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# WELCOME

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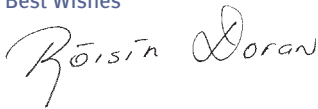
I am delighted to welcome you all to my first edition of the NUI Maynooth Alumni magazine. *The Bridge* magazine has been designed to keep you updated with what is happening in the University and to create a medium for more interaction between us at the University and yourself going forward.

I am thrilled that we will be hosting our first Alumni Ball on mid-summers night (June 21st) in Pugin Hall, South Campus. It promises to be an evening of fun, glitz, glamour and entertainment. For more details, please see the announcement opposite.

The Alumni Office is striving to maintain an up-to-date database, so if your contact details have changed, please let us know by filling out the update form at the back of this magazine or online at <http://alumni.nuim.ie/connected>. You will also find details on forthcoming alumni events and benefits such as a discount on membership of the university gym and use of the library and other alumni services on our web site <http://alumni.nuim.ie>.

Whilst this publication features many recent happenings at NUI Maynooth, I hope that some articles will bring you back to your student days (which we all know are some of the best days of your life!). If you happen to be around Maynooth, please call into the Alumni office in Riverstown Lodge as we would love to catch up with you.

Best Wishes



Roisin Doran  
Alumni Officer & Editor



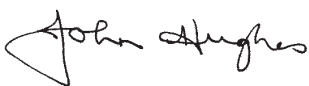
Dear Graduate

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this edition of *The Bridge*. It has been over 10 years since we last published an alumni relations magazine – a bridge too long! However the University has now re-launched the Alumni Office at NUI Maynooth and looks forward to re-establishing connections with all our past students. In my career to date, I have worked in a number of universities and have found the collegiality and sense of affection for NUI Maynooth to be unique. A number of you have expressed the wish to stay connected to, and become involved in the University. To this end Roisin will be delighted to facilitate you in whatever way she can.

Your alma mater continues to grow from strength to strength. Currently as Ireland's fastest-growing university, we continue to recruit leading academics, who deliver both research and teaching excellence. We can all be proud of the exceptional learning and student-oriented environment that has become "The Maynooth Experience".

I look forward to meeting you at the Alumni Ball, on June 21st and hearing the fond memories of your time here.

Kind regards



Professor John Hughes  
President, NUI Maynooth



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## CELEBRATING 21 YEARS OF THE GALWAY CYCLE

*Maynooth Students for Charity this year celebrated the 21st Galway Cycle weekend. On the morning of April 4 almost 130 cyclists left the college before daylight on the first leg of their arduous journey to Galway. Over the course of 12 hours, students and alumni from both NUI Maynooth and St Patrick's College faced the challenges of the wind, the hills and their tired legs, culminating in an ecstatic welcome to Eyre Square.*

On Saturday they joined another 130 support crew and collectors and rattled buckets on the streets of the City of the Tribes for *Headstrong* - the 2008 nominated charity - before cycling back to Maynooth on the Sunday. Like every other year, this cycle will leave all involved with many memories.

A core aspect of the Galway Cycle is the friendships and relationships formed over the weekend, many of which have become long-lasting, including a number of marriages! The Galway Cycle has raised the modern day equivalent of €300,000 over the years for charities which deal with children and young people. The vast majority of cyclists are graduates of both NUI Maynooth and St Patrick's College who love the excuse to turn back the clock to their student days for one weekend a year. The hard-working, organising committee have been instrumental in steering the event towards becoming Ireland's biggest and best organised student charity cycle.

The Cycle has grown to such an extent this year that it will present over €78,000 to *Headstrong* (the Centre for Youth Mental Health) set up by well known psychologist Dr Tony Bates. The impact of the cycle on the charities it has supported cannot be measured purely in financial terms. A major aspect of the Galway Cycle is to raise awareness of the good work done by each of the charities. The profile of the event and the professional approach to branding by its organisers attracts strong sponsorship from a number of companies, and NUI Maynooth.

Roisin Doran, Alumni Officer is delighted with the growing success of the event saying "the Cycle has become more than a fundraising campaign; it's about strengthening college friendships whilst making a difference to the lives of the youth of Ireland that are supported by the nominated charities."



*Pictured above:*

1. Louize Carroll, *Headstrong*; Dr Tony Bates, CEO *Headstrong*; President, Professor John Hughes; Eimear Ryan, Secretary GCo8.
2. Jolene Mellon and Libby Clarke.
3. Alan Nugent.
4. John Fallon and Mark Donnelly, Committee Members 2008.
5. Mark O' Connor; Declan Smith; Anto Cronin; Joe O' Shea.
6. Fergus Heneghan; Anto Cronin; Marie Hehir, *Jigsaw Galway*.



## Brief Cycle History

For over two decades, the Maynooth Students for Charity have organised an annual cycle from Maynooth to Galway return of 400 km. One such student is Martin Rocks (Rocksie) who has clocked up over 8,500 km over the 21 years of this event and is now the Chief Marshall of the Galway Cycle. The Galway Cycle has helped numerous worthy charities with a special interest in supporting children.

This remarkable event was established by a small group of 10 enthusiastic students in 1987. As a result of their initiative and an incredible amount of hard work, the Galway Cycle has grown into a major fundraising and social event in the University's calendar. In 2007 150 participants raised €81,709 for the local, Stepping Stones ABA School.

The Galway Cycle is organised by a voluntary committee, made up of both past and present students who begin their preparation early in the college year. Numerous fundraising events are held in the run up to the cycle, which is held in the Spring each year. Further details are available at [www.galwaycycle.ie](http://www.galwaycycle.ie).

▲ 2007 Maynooth Students for Charity organising committee reveal the sum raised by the group for Stepping Stones ABA School for Children with Autism at a special event, l-r; Ann Marie Brennan, BA 1995; Sarah Quinn, BA 2007; Shane Quigley, President of GCo7; Carol Lysaght, BA Theology 2007; Pamela Downey, BA Hons 2007; Gayle O'Reilly, BA Theology 2007; Amanda Grady, BA 2000.



▲ 2004 (l-r) Deirdre Scanlon, BA 2006; Paul Mullally, BSc Hons 2005 & President of GCo5; Seamus McGhettigan, Sponsor and Manager, The Quays Pub Galway; Martin Rocks, St Patrick's College; Brian Casey, BA Hons 2005.

▲ 2003 Pictured at the official launch of the 2003 Maynooth Students for Charity Galway Cycle at Government Buildings are (l to r): Caroline Treacy and Kelly Eivers, Vice-Presidents 2003 Galway Cycle; Bertie Ahern TD; a representative from Irish Society for Autism; Sean Prunty, Irish Society for Autism; Peter Maguire, President 2003 Galway Cycle; Gary Hooctor, NUI Maynooth Graduate.



