

Societies End of year Report 2009



NUI Galway celebrates winning 4 out of a possible 9 awards at the BICS National Society Awards '09.



Dan Colley of Lit & Deb with Archbishop Tutu and Bob Geldof.



Peter Mannion wins Best Society individual at the BICS Awards.

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Societies Officer Introduction

This year there were 82 active societies in NUI Galway. In September on Societies Day 5,813 signed up to societies. The Societies have a combined membership of 22,881 (18% increase on last year's figures) with students joining an average of 3.86 societies.

According to the Societies' on-line calendar they organised 1553 events from September 2008 – August 2009. What is interesting is that only 20% of Societies' money comes from the university. Only 23% of all advertised events were funded. A total of 360 events received funding and 38 conferences were attended. 72 Guest Speakers were invited, 11 intervarsities/conferences were organised, 10 publications produced and 229 other events were also funded. Many society events require or receive no funding as self-funding events such as balls, table quizzes, concerts etc do not receive funding. The Society Balls bring in 33% of Societies funds. 18% of total funds come in from fundraising and sponsorship provides 6% of total funding, which is on a par with last year despite the recession. The hardest hit by the recession this year was the charity fundraising which fell by 50%. However despite the economic downturn in all other areas except charity fundraising the societies' expenditure this year was only down 3.5% on last year.

Societies also receive funding for equipment and materials and travel. Societies organised 64 trips, 18 of which were abroad. 1231 members travelled of which 317 travelled abroad to numerous destinations including Berlin, Las Vegas, Riga and Stockholm

Many high profile guest speakers attended the university at the invitation of the societies and many landmark events were organised by them. Who will forget the visit of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Bob Geldof, one of the last events to take place in the Hall in Áras na Mac Léinn before it was shut down to start work on transforming the building.

It was also a challenging year as Áras na Mac Léinn became a building site in semester two but the societies continued their activities unabated in anticipation of the new building to come and their new dedicated spaces.

Societies enrich the social, community and cultural life of the campus with their presence. They bring colour and excitement to the University which enriches all of our lives. By organising events of educational, cultural, social and humanitarian value they broaden our perspectives and enhance the university experience for their fellow students while contributing to both the local community and the wider world.

In the last seven years they have contributed €1,409,000 to charity. To celebrate this community engagement and giving, a new society award was introduced this year at the NUI Galway awards and was also introduced at national level at the Board of Irish College Awards. NUI Galway VSA Society won this award in the large college section.

Our societies were particularly successful at the BICS National Awards this year winning 4 of a possible 9 awards, more than any other college. Congratulations to Law Soc for winning Most Improved Society, Peter Mannion their auditor for winning Best Individual and choral society for winning best website.

I hope you enjoy the insight which this report gives to Societies on campus please read their individual reports, in their own words, which include all their events as they post them to their on-line calendar. It provides an insight into our students and gives reason to celebrate the high calibre of them as individuals and the significant contribution they make to all our lives as a collective

Ríona Hughes

Society Awards 2009

The Society Awards took place in the Galway Bay Hotel on March 31st. Entertainment was provided by the Break Dancers, Dansoc and DJ Soc and the band was Lewd Tunes. Among our many guests present were President Dr James J Browne and Vice President Mary O'Riordan.

The winners on the night were:

Best Society (BICS)

The Literary and Debating Society

Most Successful Society

Suas Society.

Best Individual (BICS)

Peter Mannion

(Law Society and Goal Society)

Most Improved Society (BICS)

Law Society

Best Event (BICS)

Literary & Debating Society

'An Audience with Archbishop Desmond Tutu: Introduced by Bob Geldof'.

Best Civic Contribution (BICS)

Voluntary Services Abroad

Best New Society (BICS)

Draiocht Society

Best Fresher (BICS)

Tadhg Tynan

(Art Society).

Best Poster (BICS)

Rotaract 'Assassins' poster

Best Website (BICS)

Choral Society

Best Small Publication

The Italian Society' Ciao Galway.

Best Cultural Contribution

Musical Society.

Best Media Publication

Choral Society

CD "Flight of Voice".

Best Departmental Society

The Physics Society

Most ALIVE Society

The law Society

Best Photo

Quiz Society 'Scavenger hunt' photo.

The winners in the BICS categories represented the university at the Board of Irish College Societies National Society Awards in Athlone in April. NUI Galway won best individual for Peter Mannion, Most Improved Society for Law Society, Best Website for Choral Society and Best Civic Contribution for Voluntary Abroad Society.

Society reports

Archaeology Society

As a society we organise events to introduce members to each other and for students from each year to meet up. There is also the opportunity for speakers from outside the university to give talks on various fields of expertise through the society's guest speaker evenings. These are held to inform and broaden a knowledge of research being carried out by those in archaeology and related aspects.

This was a year in which the society went to Scotland for the foreign trip where the base was situated in Edinburgh. There was the usual mix of guest speakers that came to speak to members over the year. In association to this there was a film night and two coffee mornings were organised during the year. A field trip to Athenry, Co Galway provided the opportunity for a graduate of NUIG, Dr Jim McKeown, to lead a group around this town which was his area of study.

Arch Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

Meet & Greet » *College Bar on Tuesday, 21st of October.*

Film Night » *Career Services Seminar Room on Tuesday, 28th of October.*

ArchSoc Film Night. Reception afterwards followed by a night out!

Michelle Comber & Graham Hull » *TBC on Tuesday, 18th of November.*

Guest speakers Michelle Comber (NUI Galway) and Graham Hull (TVAS) will be talking about the Caherconnell excavations which are presently ongoing. Afterwards there will be a reception. All are welcome to attend.

Niall Brady - Underwater Archaeology » *TBC on Tuesday, 25th of November.*

Dr Niall Brady (Discovery Programme) will be talking about the sector of underwater archaeology, at the end of which will be a reception. All are welcome.

Party » *The Skeff on Wednesday, 26th of November.*

Road Trip » *Museum of Country Life on Saturday, 29th of November.*

Road trip to Museum of Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, Co.Mayo. Guided tour, refreshments and gift shop.

Tickets on sale from the Socsbox approximately €15

Departure 8:30am, Saturday morning, 29th November.

Return by 7:00pm approximately.

Coffee Morning » *Career Services Seminar Room on Wednesday, 21st of January.*

Guest Speaker - Dr. Andy Halpin » *Careers Services Seminar Room on Tuesday, 10th of February.*

The Archaeology society are hosting a guest lecture on Tuesday the 10th of February in the Careers Services Seminar Room (beside Archaeology dept.). The talk will be given by Dr. Andy Halpin, Assistant Keeper of Antiquities at the National Museum of Ireland. The title of the talk is Weapons and Warfare in Medieval Ireland - the Dublin evidence. Dr. Halpin has extensive knowledge of archaeological excavation and research and the talk promises to be of interest and relevance to many topics.

If you require any further information please contact the Archaeology Society.

Guest Lecture - Dr. Enrico Dal Lago » *Career Services Seminar Room on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

"Bones, pueblos and mounds: problems and prospects in the archaeology of Native North America."

by Dr. Enrico Dal Lago of the History Department from NUI Galway. All welcome.

Archaeology Careers Event » *Careers Services Seminar Room on Tuesday, 24th of March.*

Careers evening.

The talk will be given by experienced archaeologists who will explain the importance of adding skills to enhance your archaeology degree and thus make yourself more employable -of great importance in the present economic climate. This event is co-hosted by the Department of Archaeology and Careers Services and attendance is essential for all of you interested in a career in archaeology. Followed by a reception. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning » Career Services Seminar Room on Wednesday, 25th of March.

Quiz Night » College Bar on Thursday, 26th of March.

Day Trip to Athenry » Athenry on Saturday, 28th of March.

Trip to Athenry Medieval Town

Archsoc are organising a day trip to Athenry where a tour of the medieval town will be led by Dr. J. McKeown. The tour will take place on Saturday the 28th of March, beginning at 11am and finishing at 4pm. This is an opportunity to view Athenry under the guidance of a leading expert on medieval towns in Co. Galway.

Please email the society if you are interested in taking part and for details regarding cost and travel arrangements.

Easter in Scotland » Scotland on Monday, 6th of April.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Mags Mannion

Vice-Auditor: Clare Hennigar

Treasurer: Laura Leahy

Secretary: Bri Greene

Public Relations Officer: Ciara Long

Event Announcer: Ann Kelly-Moran

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€526.74	Bank charge	€16.98
Fundraising	€190.00	Dinner	€543.55
Hoodies	€190.00	Equipment misc	€45.00
Members Contributions	€1,254.47	Fundraising/charity	€190.00
Socs box	€1,885.00	Hoodies	€400.00
USC Grant	€4,658.30	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€248.07
Total	€8,704.51	Received Money Returned	€30.00
		Reception	€234.00
		Society accommodation	€136.97
		Society transport	€5,766.41
		Speaker accommodation	€185.00
		Speaker travel	€250.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,045.98
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€658.53
		Total	€8,704.51

Other Information

We held 27 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 161 members.

Art Society

The Art Society aims to bring Art to the masses of NUI Galway AND to bring those interested in art together to better their skills and socialise. We employ a tutor to give classes every Tuesday to our members; this is free of charge to them. The subject of the classes vary year on year but we always begin in September with perspective drawing as this is essential, before moving onto life drawing, clay modelling, working with plaster of paris, etc: Basically a crash-course in the first year of Art College.

The high point of Art Soc's year is the exhibition we hold during the Múscailt festival, in which we showcases our members' work and hold the launch of our annual art publication; the exhibition is opened by either a distinguished artist or art patron. In this respect Art Soc also aims to get its budding talents out there in the wider world and attempts to get recognition for its members and their work.

Art Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 24 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Life Drawing ran for 3 weeks in Racquet Court B, beginning on Tuesday, 11/11/2008.

Our famous workshop in nude life-drawing starts this week. The essential anatomy and foreshortening study that every budding-artist needs for any kind of human representation, either in fine art, comic-book art, etc.

Special Events

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

Committee Calling & First Class! » AC214 (subject to change:check emails!) on Tuesday, 7/10/2008.

First Class: Perspective Drawing! Get to grips with the simple measurement and angle techniques essential for capturing anything and everything! You will be supplied with an art pad and pencil and let loose on corridors and classrooms, under expert tuition and guidance. Also the 08/09 leftover committee positions will be filled tonight at a brief meeting before classes. Check the Societies Handbook at the socsbox to get to know the details of each committee member!

Art Class » Racquet Court 2, Sports Hall on Tuesday, 14/10/2008.

This Week's Topic: Still Life. Examine & Sketch a great variety of challenging textures and materials, including textiles, organic matter, reflective surfaces, etc, under helpful and expert tuition. A new room for classes has been allocated for us, which means better storage facilities, better space and, best of all.....EASELS! Afterwards, the Art Society Committee 08/09 will embark on their first official night out since their formation!

Clay Sculpture I » The Hub on Tuesday, 28/10/2008.

Get your €2.50 tickets from the Socsbox in advance for one of the most anticipated events in the the Art Soc calender! A very cultured evening is a head of us: the college's current exhibition on ceramics will be visited first for inspiration and critiquing. Then model, tutor and guest ceramicist will be provided for this two-part head sculpting class. Just note there is a max. of 30 people (thus the tickets) and that those attending the first class will need to go to the second to finish off their art. See you all there; remember to bring a plastic bag and wear clothes you don't mind getting caked in clay!

Lunatic Fringe Art Mag Contributions » Through Email and Classes on Saturday, 1/11/2008.

Email to society at artsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie or come discuss and collaborate at our weekly publication meet. We accept comic strips, sketch book pages, random drawings, experimental art & prose, reviews, articles, stories, and any old artsy nonsense...

Clay Sculpture II » The Hub on Tuesday, 4/11/2008.

Sorry: can only be attended by all those who came last week! Stay tuned for the next set of art classes: the essential crash-course in nude life-drawing!

Prague Info Session » *AM104 on Tuesday, 25/11/2008.*

Ever wanted to know where the term "Bohemian" was coined? Artsoc goes to Eastern Europe to find out. Come tonight to get the info: the cost (a nice sizeable chunk paid by our travel budget...), the duration of stay, accommodation, which lucky airline gets our money, and to bring any and all of your questions to our lovely Travel Officer. We also intend to find out:

WHAT does the Dancing House look like..

WHY are Prague's teenagers so obsessed with John Lennon...

HOW MANY architectural styles can one city show off...

WHERE did Franz Kafka, the God of student pseudo-intellectualism, get his inspiration.....

Exhibition Brainstorm! » *Smokeys on Tuesday, 20/1/2009.*

Come for a sit down, coffee and a doodle with ArtSoc! Starting at 7pm in Smokeys, we're breaking in new members and catching-up with old by discussing and sharing our ideas for what we'll do, or are planning to do, for the "Mise Era" exhibition. A great chance to brush up on your own neglected drawing. Sketch-pads and pencils provided. Bring brain and chat!

Exhibition Show and Tell » *AM104 on Tuesday, 27/1/2009.*

Have space to work on your piece, or idea, in the AM104 classroom. Show your work, get advice, help with the preparations for the Múscailt show; we have a lot of ideas!

Deadline for Pieces and Event Organising » *Arts Millennium Building Hall on Tuesday, 3/2/2009.*

Deadline for bringing in pieces for exhibition: NO EXCEPTIONS! Either they're here today, or they can't get into the Múscailt exhibition. General Múscailt planning: exhibition brochure, event organising, guest speaker (Jim Fitzpatrick, eeeeek!!) accommodation, reception food & drink etc., all encouraged to lend a hand to make this the biggest, most successful exhibition yet. Meet in Arts Millennium Building Hall, room to be decided, watch e-mail or just turn up in hall and look for the signs!

Mise Era » *Áras na MacLéinn on Monday, 9/2/2009.*

The eye of the on-campus artist has been turned from the old world of materialism and money-feasting to being blasted with of a world of cascading stock indexes, governmental panic, economist buzz-words and gloomy forecasts of a great global depression. How has this affected the consciousness of the artist, if at all? How has this manifested itself onto the canvas? With the title "Mise Era", an adaptation of the Poem, "Mise Éire", by Pádraig Pearse, the Art Society has set themselves the task of getting the art world's conscious and subconscious reaction to the recession, from the Irish perspective. Using artist's tools of thought-provocation, satire, distraction and enlightenment, the Art Society are presenting this year's exhibition in the Áras na MacLéinn Foyer with additional gallery space in the James Hardiman Library, running for the whole week of festivities. Ultimately the question is asked, does Irish artistic expression have a place in a world with its eyes still on the last glimmers of prosperity? The Exhibition will be opened by special guest and renowned Celtic Artist Jim Fitzpatrick

Art House Film » *O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 17/2/2009.*

We're utilizing our great connections with the Heuston Film School this week; in conjunction with the Film Society we're showing "Plan Nine from Outer Space", the purportedly worst film of all time. Afterwards, we're heading to Smokey's to professionally critique the film and have lattes and be terribly artsy. Also a committee meeting will take place, to plan our upcoming very exciting, secret events!

Ground Graffiti » *The ground: outside the library on Monday, 23/2/2009.*

Add to the colourful chalk graffiti the Art Society will be creating on Monday, above the Bialann and outside the library. We'll be scribbling and making our own mark beside the Yellow Thing all day. Proceeds towards buying the pieces of chalk will go towards a worthy charitable cause. Note: if it's raining, you probably shouldn't expect this event to still take place...

Face-Painting!!! » *On Campus on Tuesday, 24/2/2009.*

Nobody can get enough of face-painting. Fact. Whether you want spider-man or a princess, Kermit the frog or Hellraiser, the girls and guy from Art Soc will be stationed around campus to satisfy your throbbing face-painting cravings. Money collected will, as always, go to a worthy charity.

Sponsored Silence » *On Campus on Wednesday, 25/2/2009.*

Three Art Society committee members will be silenced for 24 hours this Wednesday. Everyone who happens upon their strong-willed and truly pious selves wandering about campus, mouths duck-taped and pockets jingling with donations, are invited to sponsor them and do your best to provoke them into making noise. Try as you may, they won't do it...

Caricatures! » *Smokeys or the Hub on Thursday, 26/2/2009.*

Always wanted a caricature done? Have all your facial flaws blown completely out-of-proportion, and then immortalized on paper! Three extremely skilled caricaturists will be waiting on campus, either in Smokeys or the Hub, wherever has the biggest crowd, to uglify your poor unfortunate mug, at a bargain price for a ten-minute sitting, and all for an incredibly worthy cause. Don't be shy, just step right up...

Portrait Drawing Classes » *Art Millennium Building on Tuesday, 3/3/2009.*

Back to the fine art classes, after our highly successful Rag week fundraising skits and Múscailt exhibition success, we're getting our portrait-drawing skills up to speed. Bring in cutouts of heads from magazines, think those glossy, girly ones, to break down and sketch out expertly. Your own set-squares, triangles and rulers will be greatly useful. The week after, we will be following this up with a Caricature class, a nice wee money maker if our Rag week activities have proved anything! Note, room will be confirmed on the night, will be in Arts Millennium building.

Caricature Class!! » *Arts Millenium Building on Tuesday, 10/3/2009.*

Is there someone in Art Soc you're been wanting to insult and mortally offend all year? There is?! Then come along and learn the art of Caricature, i.e. cartoon drawings, blowing out of proportion facial features that you learned to draw so lovingly in our last portrait drawing class. Room location to be confirmed on the night, or possibly in advance by email. ALSO we need to confirm all those coming with us to DCU to make an Art Attack to rival artsy students from the rest of the country!

Art House Film: Koyaniskatsy » *O' Flaherty on Wednesday, 18/3/2009.*

The most Art House Film you have ever seen and ever will see! In conjunction with the good old Film Soc, we're showing another of our Artsy Films: Koyaniskatsy, with music by Philip Glass. Intense visual over-stimulation, this film will overwhelm your senses and leave you mentally exhausted. Be ready for caffeine and very pretentious attempts by all us at Art Soc, Film Soc, and Heuston Film School students to interpret the film in Smokeys afterwards!

Caricatures! » *Arts Millenium Building Hallway on Tuesday, 24/3/2009.*

Yes, we've finally gotten round to doing the long-awaited caricature class! As well as rounding up the committee business for the year, we'll be taking the sketchpads out again one last time to learn essential cartooning skills of this often nice wee money-maker! Come at 7pm, in the Arts Millennium Building hallway (we'll find a room from there), and pair up to offend, insult and mortify!

Ireland Art Society Intervarsity » *DCU on Friday, 27/3/2009.*

Art Societies across Ireland meet for Art Attack event: we're bringing a team, a judge, and there's great craic to be had with our Dublin university equivalents! Later we'll be taken out on the town by our hosts, and then SHOPPING!!

AGM and end of year party » *IT207 on Monday, 30/3/2009.*

New committee to be elected tonight, will have food and drink later, come one come all!

Committee 2008/2009

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Travel Officer: Marie Ryan

Treasurer: Grainne Greaney

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€655.29	Ball	€70.00
Balls	€159.90	Bank charge	€37.12
Bank Charge	€6.08	Dinner	€53.84
Classes	€185.00	Entertainment	€218.07
Fundraising	€936.41	Equipment misc	€536.10
Muscailt	€655.75	Fundraising/charity	€936.41
Socs box	€62.50	Makeup/Props	€120.00
USC Grant	€3,355.93	Materials	€442.54
Total	€6,016.86	Printing	€349.19
		Received Money Returned	€134.40
		Society accommodation	€104.20
		Society transport	€391.30
		Socs day expenses	€100.85
		Speaker accommodation	€357.80
		Teacher fees	€1,520.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,371.82
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€645.04
		Total	€6,016.86

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 331 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Tadhg Tynan	Vice Auditor	90 hours
Nur Atikah Mohd Asri	Treasurer	110 hours
Henrietta Sanders	Secretary	65 hours
Helen McFarlane	Auditor	130 hours
Emma Helbert	P.R Officer	104 hours

ALIVE Students: 5 student

Hours Volunteered: 499 hours

Business Society

Bizsoc invited some interesting and successful businesspeople to speak to its members this year. These included John Boyle from Boylesports, Gene Browne from Citibin and Jennifer McGuire from the famous Apprentice TV show. Given the unprecedented turn of events in financial markets and the economic climate in the latter half of 2008, Bizsoc invited economics lecturers Dr. Kane and Dr. Ragavhendra on two separate occasions to talk to students and give them a greater insight into recent economic events.

The society also organised some great social events for its members including the very successful Commerce Ball in January 2009, the international and the Irish mystery trips (to Stockholm and Limerick, respectively), the Cork intervarsity ball, bowling nights and table quizzes.

The society provides commerce students and any student with an interest in business to learn first-hand the secrets of success of business people and also gives them the opportunity to get more involved in college life and to meet new people.

BizSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 20 events.

Meet and Greet » *College Bar on Tuesday, 30th of September.*

A night for new members to meet and get to know some of the Bizsoc members in an informal setting.

John Boyle » *Cairnes Lecture Hall on Tuesday, 7th of October.*

John Boyle, Founder of Boyle sports will be coming to speak with us on how he became successful and what it takes to make it in the world of business. There will be free food and refreshments afterwards at the college bar.

Gene Browne » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, 14th of October.*

Gene Browne, CEO of Citibin to talk to students about business experience. After there will be free food and refreshments at the bar!!!!!!!

MysteryTour » *It's a mystery obviously!! on Wednesday, 15th of October.*

The Mystery Tour is leaving college this Wednesday evening. Departing from the Quad at 6pm and returning early Thursday morning.....the rest is to be discovered on the night.....you won't know unless you go!!! A NIGHT TO REMEMBER IS PROMISED!!!!

KPMG Coffee Shop » *The HUB on Thursday, 16th of October.*

Come and meet people from KPMG and find out what is in store if you get a job with them.

Bowling Night » *Leisureworld on Tuesday, 21st of October.*

Bowling night for Bizsoc members to get to know each other!

EZ Living Speaker » *Cairnes Theatre on Tuesday, 28th of October.*

Liam Dillon, the founder of EZ living is going to talk to us about how to be a successful business person. This will be followed by food and refreshments at the bar.

Economic Crisis » *Cairnes Theatre on Tuesday, 11th of November.*

Our very own professor Aidan Kane is going to speak to us about the current economic problems that we are facing. This will be followed by food and refreshments at the bar and I hope everyone can join us.

Commerce Ball '09 Tickets » *Áras na MacLéinn on Monday, 19th of January.*

NUIG's Biggest Ball is coming up...

Date: 28th January 2009 Location: Radisson SAS Hotel

TICKETS ON SALE:

((((MONDAY 19th January 2009))))

FROM: 12-3pm

Location: Áras na MacLéinn (Outside the HUB)

Full: €60 Afters: €30

Please come early, this is always a sell out ball with the best line up for any NUIG event this year.

Lineup for the night: Republic of Loose; Fight like Apes; Rick O'Shea (2FM); DJ Byrno... AND a very special Suprise Act!! (Not to be missed!) Also: Feeling the chill this winter with all this cold? Well there will also be "The Amazing Inferno Fire Breathers" on the night welcoming you into the hotel. So...THAT should get us onto a warm start. So thats Monday 19th January 2009 12pm-3pm, outside the HUB, in Áras na MacLéinn

Mystery Tour Place Sales » *The HUB on Monday, 19th of January.*

Students selected to go on Mystery Tour to pay for their place.

Commerce Ball » *The Radisson on Wednesday, 28th of January.*

Commerce Ball hosted in the Radisson 28th of January 2009. Great entertainment including Republic of Loose and more.....

Joint Rotaract-Bizsoc event: Eddie Hobbs » *Kirwan on Wednesday, 11th of February.*

Fundraising event for Jack and Jill where Eddie Hobbs gave a talk on "where next?". He spoke about the current economic crisis, the implications of the impending oil shortage and the future growth area for investments

Mystery Tour Meeting » *Ó hEocha Theatre on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

Meeting for students going on mystery tour: getting to know one another, distributing tour rules and advice

International Myster Tour » *Stockholm on Friday, 20th of February.*

This year we brought 31 students to Stockholm where we went to the palace, an ice bar, went ice-skating and much more.....!

Rag Week Dunk Tank » *On campus on Tuesday, 24th of February.*

Joint society event where students get a shot at dunking our auditors in water for charity!!!

Bizsoc Table Quiz » *Red Square on Wednesday, 4th of March.*

Bizsoc table quiz, cash prize for winners and spot prizes for round winners, best named team, randomest answer etc.....

Talk on Economic Growth » *Ó hEocha Theatre on Tuesday, 10th of March.*

Talk on economic growth and the Tiger economies by NUIG's Dr. Ragavhendra

Jennifer Mc Guire from The Apprentice » *Ó hEocha on Tuesday, 31st of March.*

Former participant on "The Apprentice", Jennifer McGuire will be speaking to Bizsoc about her business experiences

AGM » Theatre Áras Uí Cathail on Wednesday, 1st of April.

Bizsoc's AGM where next year's committee will be elected

Las Vegas » HALO on Thursday, 2nd of April.

Finish the year with a Las Vegas style party in Halo nightclub

Committee 2008/2009

PRO: Eoghan O'Donnell

Auditor: Stephen Tully

Vice-Auditor: Therese Philbin

OCM: Kim Foran

OCM: Neil Harte

OCM: Shane O'Neill

OCM: Rosanne Campbell

Secretary: Aisling Curtin

Treasurer: James Sammon

Event Coordinator: Burrwa Nashat

OCM: Jillian Hurley

Speakers Convenor: David O'Reilly Healy

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Patrick Conboy

Treasurer: Fergus Molloy

OCM: Mark O'Dwyer

PRO: Caroline Costello

OCM: Paul Lyster

OCM: Sean Tully

Vice-Auditor: Kim Foran

Secretary: Sara Bourke

Speakers Convenor: David O'Reilly Healy

OCM: Linda Browne

OCM: David Ryan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€3,795.83	Hoodies	€1044.00
Balls	€3,763.55	Bank charge	€24.93
Socs box	€564.00	Entertainment	€1235.76
Sponsorship	€12300.00	Dinner	€978.14
USC Grant	€140.00	Entry Fee	€812.00
Total	€20,563.38	Printing	€2,491.33
		Reception	€1208.80
		Speaker accommodation	€365.00
		Prizes	€150.00
		Society Accommodation	€3080.30
		Society Transport	€4914.64
		Socs Day Expenses	€142.00
		Fundraising Charity	€2000.00
		Expenditure Total	€18,446.90
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,116.48
		Total	€20,563.38

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 879 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Stephen Tully	Auditor	290 hours
Neil Harte	Speakers Convenor and Event Co-ordinator	90 hours
Kim Foran	Speakers Convienor	102 hours
Therese Philbin	Vice- Auditor	240 hours
Rosanne Campbell	Society Promoter	100 hours
Shane O'Neill	OCM	100 hours
Eoghan O'Donnell	Public Relations Officer	85 hours
Patrick Conboy	Ordinary Member	70 hours
Aisling Curtin	Secretary	162 hours
Burrwa Nashat	Chief Event co-ordinator	632 hours
Jillian Hurley	OCM	126 hours
James Sammon	Treasurer	70 hours

ALIVE Students: 12 students

Hours Volunteered: 2067 hours

Botany Society

The Botany society aims to provide a broader understanding of botany in general and to inspire its members while bringing them together to learn, interact and socialize.

We held several talks and a trip away throughout the year and had many more plans which we will carry out next year since we are coming to the end of this year. We still have several events planned around Easter.

Overall there has been a good interest and turnout both of students and staff.

Since we are a departmental society we had a good deal of staff involvement and help, ideas etc. For next year we hope to inspire more younger people, maybe a lot of second and even first year students, to attract them to the subject topic and help them learn, socialize, network etc.

Botany Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

The diversity of lichen in Swaziland » Room 315, Top floor of Áras de Brún. on Wednesday, 22nd of October.

The diversity of lichen in Swaziland, Southern Africa by Niall Higgins. Niall is a postgraduate student at NUIG studying lichen diversity in Swaziland. His research brings him to Swaziland for months at a time to study the lichen in the African wilderness. The talk will open up your eyes to his area of expertise and a new country! Light refreshments afterwards! ALL WELCOME !!!

California Chapparral » C315, Department of Botany, Áras de Brun on Wednesday, 18th of February.

'California Chapparral: A fire-adapted ecosystem' by Diane Renshaw

Plant and Animal Collecting » Room C315, Department of Botany on Tuesday, 24th of February.

'Plant and Animal collecting in the tropics: Still essential?' by John Parnell

Guest Speaker on Charles R. Darwin » C315, Department of Botany, Aras de Brun on Wednesday, 4th of March.

A talk will be given by Matthew Jebb entitled "Charles R Darwin: His life, times and contribution to biological sciences". Matthew Jebb, Chief Taxonomist, Herbarium, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin. Dr. Jebb is a well-known speaker on programmes about Botany and the Botanic Gardens on RTÉ. In connection with the Darwin Centenary Celebrations, he is much in demand as an expert on Darwin. All are welcome!!

Trip to Irish Seed Savers Association » Leaving Quadrangle archway. on Wednesday, 18th of March.

Tickets are available from the Socsbox until 8pm Monday 16th. €10 per student inclusive of bus, tours of orchards, gardens and tea/coffee. Please bring food (or money for) as we won't be back until after 7pm. The Irish Seed Savers Association aims to locate and conserve native (and some non-native) varieties of crops and fruit trees etc., see details at www.irishseedsavers.ie

Growing Awareness: seeds, genes.... » C315, Department of Botany, Aras de Brun on Tuesday, 31st of March.

'Growing Awareness: seeds, genes and diversity' by Jo Newton. Jo is the seed bank manager at the Irish Seed Savers Association. She is extremely experienced in organic horticulture and holds diplomas in organic husbandry, sustainable land use and permaculture design.

Guest Speaker: Paul McCabe » Room C135 Aras de Brun on Tuesday, 7th of April.

Paul McCabe will present a talk on "Regulation of programmed cell death in Arabidopsis thaliana" by Paul McCabe. Tuesday 7th at 7pm Room C315, Department of Botany, Aras de Brun. All welcome.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Leona Fahey

Vice-Auditor: Cathrine O'Gorman

OCM: Orla Curry

Post Grad Liaison: Caroline Sullivan

Secretary: Matthew O'Toole

Treasurer: Rory Hodd

Zoology Liaison: Caoimhe Cantwell

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Cathrine O'Gorman

Secretary: Matthew O'Toole

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€387.12	Bank charge	€19.32
Bank Charge	€3.44	Dinner	€216.79
Socs box	€10.00	Entry fees	€220.00
USC Grant	€1,542.50	Reception	€425.20
Total	€1,943.06	Speaker accommodation	€195.00
		Speaker travel	€200.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,276.31
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€666.75
		Total	€1,943.06

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 168 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Matthew O'Toole	Secretary	79 hours
Leona Fahey	Auditor	220 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 students

Hours Volunteered: 299 hours

Celtic World Society

Celtic World Soc is a new society set up this year to introduce those interested in all things Celtic throughout Europe and Ireland.

Celtic World Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

St Brigid's Cross Workshop » *Education Building on Thursday, 29th of January.*

Guest lecture by Dr. Lillis O'Leary on St Brigid's day traditions plus a workshop on how to make the crosses. All welcome.

The Bard and the Harp » *Art Gallery, the Quad on Tuesday, 10th of February.*

The Celtic World Society examine the history and importance of Bardic tradition throughout the ages in Celtic civilisations.

Celtic World Galway Tour » *Tig Coili on Wednesday, 25th of February.*

Join us to discover the music and culture of Galway as we tour Galway by night. Meet at Tig Coili at 9pm. All welcome

St Patrick's Table Quiz » *College Bar on Friday, 13th of March.*

Come join the Celtic World Society for their St Patrick's Table Quiz. Plenty of Spot prizes. 15 Euros per teams of 4

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Karen Kane

Secretary: Claire Flower

Vice-Auditor: Anita Pinagli

Treasurer: Marta Rydlinska

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Entertainment	€21.97
USC Grant	€21.97	Expenditure Total	€21.97
Total	€21.97	Closing Bank Balance	€0.00
		Total	€21.97

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 48 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Anita Pinagli	Vice auditor	50 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 50 hours

Chess Society

This year we played chess.. again. Membership and attendance are both up. We have had Simultaneous Chess, where one person (Zaidan Zulkipli) played 15 people at the same time, we have had Giant Chess in the University opening of Múscailt, we have had a lecture from grand master, Tibor Karolyi, who has coached two of the top ten chess grand masters in the world and have organised for him to come and train the chess society over the summer. Our members have competed and done well in competitions both locally and internationally.

Chess Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 34 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Weekly Meeting ran for 10 weeks in Smokey's, beginning on Wednesday, 24/9/2008.

Weekly Meeting ran for 20 weeks in Smokey's, beginning on Wednesday, 14/1/2009.

Special Events

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

Giant Chess » Outside Áras na MacLéinn on Wednesday, 24/9/2008.

Join ChessSoc for a game of giant chess to celebrate Socs Day - you'll find us under the tree outside Áras na MacLéinn if the weather is good, or in the foyer if not!

Giant Chess » Áras na Mac Léinn on Monday, 9/2/2009.

Chess Soc are playing with their giant chess set to celebrate the launch of Múscailt Arts Festival!

Chess Mania » Áras na MacLéinn Hall on Thursday, 12/2/2009.

On Thursday the 12th from noon, Chess Soc's strongest member, Zaidan Zulikpli, will play 15 games of chess simultaneously: a feat that will no doubt test him physically as well as mentally, as he will have to make over numerous moves per hour, while his opponents will have plenty of time to ponder their own manoeuvres.

Lecture from Grandmaster » Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 12/3/2009.

GM Tibor Karolyi gives a lecture on his training experiences, the importance of development etc.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Emer Buckley

Treasurer: Diarmaid De B  rca

Secretary: Shannon Maguire

Vice-Auditor: Fintan Hegarty

PRO: Amin Shamsudin

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Emer Buckley

Secretary: Fintan Hegarty

Vice-Auditor: Zaidan Zulkipli

Treasurer: Diarmaid De B  rca

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	��27.08	Entertainment	��99.80
Bank Charge	��0.43	Entry fees	��1,195.00
USC Grant	��1,450.30	Hire Bus	��11.00
Total	��1,477.81	Society accommodation	��120.00
		Society transport	��24.50
		Expenditure Total	��1,450.30
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	��0.00
		Cash In Hand	��0.40
		Closing Bank Balance	��27.11
		Total	��1,477.81

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 238 members.

Choral Society

Choral Society is open to all students and staff, as well as alumni of NUI Galway. We held practice on Tuesday nights in the College Chapel from 6-8pm and had a choir night out every second week for our members to meet each other and interact in another environment than during practice. Throughout the year, we had approximately 30 members as our core who attended practice, as well as choir nights out and competitions regularly. We nevertheless invited new people to join us weekly through posters advertising the choir and were open for new people to join us at any time. We were once again musically led by Thomas Cryan and the auditor of this year was Anne-Marie Gough who put a lot of work into the Society. Under Anne-Marie, the Choral Soc got beautiful and unique new hoodys which were designed by Anne-Marie herself and Linda Mitchell, our web master. The competitions we entered in were Sligo in October 2008 and the Sacred Music Competition in Limerick in March 2009 in which the choir scored a personal high marking of 88 percentages. Choral Soc also performed at the Chapel Students and Staff Christmas Party/ Carolling as it has been a tradition the past years.

In February 2009, Choral Soc launched a new CD at muscailt called 'flight of voice' which is on sale in

the soc's box and whose income will be donated to charity. During this academic year, a Chapel Choir as well as a Chamber Choir formed under our conductor Thomas. The Chapel Choir met Sunday nights to support the 9pm mass with music. The Chamber choir was formed in February 2009 auditioning and consisting of more experienced singers. The Chamber Choir won a second prize in the National Chamber Choir Section for their performance in Cork this May.

The achievement Choral Soc was and still is very proud of this year was winning 'Best Website' at Soc's Awards as well as at BICS!. At the AGM, most committee members have already been elected. The committee of 08/09 discussed improvements in their last meeting which will be passed on to the new committee to make sure that next year will become as exciting and full of musical fulfilment and fun as this one. The society also has a great year to look forward to with our conductor participating in an exclusive & intensive conducting workshop this summer in Budapest, which will no doubt add to the experience and capabilities of the choir in 09/10.

Choral Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 62 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Choral Soc Weekly Practice ran for 26 weeks in College Chapel (in AMB carpark), beginning on Tuesday, 7/10/2008.

Come along every Tuesday and flex those vocal muscles with the rest of the choir. We're a non-auditioned SATB choir, with lots of events, concerts, competitions and practices throughout the year. So come along, bring your friends and help us wow the college with our amazing voices!

College Chapel Choir ran for 19 weeks in College Chapel, beginning on Sunday, 18/1/2009.

Rehearsal at 8pm in the college chapel before 9pm mass on Sunday. All singers and musicians welcome at any week!

Special Events

This year we held 17 special events. These events were as follows:

First Practice of Term » College Chapel on Tuesday, 23/9/2008.

Choral Society old members will meet tonight for the first practice of term. Get a chance to catch up with old friends and start learning an exciting piece by coming along. Hope to see ya there!!!

Table Quiz » College Bar on Tuesday, 7/10/2008.

Choral Soc fundraiser in the College Bar. General knowledge questions, no choral music expertise required!! Prizes for top places. €20 for a table of four.

Extra Choir Practice » College Chapel on Wednesday, 8/10/2008.

In preparation for Sligo next week the choir are holding an extra practice tonight.

Sligo Choral Festival » Sligo on Friday, 17/10/2008.

Choral Soc will be competing at Sligo Choral Festival.

Halloween Ball » College Bar and Coyote on Thursday, 30/10/2008.

The choir, in collaboration with Compsoc, ISS, Lawsoc, DJSoc and others hosted the Halloween Ball in the College Bar. We sang Thriller on the night in the bar and then danced the night away in Coyote with other society members.

Charity CD selling » Áras na MacLéinn on Wednesday, 19/11/2008.

This festive season the choral society are selling a CD of theirs, "I Watched a Televangelist" around campus with all proceeds going to the Galway Simon Community. The perfect Christmas present for any choir enthusiast relatives you may have :)

Glenlo Abbey Staff Party » *Glenlo Abbey Hotel on Saturday, 6/12/2008.*

Choir are singing for a staff party in the Glenlo Hotel.

Chapel Christmas Concert » *College Chapel on Sunday, 7/12/2008.*

A traditional event for the last few years. The Chapel have invited the choir to perform at their Christmas prayer service. Students and choir members alike will join in a truly magical Christmas chorus.

Staff Christmas Concert » *The Chapel on Monday, 8/12/2008.*

The choir will perform from their Christmas repertoire for the staff of NUIG.

Múscailt Press Launch » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 26/1/2009.*

The choir are performing a song from their extensive repertoire at the press launch for the Múscailt Festival. Come along and join in the celebrations to pre-start the festival.

CD Launch at Múscailt Opening Festival » *Áras na MacLéinn on Monday, 9/2/2009.*

The choir are launching their fantastic new CD, "Flight of Voice" at the Múscailt Opening ceremony and performing from their repertoire. Come along to get your hands on a copy or just to watch the choir perform some tunes.

Choir Performance during Múscailt » *Smokey's / The Library Foyer on Wednesday, 11/2/2009.*

The choir are performing some songs from their repertoire at Smokey's at 1.15pm and in the Library Foyer at 1.30pm! Come and hear them sing!

Limerick Sacred Choral Music Festival » *Limerick on Friday, 6/3/2009.*

The choir will travel once again to Limerick for the festival held there every year. We are performing in St. Augustine's Church on Saturday evening at 8pm. Everybody's welcome :)

Sound of Music » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 11/3/2009.*

Choral Soc in co-operation with Film Soc present the Sound of Music! Come and sing along! :)

AGM » *College Chapel on Tuesday, 24/3/2009.*

Grease » *AM 105 on Wednesday, 1/4/2009.*

Choral Soc in co-operation with Film Soc present a Grease sing-along in AM 105. Drop by and join us :)

Cork International Choral Festival » *Cork on Saturday, 2/5/2009.*

Committee 2008/2009

Rooms Officer: Gina McNamara

Secretary: Riccarda Fischbach

Auditor: Anne-marie Gough

Health and Safety Officer: David Owens

Vice-Auditor: David Nolan

Ordinary Committee member: Fionnuala Connolly

Treasurer: Lisa Guilfoyle

Webmaster: Linda Mitchell

Trips Officer: Julie Hough

Conductor: Thomas Cryan

Public Relations Officer: Stephanie Hebert

Committee 2009/2010

Vice-Auditor: Stephanie Hebert

Secretary: Marieke Van Der Putten

Webmaster: Linda Mitchell

Treasurer: Fionnuala Connolly

Conductor: Thomas Cryan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€170.78	Affill/Mem fees	€180.00
Sponsorship	€170.00	Ball	€70.00
Bank Charge	€30.52	Bank charge	€88.29
Fundraising	€120.50	Dinner	€250.55
Members Contributions	€2,906.00	Entertainment	€261.00
Societies day	€181.00	Entry fees	€180.00
Socs box	€199.00	Equipment misc	€1,436.48
Sponsorship	€185.00	Fundraising/charity	€100.00
Ticket Sales	€403.00	Gifts	€100.00
USC Grant	€4,557.66	Hire Bus	€800.00
Total	€8,923.46	Materials	€479.11
		Performing rights	€27.93
		Prizes	€175.00
		Reception	€70.00
		Society accommodation	€2,834.00
		Society transport	€1019.00
		Socs day expenses	€16.00
		Sound	€560.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,647.36
		Closing Bank Balance	€276.10
		Total	€8,923.46

Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 261 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Sharon Hughes	Auditor	479 hours
Anne-marie Gough	Auditor	700 hours
David Owens	Health And Safety Officer	28 hours
David Nolan	Vice Auditor	60 hours
Gina McNamara	Rooms Officer	133 hours
Linda Mitchell	Webmaster	205 hours
Riccarda Fischbach	Secretary	62 hours
Lisa Guilfoyle	Treasurer	156 hours

ALIVE Students: 8 students

Hours Volunteered: 1823 hours

Christian Union Society

The Christian Union exists to provide a place for Christians and others to meet, study the Bible, worship God and socialise in a comfortable environment. We meet every Wednesday at 7:30 in the College Chapel common room, and we hold events and trips throughout the year. There are generally 20-30 people at the meetings and generally around 6-10 going on the trips. We also hold social events where we go to different places around Galway. In addition to that, we fundraise for different charities throughout the year.

Christian Union Soc Events

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

Regular Events

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

Weekly Meeting ran for 11 weeks in College Chapel Common Room, beginning on Wednesday, 24/9/2008.

Praise and worship followed by different guest speakers talking on various topics from the Bible. Always interesting and a great way to meet people! Also have social events and weekends away! Come along, everyone welcome :)

Weekly Meeting ran for 11 weeks in College Chapel, beginning on Wednesday, 21/1/2009.

Special Events

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

Joint Colleges Trip » Avoca on Friday, 31/10/2008.

Trip to Avoca for all the small Christian Unions in Irish colleges around the country.

Fundraising for Self-help Africa » College Chapel Common Room on Wednesday, 5/11/2008.

Fundraising for Self-help Africa at our weekly meeting. We will be selling sandwiches to raise money

Misseo Dei » Maynooth on Friday, 13/2/2009.

Conference for all the Christian Unions in Ireland. Speakers will be talking about the Mission of God (Misseo Dei).

Prayer Room » Eyre Sq. on Monday, 23/2/2009.

There will be a space available for prayer and reflection from Monday to Thursday next week. This will be in conjunction with Tearfunds prayer week for global poverty. You'll find us at the bottom of Eyre Square beside the Victoria Hotel near the AIB!

John McCarthy Pro-surfer » Dillon Theatre on Wednesday, 4/3/2009.

John McCarthy, Irish Surf Champion 2007 speaks about his life, surfing and God. Everyone welcome!

All Ireland Christian Union Ball » Dublin on Friday, 27/3/2009.

Ball for all the Christian Unions around the country held in the Russell Court Hotel with entertainment the next day.

Surf Trip » Lahinch, Co. Clare on Thursday, 2/4/2009.

Surfing trip to Lahinch for the Christian Union.

E:con » Wesley College, Dublin on Friday, 3/4/2009.

Conference for committee members of Christian Unions around the country.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Nathan Dancey

Vice-Auditor: Sinead Leahy

Treasurer: Laoise Kelly

Secretary: Alice Dawson

Committee 2009/2010

Treasurer: Laoise Kelly

Auditor: Nathan Dancey

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€398.07	Entertainment	€240.00
Members Contributions	€240.00	Bank charge	€9.81
Fundraising	€255.00	Fundraising/charity	€495.00
USC Grant	€2,103.50	Hall hire	€100.00
Total	€2,996.57	Returned Socs Money	€1.00
		Society accommodation	€809.50
		Speaker accommodation	€365.00
		Speaker travel	€290.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,310.31
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€686.26
		Total	€2,996.57

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 124 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Nathan Dancey	Auditor	211 hours
Sinead Leahy	Vice Auditor	98 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 students

Hours Volunteered: 309 hours

Chemistry Society

An Cumann Ceimice hosted many seminars this year on a range of topics. These seminars attracted people from many different departments throughout the University. We were lucky enough to be able to host some very interesting speakers from across Ireland, the UK and the USA.

An Cumann Cemice also hosted a table quiz in March which raised money for MS Ireland and the Chernobyl Sunflower Association. This event was a great success with many spot prizes donated by local businesses.

An Cumann Ceimice (Chemsoc) Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 7th of October.*

Prof. Craig Lunte from the University of Kansas will give a talk on "Using Microdialysis Sampling and Capillary Electrophoresis for Pharmacodynamic Studies of a Potential Anticraving Drug".

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of October.*

Prof. James F. Rusling, SFI Walton Fellow, School of Chemistry, NUIG will give a lecture entitled "Bioelectronic arrays and drug delivery using nanomaterials".

Physical Organic Chemistry Symposium » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 30th of October.*

Symposium on Physical Organic Chemistry (and more) to mark the retirement of Prof. W. J. Spillane. Thurs 30th Oct in Dillon from 2-6pm. Dinner at 8pm in Salthill Hotel. €35 registration fee to cover dinner.

Contact Judy Buckley (2459) for more information. See

http://www.nuigalway.ie/chemistry/documents/WJS_symposium.pdf for program.

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 11th of November.*

Dr. Eric Petersen, Texas A&M University will give a talk entitled "How Shock Waves Can be Used to Study Fuel-Blend Ignition Chemistry at Engine Conditions" at 4pm in the Dillon Theatre.

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 20th of November.*

The new Head of the School of Chemistry, Prof. Paul Murphy, will give a talk entitled "Natural Products-Guided Research. Glycoside Bond Formation to Anomerisation to Glycolipids and Anti-tumour Macrolides".

An Afternoon of Tin Chemistry » *Rm 223 (Chemistry Dept.) on Monday, 1st of December.*

An Cumann Ceimice presents an Afternoon of Tin Chemistry with talks presented by Prof. Keith Pannell (Uni. of Texas, El Paso) & Dr. James McManus (NUI, Galway).

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, 2nd of December.*

Dr. Eoin Scanlan from TCD will give a talk on "Strategies for the Synthesis of Glycotherapeutics".

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Theatre on Friday, 12th of December.*

Dr. Euan Brechin from the University of Edinburgh will give a talk on "Molecular Magnets and Molecular Refrigerants".

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 8th of January.*

Dr. Colin Campbell from the University of Edinburgh will give a talk entitled "Sensors for label free detection of multiple protein and cellular targets". All welcome.

BOC Gases Award » *Dillon Theatre on Monday, 12th of January.*

Grainne Black, Dave Frain and Karen Fahey, all postgrads in the School of Chemistry, will give 15 min presentations on their research and will be presented with the BOC Gases Award 2008. All welcome to attend. Followed by refreshments.

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 24th of February.*

Dr. Steve Archibald from the University of Hull will give a talk entitled 'Tuning the properties of metallodrugs: chelator selection and modification'. This talk will cover the design, synthesis and biological testing of metallodrugs as imaging agents and therapeutics. Followed by refreshments in the School of Chemistry tearoom. All welcome.

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 26th of February.*

Dr. Martin Caffrey from University of Limerick will give a talk entitled "Membrane Protein Structure Determination Using Crystallography and Lipidic Mesophases: Recent Advances and Successes" in the Dillon at 4pm. Followed by refreshments in the chemistry tearoom. All welcome.

Biochem/Chem Half-Day Symposium » *NCBES Seminar Room on Tuesday, 10th of March.*

A range of speakers will talk about Protein Post Translation modification & Cell Signaling. More details available at <http://sites.google.com/site/ancumannceimice/upcoming-events-1>

An Cumann Ceimice presents... » *Dillon Theatre on Thursday, 12th of March.*

Prof. Rob Woods, one of the new members of staff in the School of Chemistry, will give a talk entitled "Computationally-Guided Protein Engineering: How to Make a Better Receptor". Refreshments after in the Chemistry tearoom. All welcome.

