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Síle de Valera TD, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science is pictured with (l-r): Dr Frank Mulligan, Vice-President; Dan Flinter, Chairman of Governing Authority; Professor John Hughes, President; Professor Jim Walsh, Vice-President.

Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, **Síle de Valera TD** launched the NUI Maynooth *Strategic Plan 2006-2011* at a reception in the John Hume Building, Tuesday 28 February.

Nine key strategic goals are identified in the plan, addressing areas such as the University's core academic activities of teaching and research, and including strengths such as access and lifelong learning.

Specific goals include increasing undergraduate and postgraduate student numbers, doubling the number of PhD students by 2013, and expanding the number of mature students, international students and students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Other specific goals include increasing funded research from the current annual investment of €15m to €25m in 2011, and expanding the number of Centres of Research Excellence.

Further objectives include developing new inter-institutional collaborations in teaching and research, and reducing reliance on State annual block grants from the current level of over 40 per cent.

NUI Maynooth's regional impact is examined, while the plan also addresses internal issues including reform of its governance, management and organisational structures to ensure fulfilment of the University's academic objectives.

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DR MAEVE MARTIN - REPORT PUBLISHED

A Task Force dealing with student behaviour in second level schools, which was chaired by Dr Maeve Martin, Education Department, NUI Maynooth, issued its report, *School Matters*, on Tuesday 14 March.

The report contained 21 broad areas of recommendation and listed over 100 associated actions to help schools deal with disruptive behaviour in the classroom.

Following its publication, Minister for Education and Science, Mary Hanafin TD announced a package of measures to deal with behaviour problems.

Dr Martin is a Senior Lecturer in the Education Department and, as a psychologist, has responsibility for the teaching of psychology in the Department's programmes.



Minister for Education and Science, Mary Hanafin TD with Dr Maeve Martin.

from the editor

Highlight of this edition is the publication of NUI Maynooth's *Strategic Plan 2006-2011*. The plan is characterised by its detail, scope and ambition, and will steer the University to new heights as a national and international centre of excellence in the years ahead.

Congratulations to all involved in devising the plan, including staff members who took up the offer to provide inputs and contributions. Well done, in particular, to Vice-President, Dr Frank Mulligan, who put in enormous work. The publication deserves to be widely read and studied.

Final deadline for suggestions for the next edition of *University News* is early May. Thanks for your help and co-operation.

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STRATEGIC PLAN PICTURE GALLERY



Cllr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Naas and Cllr. Paul Kelly, Leixlip, pictured with John McElligott, Head of Security.



Professor Kay Ohlendieck, Department of Biology with Teresa Redmond, also Department of Biology.



Dr Bernard Mahon, Institute of Immunology; Professor Gerry Boyle, Department of Economics; Professor Ruairí Ó hUiginn, Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge.



Richard George (forefront), member of Governing Authority, pictured with other guests.



Saranne Magennis, Quality Promotion Office; Dr Thomas Kelly, Department of Philosophy; Siobhán Ní Fhoghlú, Oifigeach na Gaeilge.



Chairman of Governing Authority, Dan Flintner.

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RUSSIANS PAY VISIT

On 15-16 February, a delegation from Voronezh State University visited NUI Maynooth. The schedule included an informal reception in Renehan Hall, where those interested in establishing contacts with Russia were welcome to attend.

Voronezh SU has a track record of interest in Irish matters, represented by a Centre for Irish Studies with a publication series, and wishes to build on this. The university hopes to establish links with Irish universities and chose NUI Maynooth and University College Cork for this purpose. ■



Pictured are (l-r): Professor Oleg Belenov; Professor Vincent Comerford, Department of History; Professor Alexander Miroshnikov; President, Professor John Hughes; Professor Vyacheslav Kashkin.

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH DAY



Margaret Etherson, Department of Biology, who won a prize for her poster presentation on Postgraduate Research Day, pictured with President, Professor John Hughes.