▲ 2004 Pictured are Paul Mullally (centre), former President of Maynooth Galway Cycle as well as past and present students who participated in the Cycle, presenting a cheque for 35,000 to the CEO of the Irish Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, Nick Killian.



▲ 2006 Clockwise from top; Aidan Power, RTE Presenter; Paul Mullally, BSc Hons 2005; Shane Quigley, 2nd Year Finance & Accounting; Paul Cleary, BA Theology 2006; Libby Clarke, BA Hons 1998 and Vice-President of GCo6; Brian Casey, BA Hons 2005 and President of GCo6; Jane McKenna, Founder of the Laura Lynn House Childrens Hospice charity.

▲ 2007 Celebrating 20 years of the Galway Cycle with a swim in Salthill were l-r; Damian Carroll; Mark Donnelly, BA Theology 2007; Jason O'Brien, 3rd Year Finance & Accounting; Dave Moloney, BA Media Studies 2006; Noelle Brennan, BA; John Doyle, 3rd Year Arts; Dominic Meehan, St Patrick's College; Sean Kelleher, BSc 1990; Patrick Ward, 3rd Year Science; Eanna Lohan; Fr Paul Finnerty, St Patricks College; Niall Cox BA 2005.



▲ 2005 (l-r) A representative from the Irish Kidney Association with Committee Members from GCo5; Amanda Grady, BSc 2000; Michael Manley, BSc Hons 2005; Kieran Mulhall, BA Hons 2004; Anne Cullen, BA 2001 and President of GCo5; Martin Rocks, St Patrick's College.





PROFESSOR THOMAS KELLY, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, R.I.P. 1957 – 2008

The campus community across the two institutions of NUI Maynooth and St Patrick's College was saddened to learn of the tragic death of Thomas Kelly, Professor of Philosophy, on 21st February. He was both an energetic and energising presence throughout his academic career, first on the staff of St Patrick's College and then with NUI Maynooth where in 2007 he was appointed to the chair of Philosophy. He was the first layman to hold the chair in its two-century history. Following undergraduate studies at UCD, he completed further research at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. He lectured in Europe, the US and Asia, and built up close relations with universities in Louvain and Vienna. He founded the Cáirde Tomás Naofa, established a Chapter for Process Thought, was Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, and served as President of the Irish Philosophical Society. His academic interests were multiple; embracing metaphysics, philosophical anthropology, and process thought. Books that he wrote or edited included *Language and Transcendence*; *Language World and God*; *Between System and Poetics*; *What Price the University?* and *Amor Amicitiae*. He was laid to rest in the college cemetery on 25th February. The funeral was a signal Maynooth occasion, with a large attendance of his colleagues and friends from Ireland and abroad, gathering to mark their respect for him and to express sympathy to Marian his wife, and Mary his mother. His passing was marked at various university bodies by a minute of silent tribute in his memory - although, as one close colleague justly observed, silence is not what one would immediately associate with a recollection of the joyfully, ebullient presence that was Tom Kelly. There was a memorial mass for him in the College Chapel on 23rd April.



## THE LIBRARY

*It is wonderful to have this opportunity to say hello to all our alumni in this issue of the alumni magazine. No doubt the Library will have featured in your time here in Maynooth. Some of you may have studied in the present building, the John Paul II Library, which opened its doors to staff and students in 1984. Others of you will remember the Library in the Arts Block and the time when the Russell Library was the main undergraduate library.*

Of course nothing stays the same, and the Library is continually adapting and changing its services to suit the current needs of the staff and students of the University. One of the huge changes in the last 5-10 years has been the increasing availability of books and journals in electronic format. This has created a virtual library in which staff and students have 24/7 access to our collections. Borrowing and returning are now carried out through our new self-service machines and staff are more available throughout the Library to offer assistance wherever it is needed.

Plans are afoot - when funding becomes available - for a new library. The new building, which is included in the current development plans for the University will make a vital contribution to the modernisation of facilities on campus and will ensure that the Library continues to play a central role in the teaching, learning and research activities of staff and students.

We are delighted to announce our new scheme for alumni who would like to use the library facilities. You will have access to our print resources, the research collection in the Russell Library and on-site access to our electronic resources. You can also avail of our borrowing, photocopying, printing, reference and enquiry services. More information on the Library and its services can be found at <http://library.nuim.ie/>.

If you are interested in joining the Library, you will need to register with the Alumni Office at [alumni@nuim.ie](mailto:alumni@nuim.ie). Once registered, my colleague, Patricia Harkin, will contact you to explain the various options and costs. When you have decided which option will best suit your current needs, Patricia will set you up with the necessary cards.

We would be very glad of any feedback you have on our services. Please contact me, Elizabeth Murphy at [Elizabeth.murphy@nuim.ie](mailto:Elizabeth.murphy@nuim.ie) or Patricia Harkin at [Patricia.Harkin@nuim.ie](mailto:Patricia.Harkin@nuim.ie).





## STUDENT & GRADUATE AWARDS

### VVVISIONS WINS TOP PRIZE

Three NUI Maynooth students of BSc Finance and Venture Management picked up the prestigious 2007 *Shell Livewire All Ireland Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award* and €5000 prize money in 2007. Whilst playing golf during their time at NUI Maynooth, Brendan, Andrew and James identified a gap in the market for the design and manufacture of high-quality golfing equipment. They set up VVvisions in 2006 and currently have four products in their brand portfolio.

The company's first product, V-Towel Elite will become the new standard for on course golf club cleaning. It comprises of a looped towel attached to a cleaning mechanism that efficiently cleans the face, cavity and sole of a club

in one easy action. After a thorough 18 month design programme, rigorous product testing, vetting by caddies at the 2006 Ryder Cup, the V-Towel Elite was launched at the European Golf Trade Fair in Munich last October.

In March 2008 they added 'Best New Product Award' to the firms growing list of accolades which they received at the 2008 PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida. V-Towel Elite was voted as 'Best New Product' out of 397 entries by a panel made up of PGA professionals, members of the press and senior purchasers of large chain stores. For further information please contact Brendan on [Brendan@vvvisions.com](mailto:Brendan@vvvisions.com)

### IMAGINE CUP 2007 WON BY COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS

In Summer 2007 students from the Department of Computer Science were the inaugural winners of the national Irish final of Microsoft's global technology competition the *Imagine Cup*. *Team Ingest* (Interactive Gesture) went on to represent Ireland in the Global Championships in August 2007 in Seoul, South Korea where they defeated 300 students (representing 55 countries) attaining the top six place in the championship. InGest created technology which allows users to choose tutorials depending on their level

of experience. Demonstrations are made through 3D hand gesture animation interface, allowing users to mimic the signs via a motion capture glove or a camera. InGest also allows users to chat online using sign language. They were also awarded in-depth business and technology training as part of the Imagine Cup Innovation Accelerator program, co-sponsored by Microsoft Corporation and British Telecommunications plc (BT).