An Cumann Ceimice Table Quiz » *The College Bar on Thursday, 19th of March.*

An Cumann Ceimice will host a Table Quiz in aid of MS Ireland & the Chernobyl Sunflower Association. Cash prizes for the winners and loads of spot prizes on the night. €20 for a table of 4. All proceeds to charity. All welcome.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Nicole Walshe

Treasurer: Sarah Bonham

Secretary: Cheryl Morris

Vice-Auditor: Vincent Fagan

Webmaster: Domhnall O'Shaughnessy

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€312.90	Bank charge	€74.50
Bank Charge	€32.19	Dinner	€1,172.20
Classes	€4,665.00	Entertainment	€1,377.80
Fundraising	€400.00	Entry fees	€210.00
Sponsorship	€900.00	Equipment misc	€10.00
Ticket Sales	€1,145.00	Fundraising/charity	€400.00
USC Grant	€2,319.03	Gifts	€33.00
Total	€9,774.12	Hoodies	€1,239.30
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€154.00
		Reception	€1,986.00
		Society accommodation	€836.00
		Society transport	€220.00
		Speaker accommodation	€991.40
		Speaker travel	€369.00
		Stationary	€30.50
		Expenditure Total	€9,103.70
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€670.42
		Total	€9,774.12

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 130 members.

Cumann Craic Society

Is cumann sóisialta é an Cumann Craic a thugann seans do na mic léinn Gaeilga a labhairt sa gnáth saol, taobh amuigh den seomra ranga. Bhí muid ag iarraidh daoine a spreagadh chun Gaeilge a labhairt. An Cumann Craic is a social society that gives the students a chance to speak Irish in normal life, outside the class room. We wanted to encourage people to speak Irish.

An Cumann Craic Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Cóisir » *The College Bar on Thursday, 9th of October.*

Oíche na Mac Léinn » *Club Arus na nGael on Thursday, 5th of March.*

An chéad Oíche na Mac Léinn den bhliain, beidh craic, ceol agus comhluadar ann!

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Séagh MacSiúrdín

Vice-Auditor: Caoimhe Nic Giollarnaith

Treasurer: Ailbhe Ní Fhoghlú

Secretary: Alice Daly

Aire Ghnóthaí Eachtracha: Donal O'Cathain

Aire Ghnóthaí Eachtracha: Aideen MacInerney

Oifigeach Aistriúchán: Paul Gunning

Cúntóir Pearsanta don Reachtaire: Nora Ní Dhomhnaill

Cúntóir Pearsanta don Cisteoir: Sean Boyle

Oifigeach na Cead Bliana: Oisín O'Higgins

Committee 2009/2010

Vice-Auditor: Donal O'Cathain

Secretary: Nora Ní Dhomhnaill

Auditor: Séagh MacSiúrdín

Treasurer: Sean Boyle

Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí: Aideen MacInerney

Aire Ghnóthaí Eachtracha: Alice Daly

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€18.95	Socs Day Expenses	€30.00
USC Grant	€145.80	Expenditure Total	€30.00
Total	€164.75	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€134.75
		Total	€164.75

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 424 members.

ALIVE

Name	Position	Hours
Seosamh Aodan O'Murchadha	Former Auditor	100 hours
Caoimhe Nic Giollarnaith	Vice Auditor	50 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 student

Hours Volunteered: 150 hours

Cumann Dramaíochta Society

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

An Cumann Drámaíochta Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

Ceardlann Drámaíochta » *Téatar Aras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 9th of October.*

Eisteachtaí Dramaíochta » *Amharclann Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 29th of October.*

Oireachtas na Gaeilge » *Corcaigh on Friday, 31st of October.*

Beidh Féile an Oireachtais ar súil i gCorcaigh i mbliana. Bígí linn chun sult a bhaint as an deireadh seachtaine is fearr in aghaidh na bliana. Bus, lóistín agus ticéid go Club na Féile ar fáil!!!

Cead teacht le cheile don drama » *Amharclann Aras na Gaeilge on Wednesday, 12th of November.*

Beidh aisteoirí agus leirtheoirí an drama ag teacht le cheile don chead uair anocht chun leamh tríd na dramaí agus socraithe a dheanamh maidir le imeachtaí na bliana. Beidh failte is fiche roimh duine ar bith, idir chainteoirí líofa agus foghlaimeoirí. Sonraí le fail o 086 0825184. Bigí ann!!

Ceardlann Drámaíochta do na drámaí » *Amharclann Aras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 5th of February.*

Leiriú do Dhramaí na bliana seo » *Amharclann Aras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 12th of February.*

Bígí linn anocht agus muid ag léiriú ár ndrámaí don chéad uair i mbliana. Radharc as 'Mac Bheatha' ('Macbeth') le William Shakespeare, aistrithe ag Labhrás Ó Súilleabhain, agus an dráma grinn 'Ciúnas sa Pháirc,' a scríobh Alan Aycbourn agus a d'aistrigh aisteoirí Chorca Dhuibhne. Fáiltiú fíona ina lár agus téann an t-airgead ó na ticéidgo carthanachtaí. Ná cailligí amach!!!

Léiriú don dráma 'Ciúnas sa Pháirc' » *Téatar Aras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 19th of February.*

Bígí ann chun an dráma grinn 'Ciúnas sa Pháirc' le hAlan Aycbourn a fheiceáil. Dráma iontach barúil is ea é. Ná cailligí é!!!

Turas go Féile Dramaíochta na gColáistí » *Baile Átha Cliath on Friday, 20th of February.*

Beidh muid ag dul go BÁC chun páirt a ghlacadh i bhFéile na Coláistí. Ag fanacht i mBrú Abbey House i lár na cathrach. Bus ar fáil ann agus ar ais. 35 euro don Deireadh seachtaine ar fad.

Freastal ar 'Namhaid don Phibal' » *Amharclann an Dubhlann (Black Box) on Thursday, 5th of March.*

Beidh an Cumann Drámaíochta ag freastal ar an dráma 'Namhaid don Phobal' le Henrick Ibsen a aistríodh go Gaeilge le déanaí. Beidh foitheidil Béarla ann dóibh siúd agaibh atá ar bheagán Gaeilge. Deich euro an duine!! Is deis iontach é seo, ná callaigí amach! Breis sonraí le fáil ó www.moonfishtheatre.com nó www.antaidthbhearc.com.

Léiriú don drama 'Ciúnas sa Pháirc' » *Amharclann Aras na Gaeilge on Thursday, 12th of March.*

Mar chuid de sheachtain na Gaeilge beidh an Cumann Drámaíochta ag léiriú an dráma grinn 'Ciúnas sa Pháirc.' Bhuaigh an léiriú seo 2 gradam ag Féile na gColáistí! Oíche na Mac Léinn ina dhiaidh i gClub Aras na nGael. An-oíche a bheas ann-ná cailligí amach!!

Féile Drámaíochta Chorca Dhuibhne » *Corca Dhuibhne, Co. Ciarraí on Friday, 20th of March.*

Beidh lucht an dráma 'Ciúnas sa Pháirc' ag dul go Corca Dhuibhne chun páirt a ghlacadh sa bhFéile Drámaíochta thíos ann. An-chraic a bheas ann!! Fáilte roimh chách teacht leo!

A.G.M » *Amharclann on Thursday, 26th of March.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Niamh Horgan

Secretary: Ciaran O Murchadha

Treasurer: Padraic Deascal

PRO: Seagh Mac Siúrdáin

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€384.18	Bank charge	€7.06
Bank Charge	€3.55	Entertainment	€1,000.00
Members Contributions	€1,735.00	Makeup/Props	€30.00
Socs box	€820.00	Received Money Returned	€20.00
Sponsorship	€528.00	Reception	€30.00
USC Grant	€2,228.00	Society accommodation	€2,972.00
Total	€5,698.73	Society transport	€900.00
		Expenditure Total	€4,959.06
		Closing Bank Balance	€739.67
		Total	€5,698.73

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 57 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Niamh Horgan	Auditor	400 hours
Mairtin O'Donnchadha	Aisteoir	200 hours
Mairin Ni Chonghaile	Aisteoir	200 hours
Seosamh Aodan O'Murchadha	Ogranising Committee	24 hours

ALIVE Students: 4 students

Hours Volunteered: 824 hours

Classics Society

The Classics Society is dedicated to increasing its members' knowledge of the Classical world. Throughout the year the society together with the Classics Department hosts a series of talks by visiting lecturers from both Irish and foreign institutes of learning. Also, in the second semester we hope to travel abroad for a few days to a place of classical interest. In the past three years we have visited Rome, Sicily and Naples.

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

Classics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

EGM » *Dillion Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of October.*

Guest Speaker » *Colm Ó hEocha Theatre on Tuesday, 28th of October.*

The Classics Soc is proud to present NUIG's very own Professor Brian Arkins for a once off informative talk. Prof Arkins will be speaking on "The Impact of Ovid on Shakespeare" a topic both connected to Classics as well as English. It is guaranteed to be an interesting and exciting night with a reception to be held directly afterwards in the Classics Department. The talk itself will be held in the Colm Ó hEocha Theatre in the Arts Millennium Building, starting at 6 o'clock sharp. All are welcome too attend what is to be Classics Soc's first guest speaker of the new year.

Guest Speaker » *Colm Ó hEocha Theatre on Tuesday, 25th of November.*

Professor Michael Clarke will be giving a talk on Tuesday the 25th titled "Classical and Celtic Themes in Cultural Identity".

Prof Clarke will be speaking on how people have created false contrasts and stereotypes using the terms 'Classical' and 'Celtic'. He will be discussing examples from art and even the life of St Patrick.

It is guaranteed to be a very interesting talk with a reception to follow afterwards in the lobby of the Classics Dept. The talk begins at 6pm with the reception at 7pm. All are welcome!

Guest Speaker » *Colm Ó hEocha Theatre on Tuesday, 3rd of February.*

The new addition to the Classics Department Dr. Jo Day will be giving a Guest Lecture talk on the Gardens of Crete with particular reference to the supposed Gardens of King Minos. It is sure to be a very interesting talk and all are welcome to attend. A reception will be held afterwards in the lobby of the Classics Department with refreshments available.

Guest Speaker » *Colm Ó hEocha Theatre on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

Former lecturer of Classics here at NUIG, Dr Amanda Kelly, will be giving a guest lecture titled "Offensive Weaponry in Hellenistic Crete" at 6pm in the Colm O'hEocha Theatre. A reception will be held afterwards in the lobby of the Classics Department. All are welcome to attend this event which is guaranteed to be a great event and welcome return by Dr Kelly.

Margaret Heavey Memorial Lecture » *125G IT on Tuesday, 3rd of March.*

For our annual Margaret Heavey Memorial Lecture we are proud to present Dr Douglas Cairns who will give a talk titled "Veiling Grief on the Tragic Stage". Everyone welcome and as usual there will be a reception afterwards. Hope to see you all there.

Rome Meeting » *AC201 on Tuesday, 10th of March.*

A meeting will be held in AC201 for our members who secured a position on our trip to Rome. It will be a chance for us to collect deposits, copy passports and give you all the general info for the trip.

Guest Speaker » *AM150 - Ó Tnúthail Theatre on Thursday, 26th of March.*

Dr Philip De Souza of UCD will be giving a talk entitled "Pirates: Ancient and Modern". It is the last lecture for the Classics Soc this year. All are welcome with a reception being held in the Classics department afterward.

Trip Abroad » *Rome, Italy on Monday, 1st of June.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Melissa Forde

Treasurer: Sarah Barry

Vice-Auditor: Emma Murtagh

Secretary: Winifred Mary Jane O'Dwyer

PRO: Laura Crean

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,150.28	Bank charge	€33.12
Members Contributions	€3,160.02	Dinner	€1,836.45
Socs box	€486.00	Entertainment	€200.00
USC Grant	€3,407.23	Materials	€565.00
		Reception	€553.70
Total	€8,203.53	Society accommodation	€617.50
		Society transport	€1,849.55
		Speaker accommodation	€1,235.00
		Speaker travel	€233.11
		Stationary	€7.40
		Expenditure Total	€7,130.83
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,072.70
		Total	€8,203.53

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 225 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Sarah Barry	Treasurer	250 hours
Michelle Meeley	OCM	30 hours
Melissa Forde	Auditor	500 hours

ALIVE Students: 3 students

Hours Volunteered: 780 hours

Coeliac Society

The coeliac society exists to help coeliac students enjoy their time in NUI Galway to the full by providing a forum of discussion and information about coeliac and gluten-free issues. This year we held a number of get-togethers where members could meet and discuss diet, recipes and generally just have fun. We also attended the Coeliac Society of Ireland's annual Christmas lunch, a great day was had by all!

Coeliac Society Events

This year the society had a total of 13 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Meeting ran for 10 weeks in AC 102, beginning on Wednesday, 15/10/2008.

Weekly meeting. Come along and meet other Coeliacs. Plan events for the year! Get updates on the promotion of gluten-free products in the university!

Special Events

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

First Meeting » AC201 on Wednesday, 8/10/2008.

This will be our first meeting of 2008/09. It will be a chance to meet other members in the society and plan events for the year ahead. Goodies to sample on the night!!

Christmas Lunch » The Twelve Hotel, Barna, Co. Galway on Sunday, 14/12/2008.

The Western Branch of the Coeliac Society of Ireland invite NUI Galway Coeliac Society members to their annual Christmas lunch on 14th December @ 1pm in The Twelve Hotel, Barna. It costs €25 for a 4 course meal with all the trimmings. Mulled wine, stuffing and Christmas Pudding are all gluten-free!! Contact Caroline on coeliac@socs.nuigalway.ie if you wish to attend. Places are limited, so hurry!!

Coeliac Healthy Lifestyle Evening » AM150 Máirtín Ó Tnúthail Lecture Theatre on Thursday, 12/3/2009.

The theme of this meeting will be a healthy lifestyle for coeliacs. There will be a host of speakers including Sarah Smith who is a Fitness Instructor from Kingfisher Sports Centre, NUI Galway and Alan McGrath from the Health Store, Tuam. Also attending will be Dr. Ortwin Knorr, a visiting lecturer from America along with his wife Kristen E. Klay, M.A. who will share their personal experiences of dealing with coeliac disease. Pat Toner from Nutrition Point (Glutafin, Trufree & Dietary Specials) will give a brief outline on their range of gluten free products. Registration is at 7.00pm. Gluten-free refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Caroline Moran

No Financial transactions

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 85 members.

Comedy Society

The Comedy Society aimed to unite all lovers of humour and comedy in its most varied forms. We encouraged those that were interested in performing and offered a platform for potential comedians to show off their talents or practice routines. The Comedy Society has a good relationship with the comedy clubs in town and availed of discounts to local acts on a weekly basis as well as the freedom to put forward members for open mic spots in support of national and internationally known comedians. We also held DVD nights and both stand up and improv workshops throughout the year.

Comedy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Comedy Soc AGM » AC204 on Wednesday, 28th of January.

Comedy Soc supports Steve! » Smokeys on Wednesday, 11th of February.

Comedy Soc members head down to the Róisín following a quick meeting in Smokeys to support Steve in his first 'proper' open spot.

Meeting - Bill Bailey's Part Troll » IT204 on Wednesday, 18th of February.

Bill Bailey DVD watching a'plenty before heading down to the local comedy club to watch The Panel's Jarleth Regan take the stage.

Comedy Soc supports Eanna! » Cuba* on Sunday, 1st of March.

Comedy Soc members head to the Cuba* Comedy Club to cheer soc member Eanna on as he supports Jason Byrne!

Meeting - Bill Hicks & Hecklers » IT125G on Wednesday, 4th of March.

To celebrate the 15th year anniversary of the legendary Bill Hicks we will be watching some of his show Revelations as well as holding a heckling workshop for those interested in partaking. The meeting will be followed by a trip to the local comedy club for Tedfest '09.

Committee 2008/2009

Senior Vice President of Operations: Stephen Bennett

Auditor: Melissa Mannion

Secretary: Darragh O'Connor

Arch Paladin of Humours: Charles Doyle

Treasurer: Ryan Brogan

Kofi Anan of Comedy: Alan Cunningham

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€246.96	Reception	€50.00
Total	€246.96	Expenditure Total	€50.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€196.96
		Total	€246.96

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 479 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Melissa Mannion	Auditor	36 hours
Darragh O'Connor	Secretary	21 hours
Stephen Bennett	Senior VP of Operations, committee	30 hours
Ryan Brogan	Treasurer	23 hours

ALIVE Students: 4 students

Hours Volunteered: 110 hours

Computer Society

The main goals of Compsoc are to promote an awareness of and interest in all aspects of computing and to provide a social environment for its members. Compsoc provides something for anyone and everyone with an interest in technology. Regular social meetings, games nights, guest speakers, tutorials and computer help sessions mean that Compsoc is a place for any NUIG staff or student member, from the savviest techno-genius, to the average solitaire player.

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

Compsoc Events

This year the society had a total of 38 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

Monday Mashups ran for 10 weeks in IT106, IT Building, beginning on Monday, 22/9/2008.

Monday Mashups are a new weekly mix of gaming, technical advice, funny vids and epic LoLz followed by a trip to the college bar. If you have a laptop or external hard drive bring it along. Tell your friends!

Monday Mashups ran for 13 weeks in IT106, beginning on Monday, 19/1/2009.

Game Night ran for 5 weeks in Squareeyes, beginning on Tuesday, 3/3/2009.

Special Events

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

EGM » IT106, IT Building on Monday, 15/9/2008.

A welcome back to old members and a chance to get to know the new ones. This semesters EGM will also be the first Monday Mashup, a new weekly mix of gaming, technical advice, funny vids and epic LoLz followed by a trip to the college bar. If you have a laptop or external hard drive bring it along. Tell your friends!

Dr. Larry Taylor - Speaker » *Tyndall Theatre on Thursday, 13/11/2008.*

Dr Larry Taylor will discuss "Online marketing and customer choice - How customers behave and make decisions online".

Gaming Night » *SquarEyes, Forester St. on Sunday, 1/2/2009.*

Compsoc are are running a gaming night in SquarEyes. It's on Tuesday, 8-11pm, tickets are €9 from the Socs Box, and you can also pay on the night. There'll be PC and console gaming and it should be great fun.

Pro Evo 2009 Competition » *Fagans Bar, Eyre Square on Monday, 2/2/2009.*

Compsoc are running a massive Pro Evo Competition on the Xbox 360 in association with Fagans Bar, Eyre Square.

"Do you have what it takes to be the best Pro Evo player in Galway?"

Heats will run Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd, 8pm start every night. Fagans are providing loads of finger food on the night, and there will be a cash prize for the winner! Entry is €5

There are still places left for both nights, so to sign up, send an email to proevo@compsoc.nuigalway.ie

Pro Evo 2009 Competition » *Fagans Bar, Eyre Square on Tuesday, 3/2/2009.*

Computer Tune Up for charity! » *IT106 on Monday, 16/2/2009.*

Compsoc are holding a very special event in aid of the Jack and Jill foundation. We're looking to get together as many old mobile phones and donations as possible to support this great charity.

To raise money, Compsoc are running a "Computer Tune Up" evening, do you find your laptop is running slowly? Think it might have a virus or some spyware? Or does it need a general spring clean? Bring it along to our Computer Tune Up evening, donate an old/broken mobile phone, or €5, and we'll sort out your PC!

Please come along and give to this worthy cause!

Breakfast Meeting » *Friars on Thursday, 5/3/2009.*

Compsoc are meeting up for breakfast in Friars on Thursday morning, some people can't come to our Monday Mashups so we're meeting up at 8.30 (early I know!) to have an informal meeting, come along and chat with members!

Console Modding » *IT106 on Monday, 9/3/2009.*

Compsoc are running a special charity event this week. Bring along a PSP, PS2 or an original Xbox and we will mod it for you, allowing you to play homebrew games and do much more! It will cost €10, so dust off that old console and we'll mod it for you!

AGM » *IT106 on Monday, 30/3/2009.*

It's that time of year again. The sun is shining, the grass is being cut, people eating icecream and staying outside more before the inevitable panic of exams sets in! In place of our usual Monday Mashup on Monday the 30th, we're having an AGM. Please note that the Mashup on the 23rd is still going ahead, if you have any questions about the AGM please ask them here or email us if you can't attend.

London Trip » *London! on Friday, 3/4/2009.*

Compsoc are going to London!

Plans are in full swing for Compsocs trip to England! We'll be visiting Bletchley Park and Thorpe Park, as well as hanging around London, it's going to be great, but places are limited so sign up now!

We'll be flying out late 3rd April, and returning Monday 6th.

To sign up, grab your passport, go to the Socs Box and pay a deposit of €30 and fill out a form.

Rough total price will be about €120, which includes flights, transport, 3 nights accommodation and entry to Thorpe Park and Bletchley.

Its great value and will be great fun, so hope you can come!

Committee 2008/2009

Treasurer: Padraic Harley

Vice-Auditor: Nick Geoghegan

OCM / PRO: Terrence Lyons

Gaming Coordinator: Steven Chan

Auditor: Shane Tuohy

Secretary: Colum Coughlan

OCM: Joseph Murphy

OGM: Sharon Hughes

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Shane Tuohy

Treasurer: Sharon Hughes

Gaming Coordinator: Steven Chan

Vice-Auditor: Colum Coughlan

Secretary: Terrence Lyons

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,819.57	Bank charge	€14.86
Bank Charge	€3.93	Dinner	€80.50
Fundraising	€79.60	Entertainment	€1,113.00
Socs box	€3,200.00	Equipment misc	€772.97
Ticket Sales	€2,580.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€100.00
USC Grant	€1,535.26	Makeup/Props	€32.10
Total	€10,218.36	Materials	€127.00
		Printing	€417.00
		Reception	€246.10
		Returned Socs Money	€423.03
		Society accommodation	€595.93
		Society transport	€1,754.83
		Speaker travel	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,727.32
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€4,491.04
		Total	€10,218.36

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 323 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Shane Tuohy	Auditor	640 hours
Sharon Hughes	OGM	285 hours
Padraic Harley	Treasurer	581 hours
Nick Geoghegan	Vice Auditor / Chief Administrator	666 hours

ALIVE Students: 4 students

Hours Volunteered: 2172 hours

Fianna Fail Society

Cumann de Barra is one of the oldest societies in NUIG, having been founded in 1954 (making it the oldest political society on any campus in Ireland) and is currently one of the biggest societies. We are an official Fianna Fáil Cumann with several members holding prominent positions within the party at both senior and Ógra levels. We hold meetings every week, usually of a Monday night. Our aim is to provide an outlet for students with an interest in politics to discuss current events. We encourage participation through trips to party conferences, canvassing for elections and guest speakers including Ministers, TDs, Senators and Councillors.

Cumann de Barra Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

First Meeting » AC 201 on Monday, 29th of September.

This will be the first meeting of the 2008/09 academic year. It will be a social event where first year members can meet the committee and other members of the Cumann. There will be pizza and refreshments, followed by a night on the town. Starting at 7pm in AC 201 (the classroom nearest the main concourse doors at the top of the Bialann steps).

Minister Eamon Ó Cuiv TD » AC 201 on Monday, 13th of October.

Minister Eamon Ó Cuiv is responsible for Community, Gaeltacht and Rural Affairs. Living in Cornamona, Minister Ó Cuiv is here to address the Cumann about his career in politics and the direction he sees the party going in.

Trip to Youth Conference » Blanchardstown, Dublin on Friday, 17th of October.

Trip to conference where our members integrate with other members from youth wing. Entertainment provided on the night.

Policy Night on Current Affairs » AC 201 on Monday, 3rd of November.

This policy night gives the students a voice to get across their message in relation to recent changes in the country including the possibility of third level fees, over 70's medical card and much more. Everyone Welcome

Social Outing: Bowling » Terryland, Galway on Monday, 10th of November.

CDB are going bowling tonight. This is a team building event where our members get a chance to integrate with others. Bowling is €2 when you purchase a beverage there. Everyone Welcome. Hope to see you all there.

Minister Noel Dempsey » AC204 on Sunday, 16th of November.

Weekly Meeting » AC 201 on Monday, 12th of January.

Trip to Fianna Fail Ard Fheis » Citywest Hotel, Dublin on Friday, 27th of February.

Annual trip to Fianna Fail party Ard Fheis. Ministers, TDs, Senators and Councillors in attendance with main speech from An Taoiseach Brian Cowen TD.

Sean Ó Neachtain MEP » SC 200A on Thursday, 5th of March.

Sean Ó Neachtain is a Fianna Fáil MEP for the West who is a former member of Galway City Council and a teacher by profession. He is addressing the Cumann about developments in Europe and the upcoming European Elections. Everyone Welcome.

Cumann De Barra AGM » AC 201 on Monday, 30th of March.

Cumann De Barra branch of Ógra Fianna Fáil are holding their Annual General Meeting to elect the committee for the academic year 2009-10. Positions on the night include: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (x2), PRO, Events Officer & Membership Officer. Voting will take place on the night. Everyone Welcome. Reception to follow.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Emmet Connolly

Co - Treasurer: Fiona Queenan

Public Relations Officer: Raissa Gilligan

Events Officer: Darren Collins

Assistant Secretary: Darran Brennan

Treasurer: Sarah Jennings

Secretary: Clodagh Carey

Membership Officer: Diarmuid McIntyre

First Years Officer: David Gallagher

Vice-Auditor: SÃ©agha MacSiÃ©rdÃ©in

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Clodagh Carey

Co-Treasurer: Sarah Jennings

Secretary: Darran Brennan

Events Officer: Nollaig O'Scannlain

Vice-Auditor: Darren Collins

Co-Treasurer: Katie McEnery

Membership Officer: Peter Maloney

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,845.89	Bank charge	€10.56
Members Contributions	€300.00	Entertainment	€316.00
USC Grant	€2,262.20	Entry fees	€1,405.00
Total	€4,408.09	Equipment misc	€25.00
		Materials	€410.00
		Reception	€405.80
		Society accommodation	€1,150.00
		Society transport	€176.80
		Expenditure Total	€3,899.16
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€508.93
		Total	€4,408.09

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 428 members.

History Society

The Cumann Staire is one of the oldest and most renowned societies of Ollscoil na hÉireann Gaillimh. Each year the CS runs a great array of academic and social events, and 2008/09 was no exception. With the moving of Tonaí Ó Roduibh from the position of Reachtaire to Rúnaí there was a further increase in the quality of guest speakers brought to the campus by the Cumann. All the events were well advertised on CumannStaire.com while the year also saw the development of a strong Facebook presence. The holding of the positions of Rúnaí and Webmaster by the same person undoubtedly helped the continuing growth in the web presence of the CS. Currently the top Google spot for 'staire' is held by CumannStaire.com, with three of the other top ten results also referring to the organisation. Likewise, the Arts Bál holds top spot in searches for 'arts bál' and 'bál'. Organised by Nóra Ní Dhomhnaill, Arts Bál 2009 broke records in size and turnover, and broke new ground in moving to the Salthill Hotel and creating a new multi-venue format for entertainment on the night. Arts Bál 2010 looks set to push the size from this year's over 1300 attendees to around 1600. The Aistir conference ran as a stand-alone event for the first time this year and was a sun-blessed success. Through the international linkages the CS is constantly building Aistir will continue to expand the geographical spread of those attending it to present papers or participate in seminar groups. The academic year also saw the Cumann Staire attend an academic weekend with the history students of the Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz while CS delegates attended three ISHA conferences in Ljubljana, Beograd and Zagreb. As in other years members attended the IHSA Annual Conference, where three postgrads members also presented papers. The launch of a new funding process for individuals travelling to present papers is a welcome initiative, especially for postgrad students. Finally, the Cumann Staire has adopted a new Bunreacht to reflect the rapid evolution of the organisation over the last number of years and has formally adopted a much admired full coat-of-arms. With the departure from the Coiste of some of recent years' key figures next year promises to be different. There will be no slowing down in the constant improvement of the Cumann Staire in 2009/10 though, with no lack of experience and drive on the incoming Coiste!

Cumann Staire (Historical Studies Soc) Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

Socs Day Table Volunteers » Áras na Mac Léinn on Wednesday, 24th of September.

Fáiltiú - Reception » AC216 on Wednesday, 24th of September.

War and the English under Henry VIII » Ó hEocha (AM250) on Tuesday, 14th of October.

War and the English in the reign of Henry VIII

Guest talk by Dr. Steven Gunn, Merton College, University of Oxford.

Dr. Gunn's current research concerns the councillors and courtiers of Henry VII, and war and society in early Tudor England and the Netherlands. He has also published in the wider fields of Tudor government, foreign policy and political culture and the comparison of the English state in this period with those in continental Europe.

17th Century France » Ó hEocha (AM250) on Thursday, 16th of October.

Guest talk by Prof. Joseph Bergin of the University of Manchester, England.

Joseph Bergin's research interests are mainly in the religious, social and political history of early modern France from the later sixteenth to the early eighteenth century. But he has strong comparative historical interests, especially in Italian, German and Spanish history of the same period. He is currently Professor of Modern History at the University of Manchester and a Fellow of the British Academy.

Tráth na gCeist - Table Quiz » Deochlann na hOllscoile - College Bar on Thursday, 6th of November.

The mighty Cumann Staire Table Quiz will be back in the back room of the bar (so really faaaar back!) and only costs a recession friendly 5 euro per person.. don't worry about having enough of a gang to form a table of four as we'll be mixing and matching ye to form teams! A great way to meet new people, have the craic and curse the questions for being too easy/hard/weird/etc. This years 'Fresher from Tír Chonaill', Mícheál Rua, will be in charge so come along and prove his questions are no match for the mighty minds of the Cumann Staire! The prizes will be many and merry - na duaiseanna is fearr sa domhain, riamh! ;) www.CumannStaire.com www.SuperStair.com

Holy War: Christianity, Crusade & Jihad » *AC216 on Wednesday, 26th of November.*

History of the Crusades

Guest talk by Prof. John France, University of Wales-Swansea/Abertawe.

Dr. John France is a Professor of History at the University of Wales-Swansea where he also serves as Director of the Callaghan Centre for Conflict Studies. The primary focus of his research is medieval warfare and crusading, both areas in which he teaches multiple courses at both the undergraduate and post-graduate level.

Cóisir na Nollag » *Skeff on Wednesday, 26th of November.*

As per usual the Cumann Staire is holding our annual Cóisir na Nollag shindig with our three fellow members of the Fantastic Four group: Na Claisicí - Seandálaíocht - Tíreolaíocht. Sólaistí ar fáil ar ndóigh! Full details: <http://www.SuperStair.com/>

Turas go Mainz » *Mainz, Worms (An Ghearmáin) on Thursday, 15th of January.*

The Cumann Staire returns to visit our comrades in Mainz.

If the turas two years go is anything to go by we'll have a fantastic time over the few days in Deutschland. Mainz university's history dept. is twinned with our own and not only will we spend time in this city on the west bank of the Rhine but we will also head to Worms for the weekend to participate in a history students workshops weekend with a group of German history students.

Places are limited and the deposit of 50 euro is due by Aoine 18/12/08 at the latest.

Arts Bál Online Booking » *www.CumannStaire.com on Friday, 23rd of January.*

Arts Bál Ticéid (collection) » *Áras na Mac Léinn on Monday, 26th of January.*

Broken Heads and Battered Hats » *IT250 on Wednesday, 4th of February.*

Broken heads and battered hats: Rioting in Limerick in 1599

Dr. Clodagh Tait of the University of Essex, England, will give a talk based on her recently researched paper on the exciting events in Luimneach at the height of the Nine Years War for Irish freedom from Tudor English domination and colonisation. She has recently co-edited *Age of Atrocity, Violence and political conflict in early modern Ireland* with David Edwards and Pádraig Lenihan and published *Death, Burial and Commemoration in Ireland, 1550-1650* in 2002.

1919 - 'The Spanish Flu' » *MacMunn on Thursday, 12th of February.*

Arts Bál 2009 » *Salthill Hotel on Wednesday, 18th of February.*

The Biggest and Best Ball in NUI just got Bigger and Better!

Don't miss the chance to be at the new format Arts Bál when it explodes on Céadaoin 18/02/09. This ball that redefined the standard for OÉG formal dress balls in 2006 is going to do it again in 2009. Online queueing will again be the only way to get the most sought after ticéid of the academic year and prices have been held even though the night will now offer twice as much, including:

- **multiple receptions**
- **red carpet treatment**
- **five course banquet**

- **specialy sourced wines**
- **multiple music venues to enjoy**
- **multiple live acts**
- **céilí**
- **multiple DJs**
- **official photographer**
- **special evening programme for Afters tic holders**
- **1300+ of us in one location for one night only**
- **exclusive Halo party Déardaoin 19ú**

.. So out with the old and in with the new.. the countdown to the monster 1300 ball is on!

www.CumannStaire.com --- www.SuperStair.com

Arts Bál Halo Party » *Halo Nightclub on Thursday, 19th of February.*

Darwinism, Degeneration and the Irish » *Institiúid de Móra (Moore Institute) on Tuesday, 3rd of March.*

Dr. Mac Donald is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Reading, England. He is also a Director of the Beckett International Foundation, the world's largest collection of resources relating to Samuel Beckett. His primary research interests are in modern literature and criticism, especially the work of Samuel Beckett and twentieth-century Irish literature. His recent publications include: *The Death of the Critic* (2007); *The Cambridge Introduction to Samuel Beckett* (2006); guest editor of *The Yearbook of English Studies* (Vol 35, 2005) on 'Irish Writing Since 1950'; *Tragedy and Irish Literature: Synge, O'Casey, Beckett* (2002).

Comhdháil Bhliantúil CCS - IHSA Conf. » *NUI Má Nuad on Friday, 6th of March.*

The Comhaltas na gCumann Staire / Irish History Students' Association was founded in 1950 and comprises student history societies from all over Ireland. The CCS/IHSA organises an annual conference which is usually hosted in rotation by the country's third level institutions. Last year the Cumann Staire had the honour to host a very successful CCS/IHSA conference in conjunction with our annual Aistir conference. Abstracts need to be submitted by Friday 16/01/09 to the email address below. These should not exceed 250 words in length and are welcome from both undergraduate and postgraduate students. Papers are to be twenty minutes long and should be no longer than 2500-3000 words. The Cumann Staire will be sending a group to the conference. Speakers from the Cumann Staire:

- Tonaí Ó Roduibh (IRCHSS Scholar)
- Mark Phelan (IRCHSS Scholar)
- Andy Sargent (IRCHSS Scholar)

www.CumannStaire.com www.SuperStair.com

A Colonial Famine Policy? 1845-52 » *Ionad an Léinn Éireannaigh on Thursday, 12th of March.*

Dr. Nally is a University Lecturer and Fellow of the Fitzwilliam College of the University of Cambridge, England. His research focuses on the study of colonialism, especially the tactics—political, economic and legal—for managing other peoples, places and resources. Although most of this work has been conducted in the context of colonial Irish society (with emphasis on the nineteenth century, the historical geographies of uneven development, and the Gorta Mór - Great Famine), he is particularly interested in exploring how colonial experiences might help us better understand contemporary issues of food insecurity, and, conversely, how more recent theoretical innovations and case studies might throw new light on historical phenomena.

<http://www.cumannstaire.com/imeachtai.php>

Aistir International History Conference » *Cathair na Gaillimhe on Thursday, 19th of March.*

The annual Aistir conference brings students from many countries together to give papers and participate in seminars/workshops. Full details are available on www.aistir.com and there is also a Facebook event for Aistir. If you know of history students, or those of related historical studies, who would be interested in coming to Gaillimh let them know about the conference as early as possible.

Mary I: a reign in crisis » AM150 on Thursday, 26th of March.

Professor Peter Marshall

Mary I's reign has been viewed by historians both as the high-point of a broad 'Mid-Tudor Crisis', and as illustrating the fundamental stability of political and governmental structures. Her policies have been regarded alternatively as 'doomed to failure' by the circumstances she inherited, or as thwarted only by the accident of her premature death. The undoubted fact of Mary's ultimate failure clouds objective assessments of what was actually planned or achieved in 1553-58. This talk will argue that we need to move beyond the unhelpful and polarised crisis/stability debate to recapture a sense of the complexities and possibilities of the period. Instead of an overarching 'crisis' model, the focus will be on a series of individual 'critical moments' from the reign - potential or actual turning points, all with hypothetical alternative outcomes.

Professor Peter Marshall was born in the Orkney Islands, in the north of Scotland, and earned both his BA and PhD at the University of Oxford. He became a Professor at the University of Warwick (England) in 2006 and is currently their Director of Graduate Studies in History. He is also an Associate Editor for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, and a Series Editor for the monograph series Religious Cultures in the Early Modern World.
www.CumannStaire.com

Cruinniú Chinn Bhliana - AGM » AC216 on Monday, 30th of March.

That time of the year again and in case you haven't seen the posters our end of year general meeting is on Monday. This will see the election of a new Coiste to guide the Cumann Staire on its path to even greater glory in 2009/10. We will also vote on the adoption of a new Bunreacht (constitution) of the CS. Mar sin, má tá suim agat a bheith ar an gCoiste, nó fiú ag iarraidh an Bunreacht nua a fheiceáil tar chuig AC216 Dé Luain. www.CumannStaire.com
www.SuperStair.com

ISHA Annual Conference » Zagreb on Monday, 13th of April.

Committee 2008/2009

Gnáth-ball: Christina Folsom

Treasurer: Sean Boyle

Auditor: Tadhg Ó Broin

Oifigeach Chaidreamh Poiblí: Niamh Devaney

Ionadaí don Chéad Bhliain: Michael McNally

Gnáth-ball: Joe Regan

Secretary: Tonaí ó Roduibh

Eagraí don Arts Ball: Nora Ni Dhomhnaill

Ionadaí Íarchéime agus IHSA: Brianne Sullivan

Gnáth-ball: Kenneth Walsh

Ionadaí ó TharLear: Aideen MacInerney

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,805.31	Affill/Mem fees	€250.00
Balls	€44,025.00	Ball	€44,005.00
Fundraising	€240.00	Dinner	€392.95
Socs box	€725.00	Entertainment	€200.00
USC Grant	€953.99	Prizes	€36.00
Total	€48,749.30	Society accommodation	€721.90
		Society transport	€70.80
		Speaker accommodation	€382.50
		Speaker travel	€257.01
		Expenditure Total	€46,316.16
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,433.14

Income	Expenditure
	Total €48,749.30

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 407 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Tonai Roduibh	Runaí	226 hours
Aisling O'Connell	Ordinary Member	70 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 students

Hours Volunteered: 296 hours

Dance Society

Dansoc does exactly what it says on the tin!

We are a society that is completely and totally dedicated to dance. We are run by students, for the students of NUIG. Our main aim is to provide affordable, fun dance classes for students of NUIG, and this year has been as successful as previous years in that respect. We ran classes in hip-hop, Irish dancing, breakdancing, tango and ballet at various levels and each of these classes have been a great success this year with high attendance at all classes.

Not only do we aim to provide classes for the students, but we also provide an opportunity for those students to show off what they have learned! We carried out numerous performances around campus this year which were all a great success. In semester 1 we had 'Beat That', a show packed with different styles of dance from Hip-hop to Ballet, and in Semester 2 was 'Beat That 2' which boasted the same variety of styles. We also entered the dance intervarsities which were held in Dublin this year. The competition was fierce and we were delighted to bring the 3rd place Hip-Hop trophy back to Galway.

The success of the society has been highlighted by invitations from other societies to perform at their events this year. We danced at the Rotaract fashion show and also at the Societies awards also.

So, 08/09 as been another busy one for Dansoc, but we wouldn't have it any other way. The hard work of the committee, the teachers and the dancers has paid off once again this year and the society has gone from strength to strength to show the creative talents of the students of NUI Galway.

Dansoc Events

This year the society had a total of 124 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

This year we held 13 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

Tango class ran for 9 weeks in Raquetball court Aras na mac leinn, beginning on Monday, 29/9/2008.

Tango moves, beginners style, taught by Marion

Irish dancing beginners ran for 9 weeks in raquetball court aras na mac leinn, beginning on Monday, 29/9/2008. Lorna and Riona teach basic Irish dancing steps to complete beginners. Come along to the fun and learn an Irish jig!

Irish dancing advanced ran for 9 weeks in raquetball court, Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Monday, 29/9/2008. Lorna and Riona teach a more advanced class for those that have done some Irish dancing before!

Hip Hop beginners ran for 9 weeks in Raquet ball court, Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Tuesday, 30/9/2008. Michael breaks down the moves to create some funky routines

Hip Hop Intermediate ran for 9 weeks in Raquetball court, Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Tuesday, 30/9/2008. Claire teaches hip hop style to the latest r'n'b chart music

Tango class ran for 4 weeks in Aras na mac leinn, beginning on Monday, 19/1/2009.

Beginners Irish class ran for 10 weeks in Aras na Macleinn, beginning on Monday, 19/1/2009.

Advanced Irish class ran for 10 weeks in Aras na Mac leinn, beginning on Monday, 19/1/2009.

Beginners Hip-hop ran for 10 weeks in Aras na mac Leinn, beginning on Tuesday, 20/1/2009.

Breakdancing ran for 10 weeks in Aras na Mac Leinn, beginning on Wednesday, 21/1/2009.

Salsa class ran for 10 weeks in Aras na mac leinn, beginning on Wednesday, 21/1/2009.

Ballet style ran for 10 weeks in Aras Na mac Leinn, beginning on Thursday, 22/1/2009.

Advanced Hip hop ran for 9 weeks in Aran na Mac Leinn, beginning on Tuesday, 27/1/2009.

Special Events

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

Beat that » BOI theatre on Wednesday, 19/11/2008.

Dansoc is having its final show "Beat that" for the first semester! Entry is only 2 euro. There will be Irish Dancing, Hip-hop, Breakdancing, Ballet, Salsa and Tango performances! See what we've been up for this semester and maybe you'll want to be part of it for the next! So.... come along!

Dance-a-thon » Áras na MacLéinn Hall on Wednesday, 11/2/2009.

The biggest on-campus dance of the year with an explosion of rhythms and styles from salsa to breakdance. Watch Dansoc strut their stuff in Áras na MacLéinn Hall, then join in with the beat provided by DJ Soc!

Dance Intervarsities » Dublin on Wednesday, 4/3/2009.

Rotaract Fashion Show » Radisson hotel on Tuesday, 10/3/2009.

The Dansoc Crew performed their James Bond piece including Hip-Hop, Irish, tango and Ballet for the Fashion Show Finale. What a way to end an amazing night in the Radisson!

Beat That 2 » BOI Theatre on Monday, 30/3/2009.

Society Awards » Galway Bay Hotel on Tuesday, 31/3/2009.

The Dansoc Crew have been invited to provide some entertainment for what promises to be a great night of fun at the Society Awards.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Claire Clarke

Treasurer: Marianne Bradley

PRO: Lorna Collins

Events officer: Riona Durkan

Instructor representative: Raquel Cruz Da Conceicao

OCM: Avril Smyth

Vice-Auditor: Michael Flanagan

Secretary: Brid Reale

PRO: Charmaine Wang

Show producer: Maeve Dunne

OCM: Grainne O'malley

Events officer: Katy Herron

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Michael Flanagan

Vice-Auditor: Marianne Bradley

show producer: Maeve Dunne

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,666.10	Bank charge	€53.33
Bank Charge	€7.58	Costumes	€415.00
Classes	€730.66	Fundraising/charity	€250.00
Hoodies	€734.00	Hall hire	€1,000.00
Members Contributions	€400.00	Hoodies	€1,286.00
Socs box	€690.00	Materials	€81.10
Ticket Sales	€100.00	Society accommodation	€1,392.00
USC Grant	€4,584.79	Teacher fees	€2,705.00
Total	€9,913.13	Expenditure Total	€7,182.43
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,730.70
		Total	€9,913.13

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 960 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Claire Clarke	Auditor	397 hours
Brid Reale	Secretary	75 hours
Raquel Cruz Da Conceicao	Instructor representative	200 hours
Michael Flanagan	Vice Auditor/Instructor	200 hours

ALIVE Students: 4 students

Hours Volunteered: 872 hours

DJ Society

This year the DJ Society held classes on how to use the Djm800 mixer and the Cdj1000 decks. We also Started a DJ Society Night in Club De Burgo's as well as Open Decks in the College Bar. Later in the year we had heats for this years Fm104 Spin Off competition in the college bar, with 4 finalists going through to represent NUIG in the Finals in Dublin. We provided music for a number of events during the Múscailt festival and also for the Halloween bar in Coyotes. In March we had a DJ Society trip to an Electronic music festival in Bristol, and Attended the local "Community Skratch Games" in Galway, which included a seminar on Scratch DJing and various live demonstrations.

DJ Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 32 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Open Decks ran for 23 weeks in College Bar, beginning on Thursday, 25/9/2008.

Dj Soc Night ran for 1 week in Club Deburgo's, beginning on Wednesday, 1/10/2008.

Special Events

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

Meeting » The Hub on Friday, 12/9/2008.

Beat Matching classes » The Hub/College bar (back room) on Sunday, 28/9/2008.

Classes using the Djm800 mixer and Cdj1000 decks

DJSoc Spinoff » College Bar on Thursday, 12/2/2009.

DJSoc's top DJs battle it out for a place at the national DJ Competition, 'Spinoff '09'

Prepare for an intensely heated battle, 8-11pm Thursday in the College Bar.

Muscailt Dance-a-thon » Sports Hall on Wednesday, 18/2/2009.

Music for Dansoc's "Dance-a-thon" provided by DJ Soc

Dj Soc Trip Abroad » Bristol on Saturday, 14/3/2009.

Weekend Trip To "Bloc Weekend Music Festival"

Fm 104 Spin Off Finals » Wax Night Club Dublin on Tuesday, 7/4/2009.

Semi Final/ Final Of Spin Off Competition Four Students representing NUIG in SemiFinal. 1 Student going through to Final

Community Skratch Games » Nimo's Galway on Thursday, 16/4/2009.

Dubculture/DjSoc » An Pucan on Monday, 4/5/2009.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Ian Dunne

Vice-Auditor: Conor Matthews

Secretary: Pdraig O'Ceitinn

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Eoin O'Sullivan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,723.60	Bank charge	€61.51
Bank Charge	€2.92	Equipment misc	€1,533.60
USC Grant	€1,500.32	Reception	€103.50
Total	€3,226.84	Society transport	€1,344.03
		Expenditure Total	€3,042.64
		Closing Bank Balance	€184.20
			€3,226.84

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 148 members.

Draíocht

Draíocht 2008/ 2009

This is the first year of the society Draíocht. In the beginning of the year our main aim as a society was establishing ourselves and getting members. Our first big event was holding an information night in which the history and background of Draíocht was discussed, along with our projects in Nepal, where money raised had been spent, and our hopes for the future.

After generating an interest we then started holding weekly volunteering meetings where different aspects of volunteering were discussed, and people interested in going out to Nepal got together and got to know one another.

We also started Nepali language classes for both people who wanted to go to Nepal and the general public. These classes are free and just beginners Nepali language skills were taught alongside Nepalese and Asian culture.

We have organised a table quiz in college bar to try and raise money for our projects in Nepal, and this year we won best new society at the NUI Galway Society awards and went on to represent the society in the National Society Awards at BICS.

Draíocht Events

This year the society had a total of 17 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Nepali language Class ran for 10 weeks in IT205, beginning on Monday, 9/2/2009.

Beginners Nepali language and culture class. A free class to teach just basic words, phrases and customs of Nepal. Recommended for people going out to volunteer this summer but everyone is more than welcome.

Special Events

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

First Meeting » Hub on Monday, 10/11/2008.

Just a little get together so that all members can meet each other.

Information Night » IT 125 on Wednesday, 12/11/2008.

I'll be discussing all the work that I've done out in Nepal before this. First of all, I will be talking about all the money we fundraised last year, where we spent the money and giving a little insight into the costs of running the orphanage and what we have left in our account at the moment. So for everyone who was involved in raising money last year, I think it would be nice for you all to know where the money went and how it has actually helped.

Anyway I will also be talking about the children who are currently in the home, about the two schools and what the current situation is. Also I will be giving details about Summer 2009 volunteering in Nepal and a little what it is like. I'm hoping it will be a really interesting night and if your hoping to come volunteering this summer I definitely recommend coming along. Also it gives you a chance to get to meet everyone.

Committe Meeting » Hub on Tuesday, 20/1/2009.

Volunteering Meeting » Hub on Wednesday, 4/2/2009.

Volunteer Meeting » Hub on Wednesday, 11/2/2009.

Volunteer Meeting » Hub on Saturday, 28/2/2009.

Table Quiz » College Bar on Monday, 16/3/2009.

A table quiz for charity!!!

Come along for a fun night. Great prizes up for grabs including an €80 gift voucher. All money raised goes directly to our orphanage in Nepal.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Melanie Hennessy

Secretary: Claire Donlan

PR : Cormac O'Briain

Treasurer: Fergus Keane

Vice-Auditor: Laura Morrison

Volunteer Supervisor: Laura O'Connor

Fundraising Advisor: Owen Gallagher

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Melanie Hennessy

Vice-Auditor: Laura Morrison

Schools Liason Officer: Fergus Keane

Secretary: Claire Donlan

Fundraising Advisor: Owen Gallagher

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Society Transport	€33.00
Bank Charge	€29.52	Bank charge	€2.50
Fundraising	€13,419.50	Entertainment	€200.00
Sponsorship	€1,060.00	Fundraising/charity	€8,582.75
USC Grant	€33.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€200.00
Total	€14,542.02	Postage	€950.00
		Expenditure Total	€9,968.25
		Closing Bank Balance	€4,573.77
		Total	€14,542.02

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 185 members.

