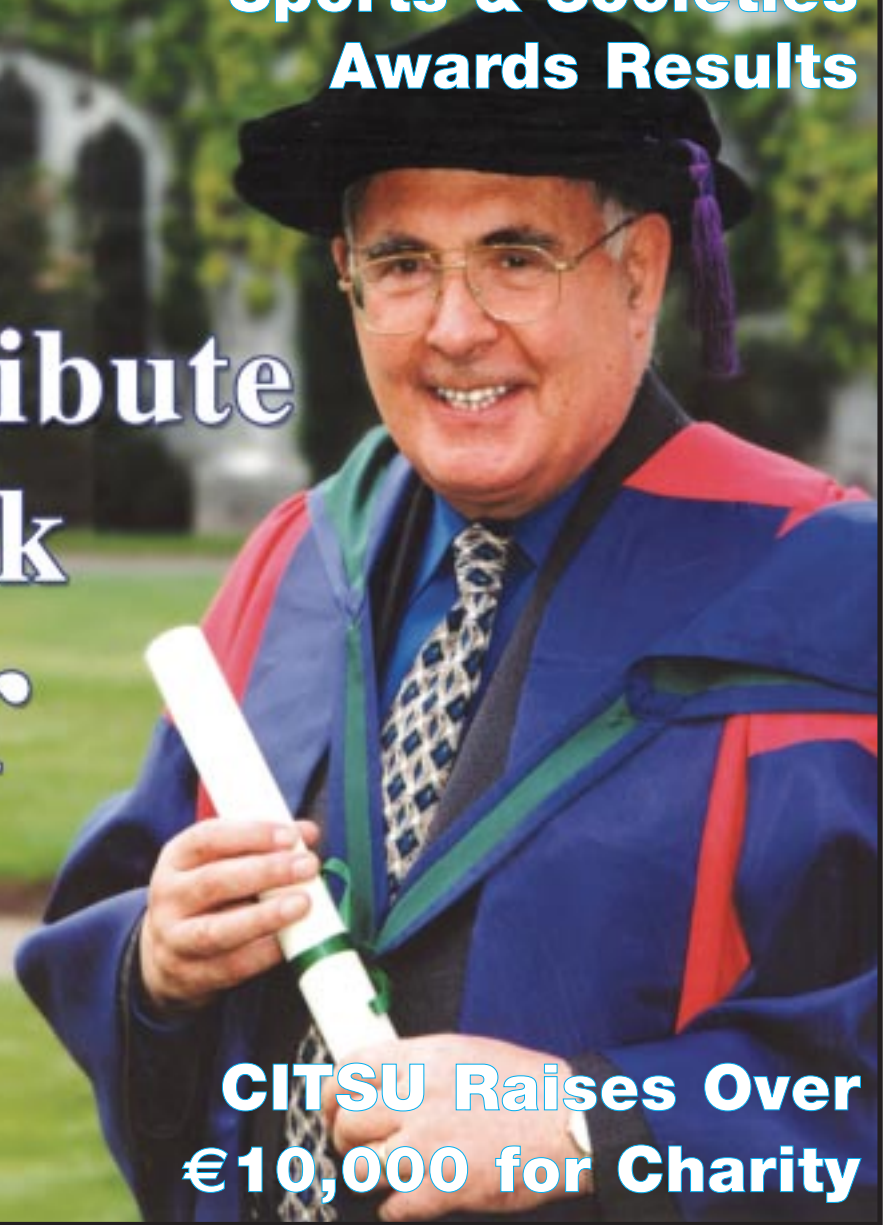


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## explicit Editorial



Welcome to another jam-packed edition of your favourite student magazine, explicit. This edition includes a feature on CIT Director, Dr Patrick Kelleher who is due to retire soon, reviews of the Sports Awards and Society Awards, features, news, reviews and much more.

There was a sigh of relief around CIT as the Cork School of Music finally received the go-ahead from the Government. No small cause for celebration. The announcement was made by the Minister for Education and Science, Noel Dempsey, TD, on the 25 March and was greeted with joy by the Institute as a whole.

Let me welcome you all back from the Easter break, I hope you had a great time whether you went home or not. To those of you who used the extra time to study I take my hat off, but for the rest I hope that all the partying has been done and the heads have been cleared, because my friends its nearly that time of year again. . . EXAM TIME. Every student, whether you are a first year entering this daunting time or a well seasoned pro, dreads this fearful time of year, but fear not my good people, there shall be light at the end of the tunnel in the form of summer holidays.

For some of you this could be the last few weeks that you grace these halls, to you we wish the best of luck with whatever life may throw at you and to the rest that aren't quite so lucky, I look forward to seeing you around here come next September. We shall all embrace a new year with a different aspect and greet all the new fresh faces that have arrived from far and wide to begin their studies here with us in CIT.

This month on 21 April, explicit and the C.I.T.S.U. Website had a date with destiny in the form of the Oxygen Student Media Awards, which was held in Spirit in Dublin. As this edition went to print before the awards were announced, we are now either celebrating or licking our wounds. Check out [www.citsu.ie](http://www.citsu.ie) for the results.

As you know the mystery tour took place in March and I want to thank Mikey and Tim for organising the event, as a lot of hard work went into it. For those of you who didn't make it, we ended up in The Grand hotel, Killarney. The group that went danced the night away to the sounds of "Transmitter", who I thought were an excellent band (hope to see them here in CIT sometime), and later to the sounds of the Underground in the Nite Club. Also congratulations to all those who won an Easter egg in the monster bingo, I was so tempted to run away with one. . . I hope you all enjoyed pigging out on them.

Time is moving on and I don't want to distract you from your study too much, so best of luck with the exams. Remember to take some time out from study to give your head a break every now and again and just unwind and relax. You'd be surprised how much more you'll take in after a short break.

Enjoy the rest of the issue.

Jay



## Government Gives Green Light to €60 Million Cork School of Music

"It is a fantastic victory for the School of Music students with the announcement from the Minister. Their work and lobbying activity really swung the balance. It just goes to show the difference that can be made by people who believe in what they are fighting for"

The Government decision to proceed with the Cork School of Music PPP project is the result of intensive and detailed work by a number of dedicated individuals and has been greatly welcomed.

On the 25th March 2004, CIT Director, Dr Patrick Kelleher, warmly welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Education and Science, Noel Dempsey, T.D., that the Government has given the go-ahead for the building of the new Cork School of Music. The new School of Music, which will be built by Jarvis Projects and which will be operated by them as a Public Private Partnership for twenty-five years, was originally sanctioned in 2001 but has been the subject of difficulties. The building of the new School of Music at Union Quay is at a capital cost of just under €60 million which includes fit out, equipment and professional fees.

Dr Kelleher said, "This is a very happy day for Cork Institute of Technology, for Cork city and county and Ireland. The Cork School of Music will enrich the lives of everyone for generations to come. Cork city will have a beautiful building in which to play beautiful music". Particular tribute was also paid to the Taoiseach's commitment and strong support for the project.

Speaking on behalf of CIT students, James Maher, CITSU President, said "It is a fantastic victory for the School of Music students with the announcement from the Minister. Their work and lobbying activity really swung the balance. It just goes to show the difference that can be made by people who believe in what they are fighting for".

He added, "hopefully the project will proceed swiftly and in the near future the need for Moores Hotel will no longer exist. This development is exactly what the students deserve as they have put up with substandard conditions for years on the promise of a new building. Hopefully this will also free the Institute to look at other areas that need improving such as Crawford and prefab city".

Making the announcement in Cork, Minister Dempsey said "The Government was always committed to this important project but were faced with real difficulties, both national and European, in clearing the project and these have now been fully resolved. I am aware of

the deep frustration and difficulties that the delay in progressing the project has caused the Director, staff and students in the daily operation of the CSM since their move to temporary accommodation".

"Today's announcement and financial commitment by my Department over the next quarter of a century will guarantee that this excellence and contribution to the cultural life of the State will continue and be further enhanced in this unique new facility," the Minister concluded.

Head of Development at Cork Institute of Technology, Michael Delaney, said that the announcement was the culmination of long, intensive and difficult negotiations involving CIT, the Department of Education and Jarvis. "It is a considerable relief that all the issues which delayed the project have now been resolved".



He added, "Cork Institute of Technology has been to the forefront of the development of the PPP process in education and today's announcement, along with the National Maritime College, brings the total capital investment under the PPP to approximately €110m".

Dr Geoffrey Spratt, Director of Cork School of Music said that the announcement acknowledged over 120 years of educational provision in the spheres of music and drama. "This means that our School of Music has not only reached the hearts and minds of the people of Cork and its environs, but also the entire population!"

Dr Spratt said that the announcement was a terrific fillip for all concerned with the School of Music: "The students and staff of Cork School of Music have put up with difficult temporary conditions for nearly three years and will do so for the next two. When the new school year commences on 1st September 2006, the amazing work that the staff do with so many talented students will happen in a building fit for the purpose. The Government is to be congratulated on recognising the needs of the Cork School of Music and the value of the educational work it does".

*Courtesy of The Learning City Magazine, April 2004*

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## TEEU Craft Union to begin High Court action on Apprenticeship Fees

The Technical Engineering and Electrical Union has written to eleven Institutes of Technology and the state training agency FÁS informing them that it intends instituting High Court action against them over the imposition of student services fees, and the withholding of examination results from apprentices who have refused to pay the fees. Mass protests by students on February 25th and talks between the institutes and craft unions have so far failed to break the impasse.

The Union's Assistant General Secretary Eamon Devoy says, "We have commenced legal proceedings against FÁS and the Institutes of Technology over this unilateral action, which breaches long established custom and practice. Apprentices are not students but workers. Their employers' pay a statutory training levy towards the cost of training and apprentices contribute through PAYE.