### BEST RESEARCH ECONOMIST FOR 2006

Dermot O'Leary of Goodbody won the title of 'Best Research Economist' for 2006 in the Annual Stockbroking Survey conducted by FINANCE Magazine. Dermot topped the poll in a survey of fund and asset managers both at home and abroad. Dermot graduated with a BA degree in Finance in 2002 and then received a first-class honours MA in Economics and Finance in 2003 at NUI

Maynooth. He acknowledges the contribution of the Economics Department at NUIM in helping him develop his career saying "The Economics Department, through the work and expertise of its staff, has built a reputation in many areas of economics. I am sure that this had a significant impact when I first entered the economics profession with Goodbody Stockbrokers."

### ENDEAVOUR SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO POSTGRAD STUDENTS

In Spring 2007 Claire Harley and Gillian Hendy, post-graduate students studying for their PhD degrees in Chemistry, under the leadership of Dr Carmel Breslin, received 2007 Endeavour Europe Awards from the Australian Government. *Endeavour* is a prestigious scholarship programme, which supports high-achieving individuals from around the world to establish international research collaborations with an Australian research centre. Each year, 15 scholarships are awarded to European students and Gillian and Claire were the only Irish recipients last year.

Claire and Gillian studied at the Intelligent Polymer Research Institute (IPRI) and Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science (ACES) at the University of Wollongong. Their research covers the fabrication of polymeric nanowires using electrospinning techniques with one of the World's leading experts in this novel technology and they will use these materials as drug carriers and electrochemical sensors.





*Pictured across left: Brendan Moore, James Dowling and Andrew Thompson of VVVisions pictured above with President, Professor John Hughes.*

*Pictured above with Joe Macri (centre), Managing Director, Microsoft Ireland are members of Team Ingest (l-r): Eric McClean; Cathal Coffey; Dan Kelly and Mark Clerkin.*



*Dermot O'Leary*



*Pictured are NUI Maynooth postgraduate students Gillian Hendy (second from left) and Claire Harley with IPRI academics Dr Simon Multon (left) and Dr Dan Lane.*

# EDA SAGARRA MEDAL WINNER

Dr Michael Murray graduated from NUIM with a BA (Sociology and Philosophy) in 1998 and with a PhD in 2004. His research in the Sociology Department looked at the decision-making processes surrounding efforts to build a municipal incinerator at Poolbeg in Dublin and in particular how this has impacted on residents from Ringsend.

*He was awarded the 'Eda Sagarra Medal' by the IRCHSS for 'Excellence in the Humanities and Social Sciences' in October 2007.*

He now works in the Adult and Community Education Department at the University. We asked Michael about his experience during his studies...



*Michael Murray pictured with his parents, John and Lily Murray as he received the 'Eda Sagarra Medal' by the IRCHSS for 'Excellence in the humanities and social sciences' in October 2007.*

## What made you choose NUI Maynooth?

I originally felt that mature students were accommodated somewhat better here than at other universities. I have always liked the fact that NUI Maynooth is a very personal environment to work and study in, given its size and location.

At that time, NIRSA (The National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis) had been just established and I thought that a dedicated centre for research that genuinely addressed the need for an interdisciplinary approach was appropriate for the kind of work that I wished to do. Staff in the Sociology Department were either working in the same field or were very supportive of it. Funding opportunities were available through NIRSA, which was very important too. I was fortunate to avail of a studentship in my first year and scholarships from both the IRCHSS (Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences) and NIRSA in my second and third years.

## How did the funding you received help you with the research?

I think it made all the difference - I was able to concentrate full-time on my research and writing and this enabled me to complete my PhD within the time-frame that had been agreed with the funding agencies.

## What are you doing now, and how has your NUIM experience helped you in this?

After I completed my PhD, I undertook a Post Doctoral Research Fellowship with NIRSA. I am now a lecturer in Sociology in the Department of Adult and Community Education at NUI Maynooth.



## SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS AT NUI MAYNOOTH

*NUI Maynooth is committed to the development of sporting excellence and awards a number of sports scholarships annually to promote and foster sporting talent in the university. In recent years a range of support services to help these players excel in their chosen sports have been established, e.g. sports psychologist, dietician, conditioning coach and physiotherapy support.*

### SNOOKER SCHOLARSHIPS

NUI Maynooth launched its first Snooker Scholarship in November 2007 and snooker superstars Steve Davis and Ken Doherty were on hand to do the honours. Jonathon Williams from Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan who is currently ranked twelfth in Ireland among senior amateurs was awarded the first scholarship. Jonathon will spend time at the World Snooker Academy in Sheffield where he will avail of top class coaching, as well as the chance to practice with some of the best amateur and professional players in the world.

The Snooker Scholarship is co-funded by NUI Maynooth, the University Snooker Club and RIBSA (the Republic of Ireland Billiards and Snooker Association). The new snooker facilities are located in the basement of Rye Hall on the North Campus which is fully equipped with four snooker tables and is run by the Snooker Committee.



*Pictured are (l-r): Steve Davis, Professor John Hughes, President; Jonathan Williams and Ken Doherty.*

### SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIPS



*NUI Maynooth swimming team at the inter-varsity championships held in Sligo.*

The Swimming Scholarships - available at undergraduate and postgraduate level - were introduced to NUI Maynooth during the summer of 2006. Training is provided at the National Aquatic Centre for to up 22 hours weekly with transport provided to and from the NAC.

Full-time Swimming Development Officer and head coach is Martin McGann who has 20 years coaching experience including; Coach to European Junior Championships 2006, Youth Olympic Coach 2005, Coach to numerous International representatives & National titles, World & European Masters Champion, over 60 Masters National records and coach to six English Channel swimmers.

Terry Denison, ex British Olympic Coach is consultant in both the design and the implementation of the programme.

The NUIM swim team claimed their first ever Intersvarsity Swimming Championships in March 2008.

## GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Paddy Harrington Golf Scholarships, named in memory of Pádraig Harrington's father and in association with Carton House, the Golfing Union of Ireland and the Irish Ladies Golfing Union, were officially launched in March 2007.

At present, there are four females and seven males enrolled on the scholarship programme who will benefit from free access to the Montgomerie and O'Meara championship courses of Carton Estate as well as to the GUI Golf Academy. Training and technical development are guided by the GUI and ILGU National Coaches.

In March 2008, in recognition of Pádraig Harrington's great success in winning the Irish and British opens, JP McManus donated €2 million to the golf scholarships in NUI Maynooth to enable students - who previously would have gone abroad - to stay in Ireland and develop into internationally competitive golfers.