Drama Society

Dramsoc have had an extremely successful year. Members have taken part in plays such as Juno and the Paycock, Danty Dan and Doggs Hamlett amongst others. As usual, Dramsoc has combined the skills and artistic talents of the student body who have worked as actors, directors and stage production crew. Indeed, Dramsoc members have been approached by many theatre companies and television programmes, such as Ros na Run and The Tudors who are keen to work alongside our members.

Dramsoc's weekly Staged & Confused, which is two hours of improv and acting techniques and games continues to attract new people. It is this social aspect that has allowed Dramsoc to flourish throughout the years.

As always, Dramsoc encourages and supports aspiring actors, playwrights, directors and anyone interested in stage production. We hold workshops throughout the year focusing upon acting techniques, lighting and other important aspects of theatre. Dramsoc continues to fund students who wish to stage their independent theatrical work or those who just wish to take part. Indeed, it is hardly surprising that many Galway based theatre companies have firm roots within this university's Drama society.

Dramsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Project Audition - Blocking & Recording » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 1st of October.

The Huston Film department are auditioning for some actors to take part in their first project which "consists of Blocking and recording a three page script of a known film". They will be taking known scenes from movies and filming them in new/different set ups.

Anyone interested can talk to one of the members after 'Staged and Confused' on Wednesday. If you want more information before then email Podge at 'podgeofthedeath@hotmail.com'

'The Maids' - Fregoli Theatre Company » Town Hall Studio on Thursday, 2nd of October.

Fregoli Theatre Company, fresh from its success at the Edinburgh Fringe festival, are running the "Maids" this week at the Town Hall Studio. Fregoli Theatre Company, formed by Dramsoc members in 2007, would like to offer Dramsoc members admittance to their new show at the reduced concession rate of 5 euro for Thursday 2nd September at 8.30pm. If you want to see this must see performance, names will be taken on Wednesday night at Staged and Confused.

The Lesson » B.O.I. Theatre on Monday, 17th of November.

The Lesson by Eugène Ionesco. The story of a not so average lesson, a strange pupil and absurd Professor. This Comic Drama promises many laughs and a good night! Tickets 5euro/ 3euro for students.

The Lesson » B.O.I. Theatre on Tuesday, 18th of November.

The Lesson » B.O.I. Theatre on Wednesday, 19th of November.

One Act Play Series » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 10th of February.

Geriatric Saint Patrick (D. Mungovan)

A man claiming to be Saint Patrick, and left forgotten in an old folks home, battles with the health service executive to keep his bed. On the way he muses about his life's work, ageing and reality TV.

Open Heart (J. Nakase)

A series of grotesque love poems exploring pain, longing, and the desire to connect.

Trollied (R. Stack)

Two girls and a trolley, armed with some cans, in a car park on a damp night. Just your average sixteenth birthday, until the games begin.

One Act Play Series » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 11th of February.

For the fourth year the Jerome Hynes Memorial Award will be presented to the winning play in memory of Jerome Hynes' contribution to the arts. Jerome was an Alumni of the University, director of the Wexford Opera Festival, member of the Arts' Council and former manager of Druid Theatre.

Stopped (T. Waters)

A relationship continues despite a serious lack of communication after a tragic death within the family years before.

Headbangers (E. Timoney/dir. A. White)

A young, frustrated man, comes to terms with the world through his imagination, by realising that the world can be a much more colourful and exciting place to be.

Clamped (S. Reilly)

Stan is a Clamper whose life is passing him by. Unforeseen circumstances require action. But can a man who subscribes to the concept of immobilisation as a means of progression engineer a happy future?

DramSoc Double Bill » The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Wednesday, 11th of February.

A double bill of theatre each night (Tues. 10th at 9pm and Wed. 11th at 8.30pm).

Mephisto Theatre Company presents:

Extracts from The World's Wife

Dramsoc presents: Mexican Standoff

3 Friends... 2 Guns... 1 Shot

One Act Play Series » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 12th of February.

For the fourth year the Jerome Hynes Memorial Award will be presented to the winning play in memory of Jerome Hynes' contribution to the arts. Jerome was an Alumni of the University, director of the Wexford Opera Festival, member of the Arts' Council and former manager of Druid Theatre.

Mücella

Writer: John Smyth

Director: Florian Merle

A day in the life of a young Turkish woman in a West-European city, exploring her desire to integrate fully into her surroundings and the obstacles she faces if she is to do so.

My Only Sunshine

Writer: Joan Leonard

Director: Rita O'Donoghue

The illness of a parent transforms a whole way of life for teenager Laura and her father as the whole family disintegrates. The play examines how sickness can rot the basic structure of the nuclear family in Western Society.

At A Loss

Writer: Anne Blake

Director: Maria Tivnan

One small decision can take away everything that a person takes for granted. Laura makes a simple mistake but the consequences are anything but simple. At A Loss Explores what happens when everything that seems certain changes in an instant.

DramSoc Double Bill » *The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Thursday, 12th of February.*

One Act Play Series Omnibus » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Friday, 13th of February.*

Dogg's Hamlet by Tom Stoppard » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 30th of March.*

Dramsoc Presents Dogg's Hamlet by Tom Stoppard What happens when an entire language is rearranged? Tom Stoppard guides us through a world of coincidence and confusion in this absurd comedy about the spoken word. It runs from Mon-Thurs in the BOI at 8pm and the price is whatever is standard.

Dogg's Hamlet by Tom Stoppard » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 31st of March.*

Dogg's Hamlet by Tom Stoppard » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 1st of April.*

Dogg's Hamlet by Tom Stoppard » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 2nd of April.*

Committee 2008/2009

Treasurer: Sean Perill

Auditor: Darren Coppinger

Production Co-ordinator: Donal McGrail

Extra Committee Member: Regina Finan

ISDA Rep: Peter Flynn

PRO: Amanda Dameshghi

Vice-Auditor: Nicola Murphy

Secretary: Maeve Dunne

Staged and Confused: Donal McConnon

Tech Manager: Mark Heavey

Assistant PRO: Natalie Robb

Ignore: Stephen Killoran

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,544.05	Bank charge	€33.98
Bank Charge	€3.38	Costumes	€867.95
Fundraising	€228.18	Dinner	€320.00
Muscailt	€34.98	Entertainment	€1,050.00
Socs box	€795.00	Entry fees	€700.00
Sponsorship	€200.00	Equipment misc	€918.38
Ticket Sales	€365.00	Lights	€1,335.53
USC Grant	€6,025.75	Makeup/Props	€375.00
Total	€9,196.34	Materials	€483.00
		Performing rights	€650.00
		Promotions	€123.37
		Received Money Returned	€30.00
		Set	€34.98
		Society transport	€290.48
		Speaker accommodation	€55.00
		Speaker travel	€40.00

Income	Expenditure
	Teacher fees €225.00
	Expenditure Total €7,532.67
	Unreconciled Cheque Total €0.00
	Cash In Hand €0.00
	Closing Bank Balance €1,663.67
	Total €9,196.34

Other Information

We held 60 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 448 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Mark Heavey	tech manager	390 hours
Amanda Dameshghi	Auditor/PRO	171 hours
Darren Coppinger	Auditor	294 hours

ALIVE Students: 3 students

Hours Volunteered: 855 hours

Ecology Society

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

Over the last few years Eco Soc and its members have been involved in campaigns and projects such as ambBUSH, Mayday 2004, GRASSROOTS GATHERING, general anti war activity with a special focus on Shannon and as part of the GNAW [grassroots network against war], Stop Sellafeld campaign, the campaign to shutdown Faslane nuclear submarine base in Scotland, Buy Nothing Day, Street Theatre, several publications, film showings, speakers and more...

Ecology Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Meeting » *The HUB on Monday, 13th of October.*

Meeting » *Dillion Theatre on Monday, 27th of October.*

Meeting » *Dillion Theatre on Monday, 3rd of November.*

Meeting » *Dillion Theatre on Monday, 24th of November.*

Galway Green Guide Launch » *Siobhan Mc Kenna Theatre, Arts Millenium on Wednesday, 26th of November.*

At long last a Green pages for Galway. The Galway Green Guide, which took 7 years to complete, will be launched on Wednesday the 26th of November in the Siobhan Mc Kenna Theatre in the Arts Millenium Building at 8pm. Come along and hear Niall O Brolchain, Lenny Antonelli and Riona Hughes speak on the guide and have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in an open forum discussion. A reception will follow. All welcome

Meeting » *Dillion Theatre on Friday, 16th of January.*

Meeting » Dillion Theatre on Monday, 19th of January.

Quiz » College Bar on Monday, 23rd of March.

Quiz in the College Bar with Zoo Soc ~ many interesting rounds and prizes to be won. come along and show us how smart you are

Final Meeting » AC201 on Monday, 30th of March.

Latin American Week » Houston Film School on Sunday, 12th of April.

A week long calendar of events included Latin American Films and documentaries, talks by native peoples from the Mexican Peoples Sugar Cane Industry and a fiesta to end the year

Committee 2008/2009

Treasurer: Cormac Anderson

Auditor: Christina O'Rourke

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€217.66	Entry fees	€80.00
USC Grant	€785.00	Equipment misc	€32.00
Total	€1,002.66	Society transport	€705.00
		Expenditure Total	€817.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€185.66
		Total	€1,002.66

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 130 members.

Economics Society

This was a new society created this year for the purpose of furthering economic interests on campus. We were happy with the interest level shown in the society over its initial couple of months. We feel we were able to achieve some of our aims and also able to develop others. These included the information evening for undergraduates. We were also able to stage many social events and raise money for RAG week. The society will need to continue in order to reach its full potential.

Economics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Committee Meeting » TBC on Tuesday, 3rd of February.

A committee meeting to organize the E.G.M. and post-E.G.M. activities.

E.G.M. » AC214 on Thursday, 12th of February.

Launch of the new Economics Society! An opportunity to meet the committee, elect new undergrads reps to the committee and learn about upcoming events!

Undergrad Information Evening » AC214 on Thursday, 19th of February.

An opportunity for undergrads to learn about the postgraduate courses available on campus by talking to the students currently undertaking them.

Penalty Shoot-Out » *Opposite the Kingfisher on Monday, 23rd of February.*

Come along and take a penalty shot at our goalies! It's all for charity and you could win a prize too!!!

Table Quiz » *College Bar on Tuesday, 3rd of March.*

A table quiz with some economic-related questions and maybe a fun round or two...

Recession busting: Green Economics? » *CA 116a, Cairnes Building on Tuesday, 24th of March.*

Economics Soc invite you to a discussion on Green Economics – the way to beat recession?

AGM » *CA 003 Carines Building on Tuesday, 31st of March.*

Notice of the NUI Galway Economics Society AGM. Agenda includes presentation of officer reports, unveiling of the strategic plan for the society and the election of a new committee for 09/10.

Committee 2008/2009

Vice-Auditor: Ian Jacob

Auditor: Susan Crawford

Events Coordinator: Patricia Carney

Postgraduate Representative: Cathy Bryan

O.C.M.: Josephine Ryan

O.C.M.: Aaron Smith

Secretary: Una Duffy

Treasurer: Stephen Scales

Public Relations Officer: Paul Mitchell

O.C.M.: Caitriona Moore

O.C.M.: Peter O'Reilly

Acting Treasurer: Justin Flannery

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Expenditure Total	€0.00
Fundraising	€98.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
USC Grant	€200.00	Cash In Hand	€0.00
Total	€298.00	Closing Bank Balance	€298.00
		Total	€298.00

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 160 members.

Engineering Society

The Engineering society is for both engineering students and others who want to know a bit more about the discipline. We organise the annual engineering ball, which was held this year in Salthill Hotel. We also attended the Engineers without Borders Conference which was a great social and educational success.

Eng Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

EGM » *The HUB on Tuesday, 30th of September.*

Engineers Without Borders UK Conference » *Sheffield, South Yorkshire, UK on Friday, 24th of October.*

Engineers Without Borders is an NGO working on many projects in developing countries. They are holding a conference to discuss their plans over the next year. This is a great opportunity for anyone that would like to get involved in development work in low-income countries. The conference will take place in Sheffield in the UK over a full weekend

Engineering Ball tickets for sale » *Aras na MacLeinn on Wednesday, 26th of November.*

Engineering Ball » *Salthill Hotel on Wednesday, 28th of January.*

The Engineering Ball Featuring Big Generator, meal, DJ and a great night out!

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Gerald Glynn

Ball Org: Siobhan Kennedy

Ball Org: Robert Dooley

Treasurer: Pearse Heneghan

Ball Org: Alan Kelly

Ball Org: Alexandra Drozd

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,031.07	Ball	€416.83
Socs box	€800.00	Expenditure Total	€416.83
Total	€1,831.07	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,414.24
		Total	€1,831.07

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 266 members.

FAD Soc

The society was only really resurrected in February, and we immediately went to work improving it by having a launch party, a table at socs day and a tasting night for wine and food. I hope to remain auditor and continue the massive improvements that my committee and I began!

FAD Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

FADSoc EGM » *SC200A on Monday, 19th of January.*

The FADSoc EGM will take place on Monday the 19th of January, with a view to establishing a committee. All members welcome, old and new alike!

FADSoc Committee Meeting » *The Hub on Wednesday, 21st of January.*

The newly elected FADSoc Committee will be having their inaugural meeting tomorrow in the Hub at 2.

The HUGE Food And Drink Tasting Night! » *Sheridans Restaurant, Clybaun Hotel on Monday, 16th of February.*

The HUGE Food And Drink Tasting Night! This Monday, Sheridan's Restaurant in the Clybaun Hotel Knocknacarra. Food and Drink to be sampled by the tonnage. Tickets only €5, all inclusive! Get yours from the Socsbox now!

FADSoc Launch Party » *Concourse on Friday, 20th of February.*

The FADSoc will have a launch party on the 20th of February to welcome all new members, location TBC.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Robin Allen

Vice-Auditor: Liam Duffy

Treasurer: Patrick Rochford

Secretary: Patrick McCusker

P.R.O: James Greaney

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€305.82	Entertainment	€537.00
Socs box	€150.00	Bank charge	€36.28
USC Grant	€495.05	Entry Fees	€15
		Society Transport	€106.00
Total	€950.87	Expenditure Total	€694.28
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€256.59
		Total	€950.87

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 734 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Robin Allen	Auditor	40 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 students

Hours Volunteered: 40 hours

Fantasy & Science Fiction Society

Fansci is the NUIG Fantasy and Sci-Fi society. We provide a forum for the discussion of Fantasy and Sci-Fi books, graphic novels, internet humour and gaming. We also show Fantasy and Sci-Fi based movies and have in the past recorded and performed our own documentaries & short films based on the genre. We invite guest speakers from the genre from Ireland and abroad to the University to talk about themselves and their experiences. We also provide a forum for gaming. The types of the games we play are: Boardgames, R.P.G.s, L.A.R.P.s, Wargaming, such as: Warhammer 40K and Warhammer Fantasy. We also LAN game and play computer games on the Wii, Xbox and PS3.

FanSci Events

This year the society had a total of 84 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

Wargaming ran for 30 weeks in Modelworld, beginning on Wednesday, 5/11/2008.

Purged the unclean lately? Well now you can! Come play Warhammer 40K and fantasy in association with Modelworld. So come on down to flay some orcs, fry some space marines and fly snotlings out of catapults!!!! Modelworld is in the Tuam industrial estate which is right beside Centerpoint. Beginners to expert to plain curious are all welcome!

Weekly Meeting ran for 12 weeks in AC215, beginning on Monday, 16/2/2009.

Wargaming ran for 27 weeks in Model World, beginning on Friday, 20/2/2009.

Special Events

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

Batman vs. Superman Debate » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 30/10/2008.

FanSci will hold a three-a-side debate on whether Batman was cooler than Superman. The event was fancy dress and was held at Halloween. There was post-debate celebration party in Bar 903.

Riga Film Festival: Signups » AC215 on Monday, 10/11/2008.

Tonight we will have signups for our trip to Riga, Latvia. It is a trip to the annual film festival. We will all have a chance to see some of the upcoming films of 2009, the architecture of one of Europe's most beautiful cities plus enjoy all the social nights Riga has to offer. Should be a great weekend from the 26th Feb. to 3rd March 2009. So come along and sign up. Hope to see you there.

Sword Workshop » Squash Court, Áras Na MacLéinn on Wednesday, 19/11/2008.

FanSci will hold a Broadsword workshop. The swords are made from latex and we will be trained by a professional trainer. He will teach us medieval basic sword training.

Open Forum » AC215 on Monday, 2/2/2009.

An Audience with Jim Fitzpatrick » Áras Na MacLéinn on Monday, 9/2/2009.

FanSci/Art Soc are very lucky to have Fantasy and pop culture artist Jim Fitzpatrick in the University. Jim will talk for an hour about his life and his artistic influences.

Cinematic Timeline » The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Monday, 9/2/2009.

Presented by FanSci, the timeline celebrates the history of fantasy & science-fiction cinema from the 1900s to the 1960s. [Full details available in the Múscailt Film Guide, available from the SocsBox].

7pm A Trip to the Moon (1902) 15 min.

Six astronomers build a space capsule and a huge cannon to shoot it into space.

7.20pm Frankenstein (1910) 16 min.

Silent adaptation of the Mary Shelly novel.

8pm The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari (1921) 71 min.

A strange prophecy leads to a bizarre sequence of events in this atmospheric German horror classic.

Cinematic Timeline » The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Tuesday, 10/2/2009.

Presented by FanSci, the timeline celebrates the history of fantasy & science-fiction cinema from the 1900s to the 1960s. [Full details available in the Múscailt Film Guide, available from the SocsBox].

2.30pm *Nosferatu* (1922) 94 min.
Originally unauthorised retelling of *Dracula*

5pm *Metropolis* (1927) 114 min.
Sci-Fi masterpiece from a master of darkness, Fritz Lang.

Cinematic Timeline » The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Tuesday, 10/2/2009.

Presented by FanSci, the timeline celebrates the history of fantasy & science-fiction cinema from the 1900s to the 1960s. [Full details available in the *Múscailt Film Guide*, available from the SocsBox].

King Kong (1933) 105 min.
The original: today, nothing less than a cinematic icon

Cinematic Timeline » The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Wednesday, 11/2/2009.

Presented by FanSci, the timeline celebrates the history of fantasy & science-fiction cinema from the 1900s to the 1960s. [Full details available in the *Múscailt Film Guide*, available from the SocsBox].

2pm *Fantasia* (1940) 120 min.
A collection of animated interpretations of great works of classical music, animated with timeless Disney magic.

5.30pm *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951) 92 min.
Strange extra-planetary powers threaten the earth.

Cinematic Timeline » The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Thursday, 12/2/2009.

Presented by FanSci, the timeline celebrates the history of fantasy & science-fiction cinema from the 1900s to the 1960s. [Full details available in the *Múscailt Film Guide*, available from the SocsBox].

12pm *Teenagers from Outerspace* 86 min.
Teenage hoodlums on an interplanetary rampage... or just the worst film ever made?

2.30pm *Planet of the Apes* (1968) 112 min.
Four astronauts crash-land on a planet of intelligent apes.

Cinematic Timeline » The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Thursday, 12/2/2009.

Presented by FanSci, the timeline celebrates the history of fantasy & science-fiction cinema from the 1900s to the 1960s. [Full details available in the *Múscailt Film Guide*, available from the SocsBox].

Night of the Living Dead (1968) 96 min.
A formative contribution to the zombie-horror genre.

Trip to Riga Fantasy Film Festival » *Riga, Latvia on Wednesday, 25/2/2009.*
Fansci travelled to Riga, Latvia for the Fantasy Film Festival.

Fansci Vs Compsoc Game Night » *Square Eyes, Forster St. on Tuesday, 3/3/2009.*
PC & console gaming night with Fansci and Compsoc. It will be a head to head event between the two societies. 5 hours of gaming from 7:00 to midnight, €12 a head and free pizza. So, come along and have some fun. Oh.....and pick your side wisely!!!!

FanSci Vs Compsoc Round 2 » *Squareeyes, Forster St. on Tuesday, 24/3/2009.*

A.G.M. » *AC 215 on Monday, 30/3/2009.*

Committee 2008/2009

Vice-Auditor: Ronan Comaskey

War Gaming Officer: David Tuite

Secretary: Margaret Swanton

P.R.O.: James Basquill

Auditor: Eamon McGee

Treasurer: Karl Kavanagh

Librarian: Nesson Hughes

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Nesson Hughes

Vice-Auditor: David Tuite

RPGs Officer: Ronan Comaskey

PRO: Peter Fallon

Secretary: Margaret Swanton

Treasurer: Fiona Fonseca

Events: Pol MacFhionnghaile

Librarian: Conor Kenny

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,697.13	Dinner	€10.00
Members Contributions	€435.00	Entry fees	€1,578.00
Muscailt	€145.37	Equipment misc	€599.90
Socs box	€975.00	Materials	€600.00
USC Grant	€1,672.98	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€31.33
Total	€4,925.48	Reception	€35.72
		Society accommodation	€702.03
		Society transport	€180.00
		Speaker accommodation	€159.90
		Teacher fees	€60.00
		Video Hire	€131.37
		Expenditure Total	€4,088.25
		Closing Bank Balance	€837.23
		Total	€4,925.48

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 221 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Eamon McGee	Auditor	500 hours
David Tuite	Wargaming officer/ Room Booker	250 hours
Karl Kavanagh	Treasurer	250 hours

ALIVE Students: 3 students

Hours Volunteered: 1000 hours

Film Society

FilmSoc this year succeeded in providing all the members of NUIG with unparalleled fun and entertainment! We did this in a number of ways but most of our energy went into running the NUIG Student Cinema.

We believe this cinema is very important for NUIG as it is the only venue that gives the students a non-alcoholic nightlife event on campus multiple times per week. Not only is it a drink-free option, it also caters to a number of different audiences, providing ArtHouse, Classic and Blockbuster movies each week, as well as several specially themed nights in association with a large variety of different societies. This year we established a strong relationship with the other societies of NUIG by hosting numerous events in accordance with them. We gave other societies the chance to screen movies relevant to their cause, thereby promoting them and expanding the span of our audience. We have come to really appreciate the value of the student cinema, and our aim has been to share the cultural, fun and thought-provoking experience of cinema to the students and faculty of the college entirely for free. It greatly enhances the cultural vibrancy of the university week to week.

Filmsoc this year have succeeded in providing a facility for those interested in behind-the-scenes production. We gave the students of NUIG, budding film makers and writers, the chance to bring their work to life. We organised workshops in pre-production, camera use, post production and screenwriting. We held regular production meetings in which we scouted out scripts and set to work producing them. Some projects are still ongoing!

An important event for filmsoc this year was the hosting of NUIGs very first all-inclusive ball. The Oscars Ball event was a huge success. We raised a significant sum of money for Barratstown childrens charity, and established a great event for every student in NUIG. It was also a great opportunity for the committee to get together and blow off some steam!

Filmsoc have achieved a lot this year, but one of our greatest achievements we feel as a committee was maintaining a strong profile on campus so we can continue to entertain, educate and enlighten the students of NUIG.

FilmSoc Events

This year the society had a total of 56 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Committee Meeting ran for 12 weeks in O'Flaherty, beginning on Tuesday, 20/1/2009.

Special Events

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

Screening: The Pianist » O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 16/9/2008.

Screening: I Am Legend » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 25/9/2008.

The Assassination of Jesse James » O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 30/9/2008.

Blues Brothers » O'Flaherty on Wednesday, 1/10/2008.

Art-House Tuesday: Eastern Promises » O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 7/10/2008.

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid » O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 8/10/2008.

Blockbuster Thursday: Predator » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 9/10/2008.*

Tuesday's Movie: Michael Clayton » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 14/10/2008.*

Classic Wednesday: Tootsie » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 15/10/2008.*

The Royal Tenenbaums » *O'Flaherty on Thursday, 16/10/2008.*

The Virgin Suicides » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 21/10/2008.*

Scarface! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 22/10/2008.*

Corpse Bride » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 23/10/2008.*

Beetle Juice!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 28/10/2008.*

Dawn of the Dead (1978) » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 29/10/2008.*

There Will Be Blood » *O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 18/11/2008.*

Poster Sale » *Áras na MacLéinn on Wednesday, 19/11/2008.*

Poster sale in the Foyer of Áras na MacLéinn. Great deals on door sized posters, giant wall posters and art prints. Best value in Galway for Posters.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off & Night Out » *Bar903 on Wednesday, 19/11/2008.*

Ironman » *O'Flaherty on Thursday, 20/11/2008.*

"Spirited Away" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 25/11/2008.*

"Aladdin" & "The Lion King" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 26/11/2008.*

"Toy Story" & "Sleeping Beauty" » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 27/11/2008.*

Amelie » *O'Flaherty on Tuesday, 20/1/2009.*

Chinatown » *O'Flaherty on Wednesday, 21/1/2009.*

The Dark Knight » *O'Flaherty on Thursday, 22/1/2009.*

Rocky Horror Picture Show » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 27/1/2009.*

The Lives of Others » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 28/1/2009.*

Tropic Thunder » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 29/1/2009.*

The French Connection » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 3/2/2009.*

The Goonies » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 4/2/2009.*

The Prestige » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 5/2/2009.*

Blood Simple (1984) » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 10/2/2009.*

The Big Lebowski (1998) » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 11/2/2009.*

Burn After Reading (2008) » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 12/2/2009.*

Lord of the Rings Triathalon » *The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Sunday, 15/2/2009.*

On Friday, FilmSoc will be showing the Lord of the Rings Trilogy in a marathon session for die-hard fans and casual filmgoers alike. The session will begin with The Fellowship of the Ring at 11am, followed by The Two Towers (3pm) and is set to conclude with The Return of the King (7pm). The night is scheduled to finish by 11pm. [Full details available in the Múscailt Film Guide, available from the SocsBox].

11am The Fellowship of the Ring - 178min

3pm The Two Towers - 179 min

7pm Return of the King - 201 min

Lolita » O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 18/2/2009.

Casablanca » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 19/2/2009.

Caramel » O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 4/3/2009.

Oscars Ball » Radisson SAS Hotel on Wednesday, 11/3/2009.

Starting in the college Bar at 5pm with complementary transport to the Radisson Hotel. Reception to start, followed by dinner and lots of fun entertainment. Music line up has changed as the Blizzards will not be appearing. Instead The Willful, Pelican Was Taken and kaynu Tree plus DJ Byrno will be performing. Lots of surprises and prizes including the amazing new Toyota for one lucky full ticket holder.

Hunger » O'Flaherty on Wednesday, 18/3/2009.

Koyasnski » O'Flaherty on Thursday, 19/3/2009.

Breakfast Night » O' Flaherty on Tuesday, 24/3/2009.

An Inconvenient Truth » O' Flaherty on Tuesday, 24/3/2009.

AGM » O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 2/4/2009.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Elizabeth Cox

Treasurer: Sophie Van Der Putten

Vice-Auditor - Film Production: Christopher O'Loughlin

Head of Events: Jack Stenson

ISO: Maria Corcoran

PRO: Tara Finn

Vice-Auditor: Stefaan Verbruggen

Secretary: Sinead Harte

Vice-Auditor - Administration/P.R.: Andrew Seeber

SDO: Colin Lyons

Events: Tara Keena

Administrative Officer: Niamh Nolan

Committee 2009/2010

Treasurer: Maria Corcoran

Vice-Auditor (Student Cinema): Tara Keena

ISO: Jason Hoare

Secretary: Michael Talty

Vice-Auditor (Film Production): Conor Cuddy

Safety Officer: Niamh McHugh

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€-10.69	Ball	€20,688.04
Balls	€440.00	Bank charge	€97.93
Fundraising	€739.10	Costumes	€200.00
Muscailt	€420.00	Dinner	€611.00
Societies day	€185.00	Entertainment	€3,759.50
Socs box	€21,115.00	Equipment misc	€1,228.91
Sponsorship	€1,250.00	Fundraising/charity	€200.00
USC Grant	€8,393.87	Hoodies	€420.00
Total	€32,532.28	Makeup/Props	€121.19
		Materials	€49.46
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€373.70
		Society accommodation	€1,100.00

Income	Expenditure
	Society transport €3,570.91
	Socs day expenses €74.04
	Teacher fees €30.00
	Expenditure Total €32,524.68
	Unreconciled Cheque Total 00.00
	Cash In Hand €0.00
	Closing Bank Balance €7.60
	Total €32,532.28

Other Information

We held 37 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1367 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Elizabeth Cox	Auditor	740 hours
Niamh McHugh	Safety Officer	248 hours
Christopher O'Loughlin	Vice Auditor	400 hours
Stefaan Verbruggen	Vice Auditor	585 hours
Jack Stenson	Event Organiser	650 hours
Ashley Ryan	Ordinary Member	120 hours
Sophie Van Der Putten	Treasurer	490 hours
Tara Keena	Events	420 hours
Conor Cuddy	Video Editor	264 hours
Maria Corcoran	Inter-Society Officer	240 hours

ALIVE Students: 10 students

Hours Volunteered: 4157 hours

French Society

French Soc provides students with a chance to converse in French in a relaxed social setting. It allows them to improve their spoken French and grow confidence in their abilities.

During the year we host several "soirées" and cinema nights. This year we held the French 80s Disco night in De Burgo's, which played a mixture of French and English songs. The night was a huge success.

French Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 6 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

French Soirée ran for 1 week in Club De Burgos, beginning on Wednesday, 29/10/2008.

A chance to meet new people, speak French, and have the craic!!

Special Events

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

Table Quiz with a Twist! » College Bar on Tuesday, 4/11/2008.

Want to see how smart you are? Come along to the college bar and find out! Tables of 4, €8 per table. Questions are in both English and French. Great prizes to be won!

CinéClub » IT125G on Tuesday, 18/11/2008.

Come along and enjoy some French cinema.

Table Quiz » College Bar on Thursday, 20/11/2008.

This week the Italian and French Socs will be hosting a Table Quiz in the College bar, Thursday at 8.00pm.

Grand Prize of Tickets to the Afters of the Carnevale Ball for the winning table!!! And surprises for all other teams. Tickets are €3 per person or €10 per table!

All Money goes toward the Carnevale Ball which is in aid of Charity.

FRENCH 80's DISCO NIGHT » Club DeBurgos on Wednesday, 26/11/2008.

On Wednesday November 26th the French Soc and DJ Soc will be having a FRENCH 80's DISCO NIGHT in Club De Burgos, St-Augustine St. (beside the Library) at 9pm!!!!

Come along and share you best 80's fashion!

3 Euro per person. All profits will go to charity

Annual Party » Cellar Bar on Thursday, 2/4/2009.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Maire Ni Fhearraigh

Department Liason & PRO: Gabrielle Tremblay

Secretary: Muriel Carey

Post Grad Officer: Edward O'Carroll

Vice-Auditor: Sara MacNamara

Treasurer: Lorcan Murray

Vice Secretary: Peter O'Connor

PRO: Amy Loughlin

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€16.45	Bank charge	€1.40
Fundraising	€240.00	Fundraising/charity	€240.00
USC Grant	€4,445.06	Reception	€200.00
Total	€4,701.51	Received Money Returned	€4,245.06
		Expenditure Total	€4,686.46
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€15.05
		Total	€4,701.51

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 288 members.

Geography Society

The society organised a range of activities for its members this year, including table quizzes, meet and greet events with other societies, a range of seminars organised by the Geography Department Postgrads and several external invited speakers. One of the highlights of our year was a fieldtrip to the Association of American Geographers. Four postgraduate members attended and presented research papers at what is the largest geography conference in the world. Our papers were diverse on such subjects as 'volcanoes and climate change', 'Marine spacial planning', 'childrens attitude towards education' and 'Dark tourism in Sarajevo'. The opportunity to get feedback on their research by international experts was extremely beneficial. They plan to give a presentation on their work to the new society members in September to help explore the potential of Geography as a subject and the benefits of the society for social networking. The society had a successful year and hopes to build on this throughout the 2009/10 year with more events and more members.

Geography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

EGM » Geography Department, Seminar Room on Wednesday, 8th of October.

Dark Tourism in the 21st Century » Room 216 Geography Department on Wednesday, 29th of October.

The Geography Society's Tony Johnston will give a Hallowe'en themed talk on dark tourism. Dark tourism is defined as travel to destinations associated with disaster, where the tourist's motivation is a desire for an actual or symbolic encounter with death or disaster. The talk will last for approximately an hour and will include a short DVD on the topic. This will be followed by reception. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Table Quiz » College Bar on Tuesday, 25th of November.

Geography Society Table Quiz. Usual quiz rounds on Sport, Movies, General Knowledge, etc. Starts 8pm, finger food, fun prizes. 4 per team, €5 per person

Annual Party » Skeff on Wednesday, 26th of November.

Hunting and Rural Development in Ireland » Seminar Room, Geography Dept on Thursday, 5th of March.

Dave Scallan, Ph.D candidate in the Department of Geography will talk about his research on hunting and rural development in Ireland

Table Quiz » *College Bar on Wednesday, 18th of March.*

Geography Society Table Quiz, start at 8pm and includes some great prizes, with Stephen Galvin as Quizmaster. Entry costs €5 per person, tables of 4. General knowledge, movies, music, sport, geography and more rounds.

AAG » *Las Vegas on Thursday, 19th of March.*

Fieldtrip to the Association of American Geographers

Committee 2008/2009

Treasurer: David Scallan

Secretary: Claire Flower

PRO: Melissa Walsh

Vice-Auditor: Garret Maher

Auditor: Anthony Johnston

3rd Year Rep: Laura O'Sullivan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€216.89	Bank charge	€77.98
USC Grant	€2,365.13	Entertainment	€200.00
Total	€2,582.02	Prizes	€200.00
		Reception	€245.07
		Society transport	€1,472.05
		Expenditure Total	€2,195.10
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€386.92
		Total	€2,582.02

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 168 members.

G-Eos Society

The GEOS Society is the Galway Earth and Ocean Society. We are a departmental society with affiliation and recognition from the Earth and Ocean Sciences Department of NUI Galway. We aim to provide a medium for students to ask questions and discuss their course with both older years and lecturers. We achieve this by hosting a Website, on which any information regarding the society is displayed including an online forum where any and all questions can be asked. We also hold numerous talks and lectures where all members can get a deeper insight into a particular area than their lectures provide. We also hold a number of social nights for all our members to relax and get to know their class mates and lecturers in an informal setting.

Geos Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

Climate Change & Increased Water Demand » Fottrell Theater (AM200) Arts Millennium on Thursday, 25th of September.

Dr. Pat Leahy, Executive director of the American Geological Institute, presents an international perspective on the impacts of climate change and a growing population, both of which threaten groundwater resources, as well as strategies on how we can adapt.

This talk is one in a series to celebrate International Year of Planet Earth.

Lunchtime Lecture » A206 on Tuesday, 30th of September.

Lunchtime lecture by Abi Pattenden: the Influence of Submarine Canyons on Megabenthic Communities.

Pizza Party » Staff Club on Wednesday, 1st of October.

Evening with free refreshments and Pizza; also start of the "Hoody Back design" Competition

Guest Lecture » A206 on Tuesday, 28th of October.

Hares, Tortoises and the Landscape of Father Ted Country. Lecture from Mike Simms.

Guest Lecture » A206 on Thursday, 30th of October.

The Proto-Andes: a long lived active margin in western South America. by Dr. David Chew

Guest Speaker » The Quad, A206 on Wednesday, 26th of November.

Prof. Paul Ryan will speak on the Confrontation between Taiwan and China: a Geological Perspective. Will prove to be an interesting and informative talk to all who attend. Everyone welcome!! Refreshment provided afterwards.

Speaker: Dr. Jacques Guigne » MRI Annex Seminar Room on Thursday, 29th of January.

From Mapping the Benthic Habitat Chaos to Imaging the Depths of the Reservoir to Fingers of Sound in Space - A Journey In Acoustics. Dr. Guignes is a world renowned Acoustic Geophysicist whose company's equipment has recently been sent into space. Dr. Guignes is an Associate Professor at Bath University.

Everyone is welcome to attend this talk and there will be a tea, coffee and biscuit reception afterwards. Hope to see you there.

Solving Darwin's Dilemma » A206, Dept. of Earth and Ocean Sciences on Thursday, 12th of February.

Breandán MacGabhann, Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences Solving Darwin's Dilemma: Clues to the origin and early evolution of animals from the Ordovician of the Sahara Desert, Morocco 150 years ago, Charles Darwin's *On The Origin Of Species* was published, changing forever our understanding of life. However, Darwin had one unanswered question: how come every major animal group appeared simultaneously at the base of the Cambrian, (in what is now known as the Cambrian Explosion)? The fundamental question posed became known as Darwin's Dilemma: did the Cambrian Explosion represent the origin of animals? Or were these remains merely the first fossils, hiding a long period of evolution unrepresented in the geological record? Now, on the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, Breandán MacGabhann, a postgraduate here in EOS who shares Charles Darwin's birthday, will present a talk on his research on Ordovician fossils from the Sahara Desert of Morocco, and how they impact on theories of early animal evolution. Beginning with a brief taste of what it's like to work in the Sahara Desert, he will move on to describe the newly discovered Tafilalt Lagerstätte, which preserves thousands of soft-bodied fossils. Many of these fossils are related to specimens from the famous Middle Cambrian Burgess Shale Lagerstätte, but are preserved in a style more similar to the Ediacaran biota, a set of Precambrian fossils, which are controversial in terms of their relationship to later Cambrian fossils. Comparison of the Ordovician, Cambrian, and Ediacaran Lagerstätte may hold the key to finally answering Darwin's Dilemma, thus fundamentally changing what we think we know about the Earth's earliest animals.

The Energy We Consume » Orbsen Building Seminar Room on Friday, 6th of March.

Gavin Harte from ESD will be giving a talk titled "The energy we consume." This is the first in a series of environmental talks taking place.

The Business of Climate Change » BS118, Cairnes Building on Friday, 13th of March.

Talk from the Siemens Climate Change Lecture series. This is the second in a series of Environmental talks taking place.

Career Seminar » *A 206, EOS Dept on Wednesday, 18th of March.*

Careers talk from two graduates from the EOS department. Kerian Ryan, an Environmental Geologist and Jon Hunt, a seismologist will share their experience of the working world with undergrads and postgrads. Also advice on CV preparation and interview techniques. Tea and Coffee served.

The Psychology of Risk and Response » *Room 125G, IT Building on Friday, 20th of March.*

Talk entitled, Climate Change: The Psychology of Risk and Response. Talk part of the Siemens Climate change lecture series. This is the last in a series of Environmental talks offered

Ireland's Energy Future » *Tnuthaill Theatre, Arts Millenium on Wednesday, 25th of March.*

Lorna Siggins, Irish Times will chair a debate on Ireland's future. Speakers include David Korowitz, FEASTA (Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability) James Ryan, Wavebob (Wavebob is an Irish company developing a unique Wave Energy Converter – 'Wavebob', which harnesses the immense power of the ocean to produce clean, renewable energy and have a test site in Galway) Kieran Hickey, Environmental Change Institute. More speakers to be announced..

Committee 2008/2009

Vice-Auditor: Wim Van Den Bosch

PRO: Peter Fallon

Third year rep: Ivo Koellmeier

Safety Officer: Paul Murray

Fourth year rep: Julie Keane

Treasurer: Mary Buckley

Secretary: Ciara Bannon

Post Grad Rep: Bill Wood

Staff Rep: Eve Daly

First year Rep: Clodagh Condell

Auditor: David O'Leary

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Wim Van Den Bosch

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€763.37	Costumes	€1,320.00
Bank Charge	€23.94	Bank Charge	44.21
Hoodies	€175.00	Dinner	€501.30
Members Contributions	€1,125.00	Entertainment	€85.40
USC Grant	€3,076.81	Equipment misc	€260.15
Total	€5,164.12	Prizes	€194.00
		Promotions	€22.50
		Reception	€394.64
		Speaker accommodation	€316.00
		Speaker travel	€131.17
		Stationary	€5.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,274.37
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,889.75
		Total	€5,164.12

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 200 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
David O'Leary	Auditor	200 hours
Wim Van Den Bosch	Co-auditor	320 hours
Peter Fallon	PRO	45 hours
Ciara Bannon	SECRETARY	49 hours
Paul Murray	Safety Officer	40 hours
Bill Wood	Post grad rep	40 hours
Julie Keane	4th year rep	20 hours
Clodagh Condell	1st Year Class Representative	40 hours

ALIVE Students: 8 students

Hours Volunteered: 754 hours

German Society

The German society is set up to practice the German language and experience the exceptional German culture. We would like to welcome any German Erasmus students to NUIG. We also like to have fun and get to know more people. Viel Spass!

German Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 19 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Coffee Morning ran for 13 weeks in The Hub, Aras Na Mac Leinn, beginning on Tuesday, 27/1/2009.

Hi guys,

This is a chance for German Soc members(and friends/anybody) to meet up at the Hub for coffee and chat. It's a great chance to get to meet new people of similar interests and provides members with an opportunity to get in contact with committee members to give ideas about events etc.

Special Events

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

Weihnachts Party » Bierhaus on Thursday, 27/11/2008.

This is a joint event with the German department and German class reps. We will all meet in the Bierhaus at 20:30 for a Christmas party. There will be free gluehwein and some German food; also a DJ will play music for all the students in the Bierhaus. Frohe Weihnachten!

Threepenny Opera » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 10/3/2009.

"Threepenny Opera" by Brecht 10th-12th March. Venue: Bank of Ireland theatre @ 8pm. Admission is free. The Threepenny Opera proclaims itself "an opera for beggars," and it was in fact an attempt both to satirize traditional opera and operetta and to create a new kind of musical theatre based on the theories of two young German artists, composer Kurt Weill and poet-playwright Bert Brecht. The show opens with a mock-Baroque overture, a nod to Threepenny's source, The Beggar's Opera, a brilliantly successful parody of Handel's operas written by John Gay in 1728. In a brief prologue following the overture, a shabby figure comes on-stage with a barrel organ and launches into a song chronicling the crimes of the notorious bandit and womaniser Macheath, "Mack the Knife." The setting is a fair in Soho (London), just before Queen Victoria's coronation.

Threepenny Opera » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Wednesday, 11/3/2009.**Threepenny Opera » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 12/3/2009.****Threepenny Opera » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 26/3/2009.****Stadtführung Galway » Meet at Hooker Fountain at Eyre Square. on Saturday, 9/5/2009.****Committee 2008/2009**

Committee 09/10 Candidate: Triona Jacob

Treasurer: Colm Harney

Auditor: Steven Toyne

Secretary: Catherine Finn

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Costumes	€200.00
Bank Charge	€0.30	Dinner	€133.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Lights	€200.00
Fundraising	€250.00	Reception	€70.00
Total	€750.30	Expenditure Total	€603.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€30.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€117.30
		Total	€750.30

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 246 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Seosamh Aodan O'Murchadha	Former Ordinary Member	20 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 20 hours

GiGSoc (Gay in Galway)

GiGSoc is dedicated to provide a safe and welcoming environment to members of the LGBT community and friends, it does this by hosting events, both social and educational.

In the academic year 08/09 GiGSoc had its share of ups and downs. We had some fantastic events in semester one; however, other commitments for the committee lead the society to suffer in the early portion of semester two.

However, with persistence and dedication, GiGSoc managed to pull through, putting on a student pride week to remember thanks to a lot of hard work from remaining committee members.

The highest point by far of our year was SLQS (Smells Like Queen Spirit), which took place during student pride week.

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

Welcome Out! » *IT207 on Tuesday, 30th of September.*

Happy New Year!

Our first event of the new year is the ever wonderful Welcome Out! Party! Come along and have a laugh, meet new people and make loads of new friends! Things kick off in the IT Building at 8pm; but the fun won't end there! We'll be heading out afterwards! So it should be a great night to get things kicked off!

Ice-Breakers, are as always available to one and to all!

Extraordinary General Meeting » *IT207 on Tuesday, 7th of October.*

The first EGM of GiGSoc will be happening in IT207 (the same room the welcome out party was in) this Tuesday the 7th of October, in order to fill the positions of Secretary and Education Officer. It should be noted that the position is open to all members including first years, who are registered students of NUI Galway.

In order to run for the position, it is necessary to be nominated by two students; you may propose yourself, and be seconded by someone else, or you may be proposed and nominated by two other members.

In order to vote, you must present your valid NUIG Student ID.

The election will be by secret ballot, with an option to re-open the nominations.

Treasure Hunt » *IT207 on Tuesday, 7th of October.*

Disney themed treasure hunt, preceded by EGM!

Table Quiz » *TBC on Tuesday, 14th of October.*

Come along this week, and get those brain cells stretched at a good old fashioned table quiz! Things will be kicking off in a pub at 8pm! Free finger food will be served! Yahoo! As always Ice-Breakers are available - just drop us a line!

Hallowe'en Ball » *The Living Room on Tuesday, 28th of October.*

Join us this Tuesday for a Traffic Light Ball Meets Carnival Extravaganza! The colour of your mask (which GiGSoc will provide) signals your intentions.... Things will get started around 8pm, with free finger food being provided too!! See you there, and don't forget, Ice-Breakers are available, if you want to come along, but don't want to do it by yourself!

Smells Like Queen Spirit » *The Stage Door & Club Heaven on Thursday, 6th of November.*

USIs Pink Training » *NUI Galway on Friday, 7th of November.*

This year NUI, Galway is hosting USIs Pink Training weekend! A fun weekend of Educational Workshops on all things gay, and lesbian! Topics covered include Trans Issues, Coming Out, and Queer Theory!

Club nights are being run from Thursday, in the form of SLQS, and then on Friday and Saturday.

Friday, things get starting the college bar, and move thence, that's right, thence, to Heaven! (Night Club).

Saturday evening, we begin our evening in the Stage door, and again go to Heaven!

Cinema Night » *Omniplex, opposite Galway S.C. on Tuesday, 11th of November.*

This week were having, wait for it... A Cinema Night, tomorrow the 11th of November! We'll be meeting at the Omniplex cinema which is on Headford road) for about 8.45 so we have enough time to see what people wanna see the most!! the decision is yours :) There will be €1.50 off all your tickets as well!!! Hope to see ye all there!...

Singstar Tuesday » *The Stage Door, Woodquay on Tuesday, 18th of November.*

~**"Singstar Tuesday"***~

This weeks event is a singstar competition, a fabulous night where you can all come along and belt out the tunes. Things will be kicking off in the lovely Stage Door (Woodquay) at 9pm. . and after we'll see where the night takes us.... There will be great prizes up for grabs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and a good and messy night is guaranteed 9 so make sure ye come out and have a laugh with all the Gays and don't forget to drag along a couple of friends!!

~** ICE-BREAKERS **~

As always Ice-Breakers are available to anyone who wants them. So don't be shy and drop us a line if you wanna come along!!! We don't bite...

Welcome Out! Party » *IT 207 on Tuesday, 20th of January.*

Rocky Horror Picture Show » *O'Flaherty Theatre, Concourse on Tuesday, 27th of January.*

In association with FilmSoc, GiGSoc presents the Rocky Horror Picture Show! After Janet accepts Brad's marriage proposal, the happy couple drive away from Denton, Ohio, only to get lost in the rain. They stumble upon the castle of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite who is holding the annual convention of visitors from the planet Transsexual. Frank-N-Furter unveils his creation, a young man named Rocky Horror, who fears the doctor and rejects his sexual advances. When Frank-N-Furter announces that he is returning to the galaxy Transylvania, Riff Raff the butler and Magenta the maid declare that they have plans of their own. Let's all do the timewarp and try to forget about the planned MTV remake!

We're going to head to the Living Room afterwards for chatting!

Ice-Breakers are always available!!

A Night Of Mature Cheese w/v Easi SIngle » *IT206 on Tuesday, 10th of March.*

We will be hosting Vesna Malesevic a sociology lecturer who will be giving us a talk on her recent findings in a survey she conducted on the youth LGBT in Ireland with particular emphasis on the Galway LGBT population.

The night will be accompanied with cheese and wine, and after the talk we will be pumping out the tunes cheesaay style!

Then its onwards and upward to Cuba Nightclub! Free passes WILL be provided!

See you there GiGers! As always new members are welcome: email gigsoc@gmail.com

GiGSoc STUDENT PRIDE » Various on Tuesday, 10th of March.

GiGSoc presents Student Pride!

A week long array of events, ranging from educational to out and out laughter and mayhem... We will be hosting a talk by the fabulous Vesna Malesevic! Bingo with fabulous prizes, and not to mention...yes its back... SMELLS LIKE A QUEEN SPIRIT! Its going to be an amazing week, and it's YOUR pride, lets show it up in style! As always new members are totally welcome, we WANT you to come. E-mail gigsoc@gmail.com for details. Or join us on yourspace.nuigalway.ie to be added to our mailing list and receive free text updates on current events.