Apprentices are paid well under €200 a week during the early stages of training, or less than the National Minimum Wage, because training is regarded as part of their remuneration. The most hurtful aspect of the black propaganda put out by colleges is that apprentices are highly paid workers unwilling to pay for the use of facilities.

The fact is that colleges see apprentices as a soft target for stealth taxes to recoup shortfalls in budgets from Central Government. Like all stealth taxes, this one impacts disproportionately on the low paid. None of the apprentices earn the sort of money the colleges claim. The figures cited are only earned by some apprentices in the final phase of their apprenticeships after completing the fourth and sixth phases of training at the institutes.

Similarly 'surveys' conducted by the Institutes to support their case are self-serving, incomplete and extremely selective exercises that would be considered academically

unacceptable from a first year sociology student.

We now have a situation where all apprentices who completed phases four and six of their courses between January 1st and March 31st this year have been refused their exam results unless they pay the €223 fee. Apprentices currently undergoing these phases have been told that they too will not receive their exam results unless they pay the levy. "This is totally unacceptable and the union is currently collecting the names of a representative group of apprentices to be joined with the TEEU in the High Court action." Mr Devoy estimates that, at any given time, 6,000 to 8,000 apprentices out of 28,500 can be undergoing training at Institutes of Technology".

CITSU President, James Maher, stated; "C.I.T. campus is used by a diverse range of students. All of those here during the nine to five hours have access to the services provided for by the student registration fee. Apprentices as a group make heavy use of many of these services. While C.I.T.S.U. believes the imposition of registration fees to pay for what are essential services in any third level is a mistake, it is one we are forced to accept to a certain degree. Under these conditions we have no wish to see an inequality exist, such that some users are forced to pay and others not on the basis of what type of learner they are".

He added, "For years a situation has existed where unwaged fulltime students paid for services which were used by waged apprentices free of charge. We don't believe this situation should continue and are, therefore in favour of the apprentices paying proportional fees. However, the area of where the money goes and proper provision of service for the apprentices needs to be addressed by all Institutes of Technology".

## USI Increases Student Subscription Fees by 78% to Combat Debt

The Union of Students in Ireland (USI) decided at their National Congress on Monday 22nd March to increase affiliation fees for the 250,000 students in 40 member colleges from €2.86 to €5. The fee is obtained from the Students' Unions of member colleges who receive their funding from annual student services registration charge.

Students must pay higher subscriptions to USI to help resolve a financial crisis that is forcing officers to work without pay. The Union's annual congress has decided to set up an internal investigation into how the debt situation accumulated.

Although the full extent of the shortfall is unclear, it is believed a six-figure sum is needed to balance the books. USI claim that a major factor in the loss of funds was related to the student travel group USIT, which suffered difficulties after the September 11 attacks in New York.

USI has been forced to make a decision to leave nine elected Union officers off the pay-

roll until their terms end in July. Most will work on voluntarily, foregoing one-quarter of their annual payment of under €20,000. "It's a testament to how committed we are to the job but the situation for the new officer board will be considered before they start work in July," said USI President-Elect, Ben Archibald.

The Department of Education has notified USI that it is to provide them a once-off allocation of €60,000. The reason the funding is being given to USI is because they give students needed information about maintenance grants.

The Union's annual budget is estimated to be around €300,000, including salaries of four staff. The forthcoming investigation approved by congress will be carried out by a committee to find out how the debt arose. "It's not a finger-pointing exercise, we just want to see what lessons can be learned," Mr Archibald said

## SAYIT Signs Exclusive Agreement for Rail Travel Card

SAYIT and Student Travel Card signed an agreement last week that will see SAYIT as the exclusive travel partner for STC (Student Travel Card - Iarnród Éireann). SAYIT will open a new office in September to cope with the demand for the card. The new SAYIT shop will be the only retail premises outside of Dublin where the card will be available. The card provides excellent savings on the bus and rail network across Ireland.

From September the card will also feature other valued added discounts from a wide range of suppliers. The STC can also be used as a means of booking discounted flights on SAYIT's new online booking engine. SAYIT are the first student travel company in Ireland to launch a live online booking engine dedicated to the student and under 26 market.

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On Wednesday 21 April, students from Cork Institute of Technology proved that they have real entrepreneurial talent, with two teams from the Institute winning the top two places at the Enterprise Ireland Student Awards 2004 Competition, which was sponsored by Ulster Bank and Invest Northern Ireland.

Over 400 students from universities, colleges and third level institutions throughout the island of Ireland fought a tough battle to win places in the final of Ireland's richest student enterprise competition with a prize fund of over €40,000. There were five team finalists in Ireland's richest student enterprise competition, including students from the University of Limerick, Tipperary IT, GMTI and Cork Institute of Technology. Students presented their projects to a panel of judges from leading academia and businesses at a special awards ceremony in Carlow Institute of Technology. The winners were announced by Minister Michael Aherm TD.

First prize was awarded to Business Studies students, Cathal Kenneally and Anna Forde, who established Guardian Employee Assurance Services. Drug testing of employees is a growth area – a survey by Personnel Today magazine revealed that almost 40% of employers in the UK have either started or are considering implementing drug testing among employees. Business Studies students Cathal and Anna, have developed a com-

pany to provide a random drug-testing programme for client companies. Their service uses a non-invasive procedure to test employees for substance abuse through hair follicle analysis. The students also developed a bespoke random sampling database system, which would randomly select employees for drug testing. This means no one employee can claim they were singled out deliberately for testing.

Second place was awarded to Biomedical Engineering students Suzanne Malone, Ruth Kelly Walker and Tracy Cotter who developed Zuttra, a handheld infusion tester that is smaller, more portable and cheaper than current testers. The portable electronic measuring device is designed to measure the pressure and flow rate of medical infusion pumps. These pumps are widely used in the medical and industrial sectors and their accuracy is critical, particularly when it comes to the delivery of medication and potent drugs to patients.

Both teams were recent prize winners in CIT's Prize for Innovation Competition. This is a marvellous achievement for the students, their lecturers and the Institute as a whole. This national event will be hosted in CIT next year. Well done to all involved.

*Details courtesy of the Development Office*

## USI Reacts with Disbelief to Minister's Lottery Idea

The Union of Students in Ireland (USI) is hugely sceptical about Minister for Education, Noel Dempsey's proposal for the introduction of a 'lottery system' for entry into third level education. While USI welcomes the Minister's move to open a debate on the issue of alternative means of entry to college, aside from the current points based system, the idea of a raffle being the best method for students from disadvantaged backgrounds getting on certain courses was dismissed as unworkable.

USI President, Will Priestley said: "While the issue of disadvantaged access to college should be high on the agenda of the Minister, it is patronising to look to a lottery scheme as the best means of ensuring such students reach third level. It is true that these students are less likely to be able to afford extra tuition or grind schools, but simply throwing their names into a sweepstake is not a satisfactory way to tackle the problem at its

source. All incentive will be removed for students at second level to maximise their efforts while studying when they realise that their future will just come down to chance at the end of the day.

If he sees this as an area where disadvantaged students are not starting from a level playing field then why not provide the funding that will provide them with the facility to receive extra tuition where necessary? By his own admission these comments are aimed at opening the debate on the issue of disadvantaged access, and are intended as merely the opening gambit in this discussion. If this is true and the Minister is serious about tackling the matter then it is important that he returns to the drawing board to come up with a method that is a little less random than picking a horse in the Grand National".

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**The Executive & Staff of CITSU would like to wish all students the best of luck in their forthcoming exams.**

**Please feel free to call in and visit us should you need any advice or if you run into any difficulties.**

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## CIT Students' Union President

Yet another academic year draws to a close as the exams approach. This year has gone so quickly, it's unbelievable. It has been a year where things have been in the process of changing without reaching conclusion and a lot of changes in the works now will be seen next year. Between the appointment of the new Director designate, the new management structures that are being put in place and the changes to diplomas and certificates - many factors that seemed set in concrete are changing. We will continue to work as hard as we can to ensure that the changes are to the benefit of C.I.T. students.

I have to say this year I have enjoyed working with the executive. The great work and support of my fellow sabbaticals Donna and Colin has kept me going throughout the year and I wish them well in their future adventures.

The sterling work of Mickey, Jamie and Will must also be mentioned, as the year would not have been the same without them. I also thank my lucky stars for a couple of people, who although not even class reps anymore, helped me out a great deal and who I'll miss now they are leaving C.I.T. for Wales and Galway.

However amidst all this I must say I am looking forward to working with the new team of Jamie, Daniel, Ray, Stephanie and Mark. Anyhow good luck with the exams, enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing those returning back again next September and thanks for your support all year.

James

Please feel free to call in or email me [supres@cit.ie](mailto:supres@cit.ie) should you have any problems



## CIT Students' Union Vice President Education

Well guys this is about it. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during the year, especially my two mummies in the main office, Kim and Mella. Thanks to Vicky, Tim and Philip for all the slugging, Kieran and Linda, Dan and Shirley, Mervin for being Mervin and to Aisling, Ger and Joanne in the reprographic room.

It has been a very interesting year and I will take away many happy memories with me. I would encourage anyone who was thinking of getting involved next year to do so. It has been one of the most worthwhile experiences of my life.

I have made a lot of friends who all deserve a mention but I only have so much space. I would like to thank Will, Mikey and Jamie for their help and

good luck to Jamie who will be taking over as Vice President Education next year.

Finally a big thank you to James and Donna for a fantastic year. Well that's about it from me... I am off to seek my fortune. Take it handy and be dog wide.

Later,

Colin "I did it my way" Noonan

If you are having any problems with exams or need grinds call to the SU prefab.



## CIT Students' Union Vice President Welfare

Well as my time in the SU draws to a close I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who helped me out during the year especially to James, Colin and the other members of the executive. I would also like to thank everybody who came to me during the year because it was you that made my job what it was. This was a fantastic year and I have loads of great memories.