*Pictured (top of opposite page) before a challenge match as part of the Oceanico warm-weather training in Portugal during the inter-semester break in January 2008 are (l-r): Joao Carlota and Pedro Figueiredo of the Portugese National Golf team with Cian Curley (Hermitage Golf Club, Lucan) and Brendan Walton (The Island Golf Club) who are both golf scholars at NUI Maynooth.*



Barry Fennelly, golf scholar.

## GAA SCHOLARSHIPS

This year NUI Maynooth is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the MBNA GAA scholarship scheme which began in 1998. Over 150 students have received MBNA scholarships in the last 10 years in men's gaelic football, hurling, ladies gaelic football and camogie. The spread of recipients covers all of the 26 counties. Over 25 of these scholarship holders have won All-Ireland medals at various levels.

## GYM AND FITNESS CENTRE

The Sports office at NUI Maynooth is delighted to offer reduced rates to graduates of Maynooth. The gym is equipped with numerous cardiovascular and resistance machines including concept II rowers, bikes, treadmills, steppers and ab-stations. The weights room has been re-developed as two separate facilities. There is a CV/Fitness area on the first-floor, which is equipped with CV machines, light weights and selectorised resistance equipment. On the ground floor a free-weights room has been installed, complete with mirrors, rubber flooring and housing a full range of dumbbells, olympic barbell sets, power racks, benches and pulleys.

The NUIM Sports Clubs and Societies are also open to graduates. For further information please call 01-7086406 or see the Sports Office website <http://sports.nuim.ie/>



*Pictured with Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh are the three Kirwan sisters who all play for Laois Senior County football and have all also received GAA scholarships from NUIM; Noirin (left) received a Leinster Bursary in 2006, Martha (centre) and Mary (right) both received MBNA GAA scholarships.*

Seven were named All-Stars - Sarah McLoughlin (Leitrim) John Keane (Westmeath) Alan Brogan and Barry Cahill (Dublin) Marc Ó Sé (Kerry) Helena Lohan (Mayo) and Brianne Leahy (Kildare). Marc Ó Sé also won three senior all-Ireland medals and was named in 2007 as *Footballer of the Year*. The scholarship recipients in 2007/08 include senior county players Niall Coyne (Galway) Martha Kirwan (Laois) and Claire Donnelly (Dublin), while Shaun Fahy (Kildare) Tom Mc Grath (Tipperary) and Nigel Dunne (Offaly) are starring for their county U/21 teams.

## RUGBY SCHOLARSHIPS

The NUI Maynooth Rugby scholarship provides an opportunity for players to further their education and participate in the Rugby Performance Centre which is based in the University. John Bagnall, NUIM Rugby development officer explains "The Rugby Performance Centre has been developed to change the culture of rugby within the University. There are many areas covered in the programme from strength and conditioning to skill development and nutritional advice. The programme is continually evolving throughout the year according to the needs and demands of the players." NUI Maynooth Rugby club is affiliated with AIL team, Barnhall RFC and the Leinster Branch of the IRFU.



*Three of the NUIM rugby scholars; Padric Beatty, Tom McKeown and Neil Cotter of Barnhall RFC pictured with John Bagnall, Rugby Development Officer pictured at a visit to NUIM of the RBS 6 Nations Trophy Tour.*



## COLLEGE CHAPEL RESTORED

*The College Chapel at Maynooth is one of the finest examples of Neo-Gothic architecture in the country. It was designed by JJ McCarthy, a pupil of the well-known architect Augustus Welby Pugin who designed Saint Mary's Quadrangle on campus and the Houses of Parliament. Built between 1875 and 1891, the College Chapel is reputed to be the largest stalled chapel in the world.*

The Chapel has recently undergone its first major renovation. At a cost of circa €10m, the project was completed over a period of 14 years. It involved the total replacement of the roof, rewiring the building and the restoration of the five side chapels around the main altar. The stone roofs had to be removed from these side chapels and a semi permeable membrane inserted to resist the dampness and then the stone roofs were rebuilt. Finally the richly ornamented interior, artwork and carvings were fully restored. The rebuilding of the organ is the only remaining project, and will cost about €750,000.

The major works were completed in time for the first visit of Cardinal Sean Brady back to his Alma Mater at Maynooth following his elevation to the College of Cardinals in November 2007.



*The organ, enclosed in a gothic-style case which is situated at the back of the west gallery.*



*A view of the main altar in the College Chapel.*

## NEW PRESIDENT FOR SPCM



Professor John Hughes with Monsignor Hugh Connolly.

**In September 2007** Msgr Connolly was appointed President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, having previously been Vice-President since 1999. He replaces Msgr Dermot Farrell who after completing two terms as President, has been appointed as the new Parish Priest of Dunboyne, Co. Meath.

Born in September 1961, Msgr Connolly is a native of Burren near Warrenpoint, Co Down, where his sister Rosemary runs a well known solicitor's practice. He is a former student of Abbey Christian Brothers School, Newry. Msgr Connolly was ordained in Maynooth in June 1987, and successfully completed Licentiate and Doctoral Studies in moral theology at the Gregorian University, Rome in 1991.

## NEW BUSINESS AND LAW DEPARTMENT

*The Department was established in 2007 with Dr Robert Galavan as its Head. The Department incorporates three units; the Law unit which delivers programmes for students wishing to develop careers as lawyers; the Business, Management and Innovation Studies unit which delivers programmes for students wishing to develop professional careers in management; and the Innovation Value Institute (IVI) which is an internationally recognised applied research unit.*

Two new law degrees were launched in December 2007 and the event was attended by both University personnel and legal professionals including High Court and District Court judges. The new law courses, which will be accepting students from September 2008 are being developed in consultation with the professional legal societies and are explicitly designed to prepare students to progress to postgraduate qualifications as either barristers or solicitors. The broad nature of the business and arts elements of the programmes provides an attractive skill set for employers, and graduates can expect to have an extensive and diverse set of career options.

The Business & Law (BBL) degree is a three year, joint-honours programme. One half of the course credits will be offered through the study of Law, while students will earn their remaining credits from business modules. The Law and Arts (BCL) degree is also a three year, joint honours programme. Law will be studied with two other Arts degree subjects in first year and one other subject in second and third year.



Dr Robert Galavan, Head of the Department of Business and Law; Attorney General, Paul Gallagher, SC; President, Professor John Hughes and Dr Neil Maddox, Lecturer in Law, NUI Maynooth.

## CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**NUI Maynooth has seen significant growth over the last decade** – from 3,400 students in 1997 to 8,400 in 2007, making it Ireland's fastest growing university. This growth has been driven by a number of factors; primarily the expansion of courses, the addition of departments and the creation of research institutes. This trend is forecast to continue over the next decade, as NUI Maynooth fulfils its strategic plan to become a world-class research-led institute. This expansion requires extra facilities to cater for the additional students and staff on campus.