GAY BINGO! » Busker Brownes on Wednesday, 11th of March.

ITS TIME FOR BINNGOOO!

Have you got the balls? :P Its GiGsoc BINGO! MC'd by our very own Sinead Temple Bar, (in drag.. well so to speak) the night will be held in Busker Brownes starting at 8pm, free finger food will be provided, and it is a late bar, so we can stick around, or head to an Roísín Dubh.

There will be fabulous prizes, naughty and nice...

So.. have you got the balls?

E-mail gigsoc@gmail.com

SLQS Part Deux » Stage Door on Thursday, 12th of March.

THE RETURN OF SLQS!

Smells like a Queen Spirit, GiGsoc's alternative music event, will be held in the Stage Door from 9pm Thursday the 12th March. Everything will be played from rock to indie to pop, all from the decks of DJ EBBY. We will party on into the wee hours of the morning and as always it will be a chokerblock night of mayhem.

There will be glowsticks.

There will be balloons.

You will get painted...

€5 on the door admission

email gigsoc@gmail.com

Dance class » IT206 on Sunday, 22nd of March.

Dance class with our very own Michael Flanagan.

Committee 2008/2009

Treasurer: Stephen Devenney

Male Co Auditor: David Devlin

Extraordinary Committee member: Kevin Steede

PRO: Robert Clancy

Secretary: Padraig Joyce

New Members Liason Officer: Ruairi Riddell

Auditor: Sinead Dolan

Education Officer: Michael Flanagan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€294.53	Entertainment	€275.00
Bank Charge	€9.30	Bank charge	€15.16
Ticket Sales	€222.94	Prizes	€50.00
USC Grant	€576.35	Expenditure Total	€340.16
Total	€1,103.12	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€762.96
		Total	€1,103.12

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 239 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Sinead Dolan	Auditor	102 hours
Robert Clancy	Public Relations Officer	134 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 students

Hours Volunteered: 236 hours

Goal Society

Goal is an international humanitarian organisation that has spent over €400 million implementing relief and development programmes in 50 countries in the past 30 years.

Goal ensures that the poorest of the poor and the most vulnerable in our world and those affected by humanitarian crises have access to the fundamental needs and rights of life: food, water, shelter, medical attention and literacy.

The Goal Society here in NUIG aims to raise the much needed funds for these underdeveloped nations in innovative ways, such as through sporting events, leg waxing, Jersey Day etc. We also strive to increase awareness of third world poverty on campus by highlighting development issues. Not only do we fundraise for this worthy cause but we manage to do this on an exceptionally low administration cost.

Goal Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Goal Presentation » *AC215 on Wednesday, 29th of October.*

Goalsoc have invited a Galway City Goal representative Clara into one of our meetings to tell us about Goal's current issues and the work Goal is doing worldwide today.

Silence Day » *AC215 on Wednesday, 26th of November.*

Goal will be arranging a silence day where participants will have sponsorship cards in order to raise funds for Goal by staying Silent for the day.

The Dark Knight showing » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 22nd of January.*

FilmSoc are showing "The Dark Knight" and have kindly involved GoalSoc in the event by arranging for GoalSoc to gather donations from students who are attending the film.

Non-Alcohol Week » *AC215/Campus on Monday, 16th of February.*

Goalsoc will hold a non-Alcohol week where participants can get sponsorship from friends and family for not drinking alcohol for one week. Any funds raised will go to Goalsoc.

Cellar Night » *The Cellar Bar on Wednesday, 25th of February.*

The Cellar Bar are kindly allowing Goalsoc to raise funds in their bar on the Wednesday of Rag Week. Goalsoc members will money by carrying out face painting and giving out sweets to anyone who put money into our Goal buckets.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Heather Kiernan

Vice-Auditor: Peter Mannion

Treasurer: Shane White

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,771.01	Bank charge	€12.50
Fundraising	€1,147.00	Fundraising/charity	€1,771.00
USC Grant	€62.24	Reception	€156.58
Total	€2,980.25	Expenditure Total	€1,940.08
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.00
		Total	€1,040.17
		Total	€2,980.25

Other Information

We held 1 committee meeting during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 97 members.

Hispano Soc

Hola a todos!!

Hispanosoc is NUI Galway's only society dedicated to promoting Spanish, Hispanic and Latin culture on campus. Even though we got off to a rocky start this year, a new and enthusiastic following enabled us to have some really great memorable events in second semester, and we're looking forward to another great year to come!

Hispanosoc Events

This year the society had a total of 24 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Night out with ISIS ran for 14 weeks in Aras Na nGael, Lower Dominick Street, beginning on Thursday, 29/1/2009.

Night out in Aras na nGael with the Irish Spanish Integration Society... It's a fantastic opportunity to meet Spanish people, and for you Spanish to meet Irish people that are looking for an intercambio. It also is a great night out where you can meet lots of lovely people!! So espero de veros todos manana!!!

Special Events

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

First Meeting » The Hub on Wednesday, 14/1/2009.

We're meeting tomorrow at 6pm in the hub, in Aras Na Macleinn for our first general meeting. Everyone who would like to get involved, come along! We'll be making a plan for all the things we'll be doing during the Semester, so if you have anything you would like us to do come along and tell us, or, if you can't make it, send us an email.

First Party » *Bar Number 8 on Wednesday, 21/1/2009.*

First Hispanosoc Party of the year in Bar Number 8!!

Fresa y Chocolate » *Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 27/1/2009.*

We are going to show a film called Fresa y Chocolate at 7.30 in the TYNDALL LECTURE THEATRE.

Plot: Diego, a cultivated, homosexual and skeptical young man, falls in love with a young heterosexual communist full of prejudices and doctrinary ideas. First come rejection and suspicion, but also fascination. Fresa y chocolate is the story of a great friendship, that is, a great love between two men, which overcomes incomprehension and intolerance.

Disco Pigs » *Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 3/2/2009.*

Tonight's film is Disco Pigs, hope to see you all there!

Y tu Mama Tambien » *Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 10/2/2009.*

Our weekly film, this week in spanish is a mexican cult classic, Y tu Mama Tabmien!

Carnaval Fancy Dress Party » *Aras Na nGael, Lower Dominick Street on Tuesday, 24/2/2009.*

All around the world people are getting dressed up and having fun for Carnaval! So let's join them! Prizes for best costumes, face painting & DJ. €2 in.

Luis Asturias Fundraiser » *Roisin Dubh on Sunday, 1/3/2009.*

We have the next Armada Corazon Event to support Luis Asturias this Sunday 1st March @ the Roisin Dubh. The line up will include No Banjo, The Violets, Timbertramps, Dj Will Sofly and Dj Monty. Tickets are €10 doors open at 9 pm till late.

Luis Asturias is a well known Spanish musician living in Galway for the last 12 years. During this time he has played with many local bands and songwriters and has also been a member of some of Galway's more exciting original rock outfits.

Recently Luis was diagnosed with a rare disease called Amyloidosis which has affected his heart. Unfortunately his condition has worsened in the form of Multiple Myeloma; a type of blood cancer that he is currently receiving treatment for at UCHG.

Luis' best option for long-term survival is an urgent cardiac transplant. A Spanish cardiologist has agreed to operate on him, however the cost for this procedure is substantial and hence a major concern at present. Therefore ARMADA CORAZON, a Fund-Raising event has been organized to help towards the cost.

More info at www.supportluis.com

We hope to see you on Sunday.

Carnaval Fancy Dress Party » *Galway Bay Hotel on Friday, 13/3/2009.*

An event originally hosted every year by the Italian soc, this year Hispanosoc and Frenchsoc are on board too. There will be a three course dinner, lots of music and dance and great fun! It is taking place in the Galway Bay Hotel on the 13th of March, Tickets are 55 euros and afters are 25 euros.

All proceeds are going to charity.

Che el Argentino » *Tyndall Theatre on Tuesday, 24/3/2009.*

This week we'll be showing the latest film of Che Guevara and the Cuban revolution, 'Che el Argentino'

Bring Your own Food Party » *Bar 8, the Docks on Thursday, 2/4/2009.*

To mark the end of the semester we are going to have a party this coming Thursday from 8.30 in Bar no8. It's a Bring Your Own Food party, so, if you feel like it, prepare your favourite nibbles and share them with the rest! Don't worry, you'll be let in without food, too;) Also, we are going to have some great Flamenco musicians play for us! It should be great fun and a perfect way of ending the academic year so hope to see all of you there!

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Stephanie Swanton

Treasurer: Cían Hackett

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€10.00	Bank charge	€0.84
Total	€10.00	Expenditure Total	€0.84
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€9.16
		Total	€10.00

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 220 members.

The Human Rights Society

The Human Rights Society raises awareness of human rights issues in the world. They invite speakers, show films, organise petitions and information campaigns as well as holding regular meetings and week long events such as the annual Global Rights Awareness week.

Human Rights Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

EGM » *The Hub on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

AGM » *O hEocha Theatre on Wednesday, 1st of April.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Patrick Rochford

Vice-Auditor: Seana Moran

Treasurer: George Kaar

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Patrick Rochford

Vice-Auditor: Seana Moran

Treasurer: George Kaar

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€499.68	Bank charge	€3.64
Total	€499.68	Expenditure Total	€3.64
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€496.04
		Total	€499.68

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 380 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Aisling O'Connell	Treasurer	120 hours
Seana Moran	Event Organiser	50 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 students

Hours Volunteered: 170 hours

International Students Society

The International Student Society is for all visiting students to NUI, Galway and Irish students who would like to meet our visitors. The society is traditionally run by returning erasmus students who have a feel for being a foreign student, and also encourages visiting student participation in the committee.

This year we ran a number of events which tried to strike a balance between the two main attractions for visitors, fun and sightseeing. We ran a number of trips to some of Ireland's most famous landmarks like the Cliffs of Moher, to less-traditional destinations such as Mountbellow Agricultural Farm, so visitors could experience real Irish farming.

At the same time, we ran social events with an international theme such as bring a plate nights and a 'dress as your country' night, all of which proved to be a huge success both with foreign and Irish society members.

ISS International Students Society Events

This year the society held a total of 28 events.

Welcome Back Party » *Skeffington Arms on Wednesday, 10th of September.*

Start the year off on the right foot at our welcome back party for all you returning students and our international guests: welcome to Galway. There will be craic, free finger food and a prize for the first 50 so see you all at the Skeff, Eyre Square.

Aran Islands » *Aran Islands on Friday, 12th of September.*

Come tour the beautiful Aran Islands with the ISS. We'll cycling, sightseeing and picnicking, walking and more!

Town Tour » *All About Town on Wednesday, 17th of September.*

Galway Nightlife Tour » *All over the place on Friday, 19th of September.*

Bring A Dish and Céilí » *College Bar on Thursday, 2nd of October.*

FEAST YOUR EYES ON THIS!: The "Bring a Dish" party is pretty self explanatory. Come one, come all, come with food to the College Bar at 7pm on Thursday 2nd of October. The idea is everyone brings a dish and everyone eats a bit of whatever they want from the vast variety of international dishes.

If you make a dish, you can bring a friend but we are going to be strict about catching freeloaders; two people, at LEAST one dish.

In other news, the ISS is pleased to announce the return of that most sacred of NUIG traditions, the annual ISS-Trad Soc Céilí. (A Céilí is a big traditional Irish dance and it involves much swinging and jumping and hopping and skipping and, if you do it right, much falling and sweating and bruising.) Straight after the Bring a Dish dinner, the College Bar will be hosting this manic event, starting at 9pm sharp. Trust us folks, this is unmissable. The Traditional Music Society will be providing quality traditional Irish music led by the infamous Ken "The Caller" O'Donoghue and there'll be plenty of natives to show you the moves.

SO: Bring a Dish begins at 7 and if you can't make it /cook join us at 9 for the Céilí.

Rubix Cube Party » Mixers Bar on Wednesday, 8th of October.

Dress As your Country » Paddy'sBar, Prospect Hill on Friday, 10th of October.

so the DRESS AS YOUR COUNRTY PARTY is simple:

- 1) choose a stereotype of your nationality
- 2) emulate the fudge out of it
- 3) turn up to PADDY'S BAR on Wednesday the 21st because you will look very silly dressed like that anywhere else

Bowling » Leisure World (next to Tesco) on Wednesday, 15th of October.

Cliffs of Moher » Cliffs of Moher- Co. Clare on Sunday, 2nd of November.

Election Party » Paddy's Bar on Tuesday, 4th of November.

On 4th of November 2008 the United States of America will vote to decide its future President. To celebrate this momentous event ISS and the Literary and Debating Society AND Law Soc are hosting a party in Paddy's where we'll be watching the votes as they come in. Oh... and we'll be eating American food (pretzels) so we can party while we're waiting for that final result :-). Entry fee will be five Euro payable at the bar entrance, the Socs Box or at the NUI Galway US Presidential Election Debate this Thursday. This is going to be the biggest event of the year, don't miss it.

Table Quiz and Party » College Bar...then MIXERS on Tuesday, 11th of November.

Trip To Mounbellow Agricultural Farm » Mounbellow on Friday, 21st of November.

Come see how a real Irish farm works. We'll be given a tour of the farm where we get to meet the animals and sample the food!

Welcome Party » Skeffington Arms on Tuesday, 13th of January.

Galway Nightlife Tour » All over the place on Thursday, 15th of January.

Dress as your Country Party » Paddy's Bar on Wednesday, 21st of January.

International Film Night » O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 28th of January.

Day Trip To Conemarra » Conemarra on Friday, 30th of January.

Come away with us to this wild and mystical land "INTO THE WEST" -The tour will cost €11 and we will be hitting Kylemore Abbey, Letterfrack Furniture Museum, and the sleek village of Cliften. And stopping for photos, of course.

Tickets are available from tomorrow (Thursday the 22nd) in the Socs Box. The Socs Box is in the Rush Cafe in Áras na MacLéinn (the glass building next to the college bar). They will most likely sell out super fast so get there ASAP.

We leave from the Quad @ 9.30 AM on Friday the 30th of January and we should be back by 6pm

80's Costume Party » Club De Burgos on Tuesday, 3rd of February.

Kayak Session » *THE CANAL on Friday, 6th of February.*

Trip To Limerick City » *Limerick City on Sunday, 15th of February.*

Limerick, nicknamed 'The City of Spectacular Sights' by me, has some spectacular sights. On Sunday the 15th of this month, the ISS will be hosting a day trip to this very city.

Specific sights are:

The Hunt Museum (considered 'pretty sweet' by some people I asked)

King John's Castle

A 'Mystery' castle!

Make sure you go! Tickets go on sale tomorrow (the 9th) at 1pm in the Socs Box for €12, and you'd be wise to snag one pretty sharpish. Besides a willingness to sing on the bus (I'm looking at you, Connemara bus group), you'll need to bring a packed lunch and a rain jacket. Since it will be a day trip, we'll all meet at 9:30am and be back by around 7pm, so tell your moms not to worry.

Bring a Dish and Open Mic Night » *De Burgos on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

CHARITY WORLD CUP » *KINGFISHER GYM on Tuesday, 24th of February.*

On Tuesday during RAG week (the 24th), the ISS is hosting an INTERNATIONAL 5-a-side soccer tournament in the Kingfisher Sports Center (the gym on campus). The cost to have a team is 15 Euro, but since each team will consist of at least 5 people, it's pretty much 3 euro per person. MOST IMPORTANTLY: We will be donating proceeds to Cancer Care West, so you will not only bask in the glow of sportsmanship, but you'll also be giving to a genuinely good cause. Guy/Girl, Skill/Suck, Chelsea/Manu; everyone is welcome to come out and have some fun! GET 5 PEOPLE FROM YOUR COUNTRY TOGETHER AND COME WEARING YOUR COUNTRY COLOURS. SIGN UP ONLY! EMAIL YOUR TEAM NAME TO INTSTUDENTS@SOCS.NUIGALWAY.IE

90s Party » *De Burgos on Wednesday, 25th of February.*

HIKE TO DIAMOND HILL » *Conemarra National Park on Saturday, 28th of February.*

The mountaineering club of NUIG will be taking the ISS mountain (well technically hill) climbing in the Conemarra National Park. So, on the 28th of February, which is a Saturday, we're going to climb to the top of Diamond Hill! You want to come..? Tickets are €8 each and go on sale this FRIDAY the 20th in the Socs Box AND AND AND there is a cash €€€ prize for whoever gets to the top first! We'll be leaving at 10am from outside the Quad. Pro tips: Wear comfortable shoes AND Bring a Packed Lunch.

Weekend in Kerry » *Kerry on Friday, 6th of March.*

Multiculturalism Party » *College Bar on Thursday, 26th of March.*

I've recently overheard a surprising number of Irish students bemoaning the fact that they 'hadn't experienced properly the incredible amount of diversity on campus, especially considering the fact that the wildly popular International Student Society is open to any comers and always willing to have a good time.' Luckily the Law Society AND the International Students' Society are having a 'Wrap-Up-Party' to celebrate the end of the Law Society's 'Equality and Inclusion Week' this Thursday in the College Bar at 10. Everyone is welcome to come sample cultures from around the world through international cuisine (including the popular 'Italian' and 'French' food) and music (we'll be blasting everything from bluegrass to African to Irish). So, if you're an Irish student looking for an interesting experience, or an international student looking for another excuse to go nuts with your friends, or even one of those six eloquent people I've eavesdropped on around campus, come out next Thursday for a great time!

ISS AGM » *IT207 on Friday, 3rd of April.*

CORRIB PRINCESS » *RIVER CORRIB on Friday, 3rd of April.*

HELLO ALL, To celebrate the end of term we're going to be cruising up and down the Corrib River on a boat, just us and the water all around us, on a boat, with all sorts of fun shenanigans going on, on a boat. For three hours (6-9pm) you and the rest of the ISS can toast the town in style. I won't call it a 'Love Boat', but the actual boat is called 'The Corrib Princess', so yeah, I will. Friday the 3rd of April is the date, so whatever else you had going on that day, cancel it. Do it. Tickets go on sale tomorrow (the 26rd) in the socs box for €7 and, judging from past ISS events that weren't even near a boat selling out within two hours, you had better snag yours sharpish. Big love, ISS

Committee 2008/2009

PRO: Daniel Goncalves

Auditor: Nora McMahon

Treasurer: John Hennigan

Secretary: Steven Kiely

Ivo Koelmeir: Ivo Koellmeier

OCM: Boris Kanchev

Vice-Auditor: Anna Kenny

OCM: Liane Mullers

OCM: Enda Walsh

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,826.40	Entry Fee	€16.00
Bank Charge	€5.98	Bank charge	€49.35
Fundraising	€98.00	Dinner	€40.00
Members Contributions	€215.00	Entertainment	€868.60
Socs box	€6,855.50	Fundraising/charity	€300.00
USC Grant	€4,090.00	Hire Bus	€1,230.00
Total	€13,090.88	Makeup/Props	€64.03
		Materials	€1,653.49
		Prizes	€50.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€38.50
		Received Money Returned	€480.00
		Society accommodation	€2,130.20
		Society transport	€3623.20
		Speaker travel	€1,200.00
		Expenditure Total	€11,743.37
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,347.51
		Total	€13,090.88

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 913 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Boris Kanchev	Ordinary Member	150 hours
Anna Kenny	Vice-auditor	320 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 students

Hours Volunteered: 470 hours

Italian Society

The Italian society is a society dedicated to the promotion of Italian culture on Campus. We also hope to help visiting students from Italy settle in here and meet new friends. This year our events ranged from toga parties to the Carnevale Ball with lots more in between. It also saw the birth of our newsletter 'Ciao Galway' and radio show of the same name.

Italian Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 21 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Italian Night ran for 9 weeks in Massimos, beginning on Thursday, 23/10/2008.

Special Events

This year we held 12 special events. These events were as follows:

Tandem Party » College Bar on Sunday, 21/9/2008.

Come along and meet the family at our annual Tandem Party, its like speed dating only speed friending :)

Bring a dish Serata! » Club Áras na nGael on Tuesday, 30/9/2008.

LA DOLCE VITA » TB303 on Tuesday, 21/10/2008.

The Italian soc will be showing the masterpiece movie: LA DOLCE VITA!!

come along and meet the family!!!

Removing to Club Áras na nGeal afterward!!

Fancy Dress Party » Club Áras na nGael on Tuesday, 28/10/2008.

Italian and French Soc Table Quiz » College Bar on Thursday, 20/11/2008.

Launch of Society Newsletter » The Hub on Thursday, 4/12/2008.

Hey guys the Italian soc is launching its first montly newsletter this thursday!!!

Come along to the hub for free pizza and sweets.... Yay Pizza!!

Bowling » Leisure Plex on Headford Rd. on Tuesday, 27/1/2009.

Toga Party » Áras na nGeal on Thursday, 5/2/2009.

Treasure Hunt » Eyre Square on Tuesday, 24/2/2009.

Cork Trip » Cork City on Friday, 6/3/2009.

We're heading to the Fantastic city of Cork:) Pick up outside the Quad at 2.00 returning on Sunday. Stopping over in Fota Island Wildlife Park and a Dante Symposium!!

Carnevale Ball » Galway Bay Hotel on Friday, 13/3/2009.

This is the most talked about event on the society calender!!! The super fantastic Carnevale/Carnival ball! Dance and Mascarade.. what more do you want?

End of year Party » Cellar Bar on Thursday, 2/4/2009.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Thomas Kennedy

PRO and Ball Director: Alan Duggan

Secretary: Connor O'Grady

IT Officer: Cathal O'Murchadha

Treasurer: Mary McDermott

Vice-Auditor: Niamh O'Donnellan

International Students Liason Officer: Alison Heron

General Committee Member: Elaine Sexton

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€729.97	Ball	€4,926.90
Balls	€2,657.16	Bank charge	€45.32
Fundraising	€100.00	Entertainment	€150.00
Socs box	€3,338.00	Entry fees	€210.10
Ticket Sales	€505.00	Fundraising/charity	€213.30
USC Grant	€866.16	Reception	€159.51
Total	€8,196.29	Received Money Returned	€552.67
		Society accommodation	€415.68
		Society transport	€1,503.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,176.48
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€19.81
		Total	€8,196.29

Other Information

We held 28 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 317 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Alan Duggan	Ball Director, PRO publications editor	350 hours
Thomas Kennedy	Auditor	200 hours
Mary McDermott	Treasurer	250 hours

ALIVE Students: 3 students

Hours Volunteered: 800 hours

Juggling Society

The Juggling Society got off to a great start this year, with juggling twice a week in the sun by Áras na MacLéinn. Even before societies day, new members were joining in enthusiastically. Societies day itself saw hundreds more people signing up to our mailing list, after the ingenious pegging operation which saw almost two thousand clothes pegs bearing the Juggling Soc name being attached to unsuspecting students.

The first semester went brilliantly, with higher numbers than ever before attending our weekly workshops and weekly practice sessions in the Áras na MacLéinn Hall. In November we were treated to an incredible show from two professional jugglers flown in from Sweden, and twenty members journeyed to Tralee for the annual Tralee Circus Festival. The second semester was no less extravagant, with more workshops and practice sessions, trips and shows. Despite having to move to a venue off campus, numbers of people attending sessions did not suffer too badly. In January fifteen members went on a trip to Berlin for five days of juggling and workshops. The end of the college year is coming up now but the Juggling Society is far from over, with another show upcoming, featuring another two special guest performers from Germany, and plenty of society members and Galway jugglers.

With the return of good weather the Juggling Society has returned to campus, juggling in the sun by Áras na MacLéinn three times a week now. In May we are planning the Galway Juggling Convention, hosted by the NUIG Juggling Society for the first time.

Juggling Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 47 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

This year we held 3 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

Practice session ran for 13 weeks in Áras na MacLéinn Hall, beginning on Thursday, 11/9/2008.

Practice Session ran for 5 weeks in Áras na MacLéinn Sports Hall, beginning on Thursday, 15/1/2009.

Pracitce Session ran for 6 weeks in St Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla, beginning on Thursday, 19/2/2009.

Special Events

This year we held 23 special events. These events were as follows:

Juggling Soc Party » College Bar on Tuesday, 30/9/2008.

Juggling Soc Party right after the first big workshop of the year! We teach ye all to juggle three balls and then head straight into the college bar for some delicious refreshments. Sure to be a great night with a bunch of deadly new people, come along and we'll see you there!

Beginners Juggling Session » Áras an MacLéinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 14/10/2008.

Juggling Practice Session » Bank Of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 27/10/2008.

Contact Juggling workshop » Bank Of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 28/10/2008.

Rings Workshop » Áras na Mac Léinn on Tuesday, 11/11/2008.

Juggling Soc Party/Debate » The Cellar Bar on Tuesday, 11/11/2008.

The fabled Juggling Soc "Debate" takes place on Tuesday in the Cellar Bar, starting at 9, with free finger food, cheap refreshments, and passes to Cuba! All welcome, promises to be a good night, come along and bring your friends.

Juggling Show with Special Guests » IT250 on Thursday, 13/11/2008.

World-class incredible jugglers Wes Peden and Patrik Elmnert come to Galway to perform their 35-minute show for us! Free entry! These are two amazing jugglers, combining technical brilliance with creative genius and pure innovation. This is a once-in-a-year free show, a serious spectacle, not to be missed for any reason!

Tralee Juggling Convention » *Tralee on Friday, 14/11/2008.*

Fantastic juggling convention, the biggest one in Ireland. It's a perfect introduction to the world of juggling for those who haven't been to a convention before! There will be a great variety of jugglers there willing to teach you everything you could want to learn, from uni cycling to poi. There will also be the World-class incredible jugglers Wes Peden and Patrik Elmnert performing, as well as some of the best talent from Ireland and England!

Devil Stick workshop » *Áras na MacLéinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 18/11/2008.*

Siteswap workshop » *Áras na MacLéinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 2/12/2008.*

3-ball Juggling for beginners » *Áras na MacLéinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 20/1/2009.*

Tropical Island Juggling Convention » *Berlin on Monday, 26/1/2009.*

The amazing trip to the Tropical Islands outside Berlin. This will be an amazing once in a lifetime trip, with loads of juggling over the weekend and loads of amazing jugglers to see. This is a brilliant convention to go to, taking place in an artificial tropical island paradise inside an old zeppelin hangar just outside Berlin! We will also be staying in Berlin for three nights and heading to the Katakomben (fantastic juggling school) for practice and workshops from two incredible pro jugglers, Alan Blim and Marco Paoletti. Sign up at the Socs Box, places limited to 30 people.

Poi Workshop » *Áras na MacLéinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 27/1/2009.*

Diablo Workshop » *Áras na MacLéinn Sports Hall on Tuesday, 10/2/2009.*

Juggling Xtravaganza » *Áras na MacLéinn Hall on Thursday, 12/2/2009.*

6pm Juggling 101

Ever dream of juggling? Let Juggling Soc show you how with Juggling 101 at 6pm on Thursday 12th Feb. in the Áras na MacLéinn Hall.

7pm Outdoor Juggling Show

Unicycle Workshop » *Shantalla Community Centre on Tuesday, 17/2/2009.*

Staff Workshop » *Shantalla Community Centre on Tuesday, 24/2/2009.*

Devil Stick workshop » *Shantalla Community Centre on Tuesday, 3/3/2009.*

Passing Workshop » *Shantalla Community Centre on Tuesday, 10/3/2009.*

AGM » *The Hub on Wednesday, 1/4/2009.*

Juggling Show » *IT250 on Thursday, 2/4/2009.*

The Juggling Society end of year Public Show is featuring special guest pro jugglers Malte Steinmetz and Niels Siedel, all the way from Germany! To get a sample of the kind of thing they do, have a look at [this video](#). We will of course also be showcasing local homegrown jugglers, from our own Society and other talent from around Galway. As always the show is free, and everyone is welcome. It's bound to be a fantastic spectacle, not to be missed!

Juggling Convention » *Galway Commerical Boat Club on Friday, 29/5/2009.*

Galway Juggling Convention » *Commercial Boat Club, Wood Quay on Friday, 29/5/2009.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Brendan Fahy

Vice-Auditor: Oisín Callery

Space Officer: Colm Pattwell

OCM: Catherine Swift

Treasurer: Stephen McGinley

PRO: Fiona Gillespie

Website Officer: Gearoid Moroney

Secretary: Elizabeth Reidy

Equipment Manager: Dara Finneran

OCM: Emily Panter

Equipment Manager: Michael Hennelly

OCM: Brian Craven

Equipment Manager: Brian Phelan

First Year Rep: Paul Hanrahan

Equipment Maintenance Officer: Anna Quinn

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Oisin Callery

Co Vice-Auditor: Dara Finneran

Vice-Auditor: David Owens

Treasurer: Paul Hanrahan

Secretary: Anna Quinn

Session Manager: Brian Phelan

Equipment Officer: Michael Hennelly

Music Officer: Emily Panter

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1223.88	Bank charge	€64.13
Bank Charge	€10.15	Entertainment	€2,319.00
Members Contributions	€990.00	Equipment misc	€3,255.52
Muscailt	€10.95	Hall hire	€600.00
Socs box	€1,705.00	Society accommodation	€1,537.50
USC Grant	€6,857.08	Society transport	€1,875.08
Total	€10,797.06	Sound	€170.00
		Teacher fees	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€9,871.23
		Closing Bank Balance	€925.83
		Total	€10,797.06

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 446 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Oisin Callery	Vice Auditor	369 hours
Brendan Fahy	Auditor	520 hours
Elizabeth Reidy	Secretary	180 hours
Paul Hanrahan	First Year Rep	120 hours
Dara Finneran	OCM	280 hours
Michael Hennelly	Equipment Officer	225 hours
Brian Phelan	Equipment Manager	301 hours
David Owens	Equipment Officer	154 hours

ALIVE Students: 9 students

Hours Volunteered: 2429 hours

Karting Society

The Karting Society organised several trips to Pallas Karting throughout the year which was open to all NUIG students. The society also organised various other events including an interview session with some of Irelands top rally drivers and provided marshalls for the "Galway International Rally". Meetings were held several times a month to organise the trips and events.

Karting Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Fire Marshall Training Course » Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit on Saturday, 15th of November.

Certified Fire Marshal Training Course run by Motorsport Ireland in conjunction with the Fire Training Services. For anyone interested in Marshaling at Motor Sport events this course provides training on what action you should take in the event of vehicle and/or fuel catching on fire at an event. This course is free of charge.

Go-Karting Trip » Pallas Karting, Tynagh on Monday, 17th of November.

A go-karting trip to Pallas Karting.

Safety Marshal Training » Clayton Hotel on Tuesday, 2nd of December.

Safety Marshal Training for those interested in Marshaling at Motorsport events. Doing this course will mean that you will get a recognised Marshals licence from Motor Sport Ireland which is valid for 3 years and allows you to marshal at Rally events. This course is free. Course is run by Motor Sport Ireland, in conjunction with Galway Motor Club.

Galway International Rally Evening » Clayton Hotel on Thursday, 15th of January.

An evening with the top rally drivers in Ireland to give advice on how to get started in motorsport. Guests include: Gareth MacHale, Derek McGarrity, and Eugene Donnelly.

Karting Soc EGM » AM 107 (Arts Millennium) on Thursday, 29th of January.

Karting Society AGM » AM107 on Thursday, 2nd of April.

Committee 2008/2009

PRO: Martin Fallon

Vice-Auditor: Jonathan Smyth

Secretary: Stephen Wright

Health and Safety Monitor: Darragh Mullen

Auditor: Joanne Tackney

Treasurer: Selina White

Rally Representative: Daragh Feeney

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€30.00	Bank charge	€13.61
Bank Charge	€7.78	Returned Socs Money	€350.00
Socs box	€350.00	Expenditure Total	€363.61
USC Grant	€90.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
Total	€477.78	Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€114.17
		Total	€477.78

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 275 members.

Labour Youth Society

Labour Youth is the youth branch of the Labour Party NUI Galway. As Ireland's only real left-wing alternative to the domination of corrupt and self-serving petty politics that have marked this country, we aim to try and give the students of NUI Galway a voice in building a better Ireland. With increasing voter apathy, this society tries to show students that they can make a real difference in Irish politics. We hold meetings and talks on Labour politics and organise events throughout the year, focussing on issues such as equality, human rights and social justice. Labour Youth also has a strong international dimension, regularly participating in European events with our sister social democratic parties in the Party of European Socialists. If you have ever felt like you wanted to change the world for the better, then Labour Youth is the political society for you.

Labour Youth Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Meet and Greet » *IT205 on Monday, 29th of September.*

Meet and greet for new Labour Youth members. Swing down to see what the story is for the year.

Labour youth EGM » *The Hub on Wednesday, 8th of October.*

Polishing of conference motions » *The Hub on Friday, 10th of October.*

Meeting to polish off the motions we decided upon last meeting and probably the creation of more. Bring your political policy thinking cap!

Meeting » *The Hub on Wednesday, 15th of October.*

Obama Debate » *AC204 on Monday, 27th of October.*

Barackto the Future?

Will Obama deliver the promises he makes?

Speaking for: Dr.Brendan Flynn

Against: Richard Boyd-Barrett

Should be a good event so swing on down to hear the debate.

Meeting » *The Hub on Wednesday, 29th of October.*

Michael D. Higgins on Human Rights » *Dillon Theatre on Monday, 17th of November.*

Galway West TD and Labour Spokesman on Foreign Affairs, Michael D.Higgins will be speaking on human rights issues at 8pm in the Dillon Theatre. Mr.Higgins is a reknowned human rights activist which earned him the Sean MacBride peace prize. (Mr Higgins was the first recipient of the prize.) If you're interested in universality, rendition or just human rights in general, swing by for what promises to be an illuminating talk.

Committee 2008/2009

LGBT Officer: Sinead Dolan

Vice-Auditor: Liam Duffy

Secretary: Christopher Joyce

Auditor: Cian Moran

Treasurer: Amanda Dameshghi

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€152.40	Bank charge	€30.61
Bank Charge	€2.82	Entry fees	€275.00
Fundraising	€185.00	Materials	€39.47
USC Grant	€324.50	Society accommodation	€120.00
Total	€664.72	Speaker travel	€30.53
		Expenditure Total	€495.61
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€169.11
		Total	€664.72

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 94 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Cian Moran	Auditor	113 hours
Liam Duffy	Vice-auditor	40 hours
Christopher Joyce	Secretary	101 hours

ALIVE Students: 3 students

Hours Volunteered: 254 hours

Law Society

The Law Society has long been a leading forum for legal discourse and political debate within the university. Our members are encouraged to question and develop independent thinking regarding legal and political discourse. The Law Society annually invites distinguished guest speakers to address our members or participate in debates. This year the society wanted to appeal to all of its members and we endeavoured to put on debates on as many topical areas as possible. This years debates ranged from issues such as the current situation in Israel to the US Presidential Election and if there could be an Obama in Irish politics.

We were eager to push the boundaries for society events and so for the first time we hosted a video link via America with the important author, activist, concentration camp survivor and Nobel Peace Prize Winner Elie Wiesel showing the Society's strong views on issues of human rights. Aswell as trying out new technologies for hosting guest speakers we as a society wanted to host events on a larger scale than has been previously seen for society events. This was reflected in our US Presidential Debate which saw two esteemed speakers debate the topic infront of over 750 people in Aras na MacLeinn.

As well as hosting renowned speakers, the society has been busy running events in which students can

participate more fully including the "How to Study Law" seminar and the Moot Court competition which always proves popular. Debating is also an important part of the Law Soc year as we host the Irish National Law Debates with the Literary and Debating Society. We also hosted an Alternative Careers in Law Seminar to reflect the current economic situation which is directly affecting all law graduates thus exhibiting our desire to cater for our society members.

This year has seen the Law Society connect with its members and the School of Law through regular social events and the a new Class Representative system. We also won Most Improved Society and Best Individual both at the NUIG Society Awards and at the BICS National Awards 2009.

Law Society Events

This year the society held a total of 47 events.

Law Soc Mentoring to First Years » *College Campus on Thursday, 11th of September.*

First Year Induction Party » *College Bar on Thursday, 11th of September.*

Address by Professor Elie Wiesel » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 17th of September.*

Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor Professor Elie Wiesel, delivered an address via video link at NUI Galway on Wednesday, 17 September. The event, which was open to the public, was hosted NUI Galway's Law Society and took place at 7pm sharp in the O'Flaherty Theatre, in the Arts and Science Building on campus.

Professor Wiesel is an advocate for awareness of past and potential acts of genocide, and has worked on behalf of oppressed people for most of his adult life. Born in 1928 in Transylvania, Wiesel and his family were deported by the Nazis to Auschwitz when he was just 15 years old. His personal experience of the Holocaust led him to use his talents as an author, teacher and storyteller to defend human rights and peace throughout the world.

"Elie Wiesel is one of the moral compasses of our time. He reminds us, constantly, of the horrors of the Holocaust, but his message is always hopeful and positive and pointed towards the future of humanity rather than its ugly past", said Professor William Schabas, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway.

Wiesel's efforts to defend human rights and peace throughout the world have earned him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States Congressional Gold Medal and the Medal of Liberty award, the rank of Grand-Choix in the French Legion of Honour and in 1986, the Nobel Peace Prize. He has received more than 100 honorary degrees from institutions of higher learning.

Commenting on the lecture, Auditor of the Law Society Peter Mannion said: "We are truly honoured to have Professor Wiesel address our society. We know that our members will benefit greatly from his experience and compelling story. It's an inspirational way to start the year and we hope that it will provide a challenge for the students of NUI Galway."

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter appointed Wiesel Chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust. He was also a guiding force in the establishment of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. In his best known work, *Night*, Elie Wiesel describes his experiences and emotions at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust.

Professor Gerard Quinn, Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway, has highlighted the importance of Wiesel's work from a legal point of view. He explains: "The Nazis cloaked their naked power in the language of law and used a 'tactic of legality' to take power. It was not for nothing that the Nazis created their own 'League of Nazi Lawyers'. Elie Wiesel's life work reminds us that law, even with order, is nothing if not connected to justice. It is sad but true that this elemental lesson needs to be re-learned from generation to generation. Mr Wiesel's work has played an indispensable role in transmitting this warning from history to the present generation. Since law students are the future conduits of power in society they especially need to learn this lesson. By his presence in NUI Galway Elie Wiesel reminds us of the moral depravity of totalitarian regimes and opens hearts and minds to a higher notion of law."

For further information about the event contact Louise Hamilton, PRO of the NUI Galway Law Society, on 0860734033 or l.hamilton1@nuigalway.ie

MOPs Skills Session » *IT125 on Tuesday, 23rd of September.*

Session on the completion of application for legal traineeships

EGM » *Cairns Theatre on Wednesday, 24th of September.*

Moot Court Workshop » *Careers Seminar Room on Tuesday, 30th of September.*

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in getting involved in Moot Courts. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact our Moot Court Convenor, Rachel McHugh on 0861038867 or email nuiglawsociety@gmail.com

Maiden Speakers » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 1st of October.*

Everyone welcome to come along. Great prizes to be won on the night!

BCM Hanby Wallace Graduate Presentation » *IT125G on Thursday, 2nd of October.*

BCM Hanby Wallace is a major Irish Law Firm. This presentation gave information on their trainee solicitor programme and background information on the company itself.

A&L Goodbody Careers Presentation » *IT250 on Tuesday, 7th of October.*

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER WITH ONE OF IRELAND'S MOST SUCCESSFUL LAW FIRMS? If so, then come along to this presentation where you can hear all about A&L Goodbody's TRAINEE SOLICITOR PROGRAMME. A&L Goodbody is ranked as the NUMBER 1 Irish Law Firm by many international publications and directories and offers the broadest range of corporate and specialist legal services in Ireland. They also offer one of the most attractive salary and benefits packages available in the market place and they are currently recruiting for their training programme. Not in final year? Don't worry! They will also be talking about their SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME which consists of a 4 week placement and is an opportunity for you to establish whether a career in a large corporate law firm is right for you. This presentation is a MUST for all students interested in a career in law, no matter what year you're in! It will be followed by a reception in the Skeff at 7.30pm where you can have a more informal chat with some of A&L's partners and trainees. For more information email nuiglawsociety@gmail.com

Karaoke Night » *The Living Room on Wednesday, 8th of October.*

Maples and Calder Career Presentation » *IT125G on Thursday, 9th of October.*

Maples and Calder is a successful Irish law firm who are now recruiting for their training programme. Come along and hear what they have to offer!

Arthur Cox Careers Presentation » *G Hotel - Buses from Quad at 6.15pm on Monday, 13th of October.*

Arthur Cox is one of Ireland's largest law firms. Their practice encompasses all aspects of commercial and business law. At this presentation you can find out all about their trainee solicitor programme and chat to some of their partners and current trainees. It will be held in the G Hotel with refreshments afterwards. For further info email nuiglawsociety@gmail.com

Comedian Abie Philbin Bowman » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 15th of October.*

Describing himself as a "comedian without borders", Abie Philbin Bowman looks set to become the next big name in Irish comedy, and his next stop is NUI Galway! Abie debuted in London in the legendary Comedy Store alongside John Bishop and Frankie Boyle. As well as headlining gigs across the country, he has performed comedy in cities as far afield as Boston and Lahore. Abie's first one-man show, Jesus: The Guantanamo Years, took the 2006 Edinburgh Fringe by storm. Abie's new show Eco-Friendly Jihad tells the story of an environmentalist who – in a desperate bid to reduce U.S. carbon emissions – joins Al Qaeda. Eco-Friendly Jihad made its professional debut at the 2008 Galway Comedy Festival where it sold out and was also a huge success in Edinburgh in August 2008. For further information email nuiglawsociety@gmail.com

Speed Moot » *TBC on Thursday, 16th of October.*

William Fry Graduate Presentation » *IT125G on Monday, 20th of October.*

William Fry is viewed by leading international commentators as one of Ireland's largest and best law firms. In this presentation they will provide you with all the details of their training programme and you will have a chance to

mingle with some of their partners and trainees. Come along and see what they have to offer. Refreshments afterwards

A&L Goodbody Application Form Advice » *Careers Seminar Room on Tuesday, 28th of October.*

Former US Senator Mike Gravel » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 29th of October.*

Former Senator Mike Gravel spoke to the Law Society and the Literary and Debating Society next Wednesday, 29th of October at 8pm in the Cairnes Theatre. He has served two terms in the US Senate representing the state of Alaska. He is famous for the work he did in opposition to the draft to the US Army. He was an early candidate for president and contested the DNC Primary and the Libertarian Party Primary. He is a fascinating representative and we are honored to host him. More information can be found from <http://www.mikegravel.us/> or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Gravel.

Major US Presidential Election Debate » *Aras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 30th of October.*

Washington comes to NUI Galway on Thursday, 30 October, when the University hosts a US Presidential Election Debate featuring senior representatives of the Democrat and Republican parties. Just four days before the closely contested election, Grant Lally, national co-chairman of the Irish American Republicans, will go head-to-head in a debate with Bruce Morrison, former US Connecticut Congressman and author of the Morrison Visa Program. The event will be hosted jointly by NUI Galway's Law Society and Literary and Debating Society and takes place in the University's Áras na Mac Léinn at 8pm. Tickets are on sale now from the NUI Galway Socs Box. Student tickets are €2 (valid student ID required) and non-student tickets are €10. For further information on the event please contact Louise Hamilton, Public Relations Officer of the Law Society, on 0860734033 or email nuiglawsociety@gmail.com

Senator David Norris » *Cairnes Theatre on Monday, 3rd of November.*

On Monday 3rd November, NUI Galway welcomed well-known Irish Civil Rights Campaigner, Irish senator and former university lecturer, David Norris. This event, which was organized by NUI Galway's Law Society, took place in the university's Cairns Theatre. For further information contact: Louise Hamilton, Press Officer of the NUI Galway Law Society 0860734033, nuiglawsociety@gmail.com

Alternative Careers in Law Seminar » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 12th of November.*

WIP Information Session » *NUIG College Bar on Thursday, 20th of November.*

Mark Shields Talk » *Cairnes Theatre on Thursday, 20th of November.*

NUI Galway Law Society will host American political commentator and columnist Mark Shields on Thursday, 20 November, for what promises to be an informative and entertaining evening. He will deliver an address entitled 'The Politics of the 2008 Election: How America has Changed', at 8pm in the Cairnes Theatre. Named by the Wall Street Journal as the 'wittiest political journalist in America', Shields will share his opinions of the 2008 election, the victory of President-Elect Barack Obama, and his past experiences in a career spanning eight presidents. The Washington Ireland Program for Service and Leadership (WIP) is sponsoring Mark Shields' visit to NUI Galway. WIP brings outstanding university students from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to Washington DC for summer internships and leadership training. Students interested in taking part in the programme will have a chance to meet with the directors at a pre-reception in the College Bar at 7pm. For further information on the event email nuiglawsociety@gmail.com

Inauguration Party » *College Bar on Tuesday, 20th of January.*

Where to next for Israel and Palestine? » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 21st of January.*

The turmoil in the Gaza strip has been well documented. Since 27 December 2007, when Israel first invaded Gaza, our television screens and newspapers have been saturated with images of suffering and bloodshed. While the diplomacy seems to be gaining momentum and urgency, Israeli military attacks are growing stronger by the day, as is the level of death and destruction. Israel's main ally, the United States, has yet to play a major role in this conflict. While the country is usually at the forefront of world affairs, Barack Obama has remained silent on the issue for fear of undermining George W. Bush's role as President of the United States. All that is set to change next Tuesday, when Barack Obama takes on his new role and faces a very difficult first day on the job. It will be interesting to see which policy he will advance, leading a country that is a friend of Israel but which also tries to show itself as an advocate of human rights. Gaza is certainly on the cusp of change. It is in this highly-charged

political context that the Law Society is excited to host our most controversial panel discussion yet. This Wednesday, 21st of January, we will be joined by both pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian speakers as we approach the contentious question – where to next for Israel and Palestine? Advocating the Israeli point of view will be Seán Gannon, Irish freelance journalist and chair of "Irish Friends of Israel". Joining him in discussing Israeli policy will be Tom Carew, chair of the "Ireland – Israel Friendship League" who frequently appears in the Irish Times and RTÉ news. Speaking on behalf of Palestine will be Dr. Philomena McKenna, who has lived in the Middle East and has worked on the Galway Palestine Children's Appeal. The Law Society will confirm another speaker nearer to the event. NUI Galway has never lacked opinionated students voicing their concern regarding the Gaza problem. Next Wednesday, audience members may also participate in the forum, as there will be an opportunity to direct questions to the panel. The discussion is set to be a highly contested one, coming at a time where Middle Eastern politics are at the forefront of Irish media.

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Law Ball Tickets On Sale » College Bar on Monday, 26th of January.

The Yelverton Case - Mock Trial » Aula Maxima on Wednesday, 28th of January.

This semester, the law society have decided to put on the mock trial of the Yelverton Case. The Yelverton Case was a famous 19th century Irish law case, which eventually resulted in a change to the law on mixed religion marriages in Ireland. Come along as it will be lots of fun and the trial will take place in Aula Maxima on Wednesday the 28th of January with a reception in the College Bar afterwards.

Moot Court Competition » TBC on Friday, 30th of January.

Law Ball Tickets - Extra Date Added » College Bar on Monday, 2nd of February.

Law Ball » Salthill Hotel on Wednesday, 4th of February.

Law Ball 2009 took place in the Salthill Hotel on Wednesday 4th February. Full tickets €60, Afters Tickets €30. Full Ticket holders enjoyed a Champagne Reception in the College Bar from 5pm with transport to the Hotel at 7pm. Afters Ticket holders enjoyed a pre-party in the College Bar from 8pm with Finger Food, Champagne and entertainment. Transport to the Hotel at 10pm. Entertainment on the night provided by 'Big Generator'. Celebrations continued the next day with a DJ in the College Bar from 2pm. Free college bar dinners for full ticket holders, concessions on dinners for afters ticket holders

Law Ball » College Bar on Thursday, 5th of February.

RTE's Mark Little » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 11th of February.

Foreign Affairs Reporter, Broadcaster and Author, Mark Little, appeared at NUI Galway this month in an event hosted by NUI Galway's Law Society. In his lecture, Little addressed whether Ireland has, or could have, a political leader of Obama's stature. Mark Little began his journalistic career at the Sunday Business Post before being hired by RTÉ as a TV news reporter in 1991. He was RTÉ's first Washington correspondent between 1995 and 2001, covering three US presidential election campaigns. He returned to Dublin to take up the post of RTÉ's Foreign Affairs Correspondent before joining Prime Time in 2002. Mark specialises in coverage of world affairs and was named TV Journalist of the Year in 2001 for his reporting from Afghanistan. His most recent book, *The New America*, was launched in September 2008. The book is the story of the forces that are transforming America. It helps you to look behind the American presidential election, and see the beginning of a reinvention. He also wrote and presented the documentary series *Who's Afraid of Islam?* and has written two books about his travels, *Turn Left at Greenland* and

Zulu Time. The event will be run on a first come-first served basis; it will not be ticketed so arrive early to avoid disappointment. For further information contact Louise Hamilton, Press Officer of the NUI Galway Law Society, on (086)0734033 or email nuiglawsociety@gmail.com Reception in the College Bar to follow

Non-Traditional Careers in Law Seminar » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

Jonathon Irwin, Jack and Jill Foundation » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

The foundation was founded by Jonathan and his wife after they had a child, Jack, who suffered a severe developmental disorder at just two days old. On receiving advice from the senior paediatrician (spelling) they decided to take the child home and give him 24 care 7 days a week. They were lucky enough to be helped by local neighbours and nurses, hence the idea for the Jack & Jill foundation came into being. 14 families in Galway alone rely on the Jack and Jill Foundation to help them care for their infants. 250 in Ireland alone, and over 850 since the foundation's inception. Jonathan will enlighten us all on the issue of the babies that foundation provides for.