I wish Daniel, my successor all the best next year and I know he will do a marvellous job. I would also like to wish James, Jamie and the new executive best wishes.

Take it easy with your exams and try to relax, there is some exam advice in the Welfare Section of this month's magazine. If you need any further help

please call to the Students' Union. Those of you who are travelling this summer please be careful and make sure to get the required jabs and wear sun protection.

I will miss you all and especially CIT, but after 6 years of college life I have decided to do a little travelling across the world. When I come back, CIT will be a changed campus and this is a really exciting time for the Institute and for all of you who are coming back next year. For those of you also moving on from CIT, I hope you have great times ahead and really enjoyed your time here.

Best Wishes  
Donna Foley

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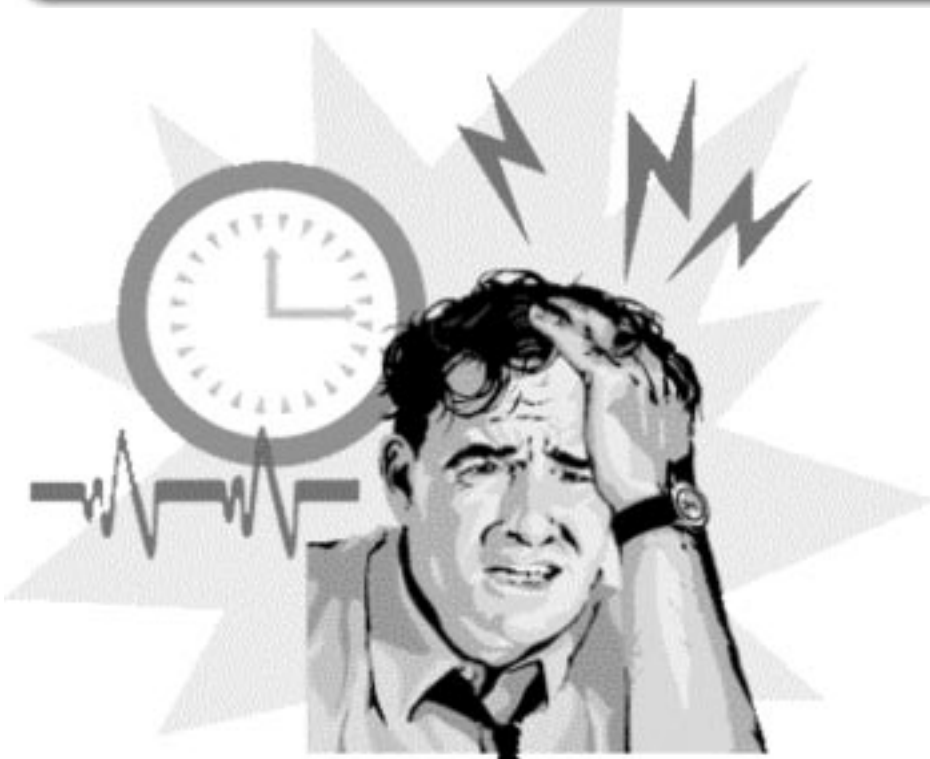
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# Welfare Guide to: Coping With Exam Stress



“...It is advised to reduce the amount of alcohol you drink coming up to exams. Alcohol can make you feel more irritable or anxious in the aftermath of a drinking spree and this can have a disastrous effect if the drinking occurred in the days before a major examination...”

Sitting exams is stressful enough, but if you are vulnerable to depression and anxiety it is nearly impossible. And if you don't yet have these problems, then worrying about getting that 2.1 and finding that job, or paying back your debts may well bring them on.

It is advised to reduce the amount of alcohol you drink coming up to exams. Alcohol can make you feel more irritable or anxious in the aftermath of a drinking spree and this can have a disastrous effect if the drinking occurred in the days before a major examination.

#### Dealing with Exam Stress:

- In the weeks leading up to the exam, make sure you are getting sufficient sleep.
- Eat healthy coming up to the exams. Eat lots of vegetable and fruit. Avoid caffeine and sugary foods. Drink lots of water.
- Exercise – it's a great way of burning off all that negative energy. It also clears your head so you can think better.
- Adopt a positive attitude towards your exams.
- Have a Goal to work towards. This will keep you more motivated and focused towards the exams.

#### Before:

- The night before your exam, go to bed early. Stop studying about an hour before you go to bed and take this time to unwind. Listen to music or watch TV.
- Check & recheck your exam time and centre.
- Have a good breakfast on the morning of your exam and get some fresh air before you go in.
- Arrive at your exam centre early.
- Wear comfortable clothes.

- While waiting for your exam to begin, do not talk to your fellow students about the exam or what they studied.

#### During:

- First of all sit down and take a deep breath.
- Listen to the invigilator's announcements.
- Ensure that you have the right paper in front of you.
- Write all your personal details on the answer book as requested.
- Keep your college ID card out so the invigilator can check it without disturbing you.
- Read the paper slowly and re-read it. Read the instructions in the questions carefully
- Decide what questions you are going to answer. Mark them in order of which you feel most confident about and answer your best question first so it will give you confidence for the rest of the questions.
- Timing is very important in an exam. Make sure you leave yourself time to answer all questions. If you are running out of time and you still have lots to write, put it down in point form.
- Try to write as neat as you can.
- Concentrate on quality not quantity. Think before you write anything down.
- Do not leave early. Use the time left to go over your paper.

#### After:

- Do not do an autopsy on your exam. Avoid your fellow students outside who go through the exam paper section by section to see if they answered the questions correctly.



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Students living away from home need to know their rights and use their rights in the upcoming elections and referendum, says Citizens Information Phone Service, a national service that provides up to date information on all aspects of social and civil rights both within Ireland and throughout the EU.

On 11 June students and citizens generally will be asked to cast their vote three times. Once for the local elections, once for the European elections, and once for the referendum on the automatic right to citizenship of children of non-nationals.

'If your name is not on the Electoral Register, you cannot vote, that's the law' says Judy Bamford, Manager with the Citizens Information Phone Service. The law states that students living away from home can be registered at either their home address or their student residential address. Callers to the Citizens Information Phone Service will be told that if they are likely to be unable to vote at their polling station on 11 June because of attendance at college, they can apply to be included on the Postal Voters List at their local Garda stations, public libraries, courthouses and local authority offices.

However, not everyone in the register is entitled to vote in every election. "International students are often confused about their rights when they call us", says Judy Bamford, Manager at the Citizens Information Phone Service. "Your right to vote in an election is determined by your citizenship."

"To vote in local elections no citizenship is required. And the entitlement to vote in the European elections is open to all EU citizens. You must be an Irish citizen to vote in the referendum," Ms. Bamford continued.

Furthermore, Citizens Information Phone Service informed us that the Electoral Register is assembled each year and published on 1 November and you had until the 25 November 2003 to make a correction or to have your name included. If you have missed this deadline, you must include your name in the Supplement to the Register before Monday 24 May. Application forms for this are available from Garda stations, public libraries, courthouses and local authority offices.

Citizens Information Phone Service went on to detail that in order to be eligible to be included in the Register, you must have been at least 18 years old on 15 February 2004 and you must have been resident in the state on 1 September 2003.

If you have a physical disability and wish to vote at your residence you may also be included on this list. Application forms are again available at your local Garda station, public library, post office or from your local authority.

Local elections are held every 5 years to choose representatives for the 34 local authorities in the country. European elections are held every 5 years to determine the Irish members of the European Parliament

The Citizens Information Phone service is a national service, providing up to date information on all aspects of social and civil rights both within Ireland and throughout the EU. It is an independent body, resourced by Comhairle, the agency responsible for ensuring the provision of such rights to all people living in Ireland. Telephone callers can contact the Citizens Information Call Centre on lo-call 1890 777 121 (lines are open Mon to Fri 9am to 9pm). Alternatively, those seeking information can visit their local Citizens Information Centre – check in Golden Pages - or log on to [www.oasis.ie](http://www.oasis.ie)

## Your questions answered:

### **Q: I am a full time student living away from home. Can I register to vote at my student address?**

A: Yes. In order to change your address details you will first need to check the register for the area of your home address. You can do this at the local Garda station, post office or library. If you are on this register you need to inform the registration authority and asked to be removed from the register for that address. You will then need to apply for registration at your present address using an RAF3 form - Change of Address Form, according to Citizens Information Phone Service.

### **Q: I have a physical disability and cannot get to my polling station on voting day. Can I vote from home?**

A: Yes. People with a physical illness or disability who wish to vote from home may apply to be included on the postal voters' list. In order to qualify, you must be unable to go in person to the polling station to cast your vote. The illness or disability must be likely to last for the duration of the register, which is one year. You will need to fill in Form PV1 and return it to your local authority. If you have a physical disability and normally reside in a hospital, home or similar institution, you can apply to be included on the Special Voters List by filling out Form SV1. This will also entitle you to a postal vote, the Citizens Information Phone Service tells us.

### **Q: I am a non-national resident but do not have Irish citizenship. Can I vote on 11 June?**

A: Callers to the Citizens Information Phone Service will be told that you will be entitled to vote in the local elections on 11 June. All you need for this is to be over 18, be resident in Ireland since 1 September 2003 and have your name on the register. If your name is on the register there will be an L after your name showing that you are entitled to vote only in local elections. It is also worth remembering that non-Irish citizens can stand for local government election and be elected as a local representative.

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# CIT Students Raise Over €10,000 for Charity

“...your donation will be used to benefit the children who suffer from Leukaemia, Cancer or other rare blood disorders and provide support for their families...”

The students of Cork Institute of Technology have once again raised considerable funding for various worthwhile causes based locally, nationally and internationally. This year over €10,000 was raised through Rag Week events held in February of this year. The following are excerpts from donation requests and thank-you notes received from the beneficiaries of the funding.