Frank Fitzmaurice

In the coming months there will be a public announcement of the University's *Campus Development Plan*. This project, which is being led by Frank Fitzmaurice, Director of Corporate Services, encompasses the University's building needs for the next decade. Developed by London-based urban designers Metropolitan Workshop, the *Campus Development Plan* sets out a broad direction for the development of the North Campus and identifies a number of strategic concepts which will form the basis of the University's future capital development plans. The Plan is expected to cost up to €200 million over 15 years and will transform NUI Maynooth into an internationally recognised centre of research excellence, delivering state-of-the-art facilities alongside social and cultural amenities to bring 'town and gown' together as Ireland's only university town.



# GRADUATE STUDIES

## THE GRADUATE STUDIES OFFICE – WHO WE ARE AND WHERE TO FIND US

*Postgraduate qualifications have become the ‘currency’ of recruitment in recent years. Ten years ago, a Bachelors Degree would have got a graduate a very good job, employers are now looking for those with a Masters or even a PhD to fill positions.*

In addition, the Irish Government has a target to double the output of PhD students between 2001 and 2013; a policy adopted throughout the European Union. This drive has led to an increase in funding for researchers and postgraduate students.

Taught postgraduate courses are proving ever popular – demand for Higher Diplomas and Masters Degrees is increasing, with applicants taking up courses for a variety of reasons. Be it for vocational reasons, or through an interest in the subject – graduates are looking for the next educational step.

In response to the ever-increasing number of postgraduate researchers in the education system, the Office of Research and Graduate Studies has expanded over the past 12 months. Headed up by the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, the office now comprises



*Dr Ray O’Neill, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies.*

of two Graduate Studies Officers, two Research Support Officers, an Enterprise Officer and an autonomous Commercialisation Office that assists in intellectual property issues and entrepreneurship.

The offices have now moved from Humanity House on South Campus to the newly-renovated Auxilia House on North Campus, bringing the office closer to the majority of researchers.

The *NUI Maynooth Strategic Plan* has made a commitment to review, develop and innovate postgraduate education in order to ensure a continued excellence in education and training for all our students. The Office of Research and Graduate Studies is part of this plan.

If you would like to find out more about the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, please visit our website, <http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie>, email [pgdean@nuim.ie](mailto:pgdean@nuim.ie), or telephone 01 708 6018.

## POSTGRADUATE APPLICATIONS

*Applicants to postgraduate courses at NUI Maynooth have to submit their postgraduate application online.*

The Postgraduate Application Centre (PAC) is an online application process that can be accessed through the Graduate Studies website. The system is now being used in NUI Maynooth, NUI Galway, University College Cork and Trinity College Dublin and it makes the process from application to registration smoother. In order to apply, every course at NUI Maynooth has a PAC identifying code. Applicants can apply for up to three different courses and they will receive follow-up emails to inform them of how their application is progressing. Graduate Studies Officer, Marie Murphy says “The online application system was introduced last year and has provided a continuous link from application to registration.

It is easy to use and allows the student to track their application.”

All departments in the University are now using this system to handle applications, however applicants wishing to pursue a research degree must contact the department that they are interested in, before submitting an application. To access the PAC, go to <http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie>



*Marie Murphy*

# PAYING FOR YOUR POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

Irish researchers are riding on the crest of a wave at the moment. As the Government pumps money into academia there is plenty for NUI Maynooth postgraduate students to tap into. When considering a full-time course postgraduate education can prove expensive with combined living costs and fees taken into account. There are many schemes in place from both NUI Maynooth and from external sources to gain financial support while studying. For further information more please visit <http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie>

## NUI MAYNOOTH FUNDING

The University has its own funding mechanisms, providing financial assistance to both taught and research students. Taught bursaries at NUI Maynooth cover fees, and in some cases provide a maintenance allowance. These scholarships are available across the disciplines, and are awarded to the highest-achieving students nominated by Department and then assessed by a committee.

Approximately 30 postgraduate researchers at NUI Maynooth can benefit from the *John and Pat Hume Scholarships*, set up in honour of our alumnus and Nobel Laureate, John Hume and his wife Pat. The scholarships are available from all Departments of the University, and provide for fees and a maintenance allowance. In some Departments there are opportunities to enhance your income through demonstration or tuition assignments.



Vicky Garnett

## NUI FUNDING

The National University of Ireland (of which Maynooth is a constituent college) offers bursaries to exceptional students who are nominated by their University and then assessed by a committee. They also offer funding for research posts and provide travelling bursaries to students who wish to conduct part of their studies overseas. As part of the Centenary of the NUI in 2008, they are offering research fellowships for Irish Studies.

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FUNDING

The Irish Research Councils, IRCHSS (for Humanities and Social Sciences) and IRCSET (for Science Engineering and Technology) have been funding a large number of PhD and Research Masters students since 2000. The funding covers a living maintenance allowance, as well as fees. For students in the SET (Science, Engineering and Technology) sector, there is also an allowance for research expenses, enabling the researcher to travel to conferences, undertake work in specialised labs overseas and ‘buy in’ additional skills that may not necessarily be part of their PhD training. Competition for these scholarships is extremely strong and NUI Maynooth is proud of its successful track record to date.

Larger project grants also provide funding for postgraduate researchers. The University has been very successful in obtaining grants from Science Foundation Ireland, the Health Research Board and the Higher Education Authority to name a few. Collaborations with large multi-national companies has created exciting opportunities for postgraduate researchers in many fields.

## HOW CAN NUIM HELP YOU GET FUNDING?

The opportunities for funding at postgraduate level have grown in the last few years. How long this ride will last is uncertain, but right now there has never been a better time to win financial assistance in order to achieve your academic potential. Choosing your postgraduate course can depend on many elements. Funding from NUI Maynooth or external agencies means costs do not have to be such a big factor.

NUI Maynooth has been able to take advantage of these many schemes – and as a result we have benefited from them. A total of nearly 90 IRCSET scholars and over 100 IRCHSS scholars have studied at NUI Maynooth with an average of up to 30 researchers per year receiving John and Pat Hume funding. Even more students have been able to gain funding through the larger project grants. These projects are always recruiting new students.



Brian Doody received a BA in Anthropology and Geography in 1993 and a HDip IT in 95 from NUI Maynooth. Brian and a colleague from the Dept of Computer Science established a campus company **Eclipse Internet Services** to develop web sites commercially.

Eclipse provides website design, consultancy, and training to a wide variety of clients in both the commercial and public sectors. These sites range from educational bodies (NUI Maynooth, Cork VEC and St. Patrick's College Drumcondra) to Voluntary Services and Charities (Carlow Youth Services, Friends of the National Collections of Ireland) and Public Services (Irish Library Council, Cork City Council).

Eclipse recently won two e-Government awards for Cork City Council's "Access Cork" web site initiative.