Rag Week Dunk Tank! » *Outside the College Bar on Tuesday, 24th of February.*

Student Law Review Information Session » *Larmor Theatre on Tuesday, 3rd of March.*

The Celtic Tiger - Before and After » *Cairnes Theatre on Monday, 9th of March.*

Irish Columnist and Writer, John Waters, spoke at NUI Galway this Monday 9th March in address entitled 'The Celtic Tiger - Before and After'. The event was hosted by NUI Galway's Law Society and took place at 8pm in the University's Cairnes Theatre. John Waters is a columnist with The Irish Times. His journalistic career began in 1981 with the leading Irish political-music magazine Hot Press. He went on to write for the Sunday Tribune and later edited In Dublin and Magill. Waters has written several books and in 1998 he devised The Whoseday Book, a book that contains quotes, writings and pictures of 365 Irish writers and musicians - which has so far raised some €3m for the Irish Hospice Foundation. As a journalist, magazine editor and columnist, he has specialised in raising unpopular issues of public importance, most recently the issue of the hidden mistreatment of men in Irish society, particularly in relation to their right to legally protected relationships with their children.

End of Essay Party » *College Bar on Thursday, 12th of March.*

Dr Martin Mansergh T.D. » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 18th of March.*

Dr. Martin Mansergh, T.D., spoke at NUI Galway on Wednesday 18th March at 8pm in the university's Cairnes Theatre. The event, which was open to the public, was hosted by NUI Galway's Law Society. Martin Mansergh, is an Irish politician and historian. He is currently a Teachta Dála (TD) for Tipperary South and Minister of State. He was previously a senator from 2002 to 2007. He has played a leading role in formulating Fianna Fáil policy on Northern Ireland. Unusually among current prominent Irish nationalists, Mansergh is an Anglican born and raised in England. He entered the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs, being appointed a Third secretary in 1974 and became a First Secretary in 1977. Later recruited by Taoiseach Charles Haughey, he has worked for the Fianna Fáil party ever since, serving under three Fianna Fáil leaders as Director of Research, Policy and Special Advisor on Northern Ireland where he was involved in discussions between the nationalist parties and the Irish Government and met regularly with intermediary Father Alec Reid. Mansergh was a key member of the teams which formed the Fianna Fáil-Labour Party coalition in 1992 and the Fianna Fáil-Progressive Democrats coalition in 1997. As a senior adviser to successive Taoisigh Mansergh has played a key role in the Northern Ireland peace process over the last twenty years. For further information email nuiglawsociety@gmail.com. Reception afterwards in College Bar

First Year Moot Court Competition » *TBC on Friday, 20th of March.*

Launch of FLAC » *Careers Seminar Room on Tuesday, 24th of March.*

Launch of Free Legal Advice Centre in Nuig to provide legal information to those who cannot afford the high costs of normal legal services.

'Can Social Justice survive a recession? » *IT250 on Tuesday, 24th of March.*

On Tuesday 24th March, Fr Peter McVerry will share his thoughts on social inclusion drawing on his 30 years of experience of working with young homeless people in Dublin. During this time he has campaigned tirelessly for the rights of these young people. In 1983 he set up the Peter McVerry Trust which provides a wide range of services catering for the diverse needs of young homeless people through supported accommodation, drug detox, education and training.

Is Family Law Failing the Modern Family? » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 25th of March.

One big happy family?: Is Irish Family Law failing the modern family? This lecture will discuss the issue of family diversity in Irish Society. Speakers include Children's rights and family law expert Geoffrey Shannon, Margaret Dromey of TREOIR, Brian Sheehan of GLEN and NUIG Family Law Lecturer Anne Egan.

Building a Multicultural Ireland » Cairnes Theatre on Thursday, 26th of March.

Building a multicultural Ireland – can we afford to care? This multiculturalism and Anti-Racism evening on the 26th will see Niall Crowley, former CEO of the Equality Authority, Chinedu Onyejelem, Editor and Publisher of the multicultural newspaper, Metro Eireann, and Robin Hannan, CEO of the Irish Refugee Council as guest speakers. It will be followed by a Wrap up Party in the College Bar at 10pm with food and dance from around the world

Wrap up Party » College Bar on Thursday, 26th of March.

Equality Week - Wrap Up Party » College Bar on Thursday, 26th of March.

AGM » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 1st of April.

Committee 2008/2009

Treasurer: Roisin Boyle

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Members' Liaison Officer: Nigel Crowe

OCM: Aisling Dillon

Vice-Auditor: Diarmuid McIntyre

Secretary: Daniel Blake

Debates Convenor: Conor Kelly

Public Relations Officer: Louise Hamilton

Marshall of the House: Andrew Fitzpatrick

OCM: Karla Sheerin-Griffin

Moot Court Convenor: Rachel McHugh

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€7,119.69	Ball	€4,245.00
Balls	€4,405.00	Bank charge	€45.00
Fundraising	€680.00	Costumes	€512.00
Hoodies	€35.00	Dinner	€1,118.14
Socs box	€2,995.00	Entertainment	€1,823.50
Sponsorship	€9,411.00	Gifts	€480.15
Ticket Sales	€40.00	Materials	€1,688.50
USC Grant	€4,287.03	Printing	€809.00
Total	€28,972.72	Prizes	€170.00
		Promotions	€655.76
		Reception	€729.32
		Society transport	€54.25
		Speaker accommodation	€1,848.20
		Speaker travel	€1,011.83
		Expenditure Total	€15,190.65
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€13,782.07
		Total	€28,972.72

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 762 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Rachel McHugh	Moot court convenor	150 hours
Roisin Cahill	PR Team	3 hours
Karla Sheerin-Griffin	Committee member	150 hours
Nigel Crowe	Members Liaison Officer	150 hours
Peter Mannion	Auditor	1000 hours
Cillian Pláimeann	First Year Class Rep	24 hours
Roisin Boyle	Treasurer	170 hours
Louise Hamilton	PRO	200 hours
Anita Irwin	Social Secretary	200 hours
Daniel Blake	Secretary	200 hours
Bríd Ní Ghráinne	Ordinary Member	150 hours
Aisling Dillon	OCM	170 hours
Conor Keane	Lawsoc Class Rep	30 hours
Nollaig O'Scannlain	Speakers Committee member	20 hours
Aisling Fahy	Education Officer	135 hours
Diarmuid McIntyre	Vice-Auditor	128 hours
Danielle MacMahon	OCM	50 hours
Andrew Fitzpatrick	Marshall of the House	150 hours
Christopher Joyce	Webmaster	70 hours
Conor Kelly	Debates Convenor	50 hours

ALIVE Students: 21 students

Hours Volunteered: 3204 hours

Students for Life Society

The key event of the year took place on Wednesday, November 12th, when speakers from the Silent No More Campaign spoke about the devastating personal effects of their abortions. They reminded everyone that abortion destroys women just as it destroys their children. Everyone was impressed by the courage of these women who sacrifice themselves to save other women from the terrible consequences of abortion.

The Life Society hosted a showing of "Bella" on Monday, January 19th in the Concourse. This movie was the winner of the Toronto Film Festival People's Choice Award through its powerful presentation of the infinite value of one human life.

Throughout the year, the society sent representatives to meetings and conferences involving pro-life issues. The society was represented at the Pro-Life Intervarsity Conference in Maynooth on February 28th and at the Pro-Life Campaign meeting in Dublin on September 7th marking the 25th anniversary of the 1983 abortion referendum. Lord Alton of Liverpool, who addressed the Life Society last year on the topics of embryonic stem cell research and abortion, was the main speaker of the PLC event.

We joined with the Pro-Life Campaign from Dublin for a leaflet drop here in Galway on April 4th. We distributed literature about embryonic stem cell research to mailboxes all over the city.

Members also attended many events all over the country in support of life. The Rally for Life at Stormont in Belfast on Saturday, October 18th showed opposition to the extension of the 1967 Abortion Act to the six counties. Members of the British Parliament, the Northern Irish assembly, and representatives of various pro-life groups spoke to a large crowd who remained enthusiastic despite the rain. Members also travelled to Cork on October 31st for the protest that was held in UCC following the decision to allow experimenting with embryos on campus and to Tullamore for the anniversary of the sending of a 14-year-old girl in state care to England for an abortion.

The final meeting and AGM took place Thursday, April 2nd at 12:30 in the Hub.

Life Society Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Breaking The Silence » *Concourse on Wednesday, 12th of November.*

Special guests from the 'Silent No More' campaign share their personal experiences of abortion and terminated pregnancies. An evening of information and testimonies on the effects of abortion on women. All welcome!

Film: 'Bella' » *TBC on Monday, 19th of January.*

Lifesoc presents the highly-rated and award-winning 2007 film, 'Bella'. Set in New York, the film is about how one moment changed the lives of three people forever. Described by some as a pro-life movie. All are welcome!

Life Issues Intervarstiy » *Dublin & Maynooth on Friday, 27th of February.*

The Pro-Life Society of Maynooth College invites all young people interested in Life issues to take part in this year's Pro-Life Intervarsity Conference. The weekend aims to educate, inspire and re-enforce our commitment to building a culture of life in our colleges & workplaces, among family & friends and throughout our country. We will meet up at Bewley's in Dublin on Friday before a tour of Leinster House and Government Buildings, including a meeting with TDs and Senators including Ronan Mullen. On Saturday, the guest speakers will include Dr. Audrey Dillon of the Pro-Life Campaign and Dr. Brendan Purcell and a counsellor in crises pregnancies among other events. Lunch provided. Also social event in Brady' Pub, Maynooth with family fortunes quiz and DJ and finger food provided.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Fiona Smyth

Treasurer: Aoife Horgan

PRO: Fionnuala Gibbons

OCM : Noreen Duggan

Vice-Auditor: John Small

Secretary: Maria Mahoney

OCM : Maura Cassidy

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,777.31	Bank charge	€0.84
Total	€1,777.31	Dinner	€218.60
		Fundraising/charity	€318.00
		Received Money Returned	€672.00
		Reception	€403.52
		Speaker accommodation	€130.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,742.96
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€34.35
		Total	€1,777.31

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 89 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Fiona Smyth	Auditor	54 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 54 hours

Literary & Debating Society

The Literary and Debating Society was founded in 1846 with the express intent, as John J. Gibson outlined to the assembled masses, to "elicit the latent sparks of genius in a few individuals, and send forth men of enlightened views and cultivated tastes".

Lit & Deb provide a forum for free speech and debate where students and staff can challenge the issues of the day, practicing the skills of oratory and critical thinking. Everything from politics and human rights to literature and sport are fair game for discussion inside the walls of the Literary and Debating Society. With our weekly debates, guest speaker and literary events Lit & Deb offers an enriched experience of university, outside of the confines of lectures and exam halls.

Our core aims are therefore:

To facilitate the advancement and enjoyment of free speech in NUIG.

To provoke debate and an interest in current affairs, politics, philosophy and literature.

To foster a love of debating at an early age among secondary school students and to continue to nurture this enthusiasm among university students through debates as well as through competitive debating and the rewards this brings both in terms of self actualisation and the widening of one's social circle.

To ensure the next generation not only love debating but also have the skills of oratory, persuasion and logic to advance in their debating hobby whether that takes them as far as the Kirwan on a Thursday night, to representing NUIG at international competitions or helps them advance in future careers.

Lit & Deb Events

This year the society held a total of 51 events.

TTHW Pledge Allegiance To The Queen » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 18th of September.*

With comedian Patrick Keilty chairing the debate. For 70 years, these 26 counties have been a purist Gaelic paradise. Everyone speaks Irish, drinks poteen and falls asleep in mass. The turf comes in and the cattle go out, all to the faint but distinct tune of a lively fiddle, which can be heard everywhere you go. Everywhere, that is, except for the place where all one hears is the harpsichord and East 17, the unholy bastion of Elizabeth the Virgin Queen; Trinity College Dublin. Come along and hurl your insults at our oppressors in Lit & Deb's, not-to-be-missed free comedy event.

Gibs Night » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 25th of September.*

1) First Workshop of 2008/2009 » *AM 250 on Tuesday, 30th of September.*

College Fees Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 2nd of October.*

Introductory Workshop » *AM250 Arts Millenium on Tuesday, 7th of October.*

Big v Small Government Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 9th of October.*

3) Litndeb Workshops » *AM 250 on Tuesday, 14th of October.*

Aid Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 16th of October.*

4) Litndeb Workshop » *AM250 on Tuesday, 21st of October.*

Fintan O'Toole- The power and responsibi » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of October.*

5) Weekly Workshops » *AM 250 on Tuesday, 28th of October.*

An Audience With Former Senator and Pre » *Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 29th of October.*

Senator Mike Gravel will speak to Literary and Debating Society and the Law Society. He has served two terms in the US Senate representing the state of Alaska. He is famous for the work he did in opposition to the draft to the US Army. He was an early candidate for president and contested the DNC Primary and the Libertarian Party Primary. He is a fascinating representative and we are honoured to host him. More information can be found from <http://www.mikegravel.us/> or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Gravel.

American Election Debate » *Áras na MacLéinn on Thursday, 30th of October.*

NUI Galway to Host Major US Presidential Election Debate Republican Grant Lally to go head-to-head with Democrat Bruce Morrison

Washington comes to NUI Galway on Thursday, 30 October, when the University hosts a US Presidential Election Debate featuring senior representatives of the Democrat and Republican parties. Just four days before the closely contested election, Grant Lally, national co-chairman of the Irish American Republicans, will go head-to-head in a

debate with Bruce Morrison, former US Connecticut Congressman and author of the Morrison Visa Program. The event, which is open to the public, will be hosted jointly by NUI Galway's Law Society and Literary and Debating Society and takes place in the University's Áras na MacLéinn at 8pm. Grant Lally is former president of the Irish Lobby for Immigration Reform and McCain Delegate to the 2008 Republican National Convention. Recently he wrote that: "McCain is a responsible, experienced and respected leader who will strengthen America's relations with the world, raise the level of engagement with Ireland to cement the Irish peace process, and work more closely with America's friends and allies in Europe to build a more stable, prosperous and peaceful world". Bruce Morrison, described by the New York Times as a man of "intellect, compassion and vigour", has pledged his allegiance to Obama's ambitions of ending the war in Iraq, increasing energy independence and providing universal health care. The moderator for the debate will be NUI Galway Law Lecturer, Larry Donnelly, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, USA. According to Larry Donnelly: "Over the past few months we have seen the campaigns of the two main candidates evolve through the lens of unprecedented media interest in a US Presidential election. The 2008 election is set to be of major significance for Irish-American relations, with McCain, having an established history of personal involvement in the Irish peace process, and Obama, having recently appointed a "dream team" of high-profile Irish-American political advisors".

One of the students organising the event is Peter Mannion, who is studying Law at NUI Galway and spent his summer working as an intern in the Washington office of the Obama campaign. He is anticipating an exiting evening: "If the recently televised debates between the candidates themselves are anything to go by, there is no doubt that Lally and Morrison will succeed in replicating if not surpassing their controversial intensity".

Want to shape the debate? Want to have your questions answered?

Get the chance to ask the experts directly by submitting your proposed question to literaryanddebating@gmail.com by Friday 24th. The three broad areas we'll be looking at are:

Irish American Issues (eg. Foreign-Direct Investment, the Special Envoy, military use of Shannon Airport)

Foreign Policy (eg. Iraq, Russia influence, the War on Terror)

Domestic Policy (which will be a mixture of social and economic issues, eg. Banking bail-outs, Abortion, Gay Marriage)

Submit your question with your name and contact number, if it's chosen, we'll be calling on you on the night to ask it yourself. Good luck!

Tickets are on sale now from Zhivago's on Shop Street, Galway, and from the NUI Galway Socs Box. Student tickets are €2 (valid student ID required) and non-student tickets are €10. For further information on the event please contact Louise Hamilton, Public Relations Officer of the Law Society, on 0860734033 or email nuiglawsociety@gmail.com

6) Weekly Workshops » *AMB on Tuesday, 4th of November.*

Sharia Law Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 6th of November.*

7) Debating Workshops » *AM 250 on Tuesday, 11th of November.*

Reading by Tom Murphy » *Upper Aula Maxima on Thursday, 13th of November.*

***postponed* Bertie Ahern Interview »** *Event Postponed on Monday, 17th of November.*

Ross O'Carrol Kelly » *Kirwan on Tuesday, 18th of November.*

Paul Howard, author and Irish Times columnist, will be the guest of honour at a meeting of the Literary and Debating Society on Tuesday 18th of November in the Kirwan theatre at 7pm. Howard has been called "The sharpest writer of fiction in Ireland today"- Irish Mail on Sunday, and has penned thirteen bestselling books to date. The writer will be giving a public reading of his latest book in the series, Mr. S and the Secrets of Andorra's Box. In the novel, Ross, the same misogynistic rugby-playing Foxrock man, has miraculously managed to secure the job of national rugby coach of Andorra and finds himself living like the king of the Pyrenees. Of course, the slopes can be treacherous and Ross finds, once again, that life gets complicated. The book, which has been well-received was described as "scathing satire...the funniest Ross book so far"- Irish Independent. There will be a chance to ask Mr. Howard questions at the end. A reception will follow in Paddy's Bar, Prospect Hill.

8) Debating Workshops » *Arts Millenium Building on Wednesday, 19th of November.*

Animal Testing Debate » *Kirwan Theatre, Concourse on Thursday, 20th of November.*

9) Debating Workshop - Last One... » *AMB on Tuesday, 25th of November.*

The RTÉ Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 27th of November.*

Christmas Party » *Paddy's Bar, Prospect Hill on Friday, 19th of December.*

10) Debating Workshops » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 20th of January.*

Freedom of Speech: David Irving Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 22nd of January.*

11) Debating Workshop - Maidens Run-offs » *Arts Millenium on Monday, 26th of January.*

Road Safety Discussion Panel » *Siobhan McKenna, Arts Millenium on Wednesday, 28th of January.*

The God Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 29th of January.*

Irish Times Semi Final » *Upper Aula Maxima on Friday, 30th of January.*

Denny's West of Ireland School's Final. » *Upper Aula Maxima on Saturday, 31st of January.*

An Audience with Bertie Ahern » *O'Flaherty Theatre, Concourse on Monday, 2nd of February.*

Lit & Deb is delighted to welcome Bertie Ahern TD, the longest serving Taoiseach since Devalera, to NUI, Galway's O'Flaherty Theatre to give an interview on his life and times.

After having cancelled a scheduled visit to the university prior to the Christmas break on account of a broken leg, Bertie Ahern will be visiting the society on Monday 2nd February in what is sure to be a packed O'Flaherty Theatre.

Dave O'Connell of RTE is to interview Mr. Ahern on his life and sometimes controversial political career. For more information on this debate, visit our website www.literaryanddebating.com

12) Weekly Workshop » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 3rd of February.*

Rebellion in University Debate » *Kirwan Theatre, Concourse on Thursday, 5th of February.*

"To stand in silence when they should be protesting makes cowards out of men" (Abraham Lincoln.) On Thursday the 5/02/09, at 7pm in the Kirwan Lecture Theatre, Lit and Deb are delighted to host the Rebellion in Universities Debate with special guests Eamon O'Cuiv and Muireann O'Dwyer. Lit and Deb is most pleased that cabinet minister Eamon O'Cuiv has accepted our invitation to return to NUIG, this time for a formal debate on the purpose of student protest. Mr. O'Cuiv having been on the receiving end of a student protest that turned ugly here on our own campus last semester, understandably has come strong views on the subject -

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/breaking/2008/1210/breaking9.htm>. He is speaking in proposition of the motion 'That This House Believes Student Protest Has Gone Too Far.' Opposing him, is this year's well known advocate of student activism, our Student Union President, Muireann O'Dwyer. Read more here:: <http://litndeb.nuigalway.ie/>

13) Debating Workshops » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 10th of February.*

Maiden Speakers Final - TTHW Assassinate Robert Mugabe » *Kirwan Theatre, Concourse on Thursday, 12th of February.*

Irish National Law Debates » *IT Building on Friday, 13th of February.*

Muscailt Wrap-up Party » *College Bar on Friday, 13th of February.*

An Audience with Archbishop Desmond Tutu » *Aras na Mac Leinn on Sunday, 15th of February.*

Wednesday, 28 January, 2009: The Literary and Debating Society, NUI Galway, will host a public address by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, at 5pm on Sunday, 15 February, in Áras na Mac Léinn, NUI Galway. The Nobel Peace Prize winner will speak about the global legacy of aid, justice and charity.

Originally from the Transvaal region of South Africa, Desmond Tutu was ordained a priest in the Anglican Church in 1961, became Bishop of Lesotho in 1976, and by 1986 was his country's highest Anglican official as Archbishop of Cape Town.

Priced at €5 each, proceeds from ticket sales for the event will go to a charity of Archbishop Tutu's choosing. Tickets can be purchased from Monday, 2 February from the Socs Box on campus (Tel: 091 492852), as well as from Zhivago Records on Shop Street, Galway.

For more information on this event, visit our website www.literaryanddebating.com

14) Weekly Debating Workshop » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

The Porn Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 19th of February.*

Internal Mace Final » *Upper Aula on Tuesday, 24th of February.*

15) Workshop - Thinking Like A Champion » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 3rd of March.*

The Irish Language Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 5th of March.*

16) Weekly Workshop-The Logic of Debating » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 10th of March.*

The Gay Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 12th of March.*

Irish National Mace First Rounds. » *Various Classrooms on Concourse. on Tuesday, 17th of March.*

Holocaust Denial Debate Postponed » *n/a on Thursday, 19th of March.*

Literary and Debating Society Postpone Irving Debate Until September

It is with regret that the Literary and Debating Society of NUI Galway has had to postpone their much anticipated Holocaust Denial Debate featuring David Irving, until September. The debate was supposed to take place on 19th March with Irving opposing the motion "That This House Rejects The Work of David Irving" and another historian of the period proposing the motion.

The reason for the postponement was the unavailability of a qualified proposition speaker for the March 19th date. Society auditor, Dan Colley said "There are a number of talented historians who we have been in contact with who wish to challenge Irving but could not make the date that we have proposed". He added "The Literary and Debating Society apologise for any inconvenience caused by this decision, although I hope that our members understand that it was made with the best interests of a healthy and productive debate in mind"

On 22nd January the Lit & Deb held a debate on the motion "That this House would allow David Irving to speak at this House" which was passed 100 votes to 63. The meeting was open to the public and students and staff were allowed to vote. Dan Colley went on to say "We were given a mandate to invite David Irving to debate his views in our society by those who were interested enough to come to the debate and we intend on fulfilling that mandate in spite of opposition from a radical minority of people."

People who were to attend the debate needed signed up at the Socs Box in Aras na Mac Leinn will be able to sign up again in September. Their information will not be kept on record for September.

The Alcohol Debate » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 19th of March.*

17) Final Workshop! » *IT 250 on Tuesday, 24th of March.*

Speaker of the Year » *Kirwan Theatre on Thursday, 26th of March.*

Tonight is our Speaker of the Year competition. The competitors are some of the finest speakers in the society. Tonight we will recognise their outstanding achievements to the society during the year. They will be armed with words, and pitted against each other in order to decide who is the society's best individual speaker.

The gladiators competitors have all proven their worth during Intervarsity Competitions, the prestigious Irish Times

competition, the illustrious Internal Mace, and the maiden speakers competition. The speakers tonight are: -Sean Butler, -Conor Kelly, -James Hope, -Tony McDonnell, -Dan Colley, -Jackie Driscoll, -George Kaar, -Eileen Coughlan.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Dan Colley

Secretary: James O'Donnell

Internal Convenor: Aine Mulloy

Vice-Auditor: Jacqueline Driscoll

Co-Social Secretary: Isabelle O'Donnell

Special Projects: Conor Kelly

Assistant Literary Convenor : Jennifer Bain

Internal PR : Lisa Scott

Clerk of the House: Michael McHugh

Treasurer: Emmet Connolly

External Convenor: Julie Maher

Debates Secretary: Nora Ni Dhomhnaill

Literary Convenor: Zoe Coleman McNair

Co-Social Secretary: Zara Nugent

Deputy Schools Convenor : Cornelia Carey

External PR: Alan Lyons

Webmaster: Paul MacEoin

Assistant Treasurer: Aisling O'Connell

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,479.47	Bank charge	€101.38
Bank Charge	€19.53	Costumes	€462.00
Fundraising	€2,152.55	Dinner	€2,199.00
Members Contributions	€1,392.80	Entertainment	€751.73
Socs box	€2,890.00	Entry fees	€10,730.03
Sponsorship	€3,883.76	Equipment misc	€2,161.00
Ticket Sales	€1,750.00	Fundraising/charity	€950.00
USC Grant	€33,443.14	Gifts	€519.99
Total	€48,011.25	Lights	€490.00
		Printing	€4,246.12
		Prizes	€190.00
		Promotions	€314.60
		Received Money Returned	€220.00
		Reception	€1,564.45
		Returned Socs Money	€459.41
		Society accommodation	€1,437.00
		Society transport	€5,007.51
		Speaker accommodation	€2,180.00
		Speaker travel	€6,003.20
		Stationary	€108.00
		Expenditure Total	€40,095.42
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€89.80
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€7,915.83
		Total	€48,011.25

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1332 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Cathrine O'Gorman	vice schools convener	287 hours
Emmet Connolly	Treasurer	290 hours
Conor Keane	INLD Volunteer	145 hours
Eimear Spain	Member	395 hours
Lisa Scott	Public Relations Officer	458 hours
Michael McHugh	Clerk of the House	355 hours
Sharon Hughes	Ordinary Member	350 hours
Jennifer Bain	External P.R.O.	405 hours
James O'Donnell	Recording Secretary	150 hours
Paul MacEoin	Webmaster	450 hours
Conor Kelly	Special Projects/Debates Convenor	600 hours
Ronan Fitzpatrick	First Year Liaison Officer	295 hours
Cornelia Carey	Schools convenor	410 hours
Jacqueline Driscoll	Vice Auditor	700 hours
Zoe Coleman McNair	Literary Convenor	600 hours
Eileen Coughlan	Ordinary Member	160 hours
Aisling O'Connell	Deputy Treasurer	520 hours
Dan Colley	Auditor	1008 hours

ALIVE Students: 18 students

Hours Volunteered: 7578 hours

Macra na Feirme Society

Macra na Feirme is a national, rural and social organisation. This is NUIG's first ever Macra club! It promises to live up to the reputation of unbeatable craic that Macra is known for. Not only do we partake in many charity fundraisers we also have our own fun and wild events such as the infamous speed-dating night of the first semester!!

New members are ALWAYS welcome (sign up on Yourspace) and remember by no means do you have to be a farmer to join!!!

Macra na Feirme Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Welcome Back Meeting!! » *The Hub on Tuesday, 23rd of September.*

Intervarsity Dublin Meeting » *Dublin Macra Headquarters on Thursday, 9th of October.*

Bi-annual intervarsity meeting in Dublin to discuss how the national Macra can help the college macra's on a daily basis - will also be planning the proposed intervarsity weekend away. Limited to committee members only, however please e-mail if interested.

Macra Meeting » *The Hub on Tuesday, 14th of October.*

Macra Speeddating!!! » *The King's Head on Wednesday, 15th of October.*

That's right!! Macra Speeddating!! If you're looking for that special someone or just for a right good laugh then why not pop down to the King's Head at 8pm where Macra will entertain you with fine talent, a good band, and free food and beverages!!! Ah go on, you know you want to. . . .

End of Semester Night Out! » *Town on Friday, 19th of December.*

Meeting in the King's head and seeing then where the night will take us!! Everyone welcome!! :)

Meeting » *The Hub on Tuesday, 20th of January.*

Macra Meeting » *The Hub on Monday, 16th of February.*

Blind Date Night » *The King's Head on Tuesday, 10th of March.*

Macra have teamed up with the Mates N Dates soc to bring you the brilliant Blind Date Night!! So grab a few friends and head for the Kings Head pub on Tuesday the 10th of March around 8.30pm where free food and great craic will meet you!! We've also got amazing prizes for anyone brave enough or hot enough to participate to win!! All welcome!! See you there!!! :)

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Margaret McCarthy

Treasurer: Cathy O'Halloran

Secretary: Sarah Geraghty

Vice-Auditor: Christine Doughty

P.R.O. : Avril Connolly

Vice Secretary : Deirdre Francis

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€79.70	Bank charge	€5.99
Total	€79.70	Expenditure Total	€5.99
		Closing Bank Balance	€73.71
		Total	€79.70

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 101 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Margaret McCarthy	Auditor	251 hours
Deirdre Francis	Vice secretary	77 hours
Sarah Geraghty	Secretary	85 hours
Siobhan Murphy	Social Chair	55 hours
Cathy O'Halloran	Treasurer	70 hours

ALIVE Students: 5 students

Hours Volunteered: 538 hours

Malaysian Society

The Malaysian Society functions primarily to achieve its three aims in the constitution which are to promote unity among Malaysian students, to promote cultural exchange and to relay information from the Malaysian Students' Department in Dublin. This year, the Malaysian Society has done just that. We also initiated a fundraising programme for the first time by the society.

Malaysian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Galway Induction Week » *Galway on Saturday, 13th of September.*

This event was held to help out the new students with their transportation upon arrival, their respective accommodationodations and their way around Galway. Also, during this week-long event, we formally introduced the new students to our Malaysian Society.

Welcoming the New Students » *The Hub on Saturday, 20th of September.*

Annual General Meeting » *Aras Ui Cathail, NUIG on Saturday, 11th of October.*

Eid Celebration » *Ann Bialann, NUIG on Saturday, 11th of October.*

The Eid celebration is a religious celebration for all Muslims. A feast was held for people to eat, socialise and be merry.

Dublin Games » *University College Dublin on Saturday, 25th of October.*

Deepavali Celebration » *Spice Corner, Galway on Saturday, 25th of October.*

A dinner was organised to celebrate Deepavali at the Spice Corner Restaurant in Galway City. About 25 people attended this event.

Malaysian Food Sale » *CSI on Monday, 3rd of November.*

Galway Sports Carnival » *Kingfisher Club, NUIG on Saturday, 22nd of November.*

Paintball Trip » *Limerick on Thursday, 18th of December.*

Chinese New Year Celebration » *Dynasty Chinese Restaurant on Saturday, 24th of January.*

A dinner was organised to welcome the new year of the Chinese Calendar. About 30 people were present for the celebration in Knocknacarra.

Nasyeed Extravaganza Ireland » *Aras Ui Cathail, NUIG on Sunday, 25th of January.*

Nasyeed is a traditional Muslim-based singing. This event was organised as a competition with 7 participants from all over Ireland.

Gaza Fundraising Scheme Launching » *Aras Ui Cathail, NUIG on Sunday, 25th of January.*

The Gaza Fundraising Scheme is a scheme available for students to donate a certain amount of money for Gaza on a monthly basis. The Malaysian Society launched such an event to encourage charity among students and to inform others about the situation in Palestine.

Charity Food Sale » *The Hub, NUIG on Sunday, 25th of January.*

Ambassador and Officers Visit » *Aula Maxima on Saturday, 21st of February.*

Galway International Dance Festival » *Radisson Hotel on Thursday, 16th of April.*

The Malaysian students performed a Silat (traditional martial art) followed by the Zapin dance at the Galway International Dance Festival held to raise funds for the Special Olympics Ireland. The response received was great. It was an honor to represent our country at such an event. Other performances include ones from Peru, Guatemala, Mexico, France etc.

Committee 2008/2009

Committee: Nurul Fariheen Othman

Auditor: Izzul Syazwan Ismail

Event Organizer: Muhammad Aminuddin Ashari

Treasurer: Syaza Zafirah Ab Rahman

Event Organizer: Zain Azlan Abul Aziz@abdul Aziz

Committee: Natrah Abd Manan

Committee: Muhamad Mohamad Bakri

Secretary: Hazimah Salleh

Public Relations: Syazwani Badrul

Committee: Muhamad Amir Azfar Sahadun

Public Relations: Tengku Nor Faziera Tengku Aziz

Vice-Auditor: Mohd Aizat Muhammad Tajudin

Committee: Muhammad Khairi Bin Ahmad

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,029.17	Bank charge	€2.80
Fundraising	€120.55	Dinner	€817.18
Members Contributions	€399.10	Entry fees	€661.00
Sponsorship	€800.00	Equipment misc	€266.40
Ticket Sales	€600.00	Fundraising/charity	€150.93
USC Grant	€1,741.00	Gifts	€267.00
Total	€4,689.82	Hall hire	€200.00
		Hire Bus	€450.00
		Materials	€918.12
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€61.81
		Prizes	€100.00
		Society transport	€46.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,941.24
		Cash In Hand	€40.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€708.58
		Total	€4,689.82

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 73 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Muhammad Aminuddin Ashari	event producer	70 hours
Izzul Ismail	Auditor	100 hours
Muhamad Mohamad Bakri	Security and Welfare Officer	50 hours
Natrah Abd Manan	Committee Member	50 hours
Nurul Fariheen Othman	committee member	50 hours
Syazwani Badrul	Public Relations Officer	50 hours
Tengku Nor Faziera Tengku Aziz	Public Relation Officer	50 hours
Zain Azlan Abul Aziz@abdul Aziz	Ordinary Member	70 hours
Muhammad Khairi Bin Ahmad	Committee member	50 hours
Hazimah Salleh	Secretary	80 hours
Mohd Aizat Muhammad Tajudin	Vice Auditor	80 hours
Syaza Zafirah Ab Rahman	Treasurer	80 hours

ALIVE Students: 12 students

Hours Volunteered: 780 hours

Marine Society

Marine Society seeks to promote the awareness of marine related issues in the University and in the local Galway area. Marine Society advocates knowledge of zoological, botanical and environmental matters in fun, inspirational, active ways. Through trips, national and international, seminar series, primary school visits and charity collections marine society creates a greater appreciation and understanding of marine matters in the college and local area.

Marine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

EGM » *Kirwan Theatre on Wednesday, 8th of October.*

Sligo Surfing Trip! » *Strandhill, Sligo on Saturday, 11th of October.*

Our first trip of the year!! Weekend trip to sligo, surfing and seeing the lakes!!!

Summer Work Presentaion » *Annex lecture hall on Thursday, 13th of November.*

A group of third and fourth year marine science students will present the work that they have done during their college summers in internships and volunteer programmes! A great chance to find out what opportunities are out there and to get ideas for your next summer!

A History of Irish Seaweed » *Annex on Tuesday, 18th of November.*

Mar Soc presents Prof. Mike Guiry, as the guest first speaker in their new seminar series presenting: "Monks, Kelps and Baths: A History of Irish Seaweed." This is guaranteed to be an highly entertaining and inspiring talk from the Director of the Martin Ryan Institute. Reception after!

Coffee Morning for Greenpeace » *MRI foyer on Wednesday, 19th of November.*

MarSoc will host a coffee morning in aid of Greenpeace!

Primary School Presentation » *Carnaun National School, Athenry on Friday, 21st of November.*

MarSoc will present to primary school children introducing them to the wonderful world of MARINE SCIENCE!!!

Marine Society seminar! » *Annex lecture hall on Tuesday, 25th of November.*

Prof. Lokesh Joshi will be giving a seminar on The Evolution and Applications of Biotechnology! This is going to be a great lecture for anyone studying science, medicine, bio-engineering or lifesciences! Prof. Joshi will be speaking about glycoscience. Glycoscience is set to be the next big thing in science and is going to create jobs! Not sure about what you're going to do when you graduate?? Come to the seminar and see how it can relate to you and your degree! Confused? Come along and learn more! Followed by refreshments in the Annex foyer. All welcome!

Bag pack for the ISS » *Marks and Spencers, Eyre Square. on Friday, 23rd of January.*

3 day bag pack at Marks and Spencer's, in aid of the Irish Seal Sanctuary.

BERLIN trip! » *Berlin, Germany. on Thursday, 12th of February.*

Four day trip to the capital of Germany, visiting the oldest aquarium in Europe and the famous 25meter high AquaDome of the Berlin Radisson SAS Hotel.

Irish Seal Sanctuary » *Annex lecture hall on Thursday, 12th of March.*

Wayne Griffin from the Irish Seal Sanctuary will give a talk in our seminar series on Irish seals, their rescue and rehabilitation.

AGM. » *Annex lecture hall on Thursday, 26th of March.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: David Miley

Treasurer: Padraic Creedon

Travel Officer: Meadhbh Moriarty

PRO: James Dooley

Webmaster: Sarah Cosgrove

Vice-Auditor: Lisa Wynne

Secretary: Annette Wilson

Ass. Travel Officer: Antonia Gaberscik

SDO: Amanda Dameshghi

Safety Officer: Steven Cusack

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Lisa Wynne

Secretary: Annette Wilson

PRO/SDO: Elizabeth Corrigan

Webmaster: Sarah Cosgrove

4th Year Rep: Sharon Sheehan

Treasurer: David Miley

Vice-Auditor: Catherine Collins

Travel Officer: Evelina Sereikaite

3rd Year Rep: Niamh Nolan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€221.36	Entertainment	€60.00
Bank Charge	€24.27	Bank charge	€38.69
Fundraising	€1,612.50	Fundraising/charity	€536.50
Members Contributions	€2,130.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€57.24
Socs box	€2,050.00	Reception	€283.31
USC Grant	€4,477.02	Society accommodation	€1,446.00
Total	€10,515.15	Society transport	€6,162.02
		Speaker accommodation	€55.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,638.76
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,876.39
		Total	€10,515.15

Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 308 members.

Mates and Dates Society

Mates and Dates Society was formed in January 2009 and became part of the current range of NUIG societies. The aim of the society is to promote friendship and interaction amongst all students in the University through social events and informal meetings. The society's founders believe that it is important to generate unity within the college population that is not entirely based on the consumption of alcohol as this does not always agree with the personal preferences of every student. Mates and Dates seeks to form long-lasting friendships and interpersonal relationships, it does not believe it is a match-making service, but it does promote social events that are centred on forming relationships if members are comfortable with attending such events. Above all the society is focused on allowing students to have as much fun as possible and to take a break from the pressures of academic life.

Mates and Dates Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Apple 'traffic light' party » Cellar Bar on Thursday, 5th of February.

BlindDate » Kings Head on Tuesday, 10th of March.

Popular TV Show is back people!! Mates and Dates Society are recreating the legend that is blind date- exactly like the tv show!! Come along whether to watch or participate and win yourself some dates and other prizes!! Kings Head @8pm!! Fill your belly while your there with free food you stingy gits!!

Committee 2008/2009

Vice-Auditor: Laoise O'Connor

Secretary: Siobhan Deering

PRO: Conor Diskin

Auditor: Una McCrossan

Treasurer: Lorraine Hearne

Events Coordinator: Aideen Raftery

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 149 members.

Maths Society

This year the maths society went from strength to strength. We increased our numbers dramatically and held many successful events throughout the year. The weekly seminar series was a hugely successful initiative. Once again we prepared an exhibition of art for the Múscailt festival. We brought in invited speakers from other third level Irish institutions and from industry. All in all it was a very successful year.

Maths Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Seminar Series » C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 3rd of October.

Mr Padraig O'Cathain will speak on "Cocyclic Matrices". All are welcome.

Seminar Series » C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 7th of November.

Mr Andrew Simpkin will speak on P-Splines and their numerous applications in statistical modelling. Visit the Maths Society's website for more information

Seminar Series » C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 14th of November.

Seminar Series » C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 21st of November.

"What is algebra? An introduction to monads" by Tobias Rossmann

Seminar Series » C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 30th of January.

Dr Claas Hermann Ernst Werner Röver "Zeta Functions"

Mathematics & Art » Áras na MacLéinn Foyer on Monday, 9th of February.

Seminar Series » C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 13th of February. Mathematics and art have been intimately linked for thousands of years.

Inscribed above the entrance to Plato's academy were the words, "Let no-one ignorant of geometry enter". The Greek's obsession with symmetry echoed through the ages and was instrumental in the creation of the Taj Mahal and the Alhambra.

Escher was inspired by the tilings in the Alhambra to create many of his greatest works. The concept of the infinite has often been linked with hopelessness and despair. Yet the connections between art and mathematics are, even today, not widely known.

This exhibition seeks to highlight this link and explore how great works of art can be produced from mathematical ideas.

Each year MathSoc creates an exhibition which unites mathematics with art. This year's collection includes a number of fascinating 3D models and mathematically derived artwork.

Mr John Sheekey from UCD will speak on "Counting irreducibles in Polynomial Rings"

Guest Speaker » C219 Arus De Brun on Friday, 13th of March.

Dr Rachel Quinlan will speak on "Tales from the early days of character theory". For more information visit the society website.

Committee 2008/2009

Secretary: James Lovett

Vice-Auditor: Patrick Browne

O.C.M: Patrick Simpkin

Honorary President Et Emeritus: Jonathan McLaughlin

Auditor: Liam Naughton

Treasurer: Neil Humphries

O.C.M: Padraig O'Cathain

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€93.46	Bank charge	€48.44
Bank Charge	€11.75	Dinner	€199.00
USC Grant	€1,334.00	Reception	€420.00
Total	€1,439.21	Expenditure Total	€667.44
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€771.77
		Total	€1,439.21

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 163 members.

Mature Student Society

We're a society to bring together mature students and improve social interaction on campus. We held social nights throughout the year, as well as a special children's Christmas Party, even Santa was in attendance!

Mature Students Events

This year the society had a total of 13 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Mature Students' Coffee Morning ran for 5 weeks in Student Bar Upstairs, beginning on Tuesday, 18/11/2008.

A great way to get to know new people and exchange information. You are all welcome. We hope to see you there!

Special Events

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

First Meeting & EGM » IT250 on Thursday, 23/10/2008.

All welcome to our first meeting, we will be electing members to our committee, making plans for the year and getting to know one another. Hope to see you all there.

Christmas Night Out » College Bar on Thursday, 4/12/2008.

Join us in the College for a pre exams Christmas night out - all welcome.

Childrens Christmas Party » The Hub on Saturday, 6/12/2008.

This event is open to all students who have children. Santa will be there along with other activities for the kids. Tea/coffee will be provided for the parents.

Meeting » AC204 on Thursday, 22/1/2009.

Results Night Out » College Bar on Thursday, 29/1/2009.

Night Out » College Bar on Friday, 6/3/2009.

Final Night Out » College Bar on Friday, 24/4/2009.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Martina Caffery

Secretary: Michelle Cunningham

Vice-Auditor: Séan Ó Muircheartaigh

Committee Member: John Clasby

Liaison Officer: Ann Doohan

Treasurer: Anne Campion

Committee Member: Elaine O'Dea

Coffee Morning Officer: Catherine Duignan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€336.67	Bank charge	€0.84
Sponsorship	€500.00	Entertainment	€600.00
USC Grant	€620.16	Teacher fees	€125.00
Total	€1,456.83	Expenditure Total	€725.84
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€730.99
		Total	€1,456.83

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 205 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Martina Caffery	auditor	100 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 100 hours

Media Soc

Media Soc NUIG had a successful year. It was granted full status in relation to Societies in early Semester 1. The Committee worked well together organising events etc. Socs Day was very successful with Media Soc gaining over 500 members on the day. Well done to all involved. Although Media Soc only hosted 3 events they were very successful. Firstly our opening meeting with refreshments proved to be the right way to break the ice for our members to introduce themselves. Second meeting we had guest speaker from Galway's i radio Dave O'Connor. As a young person, Dave was able to relate to the audience very well and encouraged participation. Our final Guest Speaker was Conn from Clare FM. He was very successful in the world of Media and as a past student of NUIG he encouraged everyone to pursue their ambitions. He was very insightful in to the World Wide Web. We held various committee meetings throughout the year basing them on the Society training attended in September. Overall Media Soc was successful and has a bright future.

Mediasoc Events

This year the society had a total of 4 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

First meet and greet! ran for 1 week in AC213, beginning on Tuesday, 7/10/2008.

Special Events

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

Dave O Connor from I Radio » Dillon Theatre-On the concourse. on Monday, 20/10/2008.

Dave is a presenter on "I Radio" in Galway. He is originally from Dublin and is here to tell Media Soc about his career in the Media.

Conn Ó Muíneacháin DJ from Clare FM » Dillon Theatre (On the Concourse) on Tuesday, 18/11/2008.

Interested in any aspect of the Media? Why not come along and join in as we present Conn Ó Muíneacháin who presents the Breakfast show on Clare FM. Conn has worked in the Media with many years and is coming to introduce Media Soc to some of the finer points of Media. Conn also runs Edgecast Media, a podcasting and social media business. Everyone Welcome!

Media Soc AGM » AC 213 (Turn Right @ Bank of Ireland) on Thursday, 2/4/2009.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Serena O'Sullivan

Secretary: Clodagh Carey

Vice-Auditor: Eleanor Butler

Treasurer: Adrienne Charles

pro: Gemma Dennison

Committee 2009/2010

Treasurer: Clodagh Carey

Public Relations Officer: Fiona Canning

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€99.72	Bank charge	€7.50
Total	€99.72	Entry fees	€30.00
		Expenditure Total	€37.50
		Closing Bank Balance	€62.22
		Total	€99.72

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 447 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Clodagh Carey	Secretary	140 hours
Eleanor Butler	Vice-Auditor	100 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 students

Hours Volunteered: 240 hours

Medicine Society

The Medicine Society exists as a forum of support for medical students and to help promote good relations with the department. The society also runs the annual medical ball, from which we donated €1000 to the department of medicine this year. Other events included a welcome party for first years and a soccer tournament in the first semester.

Medicine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Derek O'Keeffe

Vice-Auditor: Alan Sugrue

Treasurer: Gavin Sugrue

International: Thavakumar Subramaniam

PRO: Gerard Garrett

Sports: Ronan Kelly

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,791.63	Ball	€43,593.13
Balls	€40,174.00	Bank charge	€12.50
Sponsorship	€2,500.00	Fundraising/charity	€1,000.00
USC Grant	€2,200.00	Hall hire	€200.00
Total	€47,665.63	Printing	€275.92
		Prizes	€772.20
		Reception	€527.30
		Socs day expenses	€300.00
		Expenditure Total	€46,681.05
		Closing Bank Balance	€984.58
		Total	€47,665.63

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 239 members.

Microbiology Society

We are a social outlet for students of Microbiology, both Undergrads and Postgrads. Various events are organised throughout the year, from seminars to sessions! Also don't miss the amazing Postgrad Ball which is organised by Microsoc this year, it's definitely not to be missed!

Microsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Bingo Extravaganza » College Bar on Monday, 17th of November.

Those who need a bit of brushing up (or a quick beginners guide!) will be helped by our lovely helpers! And for those of you who find bingo just too confusing there will be a raffle on the night so you're sure not to go home empty

handed! Books are only €5! I encourage you all to attend and support MicroSoc for what promises to be a fun filled night...remember we have your numbers!!!

Postgrad Ball » *Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday, 2nd of April.*

The Postgrad ball is on tonight. Tickets on sale from the Socs box. Music By Tightrope and followed by a DJ to finish off the night. Tickets are priced at €45.

Committee 2008/2009

Secretary: Maria Barrett

Auditor: Dermot Hughes

Treasurer: Olivia Kelly

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€3,537.60	Ball	€2,471.06
Balls	€13,930.00	Bank charge	€5.25
Bank Charge	€2.82	Entertainment	€100.00
Socs box	€675.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€55.00
Sponsorship	€500.00	Expenditure Total	€2,631.31
Total	€18,645.42	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€16,014.11
		Total	€18,645.42

Other Information

We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 72 members.

Musical Society

2008/2009 has been a year which has seen GUMS go from strength to strength in terms of membership, success and camaraderie. This year's committee have worked diligently and consistently throughout the year under the leadership of Laura Reid, our ever enthusiastic and organised Auditor.

The constitution underwent a great deal of important changes at the AGM on the 15th of April 2008. The position of Producer was removed and the duties of this role were divided between the roles of Auditor and Assistant Producer/Vice Auditor changing those to Auditor/Co-Producer and Vice Auditor/Co-Producer. Societies Liaison Officer was removed and two positions of Schools Liaison Officer were added. Society Musical Director was changed to Society Musician while the role of Musical Director was expanded to encompass all musical events organised by the society. Two Ordinary Committee Member positions were removed to make way for the addition of a second PRO Assistant and a Society Technician. The criteria for the presentation of Honorary Life Membership were also changed but these changes were later undone at the EGM on 9th January 09.