#### **Children's Leukaemia Fund /Unit – Mercy University Hospital**

“We can assure you that your donation will be used to benefit the children who suffer from Leukaemia, Cancer or other rare blood disorders and provide support for their families...This year, we are sending some sick children and their families to Lourdes and we will put this donation towards the trip”

**Ann Marie Henry**

#### **Christina Noble Children's Foundation (Ir) Limited**

“The Foundation, formed in 1991, has to date helped over 80,000 poor and desperate children and their families in Vietnam and Mongolia. The foundation has taken a hands-on-approach to many of the problems it's been confronted with; rescuing thousands of children from prostitution, drug trafficking and exploitation. Boys' and girls' shelter have been erected to maintain safe havens for those at risk”.

#### **Gerry Cunningham - CoAction**

CoAction West Cork was founded in Bantry in 1974 by a group of parents who wanted to ensure that their children who had intellectual disabilities would be educated in their own community. The driving vision of the organisation since then has been to enable people with intellectual disabilities to reach their full potential through the provision of local service in their locality, hence the motto of the organisation is 'A Local Service for Local Needs'.

“. .the monies received from CITSU will go towards the development of supported employment for our Adult Service Users in Skibborean Work Centre, where we intend to equip our kitchen in this respect.”

**Máire Griffin**

#### **Cork Simon Community**

“On behalf of Cork Simon community I would like to thank the CIT Students' Union for the generous donation of €1000 as part of the distribution of Rag Week Funds 2004. As

you are aware we depend a great deal on the generosity of individuals and the public to help fund our work. The services we provide include a 44-bed Emergency Shelter, a Day Centre, Residential Houses and a Soup Run. Your contribution is very much appreciated and will be used immediately to help us continue to provide these services for homeless people.”

**Mairéad O'Sullivan**

#### **Dyslexia Association of Ireland, Cork Branch**

“The purpose of the organisation is to promote the understanding, treatment and prevention of the problems of Specific Learning Disability. We endeavour to achieve these aims with the provision of information, psychological assessment, tuition, courses and advice for parents, children and teachers.”

**Theresa Desmond**

#### **Enable Ireland**

“Thank you so much for the generous donation of €1000 you sent for use by the students of the School of the Divine Child. We intend using the monies you raised to buy a selection of talking books for our library. These will be of great interest to our students and we hope will be a way for them to access reading”

**Patricia Harrington.**

#### **Muscular Dystrophy Ireland**

“Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Cork Branch of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland. Last September, our office in the Sunbeam Centre in Blackpool was seriously affected by a fire. We have since acquired new premises. We also hope this year to construct a vehicle, which will function as a bathroom for wheel-chair users. This would allow us to take children to matches, events, seaside or fishing trips etc. where there are no suitable bathroom facilities...”

**Eddie Fitzgerald**

#### **Passage Association for care of the Elderly (P.A.C.E)**

PACE support the elderly community through meals-on-wheels and the organisation of social events. “Thank you so much for the very generous donation from Cit Rag Week. It is appreciated very much.”

**Máire O'Callaghan**



**The Children at Risk in Ireland Foundation (C.A.R.I.)**

The CARI Foundation is a registered charity founded in 1989. Its primary aim is to provide a professional, child centred therapy and counselling service to children, families, and groups who have been affected by child sexual abuse. Alongside this it aims to provide the most up to date education and information service for children, adults and professionals on the dynamics of child sexual abuse, and, moreover, to raise public and political awareness of these issues. As a non-governmental organisation it operates on a not-for-profit basis ensuring that our services are accessible, regardless of a client's means or situation.

"...As you are aware we are a voluntary organisation and therefore rely on the generosity of individuals, companies and groups to finance our therapy services. My sincere thanks to you and would you please extend our gratitude to all the students involved in making this donation possible. It is people like you that help to keep our services available to those that need them"

**Anne Byrnes**

**The Irish Pilgrimage Trust (IHCPT)**

The first IHCPT Pilgrimage travelled to Lourdes during Easter Week in 1972. Fourteen young people with disability and fourteen adult companions made up this first group. Last Easter, April 2004, being their 33rd. pilgrimage. Some five hundred young people from the thirty-two counties of Ireland spent a week on pilgrimage and holiday in Lourdes with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust

"For many years IHCPT have also organised summer holiday camps for young people with special needs. We call these holiday breaks "Friendship Weeks."

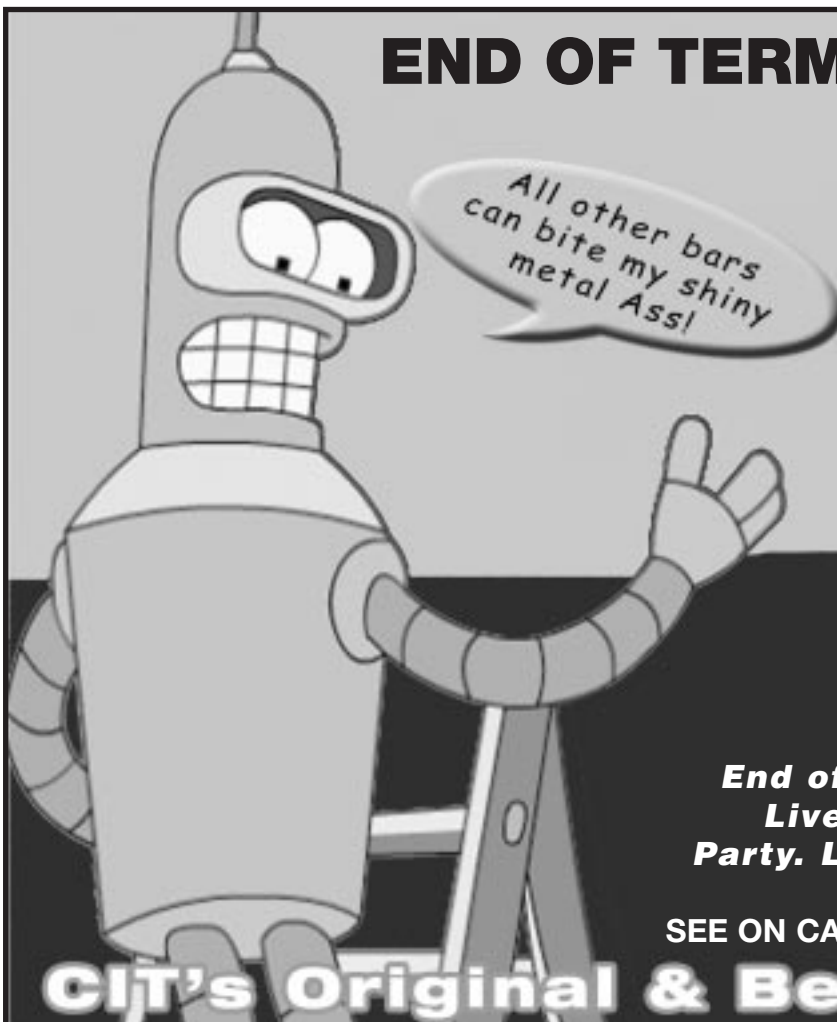
"Thank you for your funding to help sponsor young people travel to Lourdes for Easter Week. I travel with a group of 135; our group takes eleven young people and twelve helpers. The young people are aged 11-18 years and have various disabilities".

**Kevin Keane**

Congratulations to all students who took part in Rag Week 2004 and who supported the events so generously. Sincere thanks to our benevolent sponsors The AIB, CIT Societies, The Outpost and CIT Canteen for their continued support. We look forward to Rag Week 2005 and aspire to raise even more funding for charities.

**Vicky O'Sullivan**

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# CIT Societies Awards 2004



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# CIT Societies Awards

## Ryan Tubridy Presents CIT/AIB Society Awards to CIT Students

The importance of Student Societies, as a source of enjoyment, enlightenment and opportunity for like-minded individuals to get together, was recognised at the annual 'CIT/AIB Student Societies and Activities Awards', which were held on Thursday 22nd April at the Gresham Metropole Hotel, Cork. At the Awards, each committee member was presented with a Certificate of Merit from Director Dr. Patrick Kelleher, while Television and Radio Presenter Ryan Tubridy presented the main Awards. Voted Best Irish DJ 2004 at the Meteor Ireland Music Awards, Ryan is a graduate of History and Greek and Roman Civilisation from University College Dublin. He presents 2FM's morning show "The Full Irish" and in 2003 was made the presenter of the high-profile 'Rose of Tralee Competition' which he will again host this year.

CIT has over 50 Student Societies across its Bishopstown Campus and Constituent Colleges of Cork School of Music and Crawford College of Art & Design. CIT Societies Officer, Mervyn O'Mahony, stated "The Awards are held to highlight Societies, and individual members within Societies, who have made an outstanding contribution to extra curricular life at the Institute across the three campuses. The student scene at CIT is very vibrant and full credit must go to the students who organise the events but also to members of staff and student body who attend."

The following Group Awards were also presented:

'Society of the Year' – Business Studies & Accounting

'Group Achievement Award' – Crawford Currach Society

'Most Improved Society Award' - Chemical Engineering Society

'Best New Society' – Simpsons Appreciation Society

The following Individual Awards were presented:

'Supreme Achievement in Society & College-wide Activities': Rosarie Cullinane

'Special Achievement Award': Niamh O'Riordan

'Individual Award': Mark Redden

'Individual Award': Angela McCarthy

'Individual Award' - Jeremy Murphy

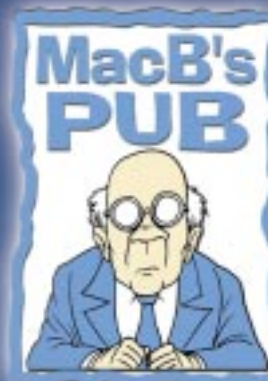
'Individual Award' - Shane O'Brien



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**Wed 26th: Beach Party  
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**Thur 27th: Glow Party  
Free Glow sticks**

**Wed 27th  
Christy Moore Tribute  
7.30pm**

**Thur 28th:  
Christy Moore Tribute  
7.30pm**

**Thur 28th: Bar-B-Q &  
Bucking Bronco 2pm**

**Fri 29th Bar-B-Q &  
Bucking Bronco 2pm**

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a Great Summer!**

**Bishopstown Bar**

# Words of thanks from our Institute Director, Dr. Patrick Kelleher

“...I would like CIT to continue to be known as a friendly student centred Institute. I know that the high quality learning and application of skills and knowledge that are such a feature of CIT will continue to distinguish the Institute into the future...”

