revenge and Chaos, people could let their hair down and forget the pressures of everyday life in the beautiful 19th century Valley House Hostel and nearby blue-flag beach.
- The success of last years Literary Competition was repeated and for the first time the Irish section was developed. The winning entries were launched within 'Limited Edition 2005' at the *Múscailt* Literary Evening in the Siobhan Mc Kenna Theatre. There were readings from the winning entries and also from special guests which include Hennessey Award Nominees Kevin Higgins and Hugo Kelly, and writer in residence, Mike McCormack. The Dean of Arts, Professor John Marshall gave the closing speech and also presented the awards to the winners.
- During *Múscail* we also presented an evening of original new film shorts written and made by the Film Society and The Writers Society. Films included the joint FanSci FilmSoc short 'The Zombie Survival Guide' and the Writers' Society's 'The Oresteia'. There was also a wine and champagne reception.
- We arranged a special Writers' Society student package with the Town Hall Theatre for their production of Dr. Faustus, which included a reduced rate and a chance to speak to the director afterwards.
- We also held two poetry readings in Café Javas, both of which sold out. Some excellent emerging poets were discovered and many have contributed to the 'Sharp Review'.
- A night of high drama in DeBurgo's for a Homeric project involving the Writers' Society and DramSoc.
- Finally, the publishing of the Annual.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: James McWalter
 Publishing OCM: Shannon Reeves
 Vice-Auditor: Ciara Banks, Beibhinn Egan
 S.D.O.: Julie Keenan
 Treasurer: Jamie Monahan
 Secretary: David Meagher
 O.C.M.: Teresa Mooney, Baz McGlynn
 P.R.O: Website: Danny O, Matthew Burke

Committee Members 2005-2006

Auditor: Shannon Reeves
 Vice-Auditor: Ciara Banks
 Treasurer: TBA
 Secretary: Teresa Mooney

Account Details

Writers Society 04-05		Balance Sheet	
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	159.33	Stationary	5.1
USC Grant	1148.00	printing	1080
sponsorship	650	Teacher fees	220
Muscailt	1352	Receptions	216.56
members contribution	797	Dinner	125
Societies day	205.25	Bus	400
		Society Accommodation	860
Income Total	3911.58	materials	68.43
		Socs day exp	38.11
		Prizes	381.05
		Entertainment	205
		Bank charges	3.75
		Total Expenditure	3603
		Closing Balance	708.58
		Total	3911.58

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 everyone. We aim to provide a fairly relaxed atmosphere where everyone is welcome to share their views and get involved in our activities. By coming along people learn about the party, contribute to policy, meet new people from all different backgrounds and above all have one hell of a good time.

On societies day (2004) approximately 125 people joined/signed up for membership of the society compared with 70 the previous year. We did not get carried away with the big increase in numbers as we realised that it takes a few weeks for people to find their feet and decide what societies they want to be involved in. After this period the Young Fine Gael society had a core group of 30 active members with another 15 people who were involved but not as active. This was a big improvement on the previous year. Last year we did not hold regular meetings and had an active membership of about 10 people. We as a society actively encouraged every member to bring along their friends during the year and as a result a few more people joined. They realised that we are both politically and socially active and not a boring political organisation, but one that actually does try to make a difference and campaign on the issues that affect young people. By regularly advertising ourselves around Campus we always welcome new members.

Events

During the year we held a meeting every Wednesday night in AC 215. We tried to get as many speakers as possible but this was not possible every week so for regular meetings we organised debates, Policy discussion forums etc. During the year we had a total of 8 high profile speakers.

On 12th of October Michael Ring TD spoke on 'A Fairer deal for the west'. On the 8th of November the society organised an Agriculture seminar addressing the issues that affect Young Farmers. On the night Paul Connaughton TD, Seamus Heffernan a Macra Na Feirme representative, and Joe Healy of the Farming Independent addressed the meeting. The Young Fine Gael conference took place in Ballina from the 12th – 14th of November. On 9th of December the society organised a sleep out on Shop Street to highlight the issue of homelessness and at the same time we raised €1320 for Threshold.

In semester 2, on the 1st of February, Damien English visited to speak about 'the importance of the involvement of young people in Politics'. John Perry TD visited on the 7th of February to speak on the 'Public Finances', Patrick O Driscoll president of Young Fine Gael visited on the 15th of February and on March 14th Mr Enda Kenny TD leader of Fine Gael. Also during the year we were addressed by a number of local representatives.