The NUI Maynooth Postgraduate Research Day was held on 1 March, with over 150 postgraduates showcasing their innovative research to the general public. Areas of presentation included youth obesity and muscular dystrophy. The day also included presentations, exhibitions, workshops and displays from all parts of the country. ■

BOOK FEATURES NUIM RESEARCH



Three NUI Maynooth researchers feature in a new book, *Flashes of Brilliance* by Irish Times Science Editor, Dick Ahlstrom. Professor Kay Ohlendieck, Department of Biology, features for his work on Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Dr Tomás Ward, Department of Electronic Engineering and Dr Charles Markham, Department of Computer Science, feature for their work in developing a new way for paraplegics to interact with the outside world. The book was launched by Micheál Martin TD, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, on Tuesday 28 March. ■

MASTERS IN MEDIA LAUNCHED



John McColgan pictured with NUI Maynooth student Ciara Ryan and Professor Jim Walsh, Vice-President.

Producers Moya Doherty and John McColgan launched NUI Maynooth's new MA in Radio and Television Production at a ceremony held on campus, Friday 10 March.

Doherty and McColgan's company, River Productions, will sponsor part of the new programme and have brought on board Liam Miller, former Director of Television Programmes at RTÉ, to co-ordinate a special master-class in television production.

The new degree programme, which builds on the current undergraduate degree in Media Studies, also continues NUI Maynooth's long-running association with Maynooth-based Kairos Communications Ltd.

Both Doherty and McColgan were awarded honorary doctorates by NUI Maynooth in May 2003, as recognition for their contribution to the entertainment industry both in Ireland and abroad. ■

RURAL DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Students of the Rural Development programme at the Department of Adult and Community Education, along with their counterparts in UCD, UCC and NUI Galway, were involved in an extensive study into rural life in Ireland, published on 23 January.

The study *Rural Living: An Analysis of 1,249 Households in the Republic of Ireland* was launched by Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Mr Éamon Ó Cuív TD, at a special reception held at NUI Galway.

Commenting on the study, Minister Ó Cuív said that it made a valuable contribution to our understanding of the changes and pressures being experienced by rural communities at a time of radical change. He also complimented the academic directors and students for their research work. ■



ASTRO2 WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Astro2, the Astronomy and Physics Society at NUI Maynooth, was presented with the Nexus Award for Best Student Physics Society in the UK and Ireland on 19 January. Nexus is the student branch of the Institute of Physics, the professional body for physicists in the UK and Ireland.

The award was presented to two representatives of Astro2 – Emily Duffy, President, and Eoin Butler, Vice-President – at the Institute of Physics Awards ceremony in the Savoy Hotel, London. Others in attendance included eminent physicists who received prizes for their work in areas as diverse as optoelectronics, string theory and physics education.



President of the Institute of Physics, Professor Sir John Enderby is pictured with Emily Duffy, Astro2 President, and Eoin Butler, Astro2 Vice-President.

NEW BIOMEDICAL OPTION



Students get new Biomedical option.

An expanded Biological and Biomedical Sciences degree is being offered to students applying for entry in 2006-2007, offering a strong Biomedical option for students in their third and fourth years.

With graduate entry to medicine being established in Irish medical schools, the Biomedical branch of the degree provides students interested in a medical career with a comprehensive grounding in the biology of modern medicine.

HAMILTON PRIZE WINNER



Pictured are Noel Rogers, NUI Maynooth, winner of the Royal Irish Academy Hamilton Prize in Mathematics, October 2005, with Nobel Prize-winner, Professor Steven Weinberg (left) and Michael Deeny, Managing Director, DEPFA Bank (right).

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UPCOMING DEADLINES

ENTERPRISE IRELAND:

Innovation Partnerships

Application deadline: 16 May and 20 June

Further details: http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/ResearchInnovate/R+and+D+Collaboration/Innovation_Partnerships.htm

Proof of Concept Fund

Application deadline: 10 May

Further details: http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/ResearchInnovate/Research+Commercialisation/Proof_of_Concept_Phase.htm

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA):

Doctoral Scholarship Scheme 2006

Application deadline: Monday 24 April

EPA Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme 2006

The EPA invites proposals for specific post-doctoral environmental research fellowships (FS1-FS5).