Dear Students,

I am very pleased to speak to you as Director as I will shortly retire from a post that has given me great personal satisfaction. I am conscious that students have changed enormously since I began teaching in October 1963. The Crawford Municipal Technical Institute (now the Crawford College of Art & Design) was then my base and I look back fondly on my first experience as a lecturer in Chemistry. I remember especially the night we abandoned class when we were told that John Kennedy had been shot.

The Regional Technical College opened in Bishopstown in 1974 and we worked hard to improve the facilities and establish courses. It was new and unknown territory and there was a great sense of adventure and learning together. Courses at certificate, diploma and ultimately degree level were established and many new staff joined us. Our numbers grew enormously but were not matched by new buildings and support facilities.

In the late seventies I had some responsibility for student affairs and we established an Activities Committee which attempted to cater to the needs of Clubs and Societies. I remember with fondness the sense of community established by our intent to establish new and improved facilities for students. The realisation that a College must cater to the total development of the learner remains with me as a guiding determination of student welfare in CIT.

Today Cork Institute of Technology is a vigorous society of great variety. The doors open at 7.00 a.m. and shut at 10.30 p.m. A flux of students study and develop themselves in our College. It is especially strong in engineering but as you know science, the humanities and business are strong features of our course provision. I am pleased that the School of Music and Crawford College of Art & Design are part of our provision. The variety of students from over



6,000 full-time students, 3,500 continuing education students and 3,000 apprentices amaze me. We are like a big town with all its diversity of humanity, joy and sadness.

The research and innovation which is increasingly a feature of CIT is also a recognition of the increased academic standing of our Institute. The additional support services from student services are most needed and welcome. I am especially pleased that our sports facilities are so improved.

We are now bringing new physical facilities into use. The student centre will be most welcome and the building complex with a lovely plaza at the north of the campus will be most welcome and will greatly beautify our College. The National Maritime College and the new School of Music will be national treasures.

I would like CIT to continue to be known as a friendly student centred Institute. I know that the high quality learning and application of skills and knowledge that are such a feature of CIT will continue to distinguish the Institute into the future. The challenges of a competitive society and a global economy will need to be confronted as we face a challenging

future. However, I know that the quality of teaching and learning in the College will rise to this challenge.

I would like to thank the Students' Union officers who have been so good at facing the challenges that confront students for their continued support and friendships. I would especially thank the Chaplaincy Team for their caring attitude to staff and students. Most of all I would like to thank staff and students of CIT for their warm friendships and support to me as a proud Director of a great College Cork Institute of Technology.

Rísam Uile.



# Tributes to CIT Director, Dr. Patrick Kelleher

“...He retires with a sense of thanks for being given the chance to work with great staff and students which gave him such satisfaction in his job....”



Each year thousands of students leave CIT with degrees, certificates and diplomas to commence their careers and/or to travel the world. Many of them are unaware of the hard work that is carried out behind the scenes by the management, staff and their student representatives to make this possible. Instead, students can only look at their surroundings and notice the new developments taking place each year, such as new buildings, improved facilities and higher quality academic courses. At the helm of this Institute for the past 16 years, leading and managing the development of this Institute has been Dr. Patrick Kelleher, who is due to retire this summer.

Born in Limerick in 1939, his father was a Garda and he went to school in St. Clements College and studied Chemistry at the National University of Ireland, Galway. He was a research scientist in Imperial College, London and the State University of New York at Buffalo. He joined the City of Cork VEC staff at the Crawford Municipal Technical Institute in 1963 and was subsequently a Head of Department, Head of School, Assistant Principal and became Principal of the Cork Regional Technical College in 1988. He became Director of the College in 1993, which was retitled “Cork Institute of Technology” in 1997.

Dr. Kelleher is married to Sheila, a National Teacher, and has three children, Liam, Fergal and Eileen.

During his term, he changed this Institute from a college to a community. This has created an environment where both staff and students aspire to great achievements and has brought a general sense of pride to the Institute.

He enjoyed his time in CIT and oversaw many changes. He would like to be remembered for the sense of care for students, that is part of the remit of the Institute. The dedication and teamwork of his colleagues is what has made CIT a significant Institution in third level education. Its special strengths in Science, Engineering, Business and the Arts are notable features. The National Maritime College, the School of Music and a new Student Centre are developments, he is especially proud of.

He was very glad to obtain an Honorary Doctorate at UCC in 2000 and is pleased to have promoted good relationships between UCC and CIT. Opening the doors of opportunity to many students is one of Pat’s achievements and he remembered his own students with affection. He is especially thankful to the staff of his office for their dedication and loyalty to him and to CIT.

He hopes that in the future CIT will be at the hub of societal change in Cork, influencing all who live and work in its region. He believes that the Institute will continue to evolve and promote the economic and social well being of the community.

He retires with a sense of thanks for being given the chance to work with great staff and students which gave him such satisfaction in his job.

Dr. Kelleher this Institute salutes you for making CIT what it is today and we hope that you have a long and happy retirement.

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## Words of thanks from the Director’s Secretary:

My first encounter with Dr. Kelleher was in 1982 when I started to work with the late Principal Mr. J.P. Roche. Dr. Kelleher was Assistant Principal at that time. I was nervous on my first day but I found Dr. Kelleher to be a very kind and humane person. While it is a long time ago I can honestly say that I don’t know where the years have gone. It only seems like yesterday.

I want to thank Dr. Kelleher for

- allowing me to “grow” in my role in the Director’s Office
- for giving me so much knowledge about CIT – its mission and goals
- for his infinite patience and understanding

- for encouraging me to take on difficult tasks and for giving me the confidence to pursue and fulfil these duties
- for leaving me with many wonderful memories

I want to say that it has truly been an honour to work with Dr. Kelleher and everyday has been a pleasure.

I want to wish him a long and happy retirement. He has given so much of himself and his time to the life of CIT that now I hope that he will have time for himself, his wife and family. He deserves that and more.

**Ann O’Mahony**

# Tributes & Wishes to Dr. Kelleher from CIT Students' Union Throughout the Years!

“...The college motto (let us achieve) ‘Rísam Uille’ should have the following line placed underneath ‘Pat you have’...”

Dr. Patrick Kelleher has been Director with a great concern for students and their needs. Even though conflict has arisen between CIT management and the Students' Union, it was never Dr. Kelleher's motives that were brought into question. Dr. Kelleher has always been a person with C.I.T. close to his heart. I have personally seen his dedication with the constant workload he maintained over the years. Always prepared to listen to complaints and look for a solution, he has been as pragmatic as possible in his solutions to some of the problems within the Institute. And in nobody is the pride in C.I.T. more visible when he speaks of the achievements of the staff and students. Dr. Kelleher has been a great builder in regards to the Institute and there are many, myself among them, who will miss his leadership of C.I.T.

**James Maher, CITSU President 2003 – 2005**

My contact with Patrick was always constructive; I found him easy to approach and whenever I brought an issue to the table, he met it with an open mind. The nature of our positions meant that on occasions, we did not see eye to eye but I left Cork Institute of Technology on good terms with him. I guess that really shows the strength of the relationship we developed and I am glad to say that we still keep in touch. I wish Patrick the very best in his retirement, he has given so much of his time to the college and it was an honour to work with him.

**Gearóid Hogan, CITSU President 2002 – 2003**

Over the past few years working here, the one thing I have learned and admire about Dr. Kelleher is how he can surprise you with his decisions. As past officers have told, doing your job in the Students' Union means that you will not always get along with the management of the college. In my years as Vice President and President we held Library lock-ins and canteen boycotts. I had expected an aggressive response from Dr. Kelleher during our lock-in but his response was, even though he disagreed with our stance, it reminded him of the good old days of past Unions who had similar protests and if he were a little bit younger he would stay and join us.

His door was always open to students and the Union for whatever query we had about the college. He always made himself available for student activities such as sports clubs and societies, as he had great pride in what the students and staff of this Institute could accomplish together. I would like to thank Dr. Kelleher for the support and advice he has given me during my terms in office and I wish him and his family a happy and restful retirement. He deserves it.

**Philip O'Reilly, CITSU President 2001 – 2002**

In the years I served as Vice-President and President of CITSU, I spent long hours on many committees with many CIT staff members. The common denominator was Dr. Kelleher, a man who consistently demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm within every one of those forums, from strategic planning to budgeting, and from praising the students to giving out about the SU!

As SU President, I did not always agree with Dr. Kelleher's decisions or reasoning, but certainly recognised his honesty and passion for the Institution. On many occasions we remained late into the evening and night in the deserted college dreaming and scheming, and organising campaigns in the SU offices. Dr. Kelleher was there too, working away and looking at the greater picture. He often popped in just to say hello, which having visited many other Colleges and Universities during my time in CITSU, would have been unusu-



al. I can safely say that we were very lucky with our Director's open door policy, and his endeavours to keep the lines of communication open at all times, regardless of how tense or volatile the situation.

I wish Dr. Kelleher a long, healthy, action packed, yet restful retirement. As a past President of CITSU, I would like to express my gratitude for his work, advice, encouragement and patience. As a proud graduate of CIT, I would like to thank him very much for all that he has done throughout the years for us all.