In the last few years the committee has been made up of a close group of 4-5 active members, but they had all finished college by last year or the year before. The old committee had not encouraged the younger members of the society to get involved in the Committee and as a result there was only 1 or 2 members to run the society last year and it wasn't active as a result. The present committee got together in September and set about rebuilding the society. This year we have learned from previous mistakes and actively encouraged 1st years and gave a number of them Committee positions, keeping in line with the overall ethos of the society all year which focused on keeping them active. As a result of the experience these members gained, they will learn from an early stage about the running of the society and in future be the main player when the present leaders leave. This was a common sense approach to ensure the ongoing success of the society.

All the members of the Young Fine Gael society now agree after a successful year that being involved in any society is one of the best things they ever did. Societies are a great way of enjoying yourself, meeting people and making friends for life. After the eventful year a huge number of the 1st year members of the Young Fine Gael society don't believe some of the older members when they tell them about the lack of organisation and inactivity of previous years.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Paul Hickey

Treasurer: Etain Finn

Policy Officer: Martin Nally

PRO: David Miskell

Connacht/Ulster Rep: Sean Finan

Membership Officer: Lisa Maher

Asst. Secretary: Paul Stanton

Vice-Auditor: Ultan Hayden

Secretary: Lorcan Gearty

Campaigns & Events Officer: Keith Stephens

Organiser: Brian Flannery

Joint Treasurer: Chris Cormican

Asst. PRO & Web Designer: Emily Hughes

Account Details

Young Fine Gael 04-05 income & Expenditure			
Income		Expenditure	
USC Grant	1200	Affiliation	265
Members contribution	329.98	accommodation	720
		speakers accommodation	50
Total Income	1529.98	dinner	54
		reception	160.5
		Total Expenditure	1249.5
		Bank Balance	<u>280.48</u>
		Total	1529.98

Young Greens Society

Party Principles: The Green Party/Comhaontas Glas adopted at its foundation these seven principles by consensus:

- The impact of society on the environment should not be ecologically disruptive.
- Conservation of resources is vital to a sustainable society.
- All political, social and economic decisions should be taken at the lowest effective level.
- Society should be guided by self-reliance and co-operation at all levels.
- As caretakers of the Earth, we have the responsibility to pass it on in a fit and healthy state.
- The need for world peace overrides national and commercial interests.
- The poverty of two-thirds of the world's family demands a redistribution of the world's resources.

These principles were elaborated and expanded in the revised 1997 Constitution.

The Young Greens Society aims to raise awareness and campaign for the environment; to co-ordinate campaigning for a more economically and socially just Ireland along the 7 principles of the Green Party/ Comhantas Glas among students, and to provide a forum for ecological and social issues in and around university life. Our current mailing list comprises of over 30 floating members of whom there are 15 regular active members including a committee of 13 members including: Auditor, Vice-Auditor, Treasurer, PR Officer, Vice-PR Officer, Secretary, Buildings Officer, Society Liaisons Officer. As this is our first year, we had no members last year. To attract new members we held stalls at both Societies Days, held a number of events promoting student activity on campus, and created special posters for this purpose.

Events

- *Ingrid Betancourt Hostages Awareness Week:*
- Showing a film, awareness stall, commemoration book with commemorations read to the hostages through a Colombian radio station, Talk: "International Law and Hostage-taking" by Shane Darcy, the coordinator of Human Rights for Change, Irish Centre for Human Rights