For more information on our products and service, please visit our web site at [www.eclipse.ie](http://www.eclipse.ie)

# FOUR WORDS YOU NEED TO HEAR “BOSS, YOU’ RE AN EEJIT”

*Alumnus Dr Robert Galavan (MA 1999) is Head of the Department of Business & Law at NUI Maynooth. He teaches and consults on strategy, leadership and top-team developments and assessment. In this article, he talks about what it is that makes some managers successful and others fail. If you believe what some managers tell you, success comes from their brilliance and failure comes not from their lack of brilliance, but because of unforeseeable market conditions. If you can see opportunities for success, why can you not see the potential for failure?*

## **The simple answer is that we are, as mere humans, just not up to the job.**

To do a bad job of paraphrasing Einstein “the problems that we face today cannot be solved by the level of thinking that created them”. In other words managers are always out of their depth. That probably explains why most, particularly the bright successful ones, feel that they have been promoted beyond their level of competence – the dangerous ones are those that are sure they are in control! If you have been feeling like an impostor in manager’s clothing, relax most of your colleagues have too – but they won’t want to admit it to the competition. So you are out of your depth because that’s the way the world is. Now get used to it, or as my kids tell me – cry a river, build a bridge and get over it!

*So why do we claim success and blame others on failure?*

*Well, that’s just part of the human condition. We all have ego needs and take a pat on the back for success and avoid the kick in the backside for failure. Self-belief requires us to recognise that we are responsible for making good things happen.*

Most of the problems managers face don’t fit into the neat categories of decision sciences, I mean how many managers reading this do you think ever applied the probability theory to a gnarly business problem? Most of the time the problem is the problem isn’t even clear. So you have to move confidently, make decisions, demonstrate confidence and of course keep your fingers crossed in your pockets at the same time. Maybe I have just become too much of a cynic. If you believe those who promote the dismal science – otherwise know as economists – you can work it all out. I fear it may be pointless though, I can save you the time – I have run the numbers myself and the answer is of course 42, but no matter what way I interpret it, on average, in the long run, it seems I end up dead.

Before we all reach equilibrium though, we have a few peaks and troughs to travel and the risk is that the intractable nature of the problem we face on the journey causes us to be lazy in our approach. Yet, just because you can’t figure it all out doesn’t mean you shouldn’t try to figure any of it out. I do wholeheartedly believe in gut feel and intuition,

there is even some science behind it. Malcolm Gladwell in his book *Blink* does a great job of describing the phenomena of thin slicing - when experts under pressure can make massively complex decisions in the blink of an eye. The challenge is, this is hard to replicate with management ‘experts’. The changing environment, the lack of a coherent body of expertise, the novel problems that emerge, all make it difficult to be a management expert. Yet despite the difficulties, managers must go on, they must drive their organisations forward and so perhaps it is only fair that they take the credit and avoid the blame.

If you were hoping for a neatly packaged answer to the problem at this point I am afraid you are about to be disappointed. There isn’t one, or if there is, it is in a pond too deep for me. What I can do is flag a few of the danger areas – things that we know managers sometimes do, and that in doing so create the conditions for their own downfall.

## **Being too confident**

One of Colin Powell’s ‘secrets’ of leadership is that  $P=40$  to  $70$  (which means 42 might still be the right answer!), that is, the probability of success is highest if you have between 40 and 70 percent of the information to make the decision. Too low and you are guessing, too high and you are either fooling yourself or too late. I have already said that self-belief is important, but that doesn’t mean that you believe everything

that comes out of your mouth. I have heard Michael O’Leary quoted as saying that one of the things that could undo Ryanair is if they start believing their own bullshit – although he may have been misquoted as I am not sure he would use language like that. Nevertheless, the point is a valid one – it is all very well being one of the few airlines in the world to consistently make money, but that doesn’t mean you will stay at the top. Business leaders have to display a confidence about their business and where they are going with it. Staff look to them for emotional comfort, customers for secure supplies, suppliers for confidence that they will be paid and investors in the hope that they can beat the market. But today’s success stems from yesterday’s decisions and tomorrow’s success will stem from today’s decisions. Being over-confident





is a sure-fire sign that you are not doing a good job of searching for the threats as well as the opportunities. If you can keep your head when all those around you are losing theirs, then you obviously underestimate the seriousness of the situation.

### Having all the answers

Most managers think that it is their job to have all the answers. Anybody who is a parent of children of question-asking age (it is somewhere below early teenage years because by then parents know nothing, lived in olden times, and are just on this earth to spoil the fun) will recognise this problem. The expectation that you will have all the answers leads to constant questioning. The constant questioning is managed by simple, but well-known answers derived from the wisdom your years bring – until – they ask a question you don't have a good answer for. Of course, by then you are in such a pattern of answering questions, and their belief in you is so total that you can't really say 'I don't know', or 'let's see if we can find somebody who does', and so you sort of fill in the missing bits. It usually works out okay, slowly but surely you get to believe you can answer all the questions, they then expect it of you and sure, you wouldn't like to let them down, would you?

The deeper issue is that after a while you stop recognising which bits are things you really know and which bits are added in. It is not quite Walter Mitty, but it risks going that direction. Once the habit of 'filling in the blanks' is formed it is difficult to break. Particularly if the decision-making seems to be going well. But even if it is not going well you might not recognise it.

### *Another of our human flaws is that once we have made a decision we look for evidence to validate it and tend to ignore evidence that contradicts it.*

We all know somebody (never ourselves of course) who bought a car or even a house and had some doubts about the purchase. Once signed for and now paying the loan, our minds help us find information to 'prove' we were right. We may be able to explain to ourselves why that bright, canary yellow colour on the car is actually a statement about our individuality and so we shouldn't expect to see anybody else driving one quite so bright. If the house turns out to be a bit too far from work now that we are driving at rush hour, we notice articles that mention the benefits of living in a more rural area and ignore those warning of how stress damages our health. This whole process leads us to reinforce the cycle of relearning what we already 'know'.

### So are managers doomed?

I am an eternal optimist and although the human condition is ultimately terminal, we seem to achieve a lot along the way so a focus on the journey rather than the destination seems sensible. The journey metaphor has a lot going for it. It means you have already made progress and there is more excitement to come. You have learned a lot but there is also a lot more to learn.

However, we need to be careful about just agreeing with the words. Learning requires doing and unlearning. It doesn't come easily and for the experienced busy managers, there is a great temptation to resist it. Resisting it requires putting explicit structures and procedures in place to challenge you. We would need another article to explore the possibilities, so here is just one to think about. Make sure you have a teenager in your senior team – not literally, just in attitude. The type of attitude that comfortably says "Dad (*read boss*) you're an eejit, you know nothing" – and then looks as though they are confused by how somebody of your limited capabilities has survived this long! It might be hard to take, but it may just save the business. How many of you know about the impact *second life* will have on the marketing of consumer products in the future (how many of you are now wondering what *second life* is? – Google it). Your staff already know the answer to this – no, not the crusty ones in the office next to you – the ones with white wires growing out of their ears, the ones that think the boss is an eejit!