**Miriam Burns, CITSU President 2000 – 2001**

Pat and I have sat on many meetings together over the years. Although we used to have the odd few disagreements I can say he always had the student's interests at heart. The greatest compliment I can give Pat is he was ALWAYS approachable. No matter how serious or how mundane you might think your problem was, he always tackled each problem with a positive hand.

Soon after I was elected in 1999 I was in my office and Pat strolled in. He asked if I would like to go for a walk so he could show me a few ideas he had for the college. We went to G-Block and looked over at the fields and he said "I want to put football pitches & soccer pitches there, do you think the students would like that." "Of course was my response", knowing that most colleges in Ireland don't have sports grounds on campus. On the way back to the main campus he also said "I want a Student Centre and a few more building over there and I want an All Weather Pitch over there", all the time asking me would I think the students would like it. Back then I wrongly thought that this was a simple matter of "The Director" trying to appease "The President of CITSU" but as the last five years have proved Pat has seen his vision come into fruition.

I think it only fair to say the only failure Pat had, as a Director was he did not hail from "Kerry". The college motto (let us achieve) "Rísam Uille" should have the following line placed underneath "Pat you have".

On behalf of the students I represented during my term I wish you, Sheila, Baween and your family a happy retirement.

**Tim Clifford, CITSU President 1999-2000**

I was delighted to be asked by Explicit to contribute some memories of Pat Kelleher from my time in CITSU to mark the occasion of his retirement. I spent three years as a sabbatical officer of the union (1996-1999). During this time I had many dealings with the Director. I was nervous about meeting him for the first time, partly due to my knowledge of how senior and central his role was in the college but mainly because of the horror stories I had heard from other colleges about their Directors and how unapproachable they all were. However in Pat Kelleher's case the opposite was true, if anything he was too approachable as was evidenced by the daily traffic through his door!

He was somebody who always put the interests of the students first, this made our lives as student representatives much easier. A good example of this was when we used to sit on the canteen committee together, a committee which I believe the Director has fond memories of himself, when any issue which impacted on the quality and value of the service available to the students came up, you could always depend on the Director to be fighting the students case as distinct from concentrating on the bottom line.

I was involved in the union the time Waterford Regional Technical College became Waterford Institute of Technology overnight thanks to Minister Breathnach. This move by the minister led to an unprecedented level of direct action by the students and staff of what was then Cork Regional Technical College. Pat Kelleher played a pivotal role at this time as the conductor of an orchestra comprising students, staff, graduates and the greater Cork community. 4,000 of us took to the streets in the city centre to protest, we marched on city hall where the students were addressed by a number of speakers including Pat Kelleher. The students genuinely appreciated this unprecedented show of solidarity from their Director.

I still have the student handbook from my first year in CIT (1993), in it there was a letter from the Director welcoming me and my fellow Freshers to college. As I subsequently discovered this was something he took time to write afresh every year, he always took the time to write a topical and personal note for the Freshers. In that 1993 handbook the Director refers to future developments, which should be completed before we leave the Institute. One of these remains to be completed, but as you read this, is within months of the finish line - the Student Centre. This is a project, which the Director took an especially personal interest in. I was involved in many meetings both formal and informal relating to this Centre where apparently insurmountable hurdles relating to architects, the Dept. of Education etc. were expedited and overcome under the guidance of the Director as he had a clear vision of the role this Centre will play in getting the balance right on campus. I genuinely believe that much of the development which has taken place or is about to take place on campus would never have occurred were it not for the efforts of Pat Kelleher during his time as Director.

Pat Kelleher always took a keen interest in student services in general. He took a particular interest in sports and societies in the Institute. He was one of the key movers behind the purchase of the land across the river, which has greatly increased our sports footprint. He continues to be a great supporter of the Institute's teams on the field of play and organised

society events.

I have always found Pat Kelleher to be courteous and considerate. When I needed to speak to him about any issue he always took time out of his busy schedule to listen to me and I always felt he took me seriously and where possible took my ideas. This is a common view of other sabbaticals that proceeded and succeeded me, however it is something, which is very unique to CIT and its Director. This is a reflection of the personal and business relationship, which Pat Kelleher has built up with the Students' Union down through the years. On a personal note while I was in the Union I suffered a close family bereavement, the Director was a great support and comfort to both me and my family at the time, on a more joyous note I got married five weeks ago and there amongst the cards even though I'm gone from the Union five years was a card from Pat Kelleher. He is someone who I have a huge amount of respect for, his contribution to the Institute and the greater Cork community was reflected in him being awarded an honouree doctorate from UCC. He is someone whom I would always like to consider as not just an acquaintance but as a friend. I would like to wish Pat, Sheila and their family every success in his retirement

Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís

**Ken Curtin, CITSU President 1998 - 1999**

Dr. Kelleher has been an extremely supportive and visionary leader of this Institute, never forgetting the importance of the individual student or staff member of CIT. He has spearheaded the development of CIT and we have much to be grateful for, due to his tenure as Director. His pride in the achievements of our students has always been very perceptible and his support of students academically and socially has been given generously. On a personal level, it has been a great pleasure to know Dr. Kelleher and working in CIT has been a more enjoyable experience because of his presence. I wish Dr. Kelleher luck in all his future projects and look forward to his continued support of this Institute.

**Vicky O'Sullivan, Students' Union Administrator**

# THE PAPER PLANE

## INTERVIEW

**PATRICK A.G. KELLEHER**  
PRINCIPAL CORK R.T.C.

There are over 2,000 of us students housed in this building, some of us are sometimes very stupid, immature and just uncontrollably wild. The man at the helm guiding us through all the storms and calms is a humble soft spoken man called Patrick A.G. Kelleher.

We met our new Principal recently in his office and we first questioned him about his background. "I was born in Limerick city and my father died when I was very young. We then moved to Galway. I attended a Christian Brothers school until Inter-cert, then I moved to another religious school". (Redemptorists). **Did you enjoy School?**

"I liked school even though I was frightened by some of my tough teachers. I didn't study science subjects after my Inter-cert which created problems when I went to University. I had a very hard first couple of years in U.C.G. studying science".

**How did you get on in University?** "I got first class honours in Chemistry after that I went to the Imperial College in London for a year. I carried out cancer research for another year in New York. I came back to Ireland then and got a job in Crawford Institute i.e. the fore runner to the C.R.T.C."

**Who influenced you when you were young?** "Well.....John F. Kennedy and Pope-John 23 had a great influence on me."

**About Teaching**  
**Would you advise your son not to go into teaching?**

"I wouldn't advise my son to keep out of teaching. I would agree that people have to watch where opportunities lie and there are great restrictions in teaching at the moment. Teaching can be very stressful and you have to be a bit of an actor to perform in front of a class."

**About Students**  
Mr. Kelleher thinks that students are more serious and more qualified nowadays. He sees them as young adults and expects them to conform accordingly.

He firmly believes that most people have abilities that they should develop and use even if it is not at 'home'. He sees flexibility as the key to success, quoting the low drop-out rate and the pass rate (86%.) of the college's students, to support and prove this theory. Mr. Kelleher advises people not to drop-out after 2 or 3 weeks in college, though he admits that "when one is 18 years old, one doesn't really know what to do in life". He confesses that when he was that age, he thought that he was going to be a **PRIEST!!**

**About The Student's Union**

"I want them to respect the college at all times and their protests must be peaceful. I find 'rag week' a time of great stress."

**About Politics, Drinking and Sex!!**

"When I was young, I was a bit conscious of my height, especially when I was meeting a girl."

**Did you ever regard anyone as a sex symbol?**

"Well I loved Marilyn Monroe.....as an actress!"

**Do you think that contraceptives should be available in college?**

"No..... you see I can have a personal opinion but as principal of this college, I must obey the law".

**Do you think students should have drinking facilities like U.C.C.?**

"No, I don't think we're organised or designed for that here".



**"I'd love to spend 10 years in this job, to shape it and give it my own personality"**



**I LOVED MARILYN MONROE ...AS AN ACTRESS**

Before we left Mr. Kelleher we asked him about his future plans for the college.

"I'd like to spend 10 years at this job to shape it and give it my own personality. At the moment we're extending the computer and sporting facilities and we have started to set up a language laboratory".

This is what the man has achieved so far and he's only just began.

**3 THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT OUR NEW PRINCIPAL.**  
1. Former classmate of Dr. Kelleher. 2. He received a grant to carry out cancer research at SUNY University of New York. 3. Married with 3 children to Sheila Linnell from Ballyvaughan. 4. He is the oldest brother of Connaught from the 'A' Stage. 5. He studied at St. Francis's College, Cork. 6. He was a member of the Students' Union at the time of the 1968-69 strike. 7. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 8. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 9. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 10. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 11. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 12. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 13. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 14. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 15. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 16. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 17. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 18. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 19. He was a member of the Cork City Council. 20. 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# Final Words from Friends & Colleagues

“...a quite remarkable person, an exceptional human being, and the best Boss a person could ever wish to have. In short, one of the kindest and most genuine persons I have ever met...”



## **“Wisdom outweighs any wealth”**

- Sophocles

My first meeting with Pat Kelleher took place in UCC's Maltings in the very early 1970s when he called to ask me to undertake some part-time teaching on the Crawford's newly established Medical Laboratory Sciences course. Thus began a long and very happy association with Pat. It was also my first introduction to Cork's Regional Technical College, then under construction. I believe that event was a seminal influenced on my choice of career, and in that regard I know I am only one of many whose teaching vocation was ignited and fostered by Pat's example of total dedication to helping students attain extraordinary results and exceptional careers.

Subsequently, in 1973, I was appointed a lecturer in the Crawford's Chemistry & Biology Department, then headed by Pat. His management style was one of encouragement, and a wonderful model of public service. I still recall an early example of this encouragement when he allocated a special £80 budget – a major slice of our department's then total annual budget – to allow me to purchase equipment for an interactive experiment in the Crawford's stand in the 1974 Cork Scientific Council's Science Exhibition in City Hall, and which was formally opened by President Erskine Childers. Indeed, he treated each and every proposal, no matter how hare-brained, with respect; no good idea was ever summarily dismissed or denied genuine support.