- We provided information on Green issues through Posters about green thinkers (E.F. Schumacher), the Green Parties policies concerning health, economics and ecology, put up stalls to give students the opportunity to directly talk to us about these issues, we provided information on the Young Greens, both national and on campus, in English and As Gaeilge.
- On Valentine's Day we joint the Young Greens national "I Love Kyoto" campaign, and catered for it with two stalls, one in Áras na Mac Léinn and one in Shop Street, and collected 160 postcards which we posted to the Minister of the Environment.
- We sent a committee to the Young Greens annual meeting in Dublin.
- GRÁ-week participation
 - Maria-Alejandra Gonzalez and Titus Glavee, held a workshop "Is Fairtrade Fair?" including an information stall; we invited Rebecca Emery, Campaigns and Public Communications Officer for Oxfam Ireland, to talk about "Fair Trade: An Alternative North-South Engagement"; we also showed the Film "Black Gold". We provided samples and information for Oxfam and sold fair trade products in aid of Oxfam Ireland on Campus during Fair Trade Fortnight. Dr. Brendan Flynn, from the Sociology and Political Science Department, gave a talk for us on the EU-constitution and the environmental impact of it.
 - We organised another discussion on the EU-constitution together with the Green Party. Here we had pro and con speakers for the constitution on issues of justice & crime and the environment. Speakers were: Ann Singleton, Statewatch UK; Cianan Toland, European Movement; Frank Corcoran, Chair An Taisce and European Environmental Board; David Healy, Green Party councillor, Friends of the Irish Environment; the event was chaired by Cllr. Niall Ó Brolcháin.
- We organized a "Spring Convention" for March, inviting all Irish Young Greens over, and also having a Party in Busker Brown's on the day before St. Patrick's Day, open for everyone.
- We organized a panel talk "Public Transport and the Traffic Situation on Campus" with: Cllr. Niall Ó Brolcháin, Andrew Murphy a Cyclist and Young Green, Maeve Joyce from City Direct Buses, Greg Power from Buildings Office NUIG, Cormack Lovet from the Galway Cycling Campaign. This stirred a good discussion on public transport issues.
- At the NUI Galway Society awards Joann Coffey our treasurer won best fresher and went on to win best fresher at the national BICS awards in DCU.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: James Hope

Vice-Auditor: Andrew Murphy

Treasurer: Joanne Coffey

Secretary: Aoife Ciarnan

PRO: Sven Schmalfuss

Account Details

Young Green Society 04-05 Income & Expenditure			
Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance		speakers accommodation	50
USC Grant	217.2	Receptions	60
Sponsorship	104	Dinner	54
		Society Transport	57.2
Income Total	321.2	Expenditure Total	221.2
		Bank Balance	100
		Total	321.2

Zoological Soc

NUI Galway's Zoological Society caters for those who have an interest in Zoology (undergraduate, postgraduate and staff) and Natural History in general. We host a variety of events each year including talks, field excursions and social events.

Events:

28th October- talk- *Shark research and conservation in the Adriatic Sea* By Dr Aaron Henderson

10th February, Talk entitled; *Hatching methods for Bird conservation* By Bird Watch Ireland

10th March, Talk entitled; *Ocean convergence*, By Vincent Hyland

14th April, Talk entitled; *Animals in bits*, By Prof. Wallace Arthur

25th November, Christmas Party; "TFI Friday" River Inn

10th April, Fieldtrip; "Dolphin Watch", Carrigaholt

Committee Meetings: Committee meetings were held every second Monday from 1-2pm in C215 of Aras De Brun.

E.G.M:

Our EGM will be held at a date to be decided in September, at which a new committee for the term 05-06 will be elected.

Committee Members 2004-2005

Auditor: Rebecca Loftus, Melissa Connolly

Secretary: Edward Helps

Treasurer: Fiona Higgins

Staff Treasurer: Colin Lawton

Web Consultant/ Post Grad Rep: Alan Thomas, Earl Poole

PR Therese Fitz, Catherine O'Brien, Michael K Devaney, Kieran Coyne, Niamh Quinn, Joseph Cawley, Conall Hawkins

Account Details

Zoology Society 04-05	Balance Sheet		
Income Total		Expenditure	
Opening Bank balance	263.17	Speakers Travel	40.00
USC Grant	310	Receptions	0.00
members contribution	252	Dinner	135.70
		Bus	300.00
Income Total	825.17	Society Transport	252.00
		Expenditure Total	727.70
		Closing Bank Balance	97.47
		Total	825.17

Society Awards

This years society awards were held in the Aula Maxima and were presented by Vice President Mary O'Riordan. Two hundred and fifty society members attended and music was provided by members of the orchestra society during dinner and the Guinness Jazz Band provided the music for dancing into the small hours. Masters of ceremonies were Damien Corridan, Societies Chairperson and Riona Hughes. Feed back on the night was that 'a great time was had by all'. Sr Avril O'Regan, Chairperson of the USC, was particularly thanked on the night for the contribution she had made to Society life during the year.