## FINE DINING AT PUGIN HALL

Pugin Hall is probably the finest hall in Maynooth, beautifully illuminated by tall windows on the south and east sides.

The University in association with St Patrick's College, Maynooth recently invested €1.3m upgrading the kitchen and dining facilities in historic Pugin Hall.



*The new self-service area off Pugin Hall*

Opening hours are, Monday to Friday 8.30am until 7.00pm, with lunchtime (12.30-2.00) offering a choice of three hot meals per day, along with a self-service salad counter and separate sandwich, wrap and panini bar (open all day), fresh fruit, dessert and beverage counters. Feedback has been very positive on the choice and quality of the food as well as the ambience in the hall. The hall also lends itself as an ideal conference location. A full brochure is available or the catering team will happily discuss your needs individually. Over the summer, outdoor seating is provided so that you can enjoy the beautiful location that is the South Campus.

For more information contact Dearbhile at [catering@nuim.ie](mailto:catering@nuim.ie)



*Pugin Hall, based on the South Campus is a spectacular Neo-Gothic refectory on a grand scale with a capacity of 375, beautifully illuminated by tall windows on the south and east sides.*



# GRADUATIONS

Graduation Day is a very special day in the cycle of events in university life. It is the public and formal recognition by the University of your academic achievement and it represents the successful culmination of your programme of studies. The ceremony is by its nature a formal, traditional and symbolic expression of that which lies at the very heart of university life – the attainment of learning.

In recent times, each year over 1900 students are conferred Bachelor degrees, Masters, PhDs as well as Diplomas, Higher Diplomas, Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates, representing the three Faculties at NUI Maynooth.



*Clockwise from top left:*  
 2000 - Simon May, Raheny and Eve Kilgallon, Rathcoole who both graduate with a BA Hons.  
 1999 - Frank Hanlon, Longford and Ashling Dooley, Galway.  
 2007 - Mother and daughter, both Rosemary Lindsay from Delvin, Co. Westmeath at the NUI Maynooth conferring ceremony where they both received BA Double Honours degrees!  
 2007 - Lieutenant Commander Anthony Heery, with his son Patrick, who received an MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies.  
 2007 - Olive Daly and Sheena McNulty both received their Honours degree in Social Science.  
 2007 - Ingrid Carey BA with her daughter, Elise.

# REMINISCENCES ON MUSIC IN MAYNOOTH, 1985-2007

EMERITUS PROFESSOR GERARD GILLEN REFLECTS ON DEVELOPMENTS OVER HIS 22 YEARS AS HEAD OF MUSIC

*The Maynooth of 1985 that I joined was a very different institution to the Maynooth of 2008 from which I retired. The total academic community barely numbered 2,000, however this small but vibrant community was just beginning to flex its academic muscles and this led to the beginning of a process that created the burgeoning and thriving academic community we have today. It was a Maynooth without Computer Science, Engineering, Psychology, Spanish, Media Studies, Hamilton Institute etc, not to mention Business & Law, but it was an active and innovative institution with a strong sense of collegiality which happily has survived to be one its most cherished attributes.*

In the Music Department for example, it was my privilege to preside over a quite dramatic increase in student numbers over my 22 years: from a total of about 40 students in 1985, Music now has over 400 students. This dramatic increase in student numbers was accompanied by, and to a large extent related to, an expansion in course offerings: from its standard Arts subject status, Music developed in the 1990s into a fully fledged BMus Degree, and this was followed, after the establishment of the Music Technology Studio and Laboratory, with the BA Music Technology, together with a suite of optional course offerings and postgraduate degree programmes in historical musicology, performance, original composition, church music, and, of course, postgraduate music technology. In all, we have in Maynooth probably the broadest-based suite of programmes in Music of the seven Universities in the State, and it was the greatest personal pleasure and privilege to oversee this expansion and development.

Music has been part of the academic community at Maynooth since 1888, so I inherited a Department with strong roots and with a particularly strong tradition of choral singing. The roots of this tradition, of course, stem from the seminary and its renowned male-voice choir, and the seminary today, even with decimated numbers, proudly upholds this tradition under the magical and inspirational direction of John O’Keeffe.



*Professor Gillen pictured with graduates l-r; Ciaran Brady, Martina Burgoyne and Paul Brady pictured prior to the performance by the Maynooth University Choral Society of Verdi’s Requiem in April 2008.*

indefatigable direction of Trini Armstrong, and later still the Guitar Orchestra, numerous traditional music groups, and a Jazz Ensemble. All this activity has contributed to a great sense of ‘buzz’ about the Music Department and contributes enormously to the richness of both the students’ social and musical experience of studying at Maynooth.

To the general public our annual Carol Services have achieved an almost iconic status, such is the demand for tickets. From one annual service in the ‘80s, we have expanded to three, and we could easily fill the College Chapel for an additional one or two, but, sadly, the stamina of our youthful performers (which gives the events so much appeal) can

*With the ‘opening up’ of Maynooth to lay students in the mid 1960s, the then professor of Music, Belfast priest, Fr Noel Watson, saw the need, and indeed opportunity, to give the new, exotic creatures which were beginning to be seen in increasing numbers around the campus (women!) an opportunity to participate in the musical life of the University, and so formed the mixed-voice Choral Society which commenced its programme of annual Carol Service and Spring Choral Concert in 1969.*

Thus when I came in 1985 I inherited a well-established structure for musical performance and it was really relatively easy to build on such secure foundations. Numbers of participating students in choral activities rapidly increased in line with student numbers, so that in addition to an enlarged Choral Society, we soon formed the more ‘elitist’ (in terms of ability) circa 20-voice Chamber Choir. External recognition for our performance standards has come from features on RTE, BBC and French Television. Later came the University Orchestra under the



*Professor Gillen*

only sustain three in a row! For the Spring concerts, we have presented such demanding and canonic masterpieces as Bach’s *St Matthew Passion*, Elgar’s *The Dream of Gerontius*, Handel’s *Messiah* (a regular favourite), and this year, his first year as director of the Choral Society, John O’Keeffe, directed a stunning performance of Verdi’s *Requiem*. It is so reassuring that with my successor Professor Fiona Palmer as Head of Music, and with John O’Keeffe as Director of Choral Groups, the future is indeed in very capable hands.