After the formation of the committee at the AGM, the task of deciding on a musical and obtaining the rights was undertaken. On April 23rd the new committee met and debated the issue to great length. In the end it was decided that we would go with the show suggested to us by AIMS and the GUMS 08/09

show was to be the devilish new 70's musical Disco Inferno. The show was scheduled to run in the Black Box Theatre from the 10th to the 14th of February 2009.

The EGM on the 30th September saw the election of Aoife Harhen as Vice Auditor/ Co-Producer, John Joyce as Secretary and Jill Dillon as Ordinary Committee Member. Stephen Reilly was also voted into the position of Director. Shane Fahy was elected to the position of Head of Set at an EGM on the 14th October. In addition to the weekly committee meeting it was agreed that the Production Team consisting of Producers, Director, Musical Director, Head of Set, Head of Costume and Choreographer would meet every week to ensure the effective production of the musical.

Societies Day gave us a good indication of what to expect for the coming year with hundreds of students signing up to be part of our society. Our current member list stands at approximately 350.

Administrative work aside, the GUMS year kicked off with the Auditions for Disco Inferno on the 25th September in the Bank of Ireland Theatre. This year saw approximately 140 students audition to be in the Cast and Chorus of the GUMS musical. This increased interest can be attributed to both the rising reputation of GUMS on campus and the committed work of our PR team. This year's auditions yielded a highly talented, enthusiastic and friendly cast who will undoubtedly ensure the continuation and strengthening of the society in the future.

Rehearsals were limited to 1 and 2 rehearsals a week on alternating weeks for the first semester, however after the Christmas break the intensity picked up as we started weekend rehearsals and combined singing, dancing and acting rehearsals.

Besides rehearsals for Disco Inferno, NUIG's Got Talent was the society's biggest event in the first semester and it proved to be one of the biggest events on campus. This was a talent competition which ran for four heats from the 16th of October to the 6th of November. Heats took place both in Aras Ui Cathail and the College Bar and the event brought out some of NUI Galway's most talented individual and groups. The final was held in the College Bar where 16 eager finalists performed to a packed audience. The winners Donal O'Driscoll and Colm Phelan, who won over the crowd with their fusion of traditional music and hip-hop dance, walked away the €1000 prize.

With most members being unable to resist the opportunity to see a musical, we organised a society outing to see Encore's production of West Side Story at the Black Box Theatre in November. The night was a valuable experience as it helped build rapport between cast members and contributed greatly to what has now become the most tightly knit cast GUMS has ever seen. It also gave us the opportunity to appreciate the production of another Galway based musical society. This outing also started a whole series of cast social nights out which brought an added social facet to the society outside of production of the musical.

The NUIG Schools' Musical Awards were overseen this year by our School Liaison Officers. Committee members attended shows produced by schools throughout the greater Galway area and the West of Ireland and reviewed them before nominating schools and their cast members for awards. The awards were held in the O'Flaherty Theatre on the 13th March and the participants were delighted Oscar style event complete with red carpets and an apple juice reception. Each school received a workshop given by a committee member, in either singing, acting or dancing and everyone involved in the scheme found it to be a highly rewarding and enjoyable experience whose success is a credit to the hard work and dedication of Ailbhe Harding.

The Musical Ball is one of the most anticipated events in the GUMS calendar as it offers the cast and crew of the show a chance to socialise in style. The evening of the 23rd of March kicked off in the College Bar where the DVD of Disco Inferno was played. Then it was off to the Galway Bay Hotel for a buffet

dinner after which we danced the night away with the band the Neon Knight followed by a DJ. As ever the Musical Ball proved to be an evening of glamour and entertainment and a great night out for all.

The GUMS variety show took place on the 1st April in the second semester after the musical was over. This offered cast members and late sign-ups an opportunity to showcase their individual talents and perform their party pieces to the enthusiastic crowd.

This year saw the inclusion of a new event into the GUMS calendar in the form of the Costumes Auction. All costumes from Disco Inferno were auctioned or sold at the event in the College Bar on the 18th March in what proved to be a light-hearted and enjoyable evening. All proceeds were donated to the India fund being raised by active society and committee member Kate Costello who is going on a volunteering trip in the summer.

April saw approximately 15 of our members jetting off to London to see some West End musical productions. Experiencing the sensational Wicked and The Lion King while also taking in some sites and taking London's social scene by storm made this trip an unforgettable occasion for all.

Disco Inferno was an extraordinary success bringing GUMS its largest ever cast with 45 talented individuals performing in the show. The success would not have been possible without the ardour and effort of certain individuals. The organisation, devotion, leadership and hard work of Laura Reid and Aoife "Mother Hen" Harhen ensured that the GUMS musical would be an exceptional production and set the standard high for the rest of the production team to follow. Sinead Crawford showed her creativity, perseverance and tailoring talents as this year's Head of Costumes. The endless hours of preparation and teaching undertaken by Choreographer Michael Flanagan and Assistant Sive O Regan shone through in the fantastic dance routines which gave our show energy and brought the disco fever to the stage. MD Alison McGreevy led the band which brought the 70's show stoppers to life. Stephen Reilly showed his commitment and professionalism in tutoring the cast in the art of acting. Shane Fahy and his set crew, with the help and dedication of the cast, built us the incredible set on which our show became a reality. The unyielding dedication of our PR team Ciarán McDonagh and Kate Costello under the leadership of Eoin Cashman are to be accredited with ensuring that every show was preformed to a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Overall GUMS has had a brilliantly successful year. Not only has this year's committee managed to put the large scale production Disco Inferno and make it a success despite the current economic climate, they also ensured that the society's other events were run to the highest standard and increased the reputation of GUMS both on campus and in Galway city as a whole. This year formed the largest cast GUMS has seen and also tied them together in bonds of friendship which will last for many years to come.

Thanks to Auditor Laura Reid whose dedication and organisation inspired an increased effort from her committee, we can be confident that GUMS will continue to develop and grow in future years.

Musical Society (GUMS) Events

This year the society had a total of 86 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

This year we held 10 events that ran regularly over a number of weeks. These events were as follows:

Dance Rehearsals ran for 8 weeks in Court D, Áras Na MacLéinn, beginning on Monday, 6/10/2008.

Acting Rehearsal ran for 8 weeks in Court C, Áras na MacLéinn, beginning on Tuesday, 7/10/2008.

Stephen trains the principal actors to connect with their characters and capture the hearts of the audience... he even does the single tear thing!

Dance Rehearsals ran for 7 weeks in Court D, Áras Na MacLéinn, beginning on Monday, 13/10/2008.

Acting Rehearsal ran for 18 weeks in Squash Court C, Áras na MacLéinn, beginning on Tuesday, 14/10/2008.

NUIG's Got Talent Heats ran for 4 weeks in Aras Ui Cathaill, beginning on Thursday, 16/10/2008.

NUIG's Got Talent is back and this year were hoping for even more singers, dancers, actors, comedians, jugglers, ventriloquists (??) and all manner of other performers! Sign up at the Socs Box and you could be on your way to becoming NUIG's biggest star!

Dance Rehearsals ran for 3 weeks in Court D, Áras Na MacLéinn, beginning on Monday, 12/1/2009.

Dance rehearsals for Disco Inferno. More Disco hits and groovy moves with Michael and Sive.

Acting Rehearsal ran for 4 weeks in Court C, Áras na MacLéinn, beginning on Tuesday, 13/1/2009.

Stephen fine tunes the acting talents of the cast of Disco Inferno.

Singing Rehearsal ran for 4 weeks in Aras Ui Cathail, beginning on Wednesday, 14/1/2009.

Time to polish off those disco pieces in preparation for the big show!

Combined Rehearsal ran for 4 weeks in Courts, Áras na MacLéinn, beginning on Thursday, 15/1/2009.

Disco Inferno, The 70s Musical

10th-14th Feb

Black Box Theatre, Galway

Tickets €8 for Students in Socs Box or Town Hall

Dance Rehearsal ran for 4 weeks in Court D, Áras Na MacLéinn, beginning on Friday, 16/1/2009.

More Dance rehearsals with Michael and Sive!

Special Events

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

Auditions » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Thursday, 25/9/2008.

Auditions for Musical "Disco Inferno" which will play in the Black Box Theatre in February. This is your chance to show our Directors that you can be a star! Sing, Dance and Act your way to a part in NUIG's most anticipated musical event of the year!!!

EGM » Court A, Áras na MacLéinn on Tuesday, 30/9/2008.

Call-Back Auditions » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Monday, 6/10/2008.

Call-Back auditions for lead roles in Disco Inferno! All those who have gotten through to this second round audition get another chance to audition for the principal roles!

Singing Rehearsal » Aras Ui Cathail on Wednesday, 8/10/2008.

Alison will get those voice muscles warmed up and singing sweetly as we work our way through the disco hits of the 70's

E.G.M » The Hub, Áras na MacLéinn on Tuesday, 14/10/2008.

First Cast Meeting » Bank of Ireland Theatre on Tuesday, 14/10/2008.

First Meeting of the talented cast of Disco Inferno. This is a chance for the cast to get to know one another and the society committee. Icebreakers, fun and games will get everyone out of their shells and making friends from the start! Alison will probably make us all sing so we hope to see Many Men and a lot of Bella Senoras on the night!!

Cast Night Out - West Side Story » Black Box Theatre on Wednesday, 12/11/2008.

Cast trip to see West Side Story (of which our Michael is a chorus member!!) in the Black Box!!! Meeting at 7:30 outside the Black Box. Tickets €12!

NUIG's Got Talent - Finalist's Rehearsal » Art Gallery - The Quad on Monday, 17/11/2008.

Rehearsal for all NUIG's Got Talent FINALISTS.

NUIG's Got Talent - The Final » College Bar on Tuesday, 18/11/2008.

NUIG's biggest talent contest comes to a dramatic close as the finalists battle it out for the title of winner and of course that €1000 prize!!! With special guest judges the contestants will have to show their full worth in order to claim the prize money! A great night's entertainment is guaranteed and with the audience voting...you have the chance to help your favourite contestant win the title! There will also be a special sneak preview of this year's musical Disco Inferno!!!

Weekend Rehearsals » *Siobhan McKenna on Saturday, 10/1/2009.*

Intense weekend rehearsal of Disco Inferno. Lets see how it's all coming together!!

Weekend Rehearsals » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Saturday, 31/1/2009.*

Weekend Rehearsal » *Bank of Ireland Theatre on Sunday, 1/2/2009.*

Weekend Rehearsal » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Saturday, 7/2/2009.*

Weekend Rehearsal » *Siobhan McKenna on Sunday, 8/2/2009.*

Dress and Tech Rehearsal » *Black Box Theatre on Monday, 9/2/2009.*

A long night is ahead of the cast of Disco Inferno. Combined Dress and Tech Rehearsal which will run into the late hours of the night!!!

Disco Inferno

Black Box Theatre

10-14th February

Tickets €8 for students in Socs Box

Disco Inferno, The Devilish 70's Musical » *Black Box Theatre on Tuesday, 10/2/2009.*

GUMS' Main Event of the year has the cast and chorus acting, singing and dancing the night away on a stage set in the disco era of the 70's!!!

High School Musical Marathon » *Cuirt na Coirbe on Sunday, 15/2/2009.*

Can't survive without your fix of musical?!? Want to sing the night away to ur favourite Disney channel megahits?? We give you High School Musical 1, 2 AND 3 in one omnibus edition which remind you that We're All In This Together!!!

Costume Auction » *College Bar on Wednesday, 18/3/2009.*

Ever gone to a GUMS musical and wished you could own one of the countless extravagant clothing items worn by the cast? Well this is your chance to get your hands on those fabulous one of a kind pieces!!! All costume items from Disco Inferno will be sold or auctioned in aid of a charity trip to India by one of our members!! So come along and do your bit for the less fortunate while still looking good!!

Musical Ball » *Galway Bay Hotel on Monday, 23/3/2009.*

The Annual Musical Ball will take place on the 23rd of March this year. The evening will kick off in the College Bar at 5 with the festivities moving to the Galway Bay Hotel for food, dancing and a whole lot of fun!

AGM » *TBC on Monday, 30/3/2009.*

GUMS will have its Annual General Meeting on the 30th of March. This important event gives all members a say in the running of our society and most importantly it is the election night of next year's committee so anyone wishing to be more involved next year...this is your chance to get onto the committee!!!

Variety Show » *TBC on Wednesday, 1/4/2009.*

The Annual GUMS Variety Show will take place on April Fool's Day (no pranks please!) in..... Come along and watch some of NUIG's future stars showcase their talents in what promises to be a great night's entertainment.

London Trip » *London! on Saturday, 4/4/2009.*

Cast trip to the fabulous West End of London.

Committee 2008/2009

Ordinary Committee Member: Jillian Dillon

Vice-Auditor: Aoife Harhen

PRO: Eoin Cashman

Schools Liaison Officer: Ailbhe Harding

PRO Assistant: Ciaran McDonagh

Head of Costumes: Sinead Crawford

Choreographer: Michael Flanagan

Ordinary Committee Member: Deirdre Leavy

Ordinary Committee Member: Claire Brennan

Auditor: Laura Reid

Treasurer: Leslie Dempsey

Schools Liaison Officer: Katie Doherty

Staff treasurer: Sean O'leachain

PRO Assistant: Kate Costello

Musical Director: Alison McGreevy

Ordinary Committee Member: Alice Clerkin

Secretary: John Joyce

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Alice Clerkin

Treasurer: Aimee Brennan

Staff Treasurer: Sean O'leacháin

PRO: Sarah Small

Entertainments Officer: Colm McCarthy

Schools Liason Officer: Avril Smyth

Costume Assistant: Aifric O'Reilly

Technical Assistant: Peter O'Toole

Director: Kate Costello

Choreographer's Assistant: Sive O'Regan

OCM: Raymond Scanlon

OCM: Deirdre Leavy

Vice-Auditor: Jillian Dillon

Secretary: Ann-marie Ryan

Musical Director: John Joyce

PR Assistant: James Brennan

Schools Liason Officer: Sinead Monaghan

Head of Costume: Sinead Crawford

Head of Set: Sinead Cooney

Society Musican: Adrian Jordan

Choreographer: Michael Flanagan

OCM: Siobhan McCormack

OCM: David Burke

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€899.23	Ball	€2,040.00
Balls	€100.00	Bank charge	€94.41
Bank Charge	€23.64	Costumes	€1,542.00
Fundraising	€3,113.15	Entry fees	€220.00
Members Contributions	€1,421.00	Fundraising/charity	€250.00
Socs box	€7,227.00	Hall hire	€4,750.00
Sponsorship	€1,386.00	Hoodies	€1,232.00
Ticket Sales	€7,032.92	Lights	€1,000.00
USC Grant	€6,288.25	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€70.00
Total	€27,491.19	Phone	€262.90
		Printing	€1,479.03
		Prizes	€1,930.00
		Promotions	€83.41
		Set	€1,800.00
		Society accommodation	€598.60
		Society transport	€1,139.65
		Sound	€3,637.50

Income	Expenditure
	Stationary €82.46
	Teacher fees €1,045.50
	Expenditure Total €23,257.46
	Closing Bank Balance €4,233.73
	Total €27,491.19

Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 408 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Claire Gallagher	Chorus Member	250 hours
John Joyce	Secretary and Cast Member	503 hours
Michael Flanagan	Choreographer / Cast Member	507 hours
Eoin Cashman	Public Relations Officer	498 hours
Jillian Dillon	OCM	80 hours
Allyson Larkin	Member	315 hours
Ann-marie Keane	chorus member	248 hours
Leslie Dempsey	Treasurer	70 hours
Aimee Brennan	Lead role	316 hours
Ciann Slevin	Chorus Member	236 hours
Kate Costello	PRO COMMITTEE MEMBER	490 hours
Fiona Cooney	Chorus	248 hours
David Burke	Backstage Crew	50 hours
Tina Johansson	Chorus	250 hours
Deirdre Leavy	OCM	75 hours
Raymond Scanlon	Chorus	236 hours
Ciaran McDonagh	PR assistant and ordinary member	510 hours
Laura Reid	Auditor/Co Producer	500 hours
Aoife Harhen	Producer/Vice Auditor	520 hours
Sinead Crawford	Costume Designer	198 hours

ALIVE Students: 20 students

Hours Volunteered: 6100 hours

Music Society

MusicSoc is one of the most active societies in NUI Galway with both weekly and one-off events, including Concerts, Jamming Sessions, Table Quizzes, Music Lessons, and a trip to Achill in the second semester. There will be weekly jammin sessions in the College Bar on Wednesdays at 7.30, not to mention the Open Mic nite afterwards and of course Witless makes its return in the second semester.

MusicSoc Events

This year the society had a total of 15 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Open Mic ran for 10 weeks in College Bar, beginning on Wednesday, 24/9/2008.

Open Mic is open for anyone to get up on stage and play, sing, tell a joke whatever rely.... There are prizes for whoever gets up to play, and a bonus prize for the best performer.

Witless Heats ran for 3 weeks in College Bar, beginning on Tuesday, 20/1/2009.

Special Events

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

Witless Sign Up » Socs Box on Thursday, 27/11/2008.

Witless Batle of the Bands » College Bar on Tuesday, 10/2/2009.

After four weeks of heats (Tuesday nights in the College Bar, 13th Jan—3rd Feb), the finalists will square up for the final showdown in the College Bar. The coveted witless prize, which includes time in a recording studio, will guarantee a night of intense musical competition, culminating in the audience and judging panel decisions. Stephen Bennett from Comedy Soc and NUIG's Got Talent Finalist will be doing 10 minute standup to start the show.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Ronan O'Halloran

Treasurer: Rebecca Ham

OCM: Joseph Murphy

PRO: Ruth Dalton

OCM: Padraic Harley

PRO: Eamonn Dillon

OCM: Matthew Watkin

Vice-Auditor: Niamh McHugh

Secretary: Henrietta Sanders

OCM: David O'Leary

Radio Show: Matthew Clarke

PRO: Orla Monaghan

OCM: Domnick Sharkey

Cheese string tuner: Shane Murphy

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Niamh McHugh

Treasurer: Rebecca Ham

OCM: Domnick Sharkey

Vice-Auditor: Matthew Watkin

Secretary: Henrietta Sanders

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€514.72	Society Transport	€90.25
Classes	€18.00	Bank charge	€8.95
Bank Charge	€4.49	Entertainment	€60.00

Income		Expenditure	
Muscailt	€1,496.80	Equipment misc	€30.00
Socs box	€7.00	Prizes	€1,100.00
USC Grant	€930.00	Sound	€1496.80
Total	€2,971.01	Expenditure Total	€2,786.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€185.01
		Total	€2,971.01

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 660 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Ronan O'Halloran	Auditor	120 hours
Rebecca Ham	Treasurer	63 hours
Niamh McHugh	Vice Auditor	41 hours
David O'Leary	OCM	67 hours

ALIVE Students: 4 students

Hours Volunteered: 291 hours

Muslim Youth Society

It has been a great year for the Muslim Youth Society to organize various activities to cater the students in NUIG as well as the local Muslims community. Throughout 2008/2009 session, the committee has managed to hold 5 events all together.

Muslim Youth Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

EGM » *Aras Ui Cathaill on Saturday, 18th of October.*

Muslims, Christians & True Jesus » *LLT Clinical Skills Institute (CSI) on Thursday, 23rd of October.*

This is joined event with FOSIS entitled "Muslim, Christian & The True Jesus". a chance for both muslims and non-Muslims to have a talk and dialogue with Idris Tawfiq, a former Roman Catholic priest who embraced Islam.

Charity Week » *CSI lecture theatre on Friday, 24th of October.*

Cakes were sold to collect donations for Palestine relief.

Nasyeed Extravaganza 09-A New Beginning » *Aras Ui Cathail on Sunday, 25th of January.*

Nasyeed Extravaganza (NEXT) is a nasyeed competition that aims to put forward nasyeed to the public. With that in mind, the Muslim Youth Society is bringing NexT closer to the Irish community by organizing Nasyeed Extravaganza Eire (NexT-E) with the aim that it will be an annual event in Ireland as well. This program is dedicated for Gaza. Fundraising activities for Gaza will be done. All proceeds will be channeled through Federation Of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS).

ISOC 101 Ireland » RCSI, Dublin on Saturday, 28th of March.

This programme is targeted at ISOCs members, aiming to make life for them in the ISOCs (MYS) more manageable and easier to cope with and organise. Anybody who is also interested in joining the ISOCs (MYS) in the future are more than welcome to come along as well. In that way, the future isocs will insh'Allah be equipped with some useful tools for the term insh'Allah.

MYS will cover your transportation to Dublin :)

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Farizul Mohd Zain

Vice-Auditor: Nur Izyan Muhammad Ramdan

Secretary: Siti Nur Fariza Binti Nordin

Ambassador: Azri Bohari

Islamic Awareness and Education : Information, Publication and Webmaster : Khairul Nadiah Suhaimi

Azhar Abu Bakar

Treasurer: Nur Farhani Rosli

Student Affairs and Recreation: Siti Nurdiyana Ishak

Islamic Awareness and Education : Nur Aini Raman

Student Affairs and Recreation: Izzul Ismail

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€709.66	Dinner	€160.00
Bank Charge	€4.92	Bank Charge	€32.16
Fundraising	€486.90	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€13.59
Members Contributions	€6,614.29	Entertainment	€64.48
Sponsorship	€100.00	Prizes	€94.50
USC Grant	€4,639.68	Promotions	€11.13
Total	€12,555.45	Society transport	€9,775.75
		Equipment Misc	€900.00
		Speaker travel	€58.30
		Speaker accommodation	€220.14
		Expenditure Total	€11,330.05
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€22.51
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,202.89
		Total	€12,555.45

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 99 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Farizul Mohd Zain	Auditor	462 hours
Nur Aini Raman	education officer	110 hours
Nadiah Suhaimi	committee member	30 hours
Siti Nur Fariza Binti Nordin	Secretary	90 hours
Khairul Azhar Abu Bakar	webmaster, information & publication officer	24 hours
Nur Farhani Rosli	Treasurer	28 hours
Izzul Ismail	Recreational officer	200 hours

ALIVE Students: 7 students

Hours Volunteered: 944 hours

North American Student Society

The 2008/2009 academic year was the first full year of NASS. We held several events that were well attended by Americans, Canadians, Irish and other Europeans. Some of the most successful events were as follows: Welcome back party, Sept; Dodgeball tournament, Nov; Christmas gift exchange party, Dec; Superbowl party, Feb. Our committee held regular meetings once a month and were in contact via email in between. We have learned a lot in our first year as a full society, we have learned from our events on what works and what does not work, as well we have talked to other societies and received some helpful tips from them. Next year, we hope to establish a volunteer event through Alive. Overall it was a very successful first year for our society and we look forward to implementing changes next year to allow our society to be even more successful.

North American Student Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT » *St. Joseph's Community Centre on Saturday, 15th of November.*

Dodgeball Tournament! Please contact nass@socs.nuigalway.ie if you are interested!

Christmas Party » *River Inn on Friday, 28th of November.*

Christmas gift exchange party! Come celebrate being finished your term and wind down with some fun games!

Superbowl Party » *The Cellar on Sunday, 1st of February.*

Superbowl party! Please come and cheer on your team. A chance to watch your favorite team and meet some new people!

AGM » *SU, Aras na Mac Leinn on Monday, 11th of May.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Ian Johnson

Treasurer: Nuala Marshall

Sports & Entertainment Officer: Mary Karantonis

Vice-Auditor: Jocelyn Anderson

Secretary: Amy Goodday

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Mary Karantonis

Treasurer: Nuala Marshall

Vice-Auditor: Jocelyn Anderson

Secretary: Amy Goodday

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€11.65	Bank charge	€7.44
Societies day	€125.50	Dinner	€90.00
Ticket Sales	€57.00	Hall hire	€90.00
USC Grant	€197.92	Expenditure Total	€187.44
Total	€392.07	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€2.50
		Closing Bank Balance	€202.13
		Total	€392.07

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 231 members.

Nothing Specific Society

The Nothing Specific Society was set up last year to cater to students whose interests weren't met by all those 'specific' societies already out there. With so much on offer by NUI Galway societies, the very idea of 'nothing specific' proved very appealing to students overwhelmed with choice!

This year we have continued with our pledge to bring a diverse array of events to the campus, from our aeronautic challenge event to NUIGs biggest, baddest RPS* competition!

We also got involved in Múscailt and celebrated the society's first birthday with a charity event for the Jack & Jill Foundation in January.

*That's Rock-Paper-Scissors, for those not in the know....

Nothing Specific Society Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

NSS Open Forum » AC214 - then the Cellar on Thursday, 2nd of October.

Just a general get-together for all our members to come along and get to know the society. Feel free to give us any ideas for what the society should do and we'll let you know of our plans. Afterwards free food in the cellar as well as free passes to Cuba*.

Rock, Paper, Scissors Competetition » *Smokies on Thursday, 16th of October.*

A laxidasical competition of the classic competitive sport. All welcome to take part. Will you be NUIG's RPS undisputed Champion 2008?

Batman vs Superman Debate » *O Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 30th of October.*

The longest standing debate of the 20th century finally comes to a head as some of NUIG's finest intellectuals discuss the finer points over whether Batman or Superman is truly the better hero. The floor will be open to all, so come along to throw in your opinion or absorb those of others. There is also a Halloween party in Cuba afterwards (comic book themed fancy dress Halloween party) for you nightowls.

Paper Airplane Contest + Kite Workshop » *Circulating Area in The I.T Building on Wednesday, 12th of November.*

The Paper Airplane Contest has two areas, first of all who can make a paper airplane to fly the farthest and secondly who can make the most visually impressive airplane (airplanes will be made solely out of one A4 sheet of paper). The Kite Workshop is a guide on how to make and fly your own kite. All welcome. All materials provided.

1st Birthday Party » *Club De Burgo's on Sunday, 25th of January.*

The NSS are having a Birthday Party to celebrate the one year anniversary of the founding of the society. It is also a charity event in support of the "Jack and Jill Children's Foundation". There will be fun and games to keep you entertained. All welcome!

History of Games Night » *AC204 on Tuesday, 3rd of February.*

The N.S.S is to hold a history of video games night for all interested in the medium of the video game. Thats right games, in video. Along with a number of games available on the night to tickle your nostalgia bone, the N.S.S crew will be at hand to regale anyone interested with facts about their favorite consoles and the history of their evolution. And for anyone who thinks they're man (or woman) enough we're going to hold a Goldeneye tournament where you'll find out if youre as good as you think you remember you were. See you then...

Seanchas » *The Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Tuesday, 10th of February.*

The Space, NUI Galway's Nothing Specific Society host a storytelling evening inspired by the traditional Irish entertainment form.

Seanchas: a term meaning "ancient history and tradition" including storytelling, oral tradition and talking. An oral lore that encompasses a wide variety of subjects, passed on by narration and discussion. Seanachas will be an entertaining evening of storytelling and poetry reciting, inspired by this traditional Irish art form. A relaxed setting where students will be encouraged to participate in the fun or just soak up the atmosphere. Either original work or reciting of old favorites is equally welcome.

A.G.M. » *AC 204 on Tuesday, 3rd of March.*

All welcome to the NSS Annual General Meeting. Free tea and coffee after!!!

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Daniel Considine

Treasurer: Shane Malone

Wooly P.R.O. : Niamh McHugh

Affability Officer: Sean O'Gorman

Gunnery Sergeant: Kevin Mahon

Little Photographer: Laura Sims

Vice-Auditor: Gallagher Daniel

Webmaster : Mark Sims

P.R.O.: Fionn Clarke

Vice-treasurer: Lisa Kinnavane

Secretary: Shane Murphy

International Correspondant: Will Sokoloff

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€269.00	Bank charge	€51.91
USC Grant	€1,009.88	Dinner	€400.00
Total	€1,278.88	Fundraising/charity	€245.00
		Materials	€100.00
		Reception	€345.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,141.91
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€136.97
		Total	€1,278.88

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 839 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Niamh McHugh	Wolly PRO	45 hours
Kevin Mahon	Gunnery Sergeant	24 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 students

Hours Volunteered: 69 hours

Orchestra Society

The NUI Galway orchestra, consisting of strings, woodwind and brass had a very successful year. The orchestra was conducted by Hugh Kelly and the leader was Aileen Maloney. The orchestra took part in the Muscailt Arts Festival and other performances took place in both Galway and Cork, where they were joined by choirs Cantairi Chonamara and the UCC Staff Choir. This year's repertoire included Schubert's 'Symphony No. 2' and Mozart's 'Kyrie' and 'Regina Coeli'.

Orchestra Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 26 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Rehearsal ran for 9 weeks in Lower Aula Maxima, beginning on Monday, 6/10/2008.

Orchestra rehearsal takes place every Monday at 7pm in the Aula Maxima.

Rehearsals ran for 12 weeks in Siobhan McKenna Theatre, beginning on Monday, 12/1/2009.

Orchestra rehearsal takes place every Monday at 7pm in the Siobhan McKenna Theatre.

Special Events

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

Schubert's Symphony no. 2 » *Aula Maxima Upper on Monday, 9/2/2009.*

The Orchestra Society will perform Franz Schubert's Symphony No.2 in B flat major: a four movement work full of rich modulations, syncopations and high drama from beginning to end! The Second Symphony is a marvellous work written when Schubert was just eighteen years old and which was only first performed in public fifty years after the composer's death. Opening with an arresting slow introduction, the first movement is full of vigour and there is some beautiful work by the woodwinds to savour. The lyrical Andante is followed by a lively minuet. The finale recreates the joyful mood of the first movement including touches of humour.

Concert » *St. Nicholas Collegiate Church on Sunday, 29/3/2009.*

A concert with Cantairi Chonamara and the UCC Staff Choir including works by Schubert and Mozart

Trip » *Cork on Friday, 3/4/2009.*

Trip to Cork to perform in UCC

Concert » *Aula Maxima, UCC on Saturday, 4/4/2009.*

A concert with Cantairi Chonamara and the UCC Staff Choir including works by Schubert and Mozart

AGM » *Al Muretto, Galway on Monday, 20/4/2009.*

Orchestra Society AGM

Committee 2008/2009

Vice-Auditor: Aileen Maloney

Librarian: Lesley NÃ Dhorchaidhe

PRO: Aisling Joyce

PRO: Padraig O'Cathain

Auditor: Linda Hughes

PRO: Cian Blaix

PRO: Laura McNamara

Committee 2009/2010

Treasurer: Aileen Maloney

Secretary: Cian Blaix

Librarian: Linda Hughes

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€910.63	Bank charge	€17.16
Bank Charge	€4.79	Dinner	€602.46
Members Contributions	€2,110.00	Hall hire	€210.00
Muscailt	€200.00	Hoodies	€712.00
USC Grant	€5,851.00	Scores	€691.00
Total	€9,076.42	Society accommodation	€3,932.68
		Teacher fees	€2,315.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,480.30
		Closing Bank Balance	€596.12
		Total	€9,076.42

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 166 members.

Organic Gardening Society

The Organic Garden Society has an organic vegetable garden at the rear of 12 Distillery Road. We're a new society set up to promote and encourage organic gardening on campus and at home for students and staff. We also help to promote organic awareness and bring guest speakers/advisors to heighten awareness of organic matters as well as providing information and skills for those who'd like to do more but just don't know how.

With our new garden finally up and running thanks to the hard work of all our members, organic gardening society is well set for an enjoyable summer and look forward to reaping the rewards early next year.

Organic Garden Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 23 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Garden Workday ran for 7 weeks in Rear 12 Distillery Rd., beginning on Monday, 4/5/2009.

Garden Workday ran for 6 weeks in Rear 12 Distillery Rd., beginning on Thursday, 7/5/2009.

Organic Gardening Society get together every Monday and Thursday to work in the garden. come along to help out or just to watch and learn

Special Events

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

Meeting » IT206 Seminar Room on Monday, 16/2/2009.

Meeting to discuss plans for our Organic Garden. All welcome.

Organic Gardening Talk » AC204 (Concourse) on Wednesday, 25/2/2009.

Cáit Curran, editor Organic Matters Magazine and one of Ireland's leading organic garden experts will give a talk on setting up an organic vegetable garden, what to grow, how to prepare your ground, maintenance, etc. etc. ... If you want to learn how to grow your own vegetables organically come along! Light refreshments will be served (organic!) Everyone welcome!!

Meeting » AM205 on Wednesday, 11/3/2009.

Meeting to discuss Organic Garden Stand for Green Week. Organic Garden "Ground Breaking" Event in new Organic Garden. Photographic Competition Publicity.

Meeting » AM205 on Thursday, 19/3/2009.

Organic Garden stall » Orbsen Building on Thursday, 26/3/2009.

Organic Gardening Society will be hosting a stall at the Green Fair Day. We'll also have news on the new garden, rear of 12 Distillery Rd. So drop by for a chat or more info!

Meeting » IT205 on Thursday, 26/3/2009.

Ground Breaking Ceremony » Rear 12 Distillery Rd. on Wednesday, 1/4/2009.

You are cordially invited to the Official Ground Breaking Ceremony of The NUI Galway Organic Garden Society (The first University Campus Organic Garden in Ireland)

Garden Cleanup » Rear 12 Distillery Rd., on Thursday, 30/4/2009.

We have our first day out in our new Garden this Monday, 30th April! Starting at 12.30pm and finishing at 2.00pm. Our Organic Garden Adviser, Cait Curran will be in attendance and will outline this year's planting plan for the garden. But to start we need to do a lot of clearing to get the garden ready! Bushes need to be cut back, weeds, ivy etc. need to be taken out. Bring any saws, cutters, cutting equipment, spades, forks, gloves, wellingtons, boots, etc. you might have.

If you don't have any of these, don't worry, come along anyway!
See you on Monday, 12.30 to 2.00pm
Rear of 12 Distillery Road
(Up from AIB, Newcastle Road Entrance to College)

Visit from Trevor Sargent » *Rear 12 Distillery Rd. on Monday, 11/5/2009.*

Trevor Sargent TD, Minister for Food and Horticulture, will visit the NUI Galway Organic Garden on Monday, May 11th at 12.45pm.
Everyone welcome!

Photographic Competition » *All Areas!! on Monday, 18/5/2009.*

Competition for the best photograph relating to organic vegetables. The winner of the competition will have his or her photograph on the front of the Organic Matters Magazine. Details of winners will be announced in the autumn.

Committee 2008/2009

Treasurer: Julie McGuirk

Auditor: Ann Jackson

Secretary: Colm O'Dwyer

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 53 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Ann Jackson	Auditor	36 hours
Mary Gavaghan	OCM	20 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 students

Hours Volunteered: 56 hours

Palestinian Solidarity Society

Welcome to our new society, whose aims and objectives are:

- To raise awareness of the International plight of the Palestinian people.
- To promote a just and equitable settlement in accordance with UN resolutions and International law, that would recognise and institutionalise the full human and national rights of the Palestinian people.
- To develop and co-ordinate grassroots support for Palestinian rights among the media and concerned non-governmental organisations.
- To foster links between Palestinian and Irish Institutions and organisations in the areas of Health, education and the global economy.
- To promote Palestinian culture, including literature, music and other arts in Ireland.
- To encourage the media to attend to Palestinian voices in order to contribute to informed reporting on the current Middle East conflict.

To facilitate its aims and objectives, the Palestinian Solidarity society ran various events this year, from awareness-raising events such as the screening of Occupation 101, as well as fund-raisers and support initiatives.

Palestine Solidarity Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

EGM » *The Hub, Aras Na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 14th of October.*

A Plan for Palestine » *The Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 28th of October.*

After a successful first meeting we will get together and decide on what we think is the most constructive set of aims and objectives to highlight the plight of the Palestinian people. All are welcome, please come and share your views on how you think we should plan for the cause.

Mission Impossible, a plan for Palestine » *The HUB on Tuesday, 4th of November.*

We will be discussing our mission statement, goals, objectives and events, please bring yourselves along and any ideas you have in mind.

Resistance to the Wall in Palestine » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Monday, 10th of November.*

Eyad Bornat, co-ordinator of non-violent resistance to the wall in Bil'in Village in Palestine will be speaking on his experiences. We may be showing a documentary to highlight the catastrophic effect of the Wall on the Palestinian people.

Movie: Occupation 101 » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Tuesday, 11th of November.*

Palestine Solidarity Society in collaboration with the Film Society will be showing the most insightful documentary on the conflict in Palestine, Occupation 101.

Palestine Info. Session » *The Hub, Aras Na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 25th of November.*

Everything you ever wanted to know about Palestine but were afraid to ask.. We feel people have forgotten the real issues behind Palestine and want to spread insight on the infamous conflict. Come along, ask anything and suggest ideas for spreading awareness.

Gaza Needs You! » *AM 107 (Arts Millennium Building) on Tuesday, 20th of January.*

A welcome to all our new members after Societies Day and a launch straight into action over what you and I can do concerning the genocide taking place in Gaza. Its time for all of us to get involved.

Fundraising for Gaza » *AC 204 on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

The week before Rag Week is the perfect time for us to come up with ideas to raise money for the people of Gaza. Please come along and suggest any events or actions we can do, so that by the end of the meeting we can have a plan for the coming weeks.

Life as a Palestinian - The Realities » *Kirwan Theatre on Monday, 23rd of March.*

A talk by Dr. Saed J.A.Abuhijleh and Dr. Allaaeldin S.Y. Abuthehir. Two Palestinian lecturers from Nablus University describe what life is like for a Palestinian living in the Occupied Territories.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Joseph Loughnane

Vice-Auditor: Khaled Khalil

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€12.50
USC Grant	€200.00	Society accommodation	€107.50
Total	€200.00	Expenditure Total	€120.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€80.00
		Total	€200.00

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 132 members.

Philosophy Society

NUI Galway's Philosophy Society was revitalised this year with a new committee and a brand-new programme of guest speakers and talks on topics from ageing to governance. The society also continued its tradition of weekly student-led discussions on all things philosophical at Smokey's.

Phil Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

AGM » *Smokey's on Wednesday, 1st of October.*

Philosophy - what does it mean to you? » *Smokey's on Tuesday, 14th of October.*

This week we will be talking about "Philosophy-what does it mean to you?". This should bring about questions such as; what is philosophy? what is it to do philosophy? and what does philosophy mean to you personally? Everyone is welcome and no prerequisite knowledge is necessary, so just come down to SMOKEY'S at 7 on TUESDAY and join in!! We'll head down to the Blue Note afterwards!

Philosophy Soc Meeting » *Smokey's on Tuesday, 28th of October.*

"What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never mind." Berkeley. Can we actually be certain that we have a body? Is that really your pint? This week we will be discussing the 'mind-body problem' at Smokey's at 7!

Beauty: Is it skin deep? » *Smokey's on Tuesday, 11th of November.*

This week we'll be down at Smokey's Tuesday at 7 talking about "Beauty: Is it skin deep?". Hope to see you all there!

The Arts of Living and Ageing » *Smokey's on Tuesday, 18th of November.*

Instead of our usual discussion group in Smokey's we'll be hosting Markus Worner, the former head of NUIG philosophy department, who will be here in the Quad giving a talk: he's going to tell us how we can live the "Good Life" at any age and will say a few words about the Galway Wisdom project, an initiative he is setting up.

It'll be worth taking an hour out to come down for a thought-provoking talk with a difference! It is on in *QA003*, the Physiology lecture hall at * 7pm-8pm* and we will have someone waiting at the archway of the Quad between 6.40-7pm to direct you to the venue.

Absolutely everyone is welcome-there is a reception afterwards!!

Meddling in other Mens' Affairs » *QA003, The Quad on Tuesday, 20th of January.*

Political theory is dominated by a myth, the myth of the necessity of the state. Dr.Gerard Casey UCD is presenting 'A Case for Anarchy: Meddling in other Mens' Affairs' on Tuesday at 7pm in the Quad. Reception afterwards.

Philosophy of Violence » *QA003, The Quad on Tuesday, 3rd of February.*

We are going to watch A Clockwork Orange followed by a debate about the philosophical implications of violence as displayed in the movie. Refreshments too.

What does it mean to be Doing Philosophy » *QA003 on Thursday, 19th of February.*

Professor Graham Parkes, Head of Philosophy UCC will be giving a provocative talk "What does it mean to be Doing Philosophy?" This is open to anyone with an interest in philosophy, and will include sections on Chinese philosophy! Reception afterwards

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Anne Parsons

Vice-Auditor and Treasurer: Daire Callanan

Secretary: Eoin Osullivan

PRO: Maeve Bryan

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€124.17	Bank charge	€15.02
USC Grant	€870.00	Dinner	€150.00
Total	€994.17	Entertainment	€60.00
		Speaker Accommodation	€60.00
		Speaker travel	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€580.02
		Closing Bank Balance	€414.15
		Total	€994.17

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 178 members.

Photo Society

The main aim of the society this year was to introduce students to digital and film photography including Black & White darkroom. Another aim was to provide a social environment where students could get together and discuss their photographs.

Photography Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 10 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Photography Classes ran for 5 weeks in TBA, beginning on Wednesday, 15/10/2008.

The Photo Soc classes "How to get the most out of your digital camera" begin next Wednesday. All levels of photography welcome. The first class will focus on photographing landscapes. Refreshments will follow after the class. Venue and time to be confirmed.

Special Events

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

Photo-Soc class » MRI Annex on Wednesday, 26/11/2008.

This weeks class will focus on portraiture. We will have lights to help you take the perfect portrait. All are welcome to come along to this interesting and useful class.

Talk by surf photographer Mickey Smith. » MRI Annex on Friday, 28/11/2008.

Photography Class » Martin Ryan Institute Annex on Wednesday, 4/2/2009.

World renowned landscape photographer ! » Martin Ryan Institute Annex on Thursday, 5/2/2009.

Ron Rosenstock is returning to give a talk on landscape photography from around the world. He has been photographing in the west of Ireland since 1971 and he has agreed to give a talk about his work on his brief visit here. Check out his website <http://www.ronrosenstock.com/> and come along to the talk. A reception will follow.

Don Mullen to share his experiences » MRI Annex on Tuesday, 24/2/2009.

Don Mullen, humanitarian, media producer, journalist, writer and photographer will be : talking about his experiences and exhibiting his latest work taken with a mobile phone. Also the chance to win a phone. All are welcome to attend.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Paul O'Connor

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Paul O'Connor

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€923.22	Bank charge	€80.51
Muscailt	€194.13	Entertainment	€44.13
USC Grant	€1,614.05	Equipment misc	€528.73
Total	€2,731.40	Reception	€228.00
		Society accommodation	€135.00
		Society transport	€50.00
		Teacher fees	€980.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,046.37
		Closing Bank Balance	€685.03
		Total	€2,731.40

Other Information

We held committee 6 meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 334 members.

Physics Society

The Physics Society is currently the only completely undergraduate-run departmental society in the College of Science. Throughout the year we have organised many social events catering to undergraduate science students such as the Science Ball, Science Parties, Mystery Tours, and also a year-long football league. Our general meetings were held weekly, where we discuss topical scientific issues, watch DVDs, go bowling, or had Q&A sessions with postgraduate students and fourth year science students. We travelled to the Netherlands in January to visit the European Space Agency's Space Research and Technology Centre in Noordwijk, and in February we sent a team to the inaugural Institute of Physics Intervarsity Quiz, where we finished second to UCC. For RAG week we organised a dunk tank outside the College Bar in conjunction with three other societies - BizSoc, FilmSoc and Rotaract Soc - which raised €1100 for charity in four hours.

Physics Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 56 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Phootball League ran for 21 weeks in Drum, beginning on Monday, 20/10/2008.

5-A-Side football league, running throughout the year on Mondays and Wednesdays. Meet at 4.30 at the Quad for bus to Drum. Cost €6.

Weekly Meeting ran for 27 weeks in Room 220, Physics Department, beginning on Tuesday, 21/10/2008.

Special Events

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

Science Party » College Bar on Wednesday, 24/9/2008.

First Meeting » Smokey's and the College Bar on Tuesday, 14/10/2008.

Science Ball Pre-Party » College Bar on Thursday, 6/11/2008.

Science Ball » Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday, 6/11/2008.

Pre-party College Bar 5 pm, Galway Bay Hotel, Champagne Reception 7:30, Dinner 8:30, Afters 10:00 pm, College Bar 11 am.... €6 Dinners.

Bowling » Leisure World, Headford Road on Tuesday, 27/1/2009.

Mystery Tour » Meet at College Bar on Wednesday, 11/2/2009.

There is a Mystery tour on the 11th of Feb (Wed), its € 10. We will be meeting in the College bar good and early around 6:30 pm on Wed. We shall be departing around 7 pm and a fun night for all is guaranteed!!! The place are limited so look out for details in posters around the College for when there on sale.

Dunk Tank » Outside the College Bar on Tuesday, 24/2/2009.

Institute of Physics Intervarsity Quiz » Trinity College, Dublin on Friday, 27/2/2009.

The inaugural intervarsity physics quiz between societies from all around the country.

Committee 2008/2009

New Members Liason Officer: Rachel Phillips

Vice-Auditor: Sophie Van Der Putten

Secretary: Fiona Kenny

Public Relations Officer: Roisin Fahey

Charity Officer: Matthew Lough

Handsom Rob: Robert Leonard

2nd Year liason: Ronan Egan

Auditor: Ronan Rochford

Treasurer: Gillian Kyne

Events Organisator: Neal Heneghan

Development Officer: Morgan McGuire

Phootball League officer: Rossa MacCiarnain

2nd Year liason: Shane Burns

2nd Year liason: Kevin Fahy

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Adam Beatty

Ordinary Member: Aoife Brady

Ordinary Member: Daniel Cannon

Ordinary Member: Siobhan Marley

Ordinary Member: David Flanagan

Ordinary Member: Ronan Rochford

Secretary: Thomas Meany

Ordinary Member: Eamonn Harvey

Ordinary Member: Sean O'Gorman

Ordinary Member: Linda Barrett

Ordinary Member: Fiona Kenny

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,288.15	Ball	€17,650.02
Balls	€33,007.70	Bank charge	€218.51
Bank Charge	€188.58	Entertainment	€9,110.75
Classes	€2,508.00	Entry fees	€1,415.00
Fundraising	€200.00	Equipment misc	€520.00
Socs box	€2,260.00	Fundraising/charity	€2,270.00
Sponsorship	€350.00	Hall hire	€850.00
USC Grant	€3,360.00	Hire Bus	€1,300.00
Total	€44,162.43	Materials	€300.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€1,000.00
		Printing	€300.00
		Prizes	€150.00
		Society accommodation	€3,900.70
		Society transport	€2,505.75
		Expenditure Total	€41,490.73
		Cash In Hand	€540.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,131.70
		Total	€44,162.43

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 632 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Roisin Fahey	PRO	126 hours
Ronan Rochford	Auditor	626 hours
Susan Collins	Ordinary Member	40 hours
Thomas Burrows	Ordinary Member	50 hours
Neal Heneghan	OCM	221 hours
Alex Hurley	Ordinary Member	40 hours
Rossa MacCiarnain	Commitee member	156 hours
Eoin Scanlon	Event Coordinator	30 hours
Fiona Kenny	Secretary	416 hours
Thomas Quinn	OCM	30 hours
Sophie Van Der Putten	Vice-Auditor	390 hours
Morgan McGuire	Ordinary member	220 hours

ALIVE Students: 12 students

Hours Volunteered: 2345 hours

Poker Society

This year our society mainly ran weekly poker tournaments.

These tournaments usually ran on Monday nights from six o'clock or half five, they ran until we weren't allowed to continue as we played too late into the night. We had an attendance of about 40 members on average, each enjoying hours of fun at our poker tables.

During the games the committee had numerous discussions about how to run the tournaments, what sort of games to play and how to best organise them. We also had independent committee meetings discussing special events and equipment orders etc.

The main event that we ran was the Las Vegas themed end of year party in Halo. We filled the club and all attendees enjoyed a great night with games like blackjack and roulette.

Mainly our society organised a load of great events and all involved had a fantastic time.

Poker Events

This year the society had a total of 10 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Poker tournament ran for 3 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Monday, 16/2/2009.

Weekly tournaments every Monday night in the Hub. Ranging from 15,000 chip stack to €20 freezeout to €10 rebuys (chip stack of 5,000). Blinds raising every 15 minutes.

Special Events

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

Texas Hold'em Poker Night » The Hub, Áras na MacLéinn on Monday, 10/11/2008.

Poker tournament » The HUB on Monday, 2/2/2009.

Freezeout Tournament » The Hub on Wednesday, 11/2/2009.

Poker tournament » The Hub on Monday, 9/3/2009.

Poker tournament » The Hub on Tuesday, 24/3/2009.

Las Vegas Night » Halo Nightclub on Thursday, 2/4/2009.

Las Vegas Nights,

is on in Halo on the 2nd April 2009,

doors are 10.45sharp,

It's a ticket event only so purchase your tickets from the Socsbox, only €7.

The night: play money will be supplied on entry for Blackjack tables, Roulette tables, Spin to win... PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED LADY, AND PRIZES FOR BEST BLACKJACK PLAYER. This will be an exceptional fun night, full of prizes and entertainment, including the professional break dancers breaking the ice on the dance floor to the beautiful Las Vegas girls with the charming smiles as you enter.