The judging process had been vigorous with the USC members forming two judging panels and with 95 submissions from 30 societies for 14 awards categories and the high standard the task was a very difficult one.

LIST OF ALL NOMINATIONS AND THE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY.

BEST CHARITY

SPANISH SOC

SVP

VSA (WINNER)

MUSLIM YOUTH

CULTURAL CONTRIBUTION

AN CUMAN EIGSE

ART SOC

LIT & DEB (WINNER)

MUSLIM YOUTH

DEPARTMENTAL

FRENCH (WINNER)

GERMAN

PSYCHOLOGICAL

HISTORY

BEST EVENT (BICS)

ART EXHIBITION: CONTEMPORARY FAIRYTALES

COMEDY MÚSCAILT COMEDY SOC GIG

COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY HOLISTIC FAIR

COMPUTER SOC DAY OF IT AND MOTORSPORT

HUMAN RIGHTS GRA WEEK (WINNER)

GUMS MUSICAL: THE BOYFRIEND

HISTORY ARTS BALL

LIT & DEB AN EVENING OF STORY:SUNG AND SPOKEN

LIT & DEB VISIT BY HARBISON

MUSIC ANNUAL BAND COMPETITION

PDS TALK WITH BRIGHTON BOMBER PATRICK MAGEE AND JO BERRY DAUGHTER OF SIR BERRY.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DEBATE: 'COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES:

QUESTIONABLE TREATMENTS OR COMMENDABLE PRACTICES?'

VSA HALLOWEEN BALL 2004

FANSCI- ITZACON

LAW SOC- PRESENTATION BY THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA OF THE US SUPREME COURT

MUSLIM YOUTH- THE ISLAMIC CULTURAL WEEK

BEST FRESHER (BICS)

FRENCH CHLOE DISKIN

MUSICAL NICOLA COUGHLAN

YOUNG GREENS JOANNE COFFEY (WINNER)

MOST IMPROVED SOCIETY (BICS)

DJ
ART
DANCE
FRENCH
GERMAN
MUSIC
PSYCHOLOGICAL
WRITERS
YOUNG FINE GAEL
FAN SCI (WINNER)
COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS
HUMAN RIGHTS

BEST INDIVIDUAL

MUSICAL GILLIAN MCGREEVY
CHORAL PETER MANNION
FRENCH CHLOE DISKIN
HUMAN RIGHTS AOIFE GILLESPIE (WINNER)
SVP BILL TULLY
WRITERS JAMES MCWALTER

INTERVARSITY

FANSCI
LIFE SOC (WINNER)

BEST NEW SOCIETY (BICS)

CHOCOLATE
COMEDY
COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY
JUGGLING (WINNER)
MUSICAL
YOUNG GREENS

POSTER (BICS)

ART
CHORAL X 3
COMPUTER SOC X 4 (WINNER)
DRAMA
LIFE SOC
MUSICAL
YOUNG GREENS
LIT & DEB

PUBLICATION

WRITERS (WRITERS)
LIT & DEB

SMALL PUBLICATION

GERMAN
LIT & DEB
MUSIC
WRITERS (WINNER)

BEST SOCIETY (BICS)

ART
CHORAL (WINNER)
DANCE
DRAMA

LIT & DEB
 MUSIC
 PDS
 WRITERS
 FANSCI
 VSA

WEBSITE (BICS)

COMPUTER SOC (WINNER)

SOCIETIES WEBSITE
 MÚSCAILT
 DANCE SOC
 DRAMA
 LIFE SOC
 MUSIC
 WRITERS
 YOUNG GREENS

The winners in the eight BICS (Board of Irish College Societies) categories went on to represent the University at the national awards in DCU on April 14th. NUI Galway won two awards best Fresher for Joanne Coffey from Young Greens and best Website for the Computer Society, Rory Donohue, webmaster went on to win the Oxygen Student media awards for best website for www.compsoc.nuigalway.ie and the award for best webmaster.