Application deadlines:

Monday 10 April for Fellowships FS-1, FS-2 and FS-3. Monday 24 April for Fellowships FS-4 and FS-5

Further details and application forms are available at: <http://www.epa.ie/EnvironmentalResearch/FundingAwards/>

IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (IRCSET):

Postgraduate Research Scholarship Scheme (2006)

Over 250 new-entrant Masters or Doctorate-level researchers in the sciences, engineering and technology will be funded.

Applications will only be received via the Online Grants System.

Application deadline: 5pm on Thursday 13 April

Details can be found at: http://www.ircset.ie/grant_schemes/postgrad.html

DAAD (GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE)

Funding from DAAD is now available for the Study Visits Grant Scheme for Senior Academics during 2006. The grant is open to senior academics, from all fields, from UK or Irish universities to carry out research at universities, research institutes, libraries or archives in Germany for a period of one to three months between June 2006 and January 2007.

Application deadline: 14 April

More details on DAAD (London) website:

<http://london.daad.de/html/mainframe.html?header=header.html&headerContent=05Funding/scholarDHeader.html&content=05Funding/scholarD.html&menu=funding>

MAJOR GIS CONFERENCE

GIS in Practice was the theme of a one-day conference hosted by the National Centre for Geocomputation (NCG) on Wednesday 25 January. Among the speakers was Professor Andrew Curtis, Louisiana State University, who found himself, as Director of GIS Operations, at the forefront of the relief response to Hurricane Katrina.

Speaking on the topic of *GIS and Crime* was Spencer Chainey, Director of GIS at the Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science, University College London.

Of further interest was NCG Director, Professor Stewart Fotheringham's talk on the controversial use of postcodes in Ireland, while Professor Mike Goodchild, University of California, Santa Barbara and Walton Fellow at the NCG also addressed the well-attended event.

Pictured are (l-r): Spencer Chainey, Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science; Professor Mike Goodchild, Walton Fellow NCG; Professor Stewart Fotheringham, Director NCG; Martin Charlton, Associate Director NCG.



PRESIDENTIAL LUNCH



Retirees and presentation recipients pictured with President, Professor John Hughes and Monsignor Dermot Farrell, President, St Patrick's College.

The inaugural Presidential Lunch, hosted by President, Professor John Hughes and Monsignor Dermot Farrell, President, St Patrick's College, was held in Pugin Hall on Friday 3 March. The lunch marked the recent retirements of the following from the University/College, each of whom received a presentation:

Sarah Flynn, Applied Social Studies; Dr Fred Lunnon, Computer Science; Margaret McCormack, Crèche; Vincent Murphy, Power House; Pat O'Connor, Catering.

Presentations were also made to the following members of staff, to mark their 25 years service with the University/College:

Dan O'Shea, Computer Centre; Joan Buckley, Crèche; Brenda Carruthers, Catering; Professor Phil Dix, Biology; Mary Lynch, Telephonist; Dr Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Sean agus Mean Ghaeilge; Professor Séamus Ó Cinnéide, Applied Social Studies; Marie-Thérèse Power, General Services. ■

SRI LANKA WORKSHOP

The Anthropology Department held a one-day intensive workshop on Saturday 11 February entitled *Sri Lanka Update: Beyond Civil War and Tsunami*.

The morning session focused on the decades of ethnic violence in Sri Lanka, while the afternoon session considered the aftermath of the tsunami, which struck with calamitous force in December 2004.

The workshop was organised by Chandana Mathur as part of the Department's postgraduate certificate programme in Anthropology and Development. ■



Pictured are (l-r): Dr Séamas Ó Siocháin, Anthropology Department; Niall Tierney, Concern Worldwide; Dr Pradeep Jeganathan, International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Dr Dagmar Hellman-Rajanayagam, University of Passau, Germany; Dr Chandana Mathur, Anthropology Department.