A true masterpiece of a night and for one night only, many societies have come together to help organise this (PokerSoc, Bizsoc, Rotaract). All proceeds go to ARK (change the work charity).

GET YOUR TICKET SOON, THIS IS AN EXPECTED SELL OUT EVENT.

PokerSoc Online Tournament » Ladbrokes.com on Monday, 20/4/2009.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Burrwa Nashat

Treasurer: Fawzi Nashat

Equipment Manager: Colum Coughlan

Website Manager: Alan Walsh

Vice-Auditor: Gallagher Daniel

Secretary: Chris Hurley

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€101.21	Materials	€45.00
Socs box	€7,364.00	Bank charge	€35.70
Ticket Sales	€4,251.00	Dinner	€400.00
USC Grant	€245.00	Entertainment	€1,220.00
		Entry fees	€5,590.00
		Equipment misc	€1,310.00
		Gifts	€730.00
		Phone	€170.00
		Printing	€779.00
		Stationary	€22.00
		Expenditure Total	€10,301.70
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,659.51
Total	€11,961.21	Total	€11,961.21

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 369 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Gallagher Daniel	Advertising and Management	200 hours
Burrwa Nashat	Auditor	424 hours
Chris Hurley	Secretary	25 hours
Fawzi Nashat	Vice-auditor	201 hours

ALIVE Students: 4 students

Hours Volunteered: 850 hours

Polish Society

Polish Soc welcome all students, staff and members of public who are either Polish nationals or are interested in Polish culture and tradition. By organizing Polish traditional events and social meetings, we are trying to integrate Polish and other nationalities and deepen their knowledge about Polish culture and tradition. Our aim is to show more than what can be read in books.

Polish Society Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Halloween Party » *The Skeff on Friday, 31st of October.*

We are pleased to invite you to the **Halloween Party** that will take place on *Friday in The Skeff (restaurant side) @ 9.30pm on 31/10/08*. Tickets (5 EUR) will be available at the SocBox from Tuesday 12am to Friday 12am.

We will provide some finger food;)))

Bring your friends and good mood!!!

Terrific dress is recommended;)))

so see you then guys

Back To 80s Party » *Kings Head, The Ruby Room on Friday, 5th of December.*

Have you ever thought to move back in time? Now you have a chance! This *Friday 5th of December 2008* we are planning to have a party '**Back to 80s**'!!!! Special music from 80s will be provided. Fashion style from 80s bring with you!!!! :)

Express yourself and join us!!!

Ticket 7 EUR available till Wednesday December 3d, SoxBox, The Hub, Aras Na Mac Leinn

Good Bye Se Dao Party » *Bierhaus on Friday, 6th of March.*

Witajcie/ Nimen hảo/ Hello :)

As some of you already know, we will be saying good bye to our good friend and committed Polish Soc member, **Se Dao**, who is going away to look for another Polish Society in France:) On this occasion we decided to meet up this *Friday at 8 pm in Bierhaus (2 Henry Street, Galway)*. Let's make this an unforgettable experience for Se Dao! Or if you never met Se Dao or any other member from our multi national Society, consider this a good place to start:) Hope to see you all there,

Polish Soc Team

Marzanna drowning Party' with Polish Soc » *College Bar on Friday, 20th of March.*

As we are all fed up with winter and would love to welcome spring for good, we decided to help the weather a little bit. In order to succeed we will need some man power in **College Bar on Friday, 20th of March at 6 pm**, just one day before the end of winter (according to European calendar) and Equinox (one of the two times during the year, when the night and day are approximately equally long). On this night we will be following the very old Polish tradition: *burning and drowning of Marzanna*, the goddess of winter. According to our ancestors, the straw mannequin symbolizing Marzanna must be drown on that night so the winter is gone for good.

So join us on that special night, observe this interesting tradition and welcome with us this most anticipated lady this year – The Spring...

Hope to see you all,

Xoxo ;)

Magda & Polish Soc

EASTER EGG PAINTING PARTY » *College Bar on Friday, 3rd of April.*

In the spirit of the Polish tradition which was a theme in our last „Marzanna drowning party” we would like to invite you to the **EASTER EGG PAINTING PARTY** this Friday, 3rd of April @ 8pm in The College Bar. Lots of fun ahead of us: we have all the equipment necessary to paint beautiful eggs, the only thing we need is you. So come along, bring a good humor and ideas! The owner of the best egg will get a SWEET prize;) Właściciel najładniejszego jajka dostanie SŁODKĄ nagrodę;) Ohh I really had to write it in Polish, for those of you who don't know, the word "egg" in Polish have two meanings so this last sentence really came out great;) Anyway, we hope to see you all, and we promise you will not regret it :)

Polish Soc Summer Party/ Goodbye Ksenia » Coyotes Bar on Saturday, 27th of June.

Committee 2008/2009

Vice-Auditor: Katarzyna Bialek

PR OFFICER: Magdalena Pietrowska

Secretary: Agnieszka Kaczmarczyk

Treasurer: Jakub Bialek

Auditor: Arkadiusz Pietrowski

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Arkadiusz Pietrowski

Vice-Auditor: Katarzyna Bialek

Treasurer: Magdalena Pietrowska

Secretary: Jakub Bialek

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€32.84
Members Contributions	€63.50	Dinner	€125.00
Socs box	€42.00	Entertainment	€259.50
Ticket Sales	€257.00	Reception	€103.00
USC Grant	€200.00	Expenditure Total	€520.34
Total	€562.50	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€42.16
		Total	€562.50

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 97 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Magdalena Pietrowska	Treasurer	108 hours
Arek Pietrowski	Auditor	100 hours
Jakub Bialek	PR officer	150 hours
Katarzyna Bialek	Vice President	150 hours

ALIVE Students: 4 students

Hours Volunteered: 508 hours

Gaiscesoc

The Gaisce Society's primary goal is to support as many of our members as possible through their President's Award journey. It does this by providing Pals, organizing the adventure part of the awards and assisting members seek activities. The society had a very unstable year, with many of the committee members being unable to fulfill their duties. We did, however, have an otherwise successfully term, with many people beginning their award.

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

AGM » TB301 on Thursday, 25th of September.

EGM » McMunn Theatre on Thursday, 23rd of October.

End of Year Meeting » O'Flaherty on Thursday, 16th of April.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Stephen Lavin

OCM: Aoife Kernan

Treasurer: Marie Ryan

Secretary: Colm MacMeanman

OCM: Áine Sweeney

Vice-Auditor: Andrea Browne

OCM: Caoimhe Friel

OCM: Joanne Grenham

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€26.77	Dinner	€29.95
Socs box	€95.00	Received Money Returned	€0.06
USC Grant	€29.95	Expenditure Total	€30.01
Total	€151.72	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€121.71
		Total	€151.72

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 89 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Marie Ryan	Treasurer	25 hours
Joanne Grenham	OCM	46 hours
Mary Gavaghan	Secretary	108 hours

ALIVE Students: 3 students

Hours Volunteered: 179 hours

Psychological Society

The Psychological Society aims to ensure that psychology in all its forms is promoted and projected to as wide an audience as possible. The only requirement for membership is an interest in psychology (whether mild or intensely passionate!) and an eagerness to meet others and engage in a wide range of activities incorporating both the serious side of psychology, and the light-hearted social side; both equally interesting and enticing!

PsychSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Welcome Party » *The Skeff on Wednesday, 24th of September.*

Memorial service for Kevin Hogan » *College Chapel on Tuesday, 7th of October.*

Soc's Hallowe'en Ball » *College Bar + Coyote's, Forster Street on Thursday, 30th of October.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Remona Hurst

Vice-Auditor: Lisa Healy

P.R.O.: Alexandra McDonagh

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,009.93	Bank charge	€15.00
Total	€1,009.93	Returned Socs Money	€445.81
		Expenditure Total	€460.81
		Closing Bank Balance	€549.12
		Total	€1,009.93

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 288 members.

Quiz Society

The quiz society is your one-stop-shop for all things quiz related. Whether its a fundraiser or society-themed questions for a table-quiz, quizsoc have the answer ;) Of course we run our own events as well, some of the highlights this year were the 'Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll Quiz' and the 2009 Scavenger Hunt which defied expectations to become one of the most hyped and successful events on the Societies Calendar this year, and also bagged us the 2009 Best Photo Award at the Socs Awards.

Quiz Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

EGM » *TB 301 on Wednesday, 24th of September.*

Quiz Soc are having an EGM this Wednesday, September 24th in TB 301 (that's in Tower Block 2). All committee positions are up for grabs so come along.

Meeting » *The Hub on Monday, 6th of October.*

QuizSoc are having a meeting in The Hub at 6:30 on Monday, October 6th to discuss upcoming events, societies training and to fill in a couple of committee positions that are still vacant. Hope to see you there

Quiz Soc does Halloween » *The Hub on Tuesday, 28th of October.*

Quiz soc presents... Halloween!!! This Halloween, Quiz soc are welcoming you (YES YOU) to our society with a bit of a party. From 12-2 Tuesday the 28th the Hub is being transformed into your childhood past---Halloween games ,Tarrot readers, face painters, prizes galore and the odd free cup of tea are all coming your way. So come along during your lunch break, have fun, make friends and get messy.

Quiz Soc & ISS International Table quiz » *the college bar on Tuesday, 11th of November.*

Internationally themed Table Quiz. Pretty awesome eh? 8 o clock in the back of the college bar. Come along and bring some friends.

Quiz Soc and Music Soc Table Quiz » *College Bar on Thursday, 27th of November.*

Quiz soc have joined up with Music soc to give you the best table quiz you will ever experience. There are loads of excellent prizes to be won so do come along to the college bar at eight o clock this Thursday with a couple of your friends take part and have some fun.

Sex, Drugs and Rock n Roll Table Quiz » *College Bar on Tuesday, 17th of February.*

Quizsoc present our Sex, drugs and rock n roll table quiz in association with SHAG week and the Student's Union on Tuesday 17th Feb in the back of the college bar at 8 o' clock. This quiz aims to inform (and amuse you) on ,uh, safe fun. Tons and tons of prizes up for grabs so come along and bring your friends.

SCAVENGER HUNT 09 » *Across campus on Tuesday, 10th of March.*

SCAVENGER HUNT 09 is your chance to win some great prizes and partake in some really fun challenges. Teams (two minimum, four maximum) will be given a list of tasks and challenges and the team who completes them in the fastest time will take home the cash prize. As always we have bundles of spot prizes for all our participants. Sign ups are in the hub now and cost 5euro per team. Hope to see you there, love QUIZSOC

Committee 2008/2009

Vice-Auditor: Emma Conway

Auditor: Orla Monaghan

Treasurer: Cillian McMahon

PRO: Pamela O'Connor

Secretary: Christina Folsom

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€141.04	Bank charge	€48.76
Fundraising	€100.00	Entertainment	€60.00
Socs box	€70.00	Prizes	€496.26
USC Grant	€448.46	Expenditure Total	€605.02
Total	€759.50	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€154.48
		Total	€759.50

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 336 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Orla Monaghan	Auditor	209 hours
Pamela O'Connor	Public Relations Officer	124 hours
Cillian McMahon	Treasurer	60 hours
Christina Folsom	Secretary	60 hours

ALIVE Students: 4 students

Hours Volunteered: 453 hours

Radio Society

RadioSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

Meeting » *The HUB on Thursday, 2nd of October.*

Lecture: Media Law » *AM 104 on Tuesday, 11th of November.*

There is a Radio Soc lecture on the 11th of November in AM 104, (that's a room in the Arts Millennium building, ground floor). The lecture starts at 7.00 pm. The lecture will be hosted by Andrea Martin, who specialises in Media law here in N.U.I. Galway. Andrea will be discussing various areas of media law i.e. Defamation, Slander and even Libel! So if you're worried about your P's and Q's and the dos and don'ts of Radio banter its a must that you come to the meeting, This meeting is especially informative to volunteers who have Flirt FM shows and follows on from Flirt FM training earlier this year.

AGM » *AC214 on Thursday, 2nd of April.*

Radiosoc A.G.M. is on this Thursday the second of April, in AC214 (one of the classrooms on the concourse). The A.G.M will be kicking off at around 6.30pm. It will be just a summary of the years events, we'll elect a new committee for next year and discuss idea's for next year- simple as. So if you have an interest in the promotion and development of our society hopefully we'll see you there!

End of Year Party » *Flirt FM on Thursday, 21st of May.*

Come celebrate with us at the Radio Soc & Flirt FM end of year party. All members welcome.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Francis Glancy

Vice-Auditor: Karl McHugh

Promotions Officer: James Coyle

Secretary: Darran Brennan

Radio Station manager: Paula Healy

Treasurer: Oisín O'Higgins

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€275.97	Bank charge	€5.82
Bank Charge	€5.81	Expenditure Total	€5.82
USC Grant	€182.79	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
Total	€464.57	Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€458.75
		Total	€464.57

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 252 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Edward O'Mahony	Happy hour presenter	40 hours
Astrid Karlsson	Speaker on Pitchbend	20 hours
Darragh O'Connor	Member	21 hours
Lance Kerrigan	Breakfast show presenter on Flirt Fm	89 hours

Claire O'Grady	member and presenter in Flirt FM	40 hours
Stephen Bennett	Volunteer DJ	20 hours
Francis Glancy	Auditor	102 hours
Karl McHugh	Vice-Auditor	93 hours
Darran Brennan	Secretary	70 hours

ALIVE Students: 9 students

Hours Volunteered: 495 hours

Rotaract Soc

Rotaract is an international organisation, with thousands of members who we collaborate with on a regular basis. Currently Rotaract Galway is the largest and most succesful Club in Europe and recieved its chartering in July 2007.

The society's motto is 'Service Above Self,' an objective it obtains through service projects, event organisation and it's members addressing the communities' physical and social needs while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service.

Rotaract SOC is now in its third year here in NUI Galway and its 41st year worldwide. We strive to give back to the community while having the craic! We volunteer within the community, with local organisations as well as fundraising for charities that we feel need our support. We help causes that we feel are relevent to students today by organising fun social events, sporting events, quizzes and parties!

Since we started on campus, we have run a host of events, from the fashion show to dodgeball, Fear Factor to a wheelchair scavenger hunt as well as a skydive to raise awareness and funds for a number of different causes! We won 'Best New Society' at the Society awards 2007 and 'Best Event' for the fashion show in 2007 & 2008 as well as 'Best Poster' for NUIG Assassins 2009.

The unique feature of Rotaract is that we are not restricted to running events to a specific theme, we can run any event that our members want and we can do it for any charity we want. We promote everything that societies stand for - social interaction, personal and professional development, but our biggest aspect is fundraising. We are able to give our members a way to give back to the community or a favored charity in a way that is not only satisfying but also great fun. Any event that our members suggest is taken into consideration and usually ends up being run. Rotaract also offers opportunities to explore professional avenues through connections with the Rotary club.

Rotaract offers members opportunitites that can't be found elsewhere and will continue to do so, on campus and in Galway. We intend to keep raising money and keep letting students enjoy themselves in a productive and fun atmosphere.

Rotaract Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 50 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Weekly meeting ran for 9 weeks in AC201, beginning on Tuesday, 30/9/2008.

A chance to keep up to date on what's happening in the society, get involved and even take control of some of your own events!

Weekly meeting ran for 11 weeks in AC215, beginning on Tuesday, 20/1/2009.

Come along for your weekly update on all things Rotaract, including our volunteering opportunities, guest speakers and events!

Special Events

This year we held 30 special events. These events were as follows:

EGM » AC201 on Tuesday, 7/10/2008.

Elections for the 3 available committee positions of treasurer, social chair and charities officer will be held as well as plans for our first few events and volunteering programs. All are welcome to run for positions and organise events

Dodgeball tournament » Kingfisher sports hall on Wednesday, 15/10/2008.

The (in)famous Rotaract dodgeball tournament is back! Teams of six can sign up now at Socs Box in Aras Na MacLeinn - €5 each/€30 per team. All proceeds go to the Jack and Jill Foundation, so tell your friends, bring some spectators and remember the five D's!!!!

Soccer Tournament » Sports hall on Thursday, 23/10/2008.

Charity 5-a-side indoor soccer tournament in aid of Cancer Care West. As always we're doing our bit for the community and having a bit of craic! Plenty of spot prizes on the night as well as prizes for the winning team. Sign up in the socs box today!

Christmas boxes » hub on Friday, 7/11/2008.

Bring along shoe boxes, wrapping paper, old and new toys, games, books, colouring pencils, etc. One or may things will do. We'll be packing our presents and sending them of to less fortunate children tomorrow. The only cost to you is €3 shipping. The benefits, you get rid of things your not using anymore and brighten up someone's day! See you there

Treasure hunt » yellow thing on Tuesday, 11/11/2008.

Think you know all there is to know about movies? Try our boy/girl movie themed treasure hunt. Teams of 2 can sign up in the socs box today. €5 per person. We'll be ending the day in the college bar for food and drink

Youth Leadership Interview » Merrick Hotel on Monday, 17/11/2008.

All finalists for the Youth Leadership trip to Strasbourg will be interviewed by Rotary and Rotaract members with only one being selected to travel to Strasbourg. All Rotaract members are welcome to come down and meet possible future Interact and Rotaractors.

Coffee morning » The hub on Tuesday, 18/11/2008.

For many years Rotary clubs have worked tirelessly in an effort to rid the world of polio. So far they have had great success. Call down on Tuesday next to find out more about the hard work being put in and the results and for a quick chat over a free coffee!

Fear factor » College bar on Wednesday, 19/11/2008.

Whether it's to prove how brave you really are or an attempt to face your fears this is the event for you. Teams of 3 (at €15 a team) can sign up on the door and face their fears while trying to beat the competition. All in aid of A Woman's Heart! Promotions provided. Entertainment guaranteed!

S.I.T.C. Model Auditions » Court 'A' Aras na MacLeinn on Thursday, 20/11/2008.

Think you have what it takes to be a 'Socs In The City' model. Then come along to our auditions on Thursday and prove it! This is your chance to get involved and be the face of NUIG's best event!

Paintballing weekend » Limerick on Saturday, 22/11/2008.

Get to know your peers ina fun environment

Full Male body wax » College bar on Wednesday, 14/1/2009.

Two members are torturing themselves for your entertainment and to raise funds for the Jack & Jill Foundation by subjecting themselves to a full body wax. To ensure they really suffer buy a strip!! Donations greatly appreciated also.

Table Quiz » *The College Bar on Wednesday, 21/1/2009.*

TV themed table Quiz with two members subjecting themselves to a body wax at half time for your enjoyment. All in aid of Jack and Jill SkyDive!!!!

Donate A Phone Week » *Around Campus on Monday, 26/1/2009.*

We are running the University's first 'Donate a Phone Week' from January 26th-January 30th with 8 drop off points around campus. We are hoping to receive a large amount of phones which will be reused in the third world. The battery's will also be safely disposed off, preventing the possible pollution of 600,000 litres of water.

Open Mic Acoustic Night » *Cellar Bar on Monday, 26/1/2009.*

Come along to the Rotaract open mic night, in aid of Enable Ireland. €10 to perform, €2 to watch and great prizes for the winners! All proceeds go to charity, so come along for an always entertaining night!

Pro Evo 2009 Tournament » *College Bar on Tuesday, 27/1/2009.*

Want to prove yourself as the best Pro Evo player around? Entry is €5 euro, with fantastic prizes for the winners and all proceeds go to the Jack and Jill Foundation's Sponsored Skydive, so if you want to be crowned PS2 King, come along and show us what you're made of!

Jack n Jill T-shirt Sale » *The College Bar on Wednesday, 4/2/2009.*

The law society have printed t-shirts to sell the day after the Law Ball and are donating all proceeds of sales to the Jack n Jill Skydive!!!!

Fashion Show Launch Party » *Kings Head on Thursday, 5/2/2009.*

The Rotaract Society is pleased to bring you the Launch night of the "Socs in the City" Fashion show. Come along to meet the models and the crew involved in this memorable college event. There will be press and public figures in attendance as well as a strong student contingent for what will prove to be a great night out. All welcome.

Eddie Hobbs debate » *Kirwin theatre on Wednesday, 11/2/2009.*

Eddie Hobbs will be visiting to chair a debate between the college political societies entitled "If I had €1000 I would spend it on....". He will then be giving us students some tips on how to save our money in the times ahead. Admission is free but donations to the Jack and Jill charity skydive can be given as desired

Cupids Delivery Service » *The Hub on Thursday, 12/2/2009.*

In the spirit of Valentines day there will be billboards in the hub where you can come and post your valentines card. The person who you intend to receive your card will be contacted to come down and collect it. Along with the card, donations (as desired) can be made to the Jack and Jill Foundation. It is all in the hope of brightening someone else's day and your card can remain anonymous!

Bake Sale » *Colaiste Iognaid on Thursday, 12/2/2009.*

Bake Sale in Colaiste Iognaid to help raise funds for the Jack n Jill Charity SkyDive!!!!

Bake Sale » *The Hub on Thursday, 12/2/2009.*

Bake Sale held in The Hub to raise fund for the Jack n Jill Charity Skydive!!!!

Domino Effect & 90's Night » *College Bar on Thursday, 12/2/2009.*

The Rotaract Society is holding a fundraising event in order to raise money for the Jack and Jill foundation. The Domino Effect will be playing in the College Bar followed by 90's music to get you in the mood for a night on the town. Admission is free but we would ask everyone to please make a donation on the night.

NUIG Assassins » *NUIG Campus on Monday, 16/2/2009.*

If less than 100 people sign up there'll be a guaranteed first prize of 100 euro, if more than 100 people sign up we'll raise that to 500 euro and if more than 300 people sign up we'll raise the first prize to 1000 euro cash in hand!! (a nice start to RAG week)

Students sign up at the front desk of the college bar between 9.30am and 5.30pm on Monday the 9th of February at

a cost of 10 euro. There will be no allowance for late entrants.

Sign up will consist of us making a copy of your student ID card (only valid cards will be accepted) and taking your photo for use in the game. On Monday the 16th of February all entrants will pick up an envelope from the Socs Box with their name on it. Within the envelope there will be a photo of another student (your primary target) with a copy of their student ID to aid tracking. It is then your mission to track down your target and assassinate* them. Upon assassination, the target's envelope (and photos of all previous kills) must be passed on immediately to the successful assassin, at which point your new mission will be to track down the primary target in the newly attained envelope. The game continues in this manner until either only one assassin is left in the game or until the Friday (the 20th of February) deadline of 2.30pm at which point the assassin with the most kills will be deemed the winner.

Once the 2.30pm deadline has been reached, the remaining assassins will have exactly one hour to return their envelope with enclosed kill photos to the stand in the Hub. No late arrivals will be accepted!

*to assassinate your target you must lightly tap your opposition on the back, show them their photo and tell them that they have just been assassinated.

The rules of the game are as follows:

- The game can only be played within college campus boundaries (a map of what is considered 'college campus' will be enclosed within the starter envelope)
- Safe zones include lectures, labs, tutorials, toilets, religious buildings, workplaces and a two feet circle around any coffee machine
- It is advised that assassinations be made in the presence of a witness
- Starter envelopes (with photos of previously assassinated targets enclosed) must be kept on your person whilst on campus at all times during the week of the 16th to the 20th of February
- No contact can be made above the shoulders or below the waist
- Disputes will be settled by organisers
- Reported inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in assassins being disqualified and possibly being reported to the university

All proceeds will be in aid of 9 NUIG final year engineering students going on an eight week volunteering programme (constructing a new youth centre) in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

Computer Cleaned » *On Campus on Monday, 16/2/2009.*

The computer society is 'cleaning' students computers for an evening donating all proceeds to the Skydive!!!!

Jack n Jill Talk » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre on Tuesday, 17/2/2009.*

Johnathan Irwin, the founder of the Jack and Jill Foundation will be addressing the Rotaract society and filling them in on what the funds raised will be going towards.

Table Quiz » *The College Bar on Wednesday, 18/2/2009.*

General Knowledge Table Quiz in aid of the Jack n Jill SkyDive!!!!

Socs in the City Fashion Show » *Radisson SAS Hotel on Tuesday, 10/3/2009.*

The "Socs in the City" Fashion Show has raised over 18,000 euro in the past two years for worthy local charities, and this year is set to match previous success. The shows aim is to generate 10,000 euro for the CROI Western Heart foundation, who do great work every year in the prevention and education of Heart Disease. CROI's mandate is to also distribute Automated external defibrillator's (AEDs) through out the West of Ireland, which are important to young people of the University's age group who are particularly at risk from spontaneous and unpredictable heart attacks. As in previous years, the show is set to a specific theme, this year being "James Bond: 007". Over 800 people are expected to be in attendance for what will be a great night of fun, fashion and fundraising.

N64 Goldeneye Tournament » *College Bar on Wednesday, 18/3/2009.*

"NOW PAY ATTENTION BOND...." Entry is ten euro and there'll be prizes for the finalists and all the profits will go to charity. Mini games will be provided for the spectators and music will be provided by the god-like combo of DJs Byrno and Hannon, so if you're looking to relieve the 'old school' days, come on down and enjoy the evening!

NUIG Assassins » *NUIG Campus on Monday, 23/3/2009.*

Sign up: Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th of March, College Bar front desk, 9.30am-5.30pm

Cost: 10 euro

Prize Money: Up to 1000 euro!!

Event Dates: Monday 23rd of March to Friday 27th of March (All week)

For more information read below...

Prize Money Details:

If less than 100 people sign up there'll be a guaranteed first prize of 100 euro, if more than 100 people sign up we'll raise that to 500 euro and if more than 300 people sign up we'll raise the first prize to **1000 euro cash in hand!!**

How to Sign Up:

Students sign up at the front desk of the college bar between **9.30am and 5.30pm on Monday the 16th or Wednesday the 18th of March** at a cost of **10 euro**. There will be no allowance for late entrants.

How to Play:

Sign up will consist of us making a copy of your student ID card (only valid cards will be accepted) and taking your photo for use in the game. On Monday the 23rd of March all entrants will pick up an envelope from the Socs Box with their name on it. Within the envelope there will be a photo of another student (your primary target) with a copy of their student ID to aid tracking. It is then your mission to track down your target and assassinate* them. Upon assassination, the target's envelope (and photos of all previous kills) must be passed on immediately to the successful assassin, at which point your new mission will be to track down the primary target in the newly attained envelope. The game continues in this manner until either only one assassin is left in the game or until the Friday (the 27th of March) deadline of 2.30pm at which point the assassin with the most kills will be deemed the winner.

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- At the 2.30pm deadline on Friday the 27th of March, all remaining assassins will have exactly one hour to return their envelopes (with kill photos enclosed) to the stand in the hub, at which point the winner will be decided.
- No contact can be made above the shoulders or below the waist
- Disputes will be settled by organisers, organisers will not be held responsible for competitors who fail to follow the rules.
- Reported inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in assassins being disqualified and possibly being reported to the university

All proceeds will be in aid of 9 NUIG final year engineering students on their eight week volunteering programme (constructing a new youth centre) in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

Las Vegas Nights » Halo Nightclub on Thursday, 2/4/2009.

Poker soc and Biz soc, with the help of Rotaract, are running what is being dubbed "the official end of year party". HALO night club will be converted into a Las Vegas Casino for NUIG students. Play money will be supplied on entry. for the Black jack tables and Roulette tables which will be man'd by professional dealers for the real atmosphere. Prizes will be given out to the best Black jack players, spin to win on the roulette tables cause if you hit a luck streak you can win instantly free real 10euro bets in eglinton casino. There will also be many spot prizes on the night, for

best black jack player, for jammyiest roulette player, AND THE MAIN ONE BEST DRESSED LADY. The prizes are sensational and this is a NOT TO BE MISSED EVENT. The lavashing LAs Vegas Girls will be there to welcome you into the LAS VEGAS HALO CASINO and professional breakdancers will be breaking the ice on the dance floor so get there early and ensure you don't miss out! Tickets are on sale NOW from the socs box for Only €7.00. All proceeds will go to ARK (Change the world charity) (ALL MONEY USED IS PLAY MONEY ON THE NIGHT)

Committee 2008/2009

International Relations Officer: Kate Duloherly

Vice-Auditor: Edward O'Mahony

Public Relations Officer: Colm Lynch

Social Chair: Ciara Brady

OCM: Tiernan O'Malley

Auditor: Jennifer O'Neill

Secretary: Roisin Boyle

New Members Officer: Shane O'Neill

Charities Officer: John Campion

Treasurer: Sally Ann Gannon

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Ciara Brady

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€457.55	Returned Socs Money	€900.00
Fundraising	€10,447.88	Bank charge	€37.92
Members Contributions	€151.00	Costumes	€458.00
Socs box	€1,585.00	Entertainment	€785.00
Sponsorship	€1,196.00	Equipment misc	€150.00
Ticket Sales	€5,836.00	Fundraising/charity	€10,512.79
USC Grant	€1,661.10	Gifts	€180.00
		Hall hire	€1,335.00
Total	€21,334.53	Lights	€3,645.00
		Materials	€136.36
		Printing	€566.19
		Prizes	€600.00
		Received Money Returned	€500.00
		Set	€120.00
		Socs day expenses	€19.68
		Expenditure Total	€19,945.94
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,388.59
		Total	€21,334.53

Other Information

We held 32 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 358 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Jennifer O'Neill	Auditor	454 hours
Edward O'Mahony	Vice Auditor	344 hours
John Campion	Charities Officer	203 hours
Sorcha McLoughlin	Ordinary member	22 hours
Ciara Brady	Social Chair	210 hours
Tiernan O'Malley	Fashion Show Director	310 hours
Sally Ann Gannon	Treasurer	250 hours

ALIVE Students: 7 students

Hours Volunteered: 1793 hours

Ogra Sinn Fein Society

This year we held weekly meetings on a Monday night in AC204 @7pm during the first semester. During second semester, we held weekly meetings on a Monday night in AM109 @ 6pm.

We took a trip to Belfast in November 14-17.

We had one speaker in Semester one, and we helped organise a debate on the *North* during semester two. A number of us attended a conference for third level Sinn Fein branches in Dublin in January.

We held our AGM during the year, bringing new faces onto the Committee.

Sinn Féin Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

The relevance of Connolly today » *AC204 on Monday, 3rd of November.*

Former editor of An Phoblacht, Mícheál Mac Donncha, will be giving a talk on republicanism and socialism. Followed by a debate.

Trip to Belfast » *Belfast! on Friday, 14th of November.*

A trip to Belfast with a visit to Long Kesh and a tour of Belfast city. Guaranteed to be a good weekend!

The North....the way forward. » *Kirwan Theatre on Tuesday, 31st of March.*

A cross party debate with Seán Lynch, former OC of Long Kesh, speaking for us. He will be debating the IRSP, the Socialist Party, the Workers' Party and the Socialist Workers' Party.

Committee 2008/2009

PRO: Mairead Ni Fhearghail

Secretary: Conor McManus

Auditor: Michael Collum

Treasurer: Sean MacDonnacha

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Mairead Ni Fhearghail

Secretary: Conor McManus

Treasurer: Sean Perill

Assistant Treasurer: Ray Collum

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€326.87	Bank charge	€17.54
Bank Charge	€14.96	Received Money Returned	€252.85
Members Contributions	€400.00	Society accommodation	€400.00
USC Grant	€1,060.00	Society transport	€998.50
Total	€1,801.13	Expenditure Total	€1,668.89
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€132.24
		Total	€1,801.13

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 105 members.

Slainte Society

Sláinte Soc stems from IFMSA (the International Federation of Medical Students Association). Membership is open to any University student who has an interest in health related issues, whether it's at a local, national or international level.

This year Sláinte carried on a great tradition by organising the Teddy Bear's Hospital which once again attracted and charmed children from around the city and county, raising much needed funds for medical-related charity and furthering the wonderful relationship NUI Galway has with its tributary schools.

Slainte Soc. Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Blood Pressure Clinic » *Aras na Mac Leinn on Thursday, 6th of November.*

Medical students took college students blood pressures and gave out questionnaires. Participants could give a donation to VSA if they so wished.

Teddy Bear Hospital Sign up Meeting » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall on Monday, 26th of January.*

Teddy Bear Hospital » *Aras na Mac Leinn Hall on Thursday, 29th of January.*

The Annual Teddy Bear Hospital... 22 schools... 960 children from Galway City and County take part in the biggest Teddy Bear Hospital. Additional details e-mail slainte@socs.nuigalway.ie

Committee 2008/2009

Organ donation promotion : Gerard Healy

Vice-Auditor: Donna Cummins

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€561.59	Fundraising/charity	€900.00
Fundraising	€200.00	Reception	€300.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Bank charge	€18.75
		Expenditure Total	€1,218.75
Total	€1,261.59	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€42.84
		Total	€1,261.59

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 52 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Mairtin O Maolin	Member of Organising Committee of the Teddy Bear Hospital	20 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 20 hours

Socialist Soc

The Socialist Society is an extension of the Galway Socialist Party. The Socialist Party is the only party in Ireland which fights for the interests of working class people against cuts, privatisation and attacks on living standards. We are committed to a socialist society where all those who produce the wealth in society should be in control of how it is spent.

This year we focused on a number of highly topical areas, including of course the re-introduction of fees as well as organising events to highlight the Gaza conflict, Obama's recent election and an information and protest stand in the build up to the (canceled) visit from fascist David Irving. The society also organised a number of general awareness and information events about socialist ideas and its relevance today.

Socialist Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 19 events.

Capitalist Crisis- Socialist alternative » AC215 on Wednesday, 17th of September.

Capitalism is facing its worst crisis in decades. Why and what's the socialist alternative to this crisis? All welcome.

Film Showing: War on Democracy » AC215 on Wednesday, 24th of September.

We are showing the film 'The War on Democracy', directed by journalist John Pilger. The film shows the disgraceful role of US imperialism in Latin America. All welcome.

Anti Fees Stall » Áras na Mac Léinn on Wednesday, 1st of October.

Publicising Thursday's march against the introduction of student fees.

Anti Fees Stall » *Áras na macLéinn on Wednesday, 8th of October.*

How to defeat Fees Meeting » *AC215 on Wednesday, 8th of October.*

Table Quiz » *College Bar on Monday, 13th of October.*

Is socialism back on the agenda? » *AC215 on Wednesday, 15th of October.*

The capitalist market is in turmoil, banks are being bailed out and even nationalised. Is this the end of free-market dominance? Is socialism back on the agenda? Come along and have your say, all welcome

Will Obama bring Change? » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 30th of October.*

A speaker (flown over especially) from the US, will give an inside, socialist view of the upcoming presidential elections. Is there any difference between the pro-business policies of Obama and McCain? What's the alternative in the US? Following the talk, there'll be a discussion and reception. All welcome. Please Note: venue changed to O'Flaherty Theatre

Socialist Party National Conference » *Carlingford on Friday, 7th of November.*

What is Socialism? » *AC215 on Wednesday, 19th of November.*

With economic crisis, bank bail-outs and nationalisations more and more people are looking for an alternative to the capitalist market. What should socialists do in the present climate? How can we rebuild the labour movement? Come to the meeting and find out. The introduction will be followed by questions and discussion. All welcome.

German Revolution 1918 » *AC215 on Wednesday, 26th of November.*

The German Revolution starting in Kiel in 1918 was a potential turning point in history. Its success could have meant the spread of socialism from the USSR across Europe and the world. After the October Revolution of 1917, the events in Germany from 1918 to 1919 are some of the most important for socialists. Where did it all go wrong? Why wasn't there an international revolution following 1917? What lessons does it hold for today? Come along and find out! The introduction will be followed by discussion. All welcome.

Gaza Conflict, the Socialist Solution » *AC201 on Wednesday, 14th of January.*

900 dead, thousands injured... Hamas rockets have only served to worsen the crisis and alienate the Israeli masses. Mass movements of Palestinians, Israelis and Egyptians, united in struggle, could break the Gaza borders and build a socialist alternative to this capitalist conflict. Come along to the meeting and find out more! *CHANGE OF TIME AND VENU* Now: AC201 (Concourse) 8pm

Anti-Fascism, No to Irving Stall » *Aras na macLeinn on Thursday, 22nd of January.*

A stall publicising the Lit and Deb debate at 8pm in Kirwan on whether David Irving should be invited to NUIG. Irving is a fascist, racist and Holocaust denier - he has no place in NUIG. Call to the stall, help us out or even stop for a debate. Also, watch out for posters

Meeting-Who is the fascist David Irving? » *AC204 on Thursday, 22nd of January.*

A meeting to discuss: Who is David Irving? What is Fascism and how do you fight it? Then we're off to the Lit and Deb debate to argue that Irving, the fascist, racist and Holocaust denier, should NOT be invited to NUIG. All welcome.

FEE Stall » *Áras na MacLéinn on Monday, 26th of January.*

FEE Public Meeting » *AC203 on Thursday, 29th of January.*

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Joe Higgins reports from Latin America » *O'Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 18th of February.*

Socialist Party representative Joe Higgins reports on his journey across Latin America following the path taken by Che Guevara 50 years previously. We will discuss the legacy of Che and the conditions of Latin America as well as the struggle for socialism today. All welcome.

Table Quiz » *College Bar on Thursday, 19th of February.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Richard Manton

Secretary: Jody Cox

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€82.13	Bank charge	€23.74
USC Grant	€1,462.45	Entry fees	€800.00
Total	€1,544.58	Materials	€41.14
		Printing	€40.00
		Reception	€30.00
		Society transport	€65.00
		Speaker travel	€337.26
		Expenditure Total	€1,337.14
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€207.44
		Total	€1,544.58

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 58 members.

Socialist Worker Party 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.

This year it was important to stay active with a number of topical issues which needed concern. These included the implications of the Lisbon Treaty for Workers' Rights, the most recent budget and the issue of fees.

Socialist Worker Student Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Crisis of Capitalism » AM110 on Wednesday, 8th of October.

A meeting discussing the crisis in world capitalism with the economic downturn and banks having to be bailed out. Discussion will be led by Kieran Allen, member of the SWP, head of the Sociology Department at University College Dublin, and writer of 'The Corporate Takeover of Ireland'.

Are we Facing a New Cold War » AM110 (Arts Millenium Building) on Wednesday, 15th of October.

Chairperson of the Irish Anti-War Movement Richard Boyd Barrett will speak on war and capitalism and following events in Georgia recently the possibility of a new cold war.

The Budget Attack! » AM107 on Wednesday, 29th of October.

A discussion on the recent budget and its serious implications for ordinary people in Ireland

Marxism » Royal Dublin Hotel, O'Connell St, Dublin on Friday, 7th of November.

Our annual national conference featuring a range of speakers speaking on various topics including the war, race, gender, trade unions, the economy.

Campaign Against Education Cuts » AC215 on Thursday, 13th of November.

A public forum explaining the education cuts in the recent budget. Aim of the meeting is to form a broad campaign group of students and staff to fight the cuts. Meeting will be held together with the Socialist Party, Ogra Sinn Féin and Labour Youth.

Hunger » AM107(Arts Millenium Building) on Thursday, 20th of November.

A discussion on new film 'Hunger' detailing the hunger strikes in Northern Ireland in 1981. The film has won many awards and widespread critical acclaim. Brid Smith, member of the party in Dublin, and People Before Profit candidate in Dublin South East will discuss the film, and the issue of the hunger strikes. She will also discuss protest movements in general.

Cultures of Resistance » AM 107 on Wednesday, 26th of November.

Individuals from different nations talk about the Socialist trends in their countries of origin and the possibility of a global alliance.

Stop Education Cuts! » Library Main Entrance on Thursday, 27th of November.

We will be marching with other groups to demonstrate against the education cuts affecting the university. These include a raise in the student registration fee, possible reintroduction of full fees and the cutting of pay to postgrads. The march will assemble at the Library main entrance and march to Fianna Fáil MEP Sean O'Neachtains office on Prospect Hill, just off Eyre Square.

Anti-Fees Rally » Front of the Library on Monday, 30th of March.

A rally against fees in solidarity with the students of UCD and UCC who are on strike today also.

Northern Ireland - The Way Forward? » Kirwan Theatre on Tuesday, 31st of March.

A cross-party debate on the future for the people of Northern Ireland, in light of the recent attacks. Speakers from Sinn Fein, the Socialist Party, the Socialist Workers Party, Irish Republican Socialist Party and The Workers Party offer their perspective. Come down and share your views.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Kiran Emrich

Vice-Auditor: Joseph Loughnane

Treasurer: Luca Valentini

Secretary: James Falconer

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€489.27	Bank charge	€6.58
Bank Charge	€3.30	Received Money Returned	€385.00
USC Grant	€300.50	Speaker travel	€200.00
Total	€793.07	Expenditure Total	€591.58
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€201.49
		Total	€793.07

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 116 members.

Suas Society

Suas is a youth and education focused organisation, which facilitates young people to address educational disadvantage at home and overseas. Suas Nationwide is a registered N.G.O. and charity (CHY 14931). We raise money for our partner schools in India and Kenya throughout the year and also get involved with volunteering on a local basis. Twice a week we run a homework club in Lisbrook House for the Galway Refugee Support Group. We run evening courses and seminars to help engage, inspire and inform people about development issues. The Suas volunteer program offers the chance to volunteer as a teaching assistant in India and Kenya for 10 weeks in the summer. Along the way we have lots of craic, with the Bollywood movie night and St. Patrick's Day face painting being some of the highlights of the year, not to mention winning a the first ever 'Most Successful' Society Award for our work this year.

Suas Society Events

This year the society had a total of 48 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Suas Meeting ran for 7 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Thursday, 25/9/2008.

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If you're interested in volunteering internationally, locally in Galway or would like to be involved in our fundraising events, pop down to our weekly meetings where we'll be discussing all the latest news on our projects. Our homework club runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5.30pm, for more please get in touch.

Suas Meeting ran for 13 weeks in The Hub, beginning on Thursday, 15/1/2009.

Global Issues Seminars ran for 6 weeks in AM112, beginning on Tuesday, 3/2/2009.

Special Events

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

Suas Coffee Morning » Aras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday, 7/10/2008.

Fundraiser for Suas partner schools in India & Kenya - come along for a chat and a cuppa!

Suas Global Issues Seminars » Careers Development Seminar Room on Tuesday, 14/10/2008.

A very worthwhile and thought-provoking series of seminars covering topics such as Development, Aid, Human Rights & Equality on every Tuesday for 6 weeks. No previous knowledge necessary! At the end of the course you will be issued a certificate endorsed by Irish Aid and Concern. The course is just €20. Sign up and find out more on www.suas.ie

Suas Committee Training » Suas HQ, St. Stephens Green, Dublin on Saturday, 18/10/2008.

Open to all interested in getting involved in any Suas activities including new members. It takes place in Dublin on the 18th October. You'll learn a lot about Suas as a whole, get great tips and meet people from Suas socs all over Ireland. Plus there should be a good night afterwards!

Suas Hallowe'en Table Quiz » College Bar on Tuesday, 28/10/2008.

A ghoulish mix of general knowledge, myths, music and movies on the Halloween theme. Be there in the flesh and win prizes for best dressed! €20 per team, in aid of Suas

Bagpacking fundraiser » Marks & Spencers on Thursday, 30/10/2008.

We will be bagpacking in M&S this Halloween to raise money for the building of a new school in Calcutta. Anyone that can give a helping hand and spare an hour or two please contact Una on 085 7075464..every little helps! Thanks!

Alternative Careers in Law » Cairnes Theatre on Wednesday, 12/11/2008.

Ever wonder... why some people really want to make a difference? ... How you could use your passion and skills in law to make a change? On Wednesday 12th November the NUIG Suas and Law Societies host 3 special guests: - Noeline Blackwell – Director General, Free Legal Advice Centres www.flac.ie - Dr Ray Murphy – Irish Centre for Human Rights - Captain Barry Crushell – Defence Forces www.military.ie and former Auditor of the NUI Galway Law Society Our guests will reflect on the journey they have taken since they began to study law and share how they have used their skills and interests to make a difference in our world in NGOs, private practice, working with vulnerable people, academia, peacekeeping and human rights. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after their presentations. Refreshments afterwards.

Suas Intervarsity » *Sixmilebridge, Co. Limerick on Friday, 14/11/2008.*

The Intervarsity Weekend will host a range of speakers and seminars giving you an insight into Development, allowing you to get to know your fellow Suas society members and provide you with training to make a difference . This weekend promises to be a funfilled learning experience with a chance to meet many likeminded people. There are only 60 places available so please email your society to book your place ASAP.

Christmas Fundraiser » *The Hub and College Bar on Friday, 19/12/2008.*

We're looking for people to help out with the Christmas fundraiser. We'll be doing a collection in the college bar this Friday, the 19th. It'll be really good fun and it's for a good cause!!! Meeting up at the Hub at 5pm

Homework Club Info Session » *The Hub on Thursday, 15/1/2009.*

We are recruiting for more volunteers for this semester. If you are interested in volunteering or curious about what it would involve this Information Session is for you! Please tell any friends you feel may be interested. Any queries may be directed to Maria at m.coakley1@nuigalway.ie

Suas Coffee Morning » *Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer on Wednesday, 21/1/2009.*

A fundraiser for Suas partner schools in India & Kenya - Tea, coffee and lots of scrumptious goodies donated by local bakeries. Come along for a chat and a cuppa!

Suas Night » *The Cellar Bar on Monday, 23/2/2009.*

A night out in aid of charity..sure isn't that what RAG week is all about? Cellar Bar are generously donating a large portion of their profits this Monday to the Suas schools in India and Kenya. So why not pop down and join in the fun..for a mad night out with the Suas society!

Bollywood Night » *O' Flaherty, followed by the Cellar Bar on Tuesday, 10/3/2009.*

Suas Soc and Film Soc are presenting a special Bollywood Night.If you've never seen a Bollywood movie before this is the perfect occasion for the uninitiated! If you're already a Bollywood fan then you've probably been dying for something like this on campus! It kicks off at 7pm in the O Flaherty Theatre with a showing of "Jaane Tu"-India's hit movie of 2008. Then onto the Cellar Bar for more Bollywood fun with free passes to Cuba. Bindis will be on offer with donations welcome for the Suas charity, which supports the education of over 13,000 children through our partner schools in India and Kenya.

St. Patrick's Day Facepainting » *Across Galway on Tuesday, 17/3/2009.*

The Suas annual face painting extravaganza on Paddy's Day is one of our biggest fundraisers and the highlight of the year. We are meeting outside the college bar at 10 am and then hitting the streets of Galway to paint the townspeople green. After the parade the Suas buckets are to be dropped back to the Jury's Inn and then we will do the rounds of pubs in the afternoon.

Volunteer Program Launch » *Room 207, 1st floor, Arts Millenium on Thursday, 19/3/2009.*

The Suas volunteer programme '09 is now officially open for applications and up until the 4th Decemeber. The volunteer programme involves working alongside other volunteers for ten weeks during the summer in a community based school in either India or Kenya. The application form and further information can be found at www.suas.ie. We will be holding an information session this Wednesday regarding the programme, and we'll have past volunteers on hand to answer any questions you might have.

Suas AGM & End of year party » *AC201 on concourse on Thursday, 2/4/2009.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Michelle Naughton

Treasurer: Caitriona Fahy

Vice Auditor: Una Timlin

Homework Club Founder and Coordinator: Maria Coakley

Global Issues Coordinator: Niall Moran

Vice-Auditor: Eolann MacFadden

Secretary: Tara Waters

Fundraising Manager: Cian Moran

Global Issues Coordinator: Alice Dawson

Homework Club Coordinator: Tara Keena

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€254.95	Bank charge	€73.78
Fundraising	€6,174.59	Fundraising/charity	€6,668.59
Members Contributions	€480.00	Materials	€301.54
USC Grant	€1,161.07	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€134.15
Total	€8,070.61	Printing	€43.25
		Reception	€93.91
		Society accommodation	€150.00
		Society transport	€217.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,682.22
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€388.39
		Total	€8,070.61

Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 356 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Maria Coakley	Coordinator and Founder of Homework Club	260 hours
Hannah Robertson	Ordinary member	20 hours
Feena Cunnane	Homework club volunteer	26 hours
Michelle Naughton	Auditor	360 hours
Aisling Semple	Homework Club Volunteer and VP volunteer	225 hours
Kathleen Stewart	Ordinary Volunteer	20 hours
Karla Sheerin-Griffin	Volunteer with Homework Club	20 hours
Cian Moran	Fundraising Officer	68 hours

Niall Moran	Global Issues Campus Coordinator and Volunteer	140 hours
Eolann MacFadden	Auditor, St. Patrick's Day Cordinator, Volunteer Programme Cordinator	40 hours
Caitriona Fahy	Treasurer	50 hours
Tara Keena	Homework club co-ordinator	140 hours
Una Timlin	Auditor, homework club volunteer	210 hours
Tara Waters	Secretary	70 hours

ALIVE Students: 14 students

Hours Volunteered: 1649 hours

Traditional Music Society

Tradsoc had a great year. Sessions in the Crane were very popular, attracting a full house every week. The Céilís were also a huge success. Tradsoc were in high demand all year, performing for the Law Ball, the Arts Ball and numerous class parties. The society also received a number of external requests to play outside of the college such as weddings. Tradsoc enjoyed their first trip overseas in January, attending the Celtic Connections festival in Glasgow, Scotland.