Society Participation levels

Ascertaining levels of participation is always challenging and answering the question of how many students were involved in Society activity is very difficult. We do know that we gathered 8300 original e-mails from the over 12,000 students who signed up for societies on both societies days. How many stayed involved is the next question. By calculating the number of individual students who attended two or more events organised by an individual society the number which emerges is 9595, this is however by no means an exact science and does not factor in a student who attend events run by a number of societies. We also know that 3614 trips were taken by students, an individual student may of course have taken more than one trip. The best estimation of tickets sold to society events through the SocsBox, the Balls and on the door at performances is 5312. Almost €45,000 was the turnover of the SocsBox for tickets to events including Múscailt events, the purchasing of society memorabilia including hoodies, DVDs and CDs and paying for trips and workshops. Societies themselves had a turn over of €617,831. which is a good indication of the level of activity. Finally the number of students on society committees is 529.

Society Participation Numbers

2004-2005

Signed up on Societies day	12,200
Original e-mails on mailing list	8,300
Society members	9,595
Number who went on Journeys	3,614
Tickets bought for events	5,312
Committee members	529
Societies	75

University Societies Committee

Members for 2004 – 2005 were

Chairperson Sr. Avril o'Regan, Societies Chairperson Damien Corridan, Staff representatives: Gearoid Hartigan (Buildings Office), Tim Higgins (Chemistry Department) Maire Aine Mannion (French Department) and Fionnuala Gallagher (Arts office). Student Representatives: Stephen Nolan, Mark Hanniffy, Robert Rooney and Rory O'Donohue.

Societies and Muscailt 05

Website:

The Computer Society auditor Fionnuala Gibney designed a new website for Muscailt.

Box Office The society **SoxBox** in the HUB was the official box office for Muscailt. Open from 10am-8pm Mon-Thur and 10am-4pm on Fridays.

Drama:

Musical "The Boyfriend" ran from Tuesday to Saturday in the Black box Theatre. With two matinees, one on Wednesday and one on Saturday. Rehearsal started in September and this year the newly formed society had the assistance of a professional director: Lara Campbell, with student director Aine Kelly, producer Gillian McGreevy and musical director Peter Mannion.

Human Chess Tournament will take place outside the library during the festival on a giant chess board. The cast, in addition to learning basic street theatre techniques, also learnt how to play chess. The tournament will be launched with fencing between members of the NUI Galway fencing club. Directed by Riona Hughes, produced by Fintan Hegarty, Auditor of the Chess Society. The Art Society are making masks, Fansci provided many of the performers and a film was made which was displayed on the societies website.

One Act Play Series: The one act play series ran from Tuesday to Friday lunchtime with an omnibus edition on Friday night. All performances were in the BOI Theatre. The plays were:

Liam Kuhn *A Good Man's Failing*, MA in Writing
Padraic Walsh *Holy Thursday* MA in Drama and Theatre Studies
Seanan McDonnell *The Way we Get By* MA in Writing
Meg Ginnetty Group MA in Writing
Sage Sheppard *Fishy Business* American Erasmus Student
Cathal Cleary *He Needs Me* MA in Writing
Paul Soye *In Irons* MA in Writing.

French Soc *Le Photo du Grenier* was performed at 6.30pm. on Wednesday in the BOI the play subsequently was performed in Laurent. Auditor Keira Kennelly

Quiz Society Multi Media Performance Quiz took place at 9pm College Bar on the Wednesday night. Quiz Coordinator Patrick Mulrennan.

Comedy

The Comedy society hosted a comedy night with MC Gerry Mallon which included original sketches and stand-up from the members of the society. The Society also performed as the warm up act before the *The Camembert Quartet* courtesy of the Arts Office. Auditor Giles Brody.

Music

The Choral Society held a concert on Monday at 7pm in the chapel. Where they performed songs from their new CD *I watched a Televangelist*, available from the SoxBox for €10. Featuring 19 tracks including I watched a Televangelist, Angelus Domini, Incantations, Nunc Dimittis, Serves

her Right, The lamb, Java Jive, Sing a Song of Sixpence, Si do Mhaimeo i, Arabella, August, Victimae, Gaudate, Suantraí, Salve Rex Gloríae, See the Gipsies, Siuil a Riun, Kitkem Sudamest Mariat and Nordanvind. Conductor Peter Mannion.