SHAKESPEARE CONFERENCE



Pictured are (l-r): Professor Brian Cosgrove, Head of Department of English; Dr Margaret Kelleher, Acting Head of Department of English; Professor Declan Kiberd, UCD, speaker; President, Professor John Hughes.

The Department of English, in conjunction with the School of English and Drama at UCD, held a two-day conference from 24-25 February on the theme *Shakespeare and the Irish Writer*.

The successful conference had speakers from Israel, Greece and Canada, as well as from Ireland. Professor Declan Kiberd, UCD, delivered the keynote address. ■

DONATION TO LIBRARY

The Library recently acquired a donation of over 1,000 books and pamphlets on cartography. The material is the private library of Professor John Andrews collected over 50 years. Professor Andrews taught Historical Geography in TCD from 1954 to 1990 and is Ireland's leading scholar in the history of Irish maps, cartography and surveying. A reception to mark the donation was held in the Russell Library on 16 February.

Pictured are (l-r): President, Professor John Hughes; Professor John Andrews; Librarian, Agnes Neligan; Dr Jacinta Prunty, Department of History; Professor Patrick Duffy, Department of Geography.



NUIM GRADUATES DO WELL

NUI Maynooth graduates continue to enjoy the highest placement rates among labour market entrants from the university sector. For the second successive year, the 'seeking employment' rate for NUIM primary degree recipients is below 1 per cent, comparing very well with other universities with all reporting higher rates of unemployment.

The placement rate for those with higher degrees is also high at 98 per cent, while the rate for holders of postgraduate diplomas is 100 per cent. Recipients of the Higher Diploma in Education also experienced a 100 per cent placement rate.



Loretta Jennings, Head of Career Development Centre.

The survey was undertaken by the Career Development Centre and submitted to the HEA for inclusion in their composite report assessing the initial career destinations of graduates.

COCAINE ABUSE SEMINAR



The Department of Adult and Community Education ran a one-day seminar on cocaine misuse and abuse on Saturday 25 February. Some 70 people attended from the Department's 14 outreach centres around the country.

Josephine Finn, Continuing Education Coordinator, pictured with Brian Desmond, former Continuing Education Support Officer and Kellyann Reid, Continuing Education Support Officer.

PERSONNEL NEWS

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce that the following have accepted appointment to posts in the University:

Academic Appointment

- Dr Sinéad Miggin, Lecturer, Department of Biology (Three-year contract post)

Non-Academic Appointments

- Ms Maria Bolton, Project Officer: Staff Development, Quality Promotion Office (Six-month contract post)
- Ms Laura Callaghan, Quality Assurance Officer, Quality Promotion Office (One-year contract post)
- Ms Deirdre Daly, Technician, Department of Biology
- Ms Joan Mullan, Institutional Research Officer, Quality Promotion Office (Two-year contract post)

Posts Advertised

Lecturer in the Department of Experimental Physics
Lecturer/Junior Lecturer in the Department of German
Professorship in the Department of Biology
Lecturer in Ecology, Department of Biology
Technician in the Department of Chemistry

Interviews Held

- 14 March Analyst Programmer (Three-year contract post), Computer Centre
- 15 March Technician in the Department of Electronic Engineering
- 16 March Systems Programmer (Three-year contract post), Computer Centre

LIBRARY PROMOTIONS

Applications are invited from eligible library staff for promotion from the grade of Assistant Librarian Grade II to the grade of Assistant Librarian Grade I. The closing date for receipt of applications at the Personnel Office is 7 April. Copies of the procedures are available on request from the Personnel Office. Ext. 3866; e-mail: personnel@nuim.ie This documentation is also available on the Personnel Office web page.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

The Employee Assistance Programme is a support programme provided by the University for staff members. The programme provides a confidential counselling service designed to assist staff members in dealing with any issue that adversely affects their health, well-being, personal or professional life.