Trad Soc Events

This year the society had a total of 27 events that took place. These events can be divided into two categories: regular and special events.

Regular Events

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

Weekly session ran for 14 weeks in *The Crane Bar, Sea Road, beginning on Tuesday, 16/9/2008.*

TradSoc's weekly session, the best student night of the week. Tunes galore, the odd song and even a dance- your refreshment of choice served by Jerry, Galway's friendliest bar man, and plenty craic to be had. Tá sé ann, look it up check it out, TradSoc ag cothú an traidisiúin, TradSoc for the Trad that's available in your area.

Trad Session ran for 9 weeks in *The Crane Bar, Sea Road..., beginning on Tuesday, 3/2/2009.*

Special Events

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

Annual Party and Awards » *The Crane Bar on Tuesday, 18/11/2008.*

Annual Tradsoc party and Awards!! The Crane Bar, food provided on the night by Mocha Beans.....yuuuum! Tunes after... Everyone...be there...if you are nominated for an award and you're not there it'll go to someone else!!!! After party to be confirmed on the night.

Glasgow Trip » *Glasgow on Friday, 16/1/2009.*

Celtic Connections Festival, Glasgow, Scotland

Céilí Mór » *College Bar on Monday, 9/2/2009.*

Céilí Mór in the College Bar as part of Múscailt

Céilí » *College Bar on Wednesday, 11/3/2009.*

Céilí Mór in the College Bar as Part of SnaG!

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Siobhan McGinty

Secretary: Katie Moyles

PRO: Darragh Logan

Committee member: Doireann McCombe

PRO 3: Joseph Moloney

Vice-Auditor: Darren Curran

Treasurer: Neasa Ni Chuaig

PRO 2: Kenneth O'Donoghue

Committee member: Lisa Reddington

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Shane Devlin

Secretary: Anthony McDonagh

Treasurer: Jonathon Donoghue

Webmaster: Eoin Butler

Events Manager: Karl Madden

Vice-Auditor: James Frawley

Co-Secretary: Lisa Reddington

PRO: Maeve Hopkins

Events Manager: Katie Moyles

Marketing: Siobhan McGinty

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€974.49	Bank charge	€17.82
Fundraising	€300.00	Entertainment	€197.80
Hoodies	€380.51	Hoodies	€1,324.16
Socs box	€2,625.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€252.35
Sponsorship	€300.00	Prizes	€74.00
Ticket Sales	€420.00	Society accommodation	€710.00
USC Grant	€3,645.50	Society transport	€4,691.61
Total	€8,645.50	Socs day expenses	€59.65
		Expenditure Total	€7,327.39
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,318.11
		Total	€8,645.50

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 619 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Siobhan McGinty	Auditor	124 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 124 hours

Vegetarian Society

The vegetarian society hasn't been very active in the first semester due to lack of volunteers for committee positions. However recently we have held some very successful events and will continue to do so until the end of term. We now have over 160 members which is more than 3 times that of last year and we plan to go for full recognition at the next USC meeting.

Veggie Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Veggie Bring A Plate. » *Galway Social Space on Tuesday, 18th of November.*

Vegetarian bring a plate. Prepare your favorite recipe, bring it along and share. Vegetarians and vegans dishes are welcome. The social space is on (45) Middle St., right next to the back of 'The King's Head'.

Veggie Bring a plate » *The Hub, Opposite College Bar on Wednesday, 4th of March.*

Bring a Plate » *The Hub on Monday, 16th of March.*

Vegetarianism Info Stand » *AM Building, Ground floor on Tuesday, 24th of March.*

There'll be a stand with lots of leaflets, posters etc. for any to read, in the Arts Millennium building this Tuesday 10am-5pm. Whether you are thinking of going veggie/vegan or already and looking for more info, come along and browse the info.

Veggie Soc Picnic » *In front of Lib on Wednesday, 25th of March.*

Come along and sample some veggie food and see for your self its not about 'carrot food' (as some perceive). Bring your friends and meet others. All free. In front of Library unless the grass is to the north is dry (along side AM building).

Vegetarianism Info stand » *Orbesen building. on Thursday, 26th of March.*

Veggie Bring a plate - last one » *The Hub on Wednesday, 1st of April.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Matthew O'Toole

Treasurer: Angela 'stoner' Plant

Vice-Auditor: Aishling Heffernan

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Matthew O'Toole

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€18.29	Bank charge	€6.92
USC Grant	€100.00	Dinner	€69.70
Total	€118.29	Expenditure Total	€76.62
		Closing Bank Balance	€41.67
		Total	€118.29

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 134 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Matthew O'Toole	Auditor	90 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 90 hours

Voluntary Services Abroad Society

Voluntary Services Abroad (VSA) is an NUI Galway based charity which enables medical students to bring medical supplies to countries in the developing world and to assist in healthcare delivery to some of the most deprived people in the world. We also assist in the development of healthcare facilities through building projects overseen by engineering students.

Founded in 1977, VSA has sent more than 400 medical students as healthcare volunteers to Philippines, Belize, Vietnam, India, Ecuador, Peru, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania and Ethiopia.

Fund-raising efforts include classic activities such as bedpushing, cycle marathons, concerts, flag days, table quiz and coffee mornings as well as blood pressure clinics and bagpacking in supermarkets. Events such as the bungee jump and racey calendar have gained notoriety for the VSA on campus. New events happen every year and this year will be no exception so watch this space so you can become involved in some of the most fun events on campus while also supporting a very worthy cause!

All of the money raised goes directly towards developing and supporting medical services in the developing world. We are grateful for any support you extend to us in our efforts to raise funds for the 2008 mission.

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

Beach Ball » *College Bar on Thursday, 11th of September.*

Make the summer last...

Travellers Tales » *Colm hEoacha on Wednesday, 17th of September.*

Final Meds share their experiences of their VSA travels to far flung corners. Including for the first year the experiences of 3 engineers who built an out patients block.

VSA charity Bag Packing » *Marks and Spencers on Friday, 19th of September.*

Another fundraiser for VSA charity. Raising funds for 3rd world countries.

VSA table quiz » *The Quays on Wednesday, 1st of October.*

Table quiz with Brenden Wilkins hosting. Half-time shenanigans + raffle! Come along, guarenteed not to regret it!

Open Mic Night » *Living Room on Thursday, 23rd of October.*

Open Mic Night. Open to everyone who is anyone in the muscial industry (or wannbe!)

Halloween Ball » *Halo on Thursday, 30th of October.*

Ghosts and Ghouls come out to help VSA! Prizes for the most original costume...

Bond Night » *Eye Cinema and The G Hotel on Tuesday, 4th of November.*

Watch the latest Bond Movie, Quantum of Solace, followed by cocktails in the G Hotel. Dress to kill.

Christmas Concert » *O' Flaherty Theatre on Wednesday, 19th of November.*

Students from every year attempt to imitate their favourite doctors and surgeons, sure its just a bit of craic!

Carol Singing » *Shop Street, Galway on Monday, 8th of December.*

VSA sings everyone's favourite Xmas Hits to raise money from Christmas shoppers.

Swing Ball » *The Radisson, Galway on Saturday, 24th of January.*

Hosted by the The Radisson with music provided by The Black Magic Big Band, this black tie affair provides a break from the January Blues.

Bed Push to Limerick » *Galway, Gort, Ennis, Limerick on Friday, 27th of February.*

VSA pushes a bed from Galway to Limerick in an attempt to raise vital funds!

Flag Day » *Galway City on Wednesday, 4th of March.*

Students take to the streets of Galway with buckets in hand and plenty of enthusiasm to collect money from passing shoppers.

O Dowd and Clear » *The Cellar on Tuesday, 10th of March.*

O Dowd and Clear play their first gig to raise money for VSA

Eggcellent Nightlife Tour & Easter Hunt » *Living Room on Thursday, 2nd of April.*

Nightlife tour with a difference... be the team to collect most eggs to win the grand prize!

Committee 2008/2009

Vice-Auditor: Adam Eddie

Auditor: Conor Sugrue

Treasurer: Roisin Bhamjee

correspondance: Amanda Devaney

PR officer: Robert Piggott

Secretary: Rachel Brodie

treasurer: Siobhan Coyle

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€7,048.72	Ball	€6,084.46
Bank Charge	€402.99	Bank charge	€377.39
Fundraising	€97,622.04	Entry fees	€720.00
Socs box	€5,760.00	Fundraising/charity	€112083.71
Sponsorship	€6,730.00	Materials	€346.73
Ticket Sales	€3,000.00	Postage	€31.20
USC Grant	€1,140.00	Printing	€1,067.81
Total	€121,703.75	Stationary	€44.36
		Expenditure Total	€120755.66
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€948.09
		Total	€121,703.75

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 336 members.

Writers Group Society

Writers Society Events

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

Regular Events

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

Writers Society Meeting ran for 9 weeks in *The Hub*, beginning on Wednesday, 8/10/2008.

Come along and take part in writing exercises, discussions, and maybe iron out any problems you're having with your writing. Send work you'd like to have discussed at the meeting to writers@socs.nuigawlay.ie so we can make enough copies for every one. This is a secondary meeting for those who could not make monday, though we'd be glad to have you again!

Writers Soc Main Meeting ran for 1 week in *TB306*, beginning on Monday, 13/10/2008.

Our main meeting each week, for the first hour discuss a topic like character, setting or subtext, then share your own work and have it edited and picked apart by the group.

Special Events

This year we held 20 special events. These events were as follows:

Writers Society General Meeting » *Tower Block 2 Room 307 on Monday, 29/9/2008.*

First meeting of the year, meet fellow writers! Learn about the society and bring a piece of writing to share. We'll also be playing story-telling jenga. Afterwards going for drinks at Java's. Extra committee members are needed so if you're interested in developing the society mention it to one of the committee members.

Sharp Review Submissions » *The Internet on Friday, 17/10/2008.*

The Writers Society of NUIG are now accepting poetry, prose, essays, visual art for the sharp review. A free literary magazine distributed through out the College and Galway, this is open to any one, and we hope to receive every type of submission.

The deadline is Monday the 24th of November. Please send writing as an attached Microsoft word document, there aren't any limits on length of pieces entered but keep things reasonable, and send no more than 4 pieces.

All genres in all formats are welcomed.

Images have to be sent black and white or greyscale.

Send entries to writers@socs.nuigalway.ie and put Sharp Review in the subject title.

Writers Society Meeting » *Tower Block 2 Room 307 on Monday, 20/10/2008.*

Literary Evening » *Roisin Dubh (upstairs) on Monday, 27/10/2008.*

An open mic for anyone with a story, poem, song or any thing else you may have written with your pen but can communicate with your voice. If you read or perform we'll buy you the refreshment of your choice. There will possibly be cake and buns provided. €3 entry, everyone welcome.

Committee Meeting » *The Hub on Tuesday, 28/10/2008.*

Meeting » *Tower Block 2 Room 306 on Monday, 3/11/2008.*

Meeting » *Tower Block 2, Room 306 on Monday, 10/11/2008.*

Meeting » *Tower Block 2 Room 306 on Monday, 17/11/2008.*

First Meeting! » *Tower Block 2 Room 306 on Wednesday, 21/1/2009.*

Meeting » *Towerblock 2, room 306 on Wednesday, 28/1/2009.*

Weekly Meeting » *Tower Block 2 Room 306 on Wednesday, 4/2/2009.*

Meeting » *Tower Block 2 Room 306 on Wednesday, 11/2/2009.*

Meeting » *Tower Block 2 Room 306 on Wednesday, 18/2/2009.*

Sharp Review Launch » *Upstairs, Roisin Dubh on Wednesday, 4/3/2009.*

The Launch!

The Sharp Review of March '09 will be launched with a big party/reading/session upstairs in the Roisin.

All contributors most welcome every one else very welcome.

Come and read any story, song, poem anything and we'll reward yo with our admiration furious applause and a beverage of your choice.

We'll also have pizza .

Meeting » *Tower Block 2 Room 306 on Wednesday, 11/3/2009.*

Cuirt Launch » *No. 8 Bar, the Docks on Wednesday, 18/3/2009.*

The launch of the programme for Galway's great Cuirt festival of literature! Email writers@socs.nuigalway.ie if you'd like to attend and we can arrange to meet before hand and head down together. The cuirt festival brings many renowned authors and exhibitions to Galway for a whole week of literary fun, involving workshops, poetry slams, music and art. Make sure you get the programme early as events often fill up fast.

Meeting » *Tower Block 2 Room 306 on Thursday, 19/3/2009.*

Sharp Review Presentation » *Arts Millenium Building Foyer on Monday, 23/3/2009.*

Pick up a copy of the sharp review and see the art work and the magazine presented in ample proportions for your viewing pleasure!

Hour of Poetry and Prose on Equality » *The Hub on Wednesday, 25/3/2009.*

The Writers Society and Urban Rhymes Society bring you an hour of poetry, storytelling and rhyming on the inequalities humanity has projected on it self over the past and present and how there is always a time for change on the horizon. The spoken word has long been a medium for the vulnerable and discriminated people in society to express themselves and we hope to convey the power of the spoken word and its ability to illustrate and communicate the effects of inequality and issues surrounding it.

AGM » *Tower Block 2 Room 306 on Wednesday, 25/3/2009.*

Committee 2008/2009

PRO Officer: Paul Heffernan

Auditor: John Kirwan

Vice-Auditor: Liam Duffy

Editor: James Lloyd-Jones

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€393.48	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€70.00
USC Grant	€100.00	Dinner	€63.20
Total	€493.48	Entry fees	€71.00
		Reception	€142.40
		Expenditure Total	€346.60
		Closing Bank Balance	€146.88
		Total	€493.48

Other Information

We held 27 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 191 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Liam Duffy	Vice-auditor	80 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 80 hours

Young Fine Gael Society

Young Fine Gael, the Young United Irelanders, is an Irish Nationalist Youth Movement that pledges allegiance and fidelity to the Irish Republic. The party derives its inspiration and endeavor from this bedrock. Young Fine Gael is an autonomous yet integral part of the Fine Gael party. It seeks to advance the political representation and objectives of the youth of Ireland through the vehicle of the Fine Gael Party. Young Fine Gael is wholly committed to the development of young people at all levels of political life, and in communion with the Fine Gael Party seeks to maximise the electoral objectives of Fine Gael. Young Fine Gael in NUI, Galway is a collection of students from all over the country. Members of Young Fine Gael on campus are passionately committed to the concept of having young people involved in politics. We believe that the involvement of young people in the Irish body politic is fundamental to the amelioration of the lives of all citizens of this country. Meetings of Young Fine Gael are conducted in a relaxed fashion. Everyone is welcome to share their views and get involved in our activities. This years events included attending the Young Fine Gael National Conference in February as well as hosting a number of TDs at our weekly meetings. We also held a number of open discussion forums on topics such as the Lisbon Treaty and the future of the Fine Gael Party.

Young Fine Gael Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

Opening Meeting » AC214 on Wednesday, 1st of October.

Meeting » AC214 on Wednesday, 8th of October.

YFG President Barry Walsh » Dillon Theatre on Tuesday, 14th of October.

Young Fine Gael's President Barry Walsh will speak at this week's meeting which takes place on Tuesday, October 14th in the Dillon Theatre (on the concourse) at 8 p.m. Barry Walsh is from Charleville, Co.Cork and graduated from the University of Limerick. Barry was elected President at the National Conference in Maynooth in November 2007. Following the success of the Fresher's campaign across the country, Barry will discuss events and campaigns planned for the year.

Paul Connaughton T.D. Galway East » McMunn Theatre on Monday, 20th of October.

Fine Gael's weekly meeting will take place tonight, Monday October 20th at the earlier time of 7:30 p.m., in the McMunn Theatre (near Smokies on the concourse). Tonight's guest speaker will be Paul Connaughton T.D. for Galway East. Deputy Conaughton was first elected to the Dáil in 1981. He was Fine Gael spokesperson for on Energy and Western Development and Chairman of the political affairs committee between 1993-1997. On his re-election in 2007, he was appointed Deputy Spokesperson for Health with special responsibility for Older People. He is Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Transport. Tonight Deputy Connaughton will speak on Western Development.

Joe McHugh TD » AC213 on Tuesday, 4th of November.

Joe McHugh TD was elected to the 30th Dáil on May 24, 2007. He was appointed Deputy Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs and the Department of the Taoiseach with Special Responsibility for North-South Co-operation, October, 07.

Meeting » AC214 on Wednesday, 12th of November.

Christmas party » AC214 on Wednesday, 19th of November.

Meeting » AC203 on Wednesday, 14th of January.

Dennis Naughton TD » Siobhán McKenna on Tuesday, 20th of January.

Young Fine Gael's weekly meeting is on Tuesday 20th January in the Siobhán McKenna theatre at 7:30 p.m. This week's guest speaker is Denis Naughton TD for Longford/ Roscommon. The topic for discussion will be 'Facing Up To Our Immigration Challenges In A Changing Economy'.

We will also be discussing motions for the National Conference which is on February 20-22 in Athlone. if you have any ideas be sure to voice them at the meeting on Tuesday night!

Joe Carey TD » AC214 on Thursday, 29th of January.

Young Fine Gael's weekly meeting takes place this Thursday 29th January at 8 p.m. in AC214 (on the concourse near Bank of Ireland). This weeks guest speaker is Joe Carey TD for the Clare constituency. Joe Carey was elected to the 30th Dáil in May, 2007. He was appointed Deputy Spokesperson on Justice, with Special Responsibility for Juvenile Justice, October, 07.

The Future of the Fine Gael Party » AC214 on Thursday, 5th of February.

Young Fine Gael's weekly meeting takes place this Thursday, February 5th at 8 p.m. in AC 214 (near Bank of Ireland on the concourse). This week we will be discussing 'The Future of the Fine Gael party'.

We will also be discussing possible policies and political campaigns to undertake in the coming year.

Meeting » AC214 on Tuesday, 10th of February.**Meeting » AM110 on Thursday, 19th of February.****YFG National Conference » Athlone on Friday, 20th of February.**

Young Fine Gael's national conference will take place 20-22 Feb 2009 in Athlone. Deposits of €30 now payable to committee at any of our meetings. Also motions for the conference will be discussed and decided at our meetings, hustings for speakers will take place 10th Feb at 8pm in AC214.

Meeting » AC202 on Wednesday, 4th of March.**AGM » AC214 on Thursday, 12th of March.****Committee 2008/2009**

Auditor: Ultan Hayden

Treasurer: Peter Grimes

Membership Officer: Feargal Ryan

Social Secretary: Gearoid Moroney

Campaigns and events Organiser: Marc Healy

Vice-Auditor: Sinead Kelly

Secretary: Karen O'Reilly

P.R.O: Jane Barrett

Campaigns and events Organiser: Carol Dempsey

First Year rep: Dara Folan

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: Dara Folan

Secretary: Daniel McHugh

Treasurer: Marc Healy

Vice-Auditor: Conor Harris

Social Secretary: Matthew Tumulty

Membership Officer: James Greaney

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€883.15	Affill/Mem fees	€507.00
Bank Charge	€4.32	Bank charge	€21.08
Members Contributions	€805.00	Entertainment	€20.00
Socs box	€60.00	Entry fees	€770.00
Sponsorship	€270.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€165.00
USC Grant	€1,604.73	Prizes	€100.00
Total	€3,627.20	Received Money Returned	€60.00
		Reception	€150.00
		Returned Socs Money	€10.00
		Society accommodation	€1,160.00
		Socs day expenses	€50.00

Income	Expenditure
	Expenditure Total €3,013.08
	Unreconciled Cheque Total €0.00
	Cash In Hand €0.00
	Closing Bank Balance €614.12
	Total €3,627.20

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 389 members.

The Young Greens Society

Young Greens Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

A Luas for Galway! - talk » *tbc on Wednesday, 8th of October.*

Come along to learn more about a proposed light rail system for Galway city. Refreshments will be provided before the talk and afterwards you are invited to join us on a tour of part of the route that the GLUAS will take, including stopping off at some of the GLUAS stops for breaks and 'refueling'.

Green Guide Launch » *Siobhán McKenna Theatre, AM building on Wednesday, 26th of November.*

The Young Greens and Eco soc are holding a launch party for the official launch of the Green Guide to Galway. Come along!

Cycling to College Survey » *Online on Monday, 19th of January.*

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GREEN WEEK '09 » *NUIG Campus on Monday, 23rd of March.*

Week Long Green Week for full programme see below. Runs from March 23rd-27th.

Monday 23rd

1pm Energy Efficiency Measures at NUI Galway (Outside entrance to Library) Noel O Connor, Buildings Manager will bring you on a tour to highlight some of the recent initiatives including the Combined Heat and Power plants (CHP), Solar Panels, Lighting etc.

5.30pm Organic Container Gardening Workshop (Venue to be confirmed) Kay Sinnott will get your 'green fingers' to work and show how simple it is to grow your own low 'carbon footprint' fresh produce!

7.00pm 'Slow Food' Talk (AC204 on the Concourse) Come to hear all about the Slow Food Movement that's sweeping the country – organised by the Italian Soc.

Tuesday 24th

1pm Campus Nature Walk (Outside entrance to Library) Join members of the Applied Ecology Unit on a lunchtime stroll to discover all that our campus has to offer.

1pm Critical Mass Cycle/Safety Talk (IT 205) Galway Cycling Campaign will give a short safety talk on cycling in Galway and how to survive before a Critical Mass Cycle at 1.30pm. (departing from Orbsen Building).

3.00pm Kyoto @ Local Level (AC214) Peter Keavney, Galway Energy Agency will outline the impact we are having on climate change at a local level in Galway.

7pm An Inconvenient Truth (O Flaherty Theatre, Concourse)

Is this the most terrifying film about climate change EVER, the Film Soc invite you to come find out....

7pm Lecture on 'Sustainable Economics'
(CA116A, Cairnes Building)

Join the Economics Soc and NUI Galway lecturers for a lecture on sustainable economics.

Wednesday 25th

1pm Energy Efficient Lighting (TB301 – Tower)

Philips will explain all there is to know about CFLs etc and highlight the huge savings to be achieved from installing them – they are a no brainer! Ask their advice on energy-efficient lighting at home and at work.

1.30pm Veggie Picnic

The Vegetarian Soc is hosting a veggie picnic outside the Arts Millenium/Library. Come sample some vegetarian fare and kick back in the sunshine.. Frisbees, guitars etc all welcome.

7pm 'Ireland's Energy Future'

(Tnuthaill Theatre, Arts Millenium Building)

Wine reception at 7pm – hosted by Young Greens and G-EOS Lorna Siggins, Irish Times will chair a debate on Ireland's future. Speakers include David Korowitz, FEASTA (Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability), James Ryan, Wavebob (Wavebob is an Irish company developing a a unique Wave Energy Convertor – 'Wavebob', which harnesses the immense power of the ocean to produce clean, renewable energy and have a test site in Galway)... 2 More speakers awaiting confirmation ...

Thursday 26th

11am – 3pm Green Fair and Market

(Orbsen Foyer and outside)

Come to the Green Fair and visit a host of stands from environmental organisations to renewable energy suppliers. Enjoy some wholesome food by traders from Galway Market and relax down by the river.

1pm Green Home Talk – AM205

by An Taisce Green Homes Campaign Learn how to be more environmentally friendly at home and learn some easy tips on how to reduce waste production, water and energy consumption.

5-6pm Geology Walk around Campus by Sadbh Baxter, EOS (meet at Archway, The Quadrangle)

Read the pages of Earth's History through the buildings, rocks and stones around the campus.

Friday 27th

Lunchtime Candle Lit Lunch in Moffats (for Earth Hour)

On March 28 you can VOTE EARTH by switching off your lights for one hour at 8.30pm or you can vote global warming by leaving your lights on. Moffats are promoting Earth Hour 2009 by switching their lights off and offering an organic option at lunch.

WEEE Collection: recycle your waste electrical and electronic waste at 4 locations around the campus ie behind Orbsen Building, opposite Aras Moyola, Kingfisher Sports Centre and Corrib Village. Enter the WEEE Ireland quiz and you could win a €150 voucher. WEEE Ireland are conducting the collections for the whole of Green Week. 'What is WEEE'? – send answers to greencompetition@nuigalway.ie before the end of the week.

Galway Market » *Behind the Orbsen Building on Thursday, 26th of March.*

Galway market will be coming to Campus as part of our Green week! Come along and sample all the market food usually only available at the weekends.

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: Catherine Swift

Secretary: Niamh Cantillon

Public Relations Officer: Alan Duggan

OCM: Andrew Murphy

OCM: Breandán MacGabhann

Treasurer: Michael McHugh

Communications Officer: Eimear Daly

Vice-Auditor: Peter Corbett

OCM: James Hope

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€13.80	Bank charge	€22.32
Bank Charge	€7.31	Dinner	€100.80

Income		Expenditure	
USC Grant	€1,330.68	Entry fees	€80.00
Total	€1,351.79	Reception	€594.88
		Society accommodation	€200.00
		Society transport	€61.00
		Speaker accommodation	€55.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,114.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€237.79
		Total	€1,351.79

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 155 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Catherine Swift	Auditor	182 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 182 hours

The Zoological Society

The zoo soc was quite this year as we had to reform it during janurary so it was only running for half the academic year. However we were very active with events around the college and within the zoology department. We held varies talks from people within the college and further a field such as Prof. Ara Monadjem. It was a great year overall.

ZooSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Zoo Soc EGM » MRI Annex Seminar room on Monday, 26th of January.

We're Back the all new Zoo Soc and we are looking for you.... We will be electing a committee and making plans for this semester. Hope to see you there.

Meeting » Annex lecture hall on Thursday, 5th of February.

Hey everyone zoo soc meeting this thursday in the annex, hope to see ye there!

meeting » mri annex on Tuesday, 10th of February.

Meeting » Annex Lecture Hall on Monday, 16th of February.

Meeting in the annex lecture hall at 4pm - 5pm on monday the 16th. All Welcome.

meeting » mri annex on Monday, 2nd of March.

A talk on venomous creatures » Mri annex on Thursday, 19th of March.

Table Quiz » College Bar on Monday, 23rd of March.

Meeting » *Mri annex on Thursday, 26th of March.*

Meeting » *Mri annex on Tuesday, 31st of March.*

The Postgraduate Ecology Forum » *IT Atrium and IT 125 on Tuesday, 14th of April.*

Committee 2008/2009

Auditor: John Maye

PRO: Shauna Ferry

Treasurer: Tara Keena

Committee 2009/2010

Auditor: John Maye

Treasurer: Tara Keena

Society Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€19.88	Affill/Mem fees	€485.00
Members Contributions	€92.58	Bank charge	€0.28
USC Grant	€485.00	Expenditure Total	€485.28
Total	€597.46	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€112.18
		Total	€597.46

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 107 members.

ALIVE:

Name	Position	Hours
Niamh McHugh	PRO	30 hours
John Maye	Auditor	40 hours
Tara Keena	Treasurer	22 hours

ALIVE Students: 3 students

Hours Volunteered: 92 hours

NUIG SOCIETIES ALIVE REPORT

There are 88 societies with a total membership of over 5,813 registered individual student members (15% increase on last year). 3091 of these are first years. The reason for the high percentage of first years is that while most students remain members of societies many do not re-register on societies' day in subsequent years although they remain very active in their societies. Our method of sign up is by swiping student ID cards on the two societies' days and students can also register on NUIG YourSpace. Because societies receive free text allocations for their members, previous members are removed at the start of each academic year from the texts, although they do remain on e-mail lists. Our challenge now is to give students more reason to login to YourSpace and re-register. The upgrades to YourSpace which are in the developmental stage hope to address this challenge. The result currently is that while the figures of students in societies are impressive they underestimate the level of involvement.

The Societies have a combined membership of 22,881 (18% increase on last years figures) with students joining an average of 3.86 societies.

Societies enrich the social, community and cultural life of the campus with their presence. They bring colour and excitement to the University which enriches all of our lives. By organising events of educational, cultural, social and humanitarian value they broaden our perspectives and enhance the university experience for their fellow students while contributing to both the local community and the wider world. In the last six years they have contributed over €125,000 to charity and worked in places as diverse as the Philippines and the Westside Community Centre. To celebrate this community engagement and giving, a new Society Award has been introduced at national level at the Board of Irish College Awards: the 'Best Civic Contribution' Award, for which NUIG will be competing on April 15th.

235 society members participated in ALIVE this year which equals a 60% increase on last year's participation. 184 of these are committee members, the remaining participants participated in society activities such as homework clubs and other activities organized by the societies. The 184 committee participants represent 34% of the total number of students on society committees. The 235 ALIVE participants volunteered **51,115** hours during this academic year; **42,907** were volunteered by committee members. This suggests that the hours volunteered by all committee members equal the equivalent of 78 full time workers which on minimum wage would cost approximately **€1,135,700**

The societies had a turnover in excess of €931,000 last year. €730,000 of that was raised by the societies themselves and €303,698 was given to charity. To fully appreciate Societies contribution to the University and to put this in context, *societies provide the equivalent of 78 full time workers providing social, cultural and educational support to the university community with a budget of €399,602 which they have raised themselves.*

ALIVE offers an opportunity for the hard working members of the societies to gain official recognition by the University for their contribution as volunteers. This is the third year of our on-line system for society members to gain their certificates.

In the ALIVE portfolio builder participants can track their hours and can also keep a blog of their experiences, which they can then choose to share with their committee or keep as their own private musings. The societies

set their own criteria for involvement by their members in the ALIVE programme and approve their applications. The individual members build on their portfolio throughout the year and answer six questions (samples at the end of the book) and upload a photo before submitting their individual portfolios to the society. The society then completes the portfolio before submitting it to the Societies' Office. All societies who have achieved the requirement standards are approved and forwarded.

This online system plus our online finance system, computerised signup method through YourSpace, and the Societies online control panel, all of which include effective archival data collection, is now allowing us to gain very valuable statistics and a quantitative look at the very real contribution which Societies make to campus life, the student experience, holistic learning and civic engagement in NUI Galway. The online methods we are using which include texting, a weekly What's happening guide e-mailed to 12809 plus our integrated calendar system and the success of the SocsBox (ticket and information desk) keep students engaged with societies and participation levels up. The next step increasing the usability and attractiveness of YourSpace and the opening of the new facilities in the refurbished Áras na Mac Léinn all augur very well for the future of Societies and their core fundamental importance to the University in this time of economic uncertainty. The skills acquired by students through their involvement, including problem solving, creativity, team building, entrepreneurial skills, communication are all skills which will be even more invaluable to set our students apart in an uncertain world.

Ríona Hughes
Societies Officer

Societies total Income and Expenditure

Socs Balance Sheet - 2008/2009					
Income			Expenditure		
Income Category	Amount	%	Expenditure Category	Amount	%
Balls	€267,745.71	33.19%	Affill/Mem fees	€10,090.88	1.34%
Classes	€8,266.56	1.02%	Ball	€172,110.70	22.89%
Fundraising	€143,539.98	17.80%	Bank charge	€2,054.72	0.27%
Hoodies	€1,514.51	0.19%	Costumes	€5,976.95	0.79%
Members Contributions	€29,297.05	3.63%	Dinner	€48,537.76	6.46%
Muscailt	€3,157.98	0.39%	Entertainment	€66,326.42	8.82%
Societies day	€491.50	0.06%	Entry fees	€28,238.34	3.76%
SocsBox	€92,618	11.48%	Equipment misc	€24,301.97	3.23%
Sponsorship	€48,469.76	6.01%	Fundraising/charity	€158,968.27	21.14%
Ticket Sales	€49,940.86	6.19%	Gifts	€2,659.99	0.35%
USC Grant	€161,576.68	20.03%	Hall hire	€10,645	1.42%
			Hire Bus	€4,491	0.60%
			Hoodies	€8,865.46	1.18%
			Lights	€9,003.78	1.20%
			Makeup/Props	€929.29	0.12%
			Materials	€10,105.80	1.34%
			Non Alcoholic Refresh	€4,188.22	0.56%
			Performing rights	€677.93	0.09%
			Phone	€482.90	0.06%
			Postage	€981.20	0.13%
			Printing	€15,498.84	2.06%
			Prizes	€6,086.66	0.81%
			Promotions	€1,478.07	0.20%
			Reception	€16,435	2.19%
			Scores	€691	0.09%
			Set	€1,954.98	0.26%
			Society accomm	€35,832.19	4.77%
			Society transport	€65,546.12	8.72%
			Socs day expenses	€792.22	0.11%
			Sound	€5,864.30	0.78%
			Speaker accomm	€9,565.94	1.27%
			Speaker travel	€11,778.73	1.57%
			Stationary	€1,446.22	0.19%
			Teacher fees	€9,095.50	1.21%
			Video Hire	€131.37	0.02%
Income Total	€806,618.59		Expenditure Total	€751,833.72	
Opening Bank Balance	€115,063.41		Closing Bank Balance	€169,213.07	
			Cash In Hand Total	€635.41	

MÚSCAILT '09

Societies' Office Report

Múscailt is a co-production of the Societies and Arts office. Initially Fionnuala and I thought that our greatest challenge would be to find space as Áras na Mac Léinn was due to shut just prior to the festival. A week before the brochure was going to print we got the excellent news that the building would be available for the festival. This brought new headaches but after brain storming and getting the Societies on board we were able to embrace the opportunity and transform the building for the week and it became a central hub of activity and allowed us a dry run at what we will be able to achieve when all the new facilities are unveiled in September. The festival was a huge success with very positive feedback on its impact on the campus. The combination of high quality home grown society events and the intriguing programme organised by the Arts office seemed to capture the imagination and resulted in a colourful week which exploded with creativity and surprises and was truly embraced by the University community.

A big thank you to all involved for creating magic and to the University Foundation and Alumni Office for their continuing support.

Ríona Hughes, Societies Officer.

FESTIVAL OPENING

The official opening for the Áras na MacLéinn Exhibitions took place on Mon. 9th at 6pm in the Hall in Áras na Mac Léinn, with special guest **Jim Fitzpatrick** internationally well-known Irish artists of his generation. Speeches were also provided by President Jim Brown and the Arts and Societies Officers. With the help of the societies the hall was transformed into a promenade performance space with theatrical/ art installations by the Drama, Choral, Nothing Specific, Chess, FanSci, Juggling and Musical Societies. Atmospheric lighting, beautiful balloon sculptures, refreshments and an enthusiastic crowd ensured the festival got off to a spectacular start. Immediately after the official opening the Society Exhibitions were opened in the Foyer followed by the first screening in 'The Space', having everything in the building kept up the momentum and augurs very well for the future of Áras na Mac Léinn.

FESTIVAL WRAP-UP-PARTY

This took place in the College Bar on Friday 13th and was co hosted by Múscailt and the Literary and Debating Society and law Society who were launching their National law Debates Weekend of activities. The Friday 13th theme saw the two societies bring a touch of horror to the bar. There was a record turn out for the event which was a fitting end to a fun packed week.



The festival brochure this year took its theme from the idea of an opening box exploding a cornucopia of artistic delights and was inspired by the idea that the transformed Áras na Mac Léinn when unwrapped in September will resemble such a box of delights. Cover art work by Conor Gallagher, Icon Design Consultancy and brochure design Shannon Reeves, Societies Office. The website www.muscailt.nuigalway.ie was designed by Rory Donoghue.



THE SPACE

The Space was an innovative creation of NUI Galway's Societies and the Societies Officer. In preparation for the University's new Centre of Culture, which is to replace the existing facilities of Áras na MacLéinn, students transformed a disused area of the campus into a creative and comfortable space, where guests and students were invited to come and relax, hang out, and enjoy some of the special featured events which were specially prepared for the festival. **The Space** was located on the second floor of Áras na MacLéinn, in the former Crunch Fitness area. It was simply and inexpensively transformed by the clever use of lights and drapes and painunder the guidance of the festival lighting director Pat Reilly. A team of society members joined Riona for the weekend to collaborate and let their creative juices flow, this even included a giant mural on one of the walls. The result was much appreciated by all who visited it and the Arts office volunteered manned the tea/ coffee and biscuits counter to add a homely touch. As an experiment on creative use of space and the potential of the new centre it more than achieve its aims.

Societies' Office Report

WITLESS BATTLE OF THE BANDS



After four weeks of heats (Tuesday nights in the College Bar, 13th Jan—3rd Feb), the finalists squared up for the final showdown on Tuesday in the College Bar. As always, the coveted **Witless** prize, which includes time in a recording studio, guaranteed a night of intense musical competition which culminated in the audience and judging panel decisions. The bar was packed to capacity for this popular event.

ORCHESTRA RECITAL

On Monday in the Aula Maxima Upper, the Orchestra Society gave a rousing performance of **Franz Schubert's Symphony No.2 in B flat major**: a four movement work full of rich modulations, syncopations and high drama from beginning to end! The Second Symphony is a marvellous work written when Schubert was just eighteen years old and which was only first performed in public fifty years after the composer's death. Opening with an arresting slow introduction, the first movement is full of vigour and there is some beautiful work by the woodwinds to savour. The lyrical Andante is followed by a lively minuet. The finale recreates the joyful mood of the first movement including touches of humour. The orchestra has reached a very high standard and now combines a full wind and strings section of almost 50 strong and is conducted by Hugh Kelly.

DJSOC SPINOFF HEATS

DjSoc's top DJs battled it out for a place at the national DJ Competition, 'Spinoff '09' on Thursday night, in what turned out to be both a heated battle and an intensely enjoyable night of beats and dancing for all who attended.

CHORAL SOC DO CAMPUS & CD LAUNCH

This year Choral Soc celebrated Múscailt with their brand new CD, '**Flight of Voice**'. As well as launching their CD at the Festival Opening, they added to the atmosphere on the evening with a selection of performances from their new repertoire. Choral Soc also continued their tradition of live performance around campus during Múscailt with **Choral Soc Do Campus**. Their performances brightened up Smokies Café and the James Hardiman Library on Wednesday between 1:00 and 2:00pm.



DANCE-A-THON '09

A new event on the NUI Galway calendar, this was the biggest on-campus dance of the year. With an explosion of rhythms and styles from salsa to breakdancing, Dansoc demonstrated the moves in the hall of Áras na MacLéinn, before stepping back to let the crowd join in with the beat provided by DJ Soc.



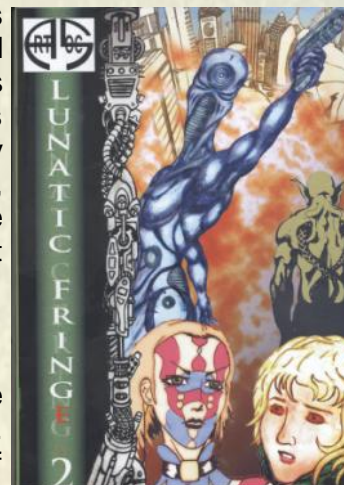
MONSTER CÉILÍ

TradSoc & the International Students' Society hosted the most floor-stompin' céilí on the NUI Galway calendar. Beginners are always welcome, with demonstrations and lessons provided; this was a great chance to bring native and international students together for a flavour of Irish culture in a fun-filled environment. Up to 20 musicians provided the music to a capacity audience.

MÍSE ERA & LUNATIC FRINGE '09



ArtSoc's annual visual art & sculpture exhibition this year was themed on **'Ireland through the Ages'**, and featured original pieces created by society members. The exhibition was launched by special guest Jim Fitzpatrick, one of the world's most renowned Celtic Artists. In addition, the Art Society launched the latest edition of their annual comic book, **'Lunatic Fringe'**. The standard of work was very impressive and the societies Vice Auditor was awarded Best Fresher at the NUIG Society Awards '09.



Focus '09

Presented annually by PhotoSoc, the **Focus Exhibitions** are renowned for showcasing the photographic talents of NUIG students and staff. This year the exhibition was particularly successful, with a large number of contributors and a strong response to the audience's choice competition.

MATHS & ART



This is the second year that MathSoc create an exhibition which united mathematics and art as part of the festival. This year's collection included a number of fascinating 3D models and mathematically derived artwork, as well as illustration of the links between mathematics and art in the works of famous artists like M. C. Escher. All three exhibitions took place in the foyer of Áras na Mac Léinn which worked very well as it provided a wealth of intriguing art for the viewers throughout the week.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

A new exhibition concept for the Múscailt festival, **A Day in the Life** presented a multimedia snapshot of a day in the life of NUI Galway, presented by PhotoSoc and RadioSoc in the AM Building. A host of photographs and audio recordings taken in a 24-hour period immersed visitors in an intimate portrait of campus life. Special thanks to the Arts office Volunteers who helped create and curate the event.



DISCO INFERNO BY JUSTIN SEPPLÉ

Working late in a London nightclub, 'Disco Inferno', Jack meets Lady Marmalade. Dreaming of becoming successful, he makes a pact with her, trading his soul to fulfil his wildest fantasies.

Galway University Musical Society's (GUMS) latest hit musical production was full of fantastic hits from the seventies, with numbers such as **'Hot Stuff'**, **'Celebration'**, and of course **'Disco Inferno'**, to name but a few! GUMS provided six unbeatable nights of entertainment for students and adults alike in the Black Box Theatre, as well as a matinee performance to cater to local schools and children. The show with a huge cast, back stage crew and musicians attracted record attendance thanks to their effective publicity campaign and the links they creates with Galway schools through their NUIG Schools Musical Awards. The Awards in their second year saw members of the society give workshops in dance, drama and singing to second level schools in County Galway plus they attended and adjudicated the musicals produced by all the participating schools. This culminated in an Oscars style gala awards ceremony on campus for the schools. The Musical society had kept a high profile on campus throughout the year by hosting a variety of events including the very popular NUIG's Got Talent Competition.



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AN CUMANN DRÁMAÍOCHTA

Radhairc as **'Mac Bheatha'** le William Shakespeare. Sa bhliain 1925 d'aistrigh S. Labhrás Ó Súilleabháin Tragéid cháiliúil Shakespeare 'Macbeth' go Gaeilge agus chuir Nicholas Williams eagar air le déanaí.

Excerpt from 'Macbeth': the play, translated to Irish in 1925 by S. Labhrás Ó Súilleabháin and edited to modern Irish recently by Nicholas Williams. The play was performed in Aras na Gaeilge Amharclann with a particularly impressive and atmospheric witches scene.



DRAMSOC,S DOUBLE BILL

DramSoc presented a double bill of theatre in the Space, Áras na MacLéinn on Tuesday and Wednesday:

Mexican Standoff [by Gearoid Dempsey] 3 Friends... 2 Guns... 1 Shot. Performed in the round it made dramatic use of the space.

The World's Wife

Mephisto Theatre, alumni members of Dramsoc, returned by invitation to perform extracts from their spectacular production which received a new treatment in the intimate round setting.

SEANCHAS

The Nothing Specific Society hosted a storytelling evening inspired by traditional forms of Irish entertainment. The stories were loosely themed on ancient Irish Mythology. The event took place in Múscailt's specially created 'Space'.

ONE ACT PLAY SERIES

[THE JEROME HYNES MEMORIAL COMPETITION]

For the fourth year the Jerome Hynes Memorial Award was presented to the winning play in the One Act Play Series. Preparation for the One Act series started in September with a call for scripts. Scripts were submitted on very varied themes by the MA in Drama and Theatre Studies and the MA in Writing and two by undergraduates. The series was overseen by the Róna Hughes and coordinated by Tara Mckevitt (Societies office). Once the plays were chosen writing workshops were provided by Brendan Murray. Dramsoc organised castings and the search for directors and rehearsals started before Christmas. In January each play was critiqued by Rod Goodall in individual sessions. Technical workshops were provided, lighting, set and props was organised in conjunction with Dramsoc. One major challenge for Tara was finding rehearsal space for nine productions.

The plays were performed in three sets of three at lunch-time with an omnibus edition including adjudication on the Friday night all in the Bank of Ireland Theatre. The adjudicators were Roz Dixon (English Dept) and Andrew Flynn (Director GYT). The night ended with a feedback session and a party. Front of house support was provided by the Arts office volunteers. The standard was very high this year and the participants benefited from the process. DVD of all the plays have been produced by the Societies Office. Two of the plays have already gone on to receive professional productions and since its inception nine years ago numerous participants have gone on to form professional theatre companies.

Stopped Writer/Dir.: Tara Waters

A relationship continues despite a serious lack of communication after a tragic death within the family years before.

Headbangers Writer: Eoghan Timoney. Dir.: Adam White

A young frustrated man comes to terms with the world through his imagination by realising that the world can be a much more colourful and exciting place.

Clamped Writer/Dir.: Stephen Reilly [Won Judges' Choice]

Stan is a Clamper whose life is passing him by. Unforeseen circumstances require action. But can a man who subscribes to the concept of immobilisation as a means of progress engineer a happy future?

Geriatric Saint Patrick Writer/Dir.: Declan Mungovan

A man claiming to be Saint Patrick, and left forgotten in an old folks home, battles with the health service executive to keep his bed. On the way he muses about his life's work, ageing and reality TV.

Open Heart Writer/Dir.: Justine Nakase [Won Judges' Choice]

A series of grotesque love poems exploring pain, longing, and the desire to connect.

Trollied

Writer/Dir.: Róisín Stack [Won Best Production]

Two girls and a trolley, armed with some cans, in a car park on a damp night. Just your average sixteenth birthday, until the games begin.

Mücella Writer: John Smyth. Dir.: Florian Merle

A day in the life of a young Turkish woman in a western-European city, exploring her desire to integrate fully into her surroundings and the obstacles she faces.

My Only Sunshine Writer: Joan Leonard. Dir.: Rita O'Donoghue

The illness of a parent transforms life for teenager Laura and her father as the whole family disintegrates. The play examines how sickness can rot the basic structure of the nuclear family in western society.

At A Loss Writer: Anne Blake. Dir.: Maria Tivnan [Won Jerome Hynes Award for best play. Best Male Actor (Shane McDermott), Best Female Actor (Lucia Smith) and Best Director]

One small decision can take away everything that a person takes for granted. Laura makes a simple mistake but the consequences are anything but simple. At A Loss explores what happens when everything that seems certain changes in an instant.



THE LORD OF THE RINGS TRIATHLON

On the Friday of Múscailt, FilmSoc showed **the Lord of the Rings Trilogy** in a marathon session for die-hard fans and casual filmgoers alike in the comfort of 'the space'. The session will begin with *The Fellowship of the Ring* at 11am, followed by *The Two Towers* (3pm) and concluded with *The Return of the King* (7pm).

COEN BROTHERS WEEK

FilmSoc also showed a series of movies to celebrate the Coen Brothers in the O'Flaherty Theatre. On Tuesday was their first feature film, **Blood Simple**, plus a brief introduction to the Coens' influence on film. A hugely influential comedy, **The Big Lebowski**, screened on Wednesday, and the Coen Brothers' latest film, **Burn After Reading**, was shown on Thurs-

CINEMATIC TIMELINE

Presented by FanSci, the timeline celebrated the history of fantasy & science-fiction cinema from the 1900s to the 1960s, with multiple screenings each day in 'The Space'.



A Trip to the Moon (1902) 15 min. [dir. G. Melies]

Six astronomers build a space capsule and a huge cannon to shoot it into space.

Frankenstein (1910) 16 min. [dir. J. S. Dawley]

Silent adaptation of the Mary Shelly novel.



The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari (1921) 71 min. [dir. R. Wiene]

A strange prophecy leads to a bizarre sequence of events in this atmospheric German horror classic.

Nosferatu (1922) 94 min. [dir. F. W. Murnau]

Originally unauthorised retelling of *Dracula*, this film exists today thanks only to the early 'pirate copies' which survived the copyright infringement ruling.



Metropolis (1927) 114 min. [dir. F. Lang]

Sci-Fi masterpiece from a master of darkness, Fritz Lang.



King Kong (1933) 105 min. [dir. M. Cooper & E. Schoedsack]

The original: today, nothing less than a cinematic icon.

Fantasia (1940) 120 min. [conducted by L. Stokowski]

A collection of animated interpretations of great works of classical music, animated with timeless Disney magic.



The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) 92 min. [dir. R. Wise]

Strange extra-planetary powers threaten the earth.



Teenagers from Outerspace (1959) 86 min. [dir. T. Graeff]

Teenage hoodlums on an interplanetary rampage... or just the worst film ever made?



Planet of the Apes (1968) 112 min. [dir. F. J. Schaffner]

Four astronauts crash-land on a planet of intelligent apes.



Night of the Living Dead (1968) 96min [dir. G. A. Romero]

A formative contribution to the zombie-horror genre.



JUGGLING

XTRAVAGANZA

Juggling Soc provided a comprehensive introduction to various juggling skills with their **Juggling 101** class in the hall in a Áras na Mac Léinn before wowing students with an **outdoor fire juggling show** in front of the Bank of Ireland Theatre.



CHESS MANIA!

Chess Soc's strongest member, Zaidan Zulikli, played more than 20 simultaneous chess matches, a feat that tested him both mentally and physically, as he made over 100 moves an hour. Meanwhile, his opponents had plenty of time to ponder their own moves; nevertheless, Zaidan managed to win the majority of his games in an outstanding display of mental showmanship! This event also took place in the hall in Áras na Mac Léinn.