Orchestra: performed a lunchtime concert in the foyer of the Orbsen building on the Friday of the festival. The orchestra under the baton of their conductor Hugh Kelly performed Dag Wíren suite for strings as part of their concert. Auditor Johnny Berrill

Music Society organised the Witless Music festival as part of Muscailt. On Monday they hosted 'Captain Pleasure' in the College Bar, On Tuesday at 10pm they hosted a pop quiz 'Never Mind the BuzzSocs' in the College bar with team Captains Iognaid O'Muircheartaigh and Paddy Reilly. On Wednesday at 3pm they hosted a acoustic concert in Áras na Mac Léinn. Thursday they organised the final of the Witless Band competitions in the College bar, which is the culmination of the rounds of heats. Entering bands must have one member a student of the University. Auditor Thor McVeigh.

Art Exhibitions

Artsoc's exhibition took place in the foyer of the Orbsen building and will be officially launched on the Monday of the festival with a dance performance at 5pm. Auditor Jessica Tuohy

The Photographic society exhibition Focus 05 took place in the foyer of Áras na Mac Léinn and will be launched on the Monday at 6pm. Auditor Alan Keavney.

Literature

Writers Soc Literary Evening was held on the Monday in the Siobhan McKenna Theatre and incorporated the and launch of their book 'Limited Edition' which will contain the winning entries of their writing competition. Auditor James McWalter.

Fansci produced a radio play version of *The Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy*. Excerpts were performed at their Literary Evening which also featured the winners of their fantasy and Science fiction short story competition venue Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Thursday at 6pm. Auditor Padraic Barrett

Lit & Deb launched their literary publication *Criterion* at 7.30pm on the Thursday which was followed by *Life begins at 100 – visions of the Abbey Theatre*. In the Kirwin Theatre guests include Emer O'Kelly from the Sunday Independent. Literary Officer Ruairí Talbot

Film:

The Film Society and The Writers Society are currently making Film Shorts which were as part of a film evening. Fansci showed *Dream Team* a new Galway Feature film after their literary evening on the Thursday. Film Soc Auditor Louise O'Dwyer

Dance:

The Dance Society held their performance in the BOI Theatre on the Monday at 4pm. Which will showcase the wide variety of dance styles which they have been teaching in their numerous workshops since September. Auditor Clare Graham.

Radio:

Fansci are producing a radio play version of *The Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy*. Which will be serialised during Muscailt. Excerpts will be performed at their Evening which will also feature the winners of their fantasy and Science fiction short story competition venue Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Thursday at 8pm. Director: Anita Murray.

The broadcasting hours of Flirt FM were extended and included additional programmes produced by a variety of Societies and a number of programmes dedicated to Muscailt.

Arts Officers Múscailt Report 2005

Press Launch

Mon 31 Jan 12pm Excellent attendance. Great publicity in all papers, local and national.

Múscailt took place between 14 Feb and 18 Feb 2005.

Opening of Múscailt

It began on St. Valentine's Day at lunchtime with a big splash of colour at 13:00pm in the Aula Maxima Lower and the Quadrangle including the Black Magic Big Band; Paul Neary and the Swing Dancers; Aideen Barry's installation of red pinwheels plus the large balloons on flagpoles and in columns. This display made sure everyone knew the festival was under way.

Publicity

Good Red Theme adopted for posters, fliers and programmes, taken from pinwheels and Valentine's Day motif. Posters were used to establish venues. Programmes produced to high quality. Postering team out in force everyday highlighting the days events on the Múscailt signs/noticeboards specially commissioned by Arts Office/Socs Office. The Socs Box/Info Desk at the hub proved invaluable providing information and tickets.

Múscailt website set up by Compsoc was excellent. *What's on* Newsletter was very effective. Flirt FM, Galway Bay FM had good coverage. *Sin* Newspaper carried a full page.

The Galway Advertiser, Sentinel, Independent and Connacht Tribune all carried previews, reviews and photos. The Irish Times and Irish Independent carried large coloured photos of opening day of festival in Quadrangle.

Volunteers

Volunteers from the portfolio course in GTI assisted during two weeks, the week of preparation before Múscailt and the week of events. These volunteers were invaluable for a lot of the setting up/taking down, publicity, refreshments and general manning of venues and equipment

Bank of Ireland Theatre

One Act Play Series

A collaboration between the Arts Officer, the Societies Officer and all participants, mainly MA in Writing and MA in Drama & Theatre.