Over the following thirty years, Pat was my “Boss” as Head of Department, Head of School, and finally as Director, though I believe he would never so describe our relationship, choosing, I rather think, the term colleague. Rather than relying on a hierarchical relationship, he won respect by his keen intellect, a great capacity for analytical thinking, great patience in constructing consensus, and most especially, a readiness to value and cherish each and every honest contribution. I have always found his management style as being of a light touch, yet resolute and firm in matters of importance. During his term

In the early 1980's, there was a 19th century block printing press in the corridor of the Printing Department of the RTC. A beautiful antique press, it was used as a display piece for the department, but these presses are still in use and are in great demand in colleges of art. I approached Jim Roche, then principal of the RTC, to ask if we could have it for our Printmaking Department (or should I say, have it back, for it was certainly moved from the old Crawford Municipal School of Art many years ago). Jim Roche refused us, and the press remained in the RTC until Pat Kelleher became principal.

As principal of the Crawford College of Art & Design, I remember one of my first meetings with Pat, when we discussed the block printing press, and he willingly agreed to transfer the press to us. The beautiful block printing press has been in the Printmaking workshop of the Crawford College of Art & Design since Pat became principal, and it is still in use today by Fine Art printmakers. Thanks, Pat.

**Geoff Steiner-Scott**

Principal, Crawford College of Art & Design

as Director in what was a large and complex institution, he exhibited a quite exceptional and absolutely genuine concern for each and every person within it as an individual. He cherished not only the institution, but everybody who entered its doors. He was a truly collegiate man, transparently honest, and never relied, or needed to rely, on his position to command the huge respect in which he was held both inside and outside the campus.

Pat valued every opinion honestly given, even when, as often the case in academia, it ran counter to his own. He was never judgemental and never took one to task for an honest error or a failed initiative. He was ever generous – sometimes even overly generous – with praise and acknowledgement of every contribution, and no special effort or routine help ever went without fulsome acknowledgement.

In short, a fundamental kindness, a wonderful generosity of heart and spirit, and a total absence of any capacity for hurt or malice, a man of absolute integrity and decency; these will be my happy and enduring memories of a working lifetime's association with Pat. The use of the personal pronoun of the first person singular was anathema to him, both in speech and letter, and he was only comfortable with its use in the plural form. Such was the nature of the man, a nature totally lacking in guile, conceit, and any notion of self-importance.

A quite remarkable person, an exceptional human being, and the best Boss a person could ever wish to have. In short, one of the kindest and most genuine persons I have ever met.

Thanks, Boss! And may you long bask in the satisfaction of a quite extraordinarily successful career.

**Dr Michael Noonan**

Assistant Principal.

Working closely as I now do with Pat Kelleher in this transition period I realise how much Pat has accomplished over his 16 years as Director. Under Pat Kelleher's leadership CIT has grown not only in size in terms of student registrations but also in complexity and stature. Through his hard work and that of his colleagues he passes on one of the most vibrant, complex and exciting Higher Education Institutions in Ireland. One of his many achievements is that despite its size and complexity CIT is a happy institution for both its staff and students with a shared commitment helping people achieve and grow.

Looking at what Pat Kelleher has achieved during his term as Director, culminating in the announcement of Government approval for the building of the new Cork School of Music, I realise peoples' expectations of his successor will be high. The challenges for CIT are many but so are the opportunities, and with the support of both staff and students I look forward to my ten years of leading CIT.

**Brendan J. Murphy.**

Head of School of Computing & Mathematics



# People Power Wins School of Music for Cork: Dr. Spratt Comments

On Thursday 25 March 2004, the Minister for Education & Science, Noel Dempsey TD, announced that the €60 million Public Private Partnership [PPP] Project to provide a new home for the Cork School of Music on Union Quay is to be progressed after a delay of nearly three years. During this time the students and staff of the Cork School of Music have coped stoically with life in a myriad of temporary premises. They still face an additional two years of the same, but believe that what will await them when the academic year commences on 1 September 2006 will mean that the quality of education that has established the pre-eminence of the Cork School of Music not just locally, regionally and nationally, but also internationally, will be delivered in appropriately state-of-the-art premises.

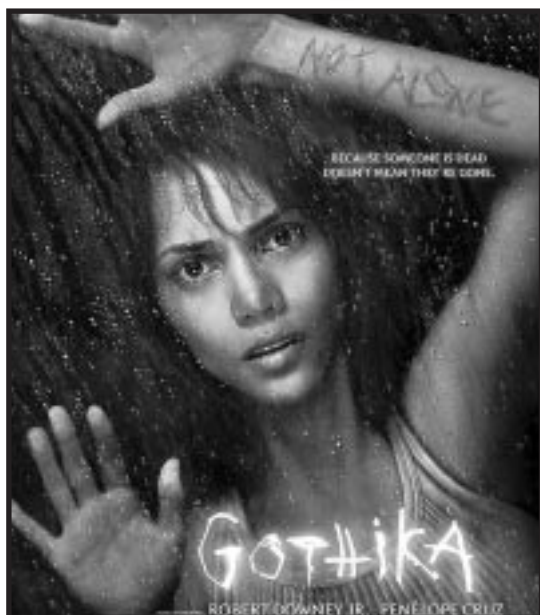
The Director of the Cork School of Music since 1992, Dr Geoffrey Spratt, speaks of the new Cork School of Music creating a viable future for a national cultural imperative. "The past allows the present to create the future". Dr Spratt believes that this is a truism that underpins a successful philosophy of education in a 21st-century Conservatory of Music and Drama. When asked about the strengths of the Cork School of Music, he immediately points out that "the title really should be Cork School of Music & Drama because the training that the CSM has always provided in Speech and Drama is critical to its past, present and future". He is particularly delighted that the new building will mean that the School can deliver full-time courses for Drama students and is sure that these will attract the same sort of high-calibre students that are flocking to take the BMus and Taught Masters in Performance courses.

And when he speaks of Drama he doesn't want merely to draw attention to illustrious alumni like Fiona Shaw. He also doesn't want to talk only about "the thousands of students trained in the CSM who, since 1878, have, are and will continue to be the people who 'do' in the worlds of both amateur and semi-professional Irish theatre life." He particularly wants to talk about "the people who, no matter what career they pursue, as a result of the training they receive in the CSM constitute the audiences that encourage and support the work of professionals like Fiona Shaw and help ensure that Irish theatre is held in the highest regard throughout the world". He is also convinced that they are "more fulfilled as human beings, more committed as citizens, more socially integrated, more proud to be Irish and able not only to articulate why that should be so, but also to work to ensure that Ireland continues to become an even better place in which to live and work."

It's the same with music. The Director and staff of the Cork School of Music are delight-

ed that distinguished past students such as Mary Hegarty, Catherine Leonard, Cara O'Sullivan, Cora Venus Lunny, and Finbarr Wright are in demand all over the world. But Dr Spratt also expresses a profound interest in the hundreds of thousands of musicians whose work for more than a century has resulted in Cork being regarded as Ireland's musical capital. "These are the players that constituted a municipal symphony orchestra that gained mention for longevity in the Guinness Book of Records; the choristers and instrumentalists who have been the formative backbone of Choral, Jazz and Folk Festivals that have made their mark on the international calendar and brought millions of visitors to Cork for nearly fifty years; the singers who mean that Cork and its environs have more church choirs and more community choirs than the capital, let alone anywhere else in the country; the musicians who make vital contributions to so many productions in our Opera House and civic theatres; the administrators who broke new ground in the 1980's by setting up the Association of Irish Choirs – the first Arts Council-funded national resource organisation to be located outside the capital; the citizens, indeed, who both want and ensure that every civic, private and public function, every wedding and every funeral is enhanced by appropriate music".

This all happens because the Cork School of Music has been ahead of the pack for decades with its integrated suites of individual lessons, musicianship classes, and ensemble music-making opportunities. Dr Spratt is adamant that, although it produces its fair share of stars, it has never lost sight of why the term Municipal was part of its original title. "It serves the whole population of Cork and its environs, and access is not an issue. But the present can only learn from the past in order to create the future if infrastructure doesn't undermine its endeavours. The Cork School of Music outgrew its accommodation in the 1970's, and was promised a new building in the 1980's. If it hadn't succeeded in getting the one it is now promised, a real fear was that its educational momentum could have stalled. The richness and diversity of Cork's musical life is one of the most important aspects of its cultural infrastructure. But, it can't be taken for granted. Even the sturdiest plant will wither if it is denied nourishment – and plants, which grow so large and strong, steadily and meaningfully over a period of 125 years, have tentacles, which reach everywhere. The fact that the Government has finally committed to providing a new building to house one of the most important institutions that exists in this State is very significant". Dr Spratt is clear on this: "given the fact that the Cork School of Music is the largest Conservatory of Music and Drama in the State, this issue was not just a concern for the people of Cork – it was something which so many people in Ireland cared about and insisted should be addressed before irreparable damage was done".



## Movie Review: **Gothika**

Reviewed by: Colin Noonan

What was the writers/producers/director/cameramen thinking when they started filming this particular piece of rubbish? Just to get it out of the way in the first paragraph, this film was terrible. It was practically the most predictable film I have ever seen bar that teletubbies escapade (Again!, Again!). Anyone who tries to compare it to *The Others* or *The Sixth Sense* really needs to get a good clip around the ear.

On to the analysis...what can I say except boring, tedious, dull, dreary and monotonous. Before you ask, it is not worth going to see Halle Berry who spends most of the film as a dishevelled psycho. Her acting is a bit wooden

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too, not quite up to the same flat pack standard of Robert Downey Jnr who nearly gave me splinters.