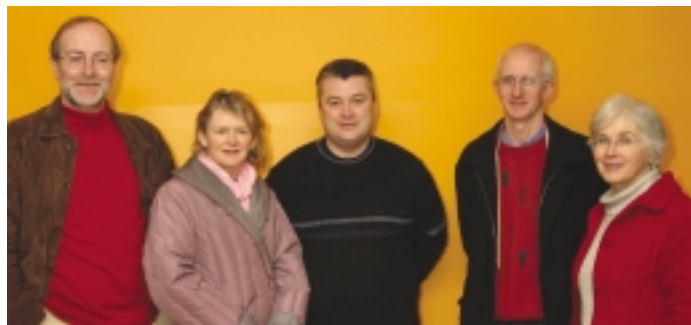
If you have a problem that is troubling you, then you can get help and support. You can avail of the service by calling the following free phone number:

1 800 201 346

NUAIGHT NA GAELIGE

Maidin na nDaltaí in Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad

Bhí Téatar 1 i bhFoirgneamh na nEalaíon, Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad, lán le daltaí meán scoile maidin Dé Sathairn 28 Eanáir. 'Maidin na nDaltaí' a bhí ann, ócáid bhliantúil a reachtálann Craobh Chill Dara de Chomhar na Múinteoirí Gaeilge i gcomhar le hOifig Gaeilge na hOllscoile. Daltaí Arteistiméireachta atá i gceist agus tagann siad isteach san Ollscoil le léachtaí ar shiollabas an scrúdaithe a chloisint ó scoth na múinteoirí. Ba iad An Dr Íde Ní Uallacháin, Micheál Ó Ruairc, Lorcán Ó Treasaigh agus Féidhlim Mac Donnchadha na léachtoirí i mbliana. Bheadh cur amach ag go leor daltaí ar shaothair liteartha le Micheál Ó Ruairc agus Lorcán Ó Treasaigh. Bhí daltaí ó aon scoil déag i láthair i mbliana agus múinteoirí díograiseacha ina dteannta – céimithe de chuid Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad ina measc. Céimithe de chuid na hOllscoile leis iad An Dr Ní Uallacháin, Iarbhunscoil Mhaigh Nuad, Lorcán Ó Treasaigh agus Féilim Mac Donncha. Bhí idir dhaltaí agus mhúinteoirí lán-sásta le hardchaidheán na léachtaí.



Micheál Ó Ruairc, Aingéal Seoighe, Lorcán Ó Treasaigh, Féilim Mac Donncha agus Siobhán Ní Fhoghlú ag Maidin na nDaltaí.

An Amhránaíocht do Mhic Léinn an Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge

Tá ag éirí thar barr leis an gcúrsa don Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge atá á reachtáil ag Ionad na dTeangacha agus Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge. Cúrsa dhá bhliain é agus tá raon leathan ábhar ar an Siollabas. Aithnítear an Dioplóma mar cháilíocht Gaeilge iontrála don chúrsa oiliúna múinteoireachta iarchéime i gColáiste Phádraig. Droim Conrach. Gné ghníomhach den léann a bhí i gceist Dé Sathairn 28 Eanáir, nuair a bhí ceardlann agus léachtaí ar an amhránaíocht ar bun. Antaine Ó Faracháin agus Úna Ní Chiosáin a léirigh an traidisiún agus a mheall na mic léinn chun foinn a ghabháil.



Mic Léinn Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad le Anna Ní Ghallachair, stiúthóir agus le hAntaine Ó Faracháin agus Úna Ní Chiosáin, Léachtoirí.

Cóisir an Earraigh

Cheiliúr cuid de phobal Gaeilge na hOllscoile Bríd i mbliana le cóisir an Earraigh ag deireadh mhí Feabhra. Bhí togha ceoil á sheinn ag Pól Ó Seachnasaigh ar an bhfidil, Tomás Ó Póil ar na píobáí uillinn agus ar fheadóga agus Eithne Ní Chatháin ar an bhfidil. Chas Eithne amhráin chomh maith agus, mar is eol do go leor faoi seo, is í atá oilte ar an gceird. Bhí an-oíche ann agus chas cuid den chomhlúadar cúpla amhrán sular scoradar.