This series was highly successful this year. The standard of playwrighting and production was high. Riona Hughes and Fionnuala Gallagher co-ordinated the writers and directors, read scripts and advised on plays, facilitated rehearsals and show recordings. Eilis nicDhonncha and Terra Armstrong ran all technical aspects and Siobhan ni Ghallchoir handled all box office documentation and information during the week. The Omnibus of all seven original plays was an organizational feat. It is hoped that the English Department will assist in forming an important archive of original plays, all of which held their premieres during the Múscailt Festivals. This series deserves support.

Arts office events and collaborations

The Arts Office was anxious to encourage and facilitate collaboration between societies and professional artists to mutual benefit and experience where possible and applicable.

Artsoc produced a quality, engaging show on the theme of Contemporary fairytale

The opening showcased an original contemporary dance performed by Esti Siles on chairs and the stairs in the Atrium. About 10 minutes long, it provided the perfect non-verbal statement and accompaniment to the art work.

Fall and Recover

Collaboration between Irish Modern Dance Theatre and the Centre for the Care of Survivors of Torture. Beautiful, touching, gentle show performed to original music by Rossa O'Snodaigh and gorgeously lit by Eilis nicDhonncha on BOI's new dance floor.

Camembert Quartet

Camembert Quartet was supported by a warm act from the comedy society and took place in the Aula Maxima lower.

ENSO

Group of performance artists and installations in the Bank of Ireland Theatre, Aras na MacLeinn And the IT Corridor

Dominique Mayer

Zoology Corridor

The Arts Office is extremely proud of this show. Feedback from all of the departments and offices housed in Aras de Brun was 100% positive. Prof. Wallace Arthur, Anne and technician Barry Dawson gave every possible support and Dominique Mayer, artist did not disappoint. Two large cabinets were showcased with exquisite arrangements of objects.

Shoebox Show, James Hardiman Library

This show was a community show open to everyone and participants and their shoeboxes came from far and wide including younger members of the crèche on campus.

Elizabeth Cooney, Violin and Daniel Hill, piano

Midweek Gig in Aula Lower Wed 8pm

Mary McPartlan, Shamie O'Dowd, Eddie Lynch, Mairtin O'Connor
Wonderful gig, great tunes, songs and improvisation.

Launch of Web-Novel *Transformation* and Reading by Rab s Fulton, Lesley Sargent and friends
The Hub Thurs 6pm

Literary Reading in Art gallery Fri Lunchtime

Kevin Higgins, Susan Millar DuMars, Sara Byrne

An Evening of Traditional Music Fri Aula 8pm

Seosaimhin Ni Bheiglaioch, Peter Browne, Gerry Harrington and Charlie Piggott

Jazz at Lunchtime

Jim Doherty, Michael Buckley, Damian Evans and Declan O'Donoghue

Society Accounts 04-05**Income & Expenditure**

		Income
Opening Bank balance	40501.53	6.56%
USC	108132.55	17.50%
Muscailt	9074.42	1.47%
sponsorship	64531.68	10.44%
Fundraising	161877.87	26.20%
Ticket sales	45909.45	7.43%
Members Contribution to travel	73333.52	11.87%
Societies Day	5015.95	0.81%
Balls	109454.46	17.72%
Income Total		617831.43

Expenditure

		Expenditure
Stationary	2103.63	0.37%
printing	6308.34	1.10%
Teacher fees	7401.20	1.29%
Speakers Accommodation	6187.24	1.08%
Speakers Travel	13315.37	2.32%
Receptions	20095.21	3.50%
Dinner	17151.93	2.98%
Bus	21372.00	3.72%
Society Transport	54781.25	9.53%
Society Accommodation	37124.85	6.46%
Ball	127569.10	22.20%
Entry Fee	17005.90	2.96%
Equipment	10889.65	1.90%
materials	6498.50	1.13%
Entertainment	4258.15	0.74%
charity/fundraising	185726.03	32.32%
bank charges	837.93	0.15%
prizes	7000.71	1.22%
Hall Hire	6400.00	1.11%
phone	470.00	0.08%
set/props/costumes	2352.28	0.41%
promotion	2018.64	0.35%
sound/lights	3550.00	0.62%
vaccinations	6646.00	1.16%
set	3364.84	0.59%
performing rights	1520.00	0.26%
hoodies	2234.20	0.39%
socs day	426.83	0.07%
Total Expenditure		574609.78
Closing bank balance		<u>43221.65</u>
Total		617831.43