I heard a TV reviewer saying that if the producers are going to insert a "K" into words where it does not belong then surely they can be called a bunch of kankers.

The ending is predictable and could not come soon enough for this particular film goer.

**Overall Rating 1/5**



## Shaun of the Dead

Delightful and humorous poke at the zombie films of old. Anyone who has seen the old shuffling, board-up-the-windows zombie flicks of the late seventies and eighties must watch this film.

Shaun (Simon Pegg) spends too much time with his slacker mate Ed (Nick Frost) down at the Winchester pub, and not enough with his long-suffering girlfriend Liz (Kate Ashfield). After being dumped and spending a night out drowning his sorrows with Ed, Shaun wakes to find a zombie plague has risen in London.

The slow moving groaning terrors are dispatched using a variety of methods like old Bruce Springsteen albums and

cricket bats. Anyone who has watched a zombie film and wondered why they just don't run past the stumbling demons will surely appreciate the tongue in cheek chase scenes.

Watch out for the two heroes beating a zombified landlord to death with pool cues in time to Queens "Don't Stop Me Now".

All in all a right good laugh that merits a good 5/5 from this movie lover.

**Overall Rating 5/5**

## Movie Review:

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## Bonnar ensures CIT Awards are in safe Hands

The CIT Sports Awards took place in the Gresham Metropole Hotel on Wednesday 21 April. This was the eleventh year that these awards have been presented and it is an ideal opportunity for the Institute to acknowledge the achievements of its students. Mr Packie Bonnar was there to present the awards. He commended the achievements of the students present for the ceremony and encouraged them to go on to lead by example to their club-mates. "Awards like this give an individual a new responsibility to go out into their community and act as ambassadors for your sport".

Eight Individual Awards were presented to the following students:

Dympna Walsh, Business Studies 4, from Kilrush, Co Clare. She gets her award for her contribution to Gaelic Football in CIT and this year represented CIT on the Munster Inter-Provincial team.

Eoghan Loughed, Construction Studies 3, from Waterfall in Cork. He plays Soccer for CIT and his home Club is Cobh Ramblers. In the past year he captained the CIT side to winning the Division 1 League and being promoted to the Premier Division for next year. He was also selected for the CFAI Combined Colleges Team.

Aideen Butler, Business Studies 4, from Charleville, Co Cork. She plays Ladies Rugby for CIT and this year captained the side to the ISSA All-Ireland Final. She has been a key player in the development of this sport within the Institute over the past four years. Aideen plays for Clonakilty RFC outside of College.

Cathal Gerraghty, Business Studies 4, from Limerick. He plays Basketball for CIT and as captain of the side this year was a member of the team to reach the ISSA final and the ICBA Semi-final. Cathal is a member of the Burgerking-Limerick National League Team.

Melanie O Donovan, studying DNET and from Aghaballoogue, Co Cork. She plays Badminton in College and was instrumental in winning the ISSA All Ireland final this year.

Deirdre Delaney, Business Studies -Accounting 1, from Co Kilkenny. She plays Soccer for CIT and was selected for the victorious WSCAI Munster Inter-Provincial Team. She also plays Camogie for Freshford and CIT.

Ashling Codd, Construction Studies 1, from Thurles, Co Tipperary. She plays Basketball for CIT and her home Club is the Glanmire. In her first year she was member of the CIT team that won the All Ireland ICBA final.

Niall Moran, BIS 2, from Waterville, Co Cork. He was presented the award for his contribution to the Golf Club in CIT. This year they have reached the ISSA All Ireland Semi-final, (yet to be played at time of print). His home Club is Waterville GL.

A further Fresher of the Year was presented to Brian Sheehan, Civil Engineering 1, from Cahersiveen, Co Kerry. He has been major to the success of the Sigerson Team who reached the Semi-Final of the Sigerson Datapac Competition. As a first year he has the title of being the top scorer for both the senior and fresher teams. Outside of CIT he plays for St Marys in Cahersiveen and was captain of the Kerry Minors in 2002.

The Supreme Achievement Award was presented to Mairead Kelly from Ballylanders, Co Limerick. She receives this prestigious award for her four years contribution to the Camogie, Soccer and Gaelic Football teams. She has never faltered to her commitment to each of these Clubs playing for each at the highest level of third level sport. In the past year she was awarded a Soccer Premier Division All Star and was selected as a member on the Ashbourne Combined Colleges team.

The Graduate Achievement Award was presented to Mags Finn, four times All Ireland Medal winner with Cork. She was also a member of last years victorious Fr O' Neills Senior A Co. Championship side.

The Club of the Year, which was the penultimate award of the evening and the one, which all Clubs strive to be considered for, was presented to the Men's Soccer Club. In the past twelve months they have had a very successful year. The A Team won the CFAI Division 1 league and have now been promoted to the Premier Division of the Colleges League, a first in the history of the College. The B Team were unlucky in the league but in their Cup competition they beat IT, Tallaght in the final. Another first for the College was the inaugural MSL Soccer Team, which gave even more students the opportunity to represent their College. This team had quiet a successful year for their first year at this level being awarded 'Team of the Month for February' after being unbeaten in all games in February.

Separate to the awards ceremony a presentation was made to a group of students who have achieved National and International recognition in the past twelve months, these included:

James Lyne, World Kickboxing Champion, October '03, John Keirns & Matthew Moloney Irish U19 Rugby Team, Brian O'Neill and Sean Carroll ESB Basketball National Cup winners with Blue Demons, Andrew Finn Irish U21 Rugby Team, Revlin Minehane Irish Sailing team, Jackie Tyrrell All Ireland Senior and U21 Hurling medal winner with Kilkenny, Mary O'Rourke Senior Gaelic Football All Star

We would like to thank all staff members, coaches, family and friends of the nominees who attended the ceremonies.

**Eithne Lydon**  
Sports Development Officer



## Construction Society Review 2003/2004

This year saw the reins of the society being handed to a new committee namely Nigel Walsh, Chairman, Patrick Buckley, Vice President, Emmet Quinlan, Treasurer and Sean O'Donoghue, Public Relations Officer. The new committee worked well together to organise a number of events.

The society kicked off with paint balling in the first term in Limerick (a few came home sore and bruised but great fun was had by all!).

In the second term the Society jointly organised the Pick'n Mix Ball with the Civil Engineering Society. The ball was a massive success with numbers well up on last year. The committee then moved on to organise a social night in the Mardyke Complex where fifty plus construction students enjoyed a night of free food, pool and bowling (smiles all round on that one).

The lads in the committee are looking forward to bigger and better events next year and would like to thank all those who supported them this year.

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# Kims Cookery Corner

## Nature's Pharmacy

Often the best way to cure and prevent illness is by eating certain foods regularly. Ever heard the one about an apple a day keeping the doctor away? Well try these ...

### Fish:

Haddock, mackerel and whiting are good sources of omega 3 oils, which are reputed to lower cholesterol and reduce the risk of heart disease.

### Garlic:

Garlic is thought to have many medicinal qualities. It helps to thin the blood, which aids circulation and can minimise the threat of cancer, strokes and heart disease. It is also useful as a decongestant.

### Lemons:

Lemon juice, honey and a pinch of cinnamon in hot water works wonders on the common cold.

### Ginger:

Try ginger to alleviate travel and morning sickness.

### Cabbage:

All members of the cabbage family contain indoles, which are thought to combat cancer.

### Spices:

Spices rosemary and sage are excellent slimming agents and are also reputed to improve memory.

## This month's recipe – Tasty Summer Burgers

### Serves 2 – 3

450g/1lb lean minced beef	[Tesco minced Beef €2.15 454g]
1 egg	[Riverview eggs Free Range 6 large €1.64]
3 tablespoons oatmeal	[Odlums pinhead oatmeal 1 kg €1.13]
1 tablespoon tomato ketchup	[Heinz Tomato Ketchup 342g €0.99]
1 teaspoon mustard	[Tesco English mustard 100g €0.63]
1 onion, finely chopped	[loose onions €0.32]
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce	[Worcestershire sauce 150ml €1.60]

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Form into 6 or 7 portions and flatten slightly to make an attractive shape.

Barbecue or grill giving 4-5 minutes on each side to cook properly. Serve with salad, relish and baked or barbecued potato.

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# The "Stella Awards" Claims of the Year - Yankee Style

It's once again time to review the winners of the annual Stella Awards. The Stellas are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonald's. That case inspired the Stella Awards for the most frivolous successful lawsuits in the United States.

THIS YEAR'S AWARDS GO TO:

**5th place (Tied).**

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$780,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving toddler was Ms. Robertson's Son.

**5th place (Tied).**

19-year-old Carl Truman of Los Angeles won \$74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbour ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently did not notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal the hubcaps.

**5th place (Tied).**

Terrence Dickson of Bristol, Pennsylvania was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He could not re-enter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on vacation and Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for 8 days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found and a large bag of dry dog food. He sued the homeowner's insurance claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. The Jury agreed to the tune of \$500,000.

**4th place.**

Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after

being bitten on the buttocks by his next-door neighbour's Beagle dog. The Beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been a little provoked at the time as Mr. Williams, who had climbed over the fence into the yard, was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.

**3rd place.**

A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx (tailbone). The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier, during an argument

**2nd place.**

Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a Night Club in a neighbouring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out two of her front teeth. This occurred whilst Ms. Walton was trying to sneak in the window of the Ladies Room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.

**1st Place.**

This year's runaway winner was Mr. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Grazinski purchased a brand new Winnebago Motor home. On his trip home from an OU football game, having driven onto the freeway, he set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go into the back and make himself a cup of coffee. Not surprisingly the RV left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mr. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising him in the owner's manual that he could not actually do this. The jury awarded him \$1,750,000 plus a new Winnebago Motor home.

The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit just in case there were any other complete morons buying their recreational vehicles. Unbelievable

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