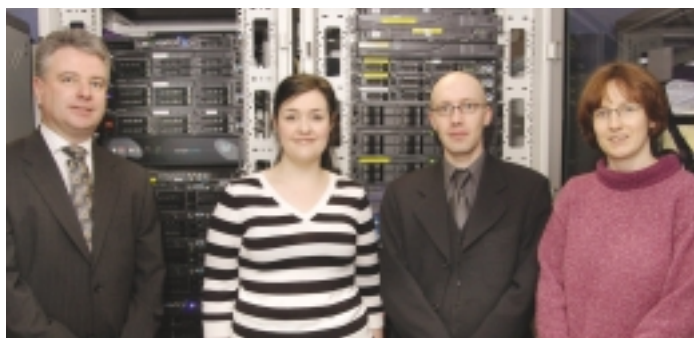
CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATED

On 8 February, NUI Maynooth hosted Chinese New Year celebrations to mark the 'Year of the Dog'. The International Office hosted a reception for the University's 77 Chinese students who gathered with family and friends. Mr Tang Jiwei, First Secretary (Education) from the Chinese Embassy was in attendance, along with President, Professor John Hughes.



President, Professor John Hughes toasts the Chinese New Year with (l-r): Yi Guo, student; Mr Tang Jiwei, First Secretary (Education) from the Chinese Embassy; Yong Jin, student.

NEW WEBSITE



Pictured are (l-r): Brian Carolan, Director of the Computer Centre, with Kirstie McDermott and Brian Doody, both Eclipse, and Rosie Cleary, Computer Centre.

The newly designed, restyled and restructured NUI Maynooth website was formally rolled out on Wednesday 18 January. After over six months in preparation, the website – which was designed and developed by Eclipse – is easier to navigate, has a newly-introduced search engine, has better illustrations, the use of quality photographic inputs, and has accessible content for people with disabilities and visual impairments.

"The reaction has been very positive," Brian Carolan, Director of the Computer Centre, said. "We have had a very positive response across campus and from outside."

SPORTS HISTORY CONFERENCE

On Saturday 18 February, the History Department hosted the second Irish Sports History Conference at NUI Maynooth. Following the success of the 2005 conference, which was held in UCD, a comprehensive and fascinating programme of lectures was organised for the 2006 event. Topics included the origins of football, the 1970 Springbok tour, Muhammad Ali in Dublin in 1972, and the first All Ireland hurling final in 1888.



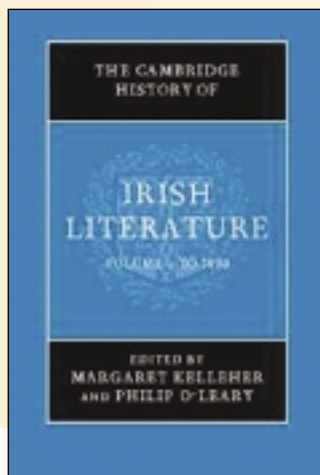
Pictured are (l-r): Paul Rouse, conference organiser; Professor Vincent Comerford, NUI Maynooth; Brian Griffin and Kelly Fitzgerald, both speakers.

FACULTY OF ARTS NOTES

This year's interviews for mature student applicants have been taking place through March, with several hundred students interviewed for places on the Arts programme. The Faculty has also established a selection board for the John and Pat Hume Scholarships for postgraduate research students; those nominated are Dr Peter Denman (Chair), Dr Thomas O'Connor, Dr Mark Humphries, Dr Chris Morash, Dr Gordon Campbell and Dr Catherine Leen.

The recently published two-volume *Cambridge History of Irish Literature*, which contains a number of contributions by members of the Faculty and of which Dr Margaret Kelleher of the Department of English is co-editor, will be launched at a function in the Royal Irish Academy on 29 March.

An active programme of visiting speakers in various departments continued through the semester. In the Department of Anthropology, Dr Maya Unnithan of the University of Sussex spoke on 15 and 16 February on issues relating to reproduction in northwest India, and at the beginning of March Dr Ruth Mandell of University College, London lectured on citizenship and



race in Germany, and led a seminar on international aid in Kazakhstan. The Department of Sociology and NIRSA hosted Dr Kaye Fisher on 9 February, talking on the use of oral history to investigate sexual beliefs and practices. Dr Holly Rogers of UCD visited the Department of Music on 10 March to speak on Beethoven.

Dr Joe Cleary and Dr Emer Nolan of the Department of English, and Dr Chandana Mathur of the Department of Anthropology, are organisers of the Twentieth-Century Irish Studies Society, a trans-disciplinary grouping to research all aspects of twentieth-century Irish society and culture. Its inaugural meeting on campus in February consisted of a well-attended lecture by Professor Michael Cronin of DCU.

The sixth *Kilkenny Poetry Broadsheet*, edited by Dr Peter Denman, was launched in Kilkenny at a reception in the Council Offices on 22 March.

The Irish Association for Applied Linguistics, of which Dr Anne Gallagher, Dean of Celtic Studies, is currently the chairperson, will hold a one-day conference on campus on 24 March; the topic will be *The New Languages of Ireland*. The Faculty of Philosophy will host the annual Aquinas lecture on 21 March, to be given by John F. Boyle of the University of St Thomas, Minnesota, and at the end of April Dr Kenneth Seeskin of Northwestern University will deliver two lectures in relation to Maimonides. On 22 April, *The Music and Liturgy of the Medieval Irish Church* will be the subject of a symposium hosted jointly by the Department of Music and the Faculty of Theology of SPCM.

The next meeting of the Faculty of Arts will take place on Monday 8 May. This is likely to be the last meeting before the new faculty structures come into existence.

CAMOGIE TEAM REACHES SEMI-FINALS



Pictured is the NUI Maynooth Camogie team defeated by Jordanstown 2-9 to 2-6 in the semi-finals of the Purcell Cup. The team made it to the penultimate stage of the competition with victories over Limerick I.T. by 3-15 to 1-5 and Tralee I.T. by 2-11 to 3-4.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Bernie Gildea, who has worked for the past seven years in the President's Office, has recently taken up a new post with the Continuing Education team in the Department of Adult and Community Education.

Bernie is a graduate of NUI Maynooth, where she received a BA in Community Studies and an MA in Adult Education. She took up her new appointment in March.



Bernie Gildea - new appointment.

BRIGHT IDEAS

'Bright Ideas' – the staff suggestion scheme launched by Professor Jim Walsh on 30 January – will continue to take suggestions up to the end of April. Staff members are invited to submit their ideas for quality improvement on campus at <http://qpo.nuim.ie/qpo/Local/brightIdeas/index.htm> or on forms available from the Quality Promotion Office. The best suggestion each month will attract a prize of €100. The 'Bright Ideas' committee will consider all ideas.



Members of the 'Bright Ideas' committee (l-r): John Saults, General Services; Ann McKeon, Freedom of Information; Professor Jim Walsh, Vice-President; Lynne Budden, Quality Promotion Office. Dr Shelagh Waddington, Geography, not in picture.

BRIAN GORMLEY DEPARTS



Brian Gormley, at the reception to mark his farewell.

Best wishes to Brian Gormley, Director of Student Services, who has departed NUI Maynooth to take up a new position at DIT. Brian was appointed Student Services Officer in October 1995, eventually becoming Director of Student Services. A graduate of DCU, who took his Masters in Student Personnel Administration at Central Missouri State University in the United States, he moved to his new post at the end of February.

MUSIC ON CAMPUS

The Music Department, along with the University Music Society, presented a wide-ranging and well-received series of lunchtime concerts, evening events, seminars and lectures during the second semester, from February-April.

Among the highlights were performances by the Maynooth Guitar Orchestra, Maynooth University Orchestra, University Choral Society, University Chamber Choir, and a special celebration of 250 years of Mozart in the College Chapel, scheduled for 30 April.