# HIGHLIGHTS 2007/08

*(Above) Former President of Ireland, Dr Mary Robinson with Maynooth Post Primary School transition year students at the launch of the new centre, Combat Diseases of Poverty Consortium.*

## NEW CENTRE LAUNCHED: COMBAT DISEASES OF POVERTY CONSORTIUM

**The Combat Diseases of Poverty Consortium, jointly led by the Department of Anthropology and the Institute of Immunology was launched by Dr Mary Robinson and medical anthropologist, Dr Paul Farmer of Harvard University in December 2007.**

The Centre will offer training in interdisciplinary approaches to dealing with “diseases of poverty” to trainees based in both Africa and Ireland. Among the attendees at the launch were representatives of Irish Aid, HEA, Trocaire, Concern as well as external colleagues of the programme from Trinity College Dublin, Kimmage Development Studies Centre and St James’ Hospital. Commenting on the launch, Dr Noel Murphy, Co-Chair of the Centre said: “This Consortium will take a highly innovative,

holistic approach to researching the issues of health and poverty in developing countries by examining the social context within which diseases such as HIV and malaria arise.”

The Consortium’s activity will be based around training African and Irish researchers in each others’ home country, developing a programme to raise public awareness of global health and development issues and hosting a series of master class seminars featuring world class researchers with expertise in global health and development. In addition, an Educational Officer based in NUI Maynooth will liaise with secondary schools in Ireland and East Africa to develop web-based learning tools and information packages.

## INTEL APPOINTS NUI MAYNOOTH AS FIRST GLOBAL EDUCATION PARTNER

**NUI Maynooth recently launched an innovative ME degree programme (Master of Engineering) providing advanced engineering education for Intel engineers. In its first year the programme will see up to 15 Intel professionals based at its Leixlip plant take the course, and it is expected to be offered to employees across Intel’s 86,000 strong global workforce from 2009.**

This is the first formal accreditation link-up between the company’s College of Engineering and any university worldwide and places NUI Maynooth at the forefront of University-Industry collaboration in Europe.

The modules will be tailored specifically to the innovative and highly market-sensitive work undertaken by Intel in its multi-billion microprocessor development industry. Intel’s Technology Campus Europe in Leixlip currently employs approximately 5,000 people directly and indirectly.

Professor John Hughes, President said, “Intel is a true global leader in every sense of the word. It is very important to the Irish economy and of course, is a great neighbour of ours in Kildare. We are building

a reputation for international excellence at NUI Maynooth and we were delighted to support Intel in delivering top class industry-relevant accredited Masters education to its staff. Strong links between universities and industry are vital for the sustainability of the global economy and it is something we value highly at NUI Maynooth”.



*Jim O’ Hara, VP Technology and Mfg and General Manager Intel Ireland; Professor John Hughes, President, NUI Maynooth and Lalita Rao, FSM College of Engineering Manager-Intel.*

## NUI MAYNOOTH SEES DOUBLE DIGIT GROWTH IN APPLICATIONS FOR 2ND YEAR IN A ROW

CAO figures in March 2008 for NUI Maynooth show a 13% increase in the number of students who nominated NUI Maynooth as their first choice for third level. This increase, in the context of a 2% increase in the number of students applying for a place in third level means that NUI Maynooth has grown its share of students by 11%.

New degrees in Law and Arts, Business and Law, and Science Education proved highly popular, while existing degree programmes in Arts, Music, Social Science and Product Design witnessed a similar growth trend.



John McGinnity, Assistant Registrar and Admissions Officer.

Commenting on the figures, John McGinnity, Assistant Registrar said “We are delighted with this major increase in applications. Coming on the back of the strong growth achieved last year, this is a recognition of the world class academic staff and courses at NUI Maynooth which are attracting great interest. We are particularly happy with the reaction to our new degree offerings and the considerable interest in our sports scholarships programme.

*He continued: “Our objectives at NUI Maynooth are to provide the range and quality of degrees that students want and to ensure they have a great personal experience on campus while studying here with us.”*

John, concluded: “What is of note is the rise in applications for college education and this indicates the appreciation that applicants have in the benefits, both educationally and socially of the college experience”.

## LAUNCH OF AN FORAS FEASA

The former Minister for Education and Science, Mary Hanafin TD launched An Foras Feasa, NUIM’s new humanities institute which received €5.8m in funding from the HEA’s Programme for Research in Third Level Institutions (PRTLII) in 2007 to create 20 research posts including 5 post-doctorates and 12 PhDs.

*Professor Margaret Kelleher, Director of An Foras Feasa, explains: “Foras Feasa’ can be translated as ‘foundation of knowledge’ and we aim to build a knowledge base about our country’s history and traditions that will not only be of huge benefit to historians and other academics but will make the unique and rich history of our country accessible to all.”*

Dr John Keating, Associate Director of An Foras Feasa, adds: “The Institute’s ground-breaking research will centre on using the most innovative and cutting edge scientific technology to bring Ireland’s cultural traditions to life. It will make historical documents available to all with computer access, and generate new models for the digitisation and historical interpretation of these materials.”

Currently AFF has 80 researchers with expertise in a variety of disciplines including celtic studies, computer science, history, literature, media studies, modern languages, music and philosophy. The institute is a partnership between four third-level institutions DCU; Dundalk IT and St Patrick’s, College, Drumcondra as well as NUIM.



Dr John Keating, Associate Director of An Foras Feasa; Aine Brady, TD; Mary Hanafin, TD, former Minister for Education and Science; Professor Margaret Kelleher, Director of An Foras Feasa and Professor John Hughes, President.

# CATCHING UP WITH MAYNOOTH GRADS .....

## Johnny Nevin

BA Anthropology and Geography

'91



*I attended St Patrick's College and NUI Maynooth from 1988–1992. During which time I obtained (luckily!) a Bachelor of Arts Degree (1991) and Higher Diploma in Education (1992). After graduating I started my career as a teacher of Geography, History and English in the local second level school – Maynooth Post Primary – and indeed I am still*

*here in Maynooth Post Primary today with the responsibility for being Acting Principal. I must have really liked the place as I also came back in 1995 to complete a Higher Diploma in Pastoral Care and in 2000 for a Higher Diploma in Educational Management. My memories of college in Maynooth are all happy ones, filled with fun, laughter and a great sense of enjoyment. I was lucky to make some very close friends and meet a great array of people over my four years – I especially enjoyed Dr Eileen Kane's Anthropology lectures with her great enthusiasm for her subject matter and also Dr Jane Coolahan's inspiring approach to education. However my dearest memories are of friendships forged on the playing fields around NUIM, be they through internal soccer leagues with the still unbeaten 'Time Bandit' team and of course the Sigerson Gaelic football teams under the expert tutelage of Dr Frank Mulligan and Dr Malachy McCann. I count myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend such a fine third-level institution that is NUI Maynooth with its friendly, easy going and truly caring atmosphere – long may this tradition continue!! Finally to all my fellow graduates I wish you joy, happiness and success in all your pursuits.*

*Le gach dea ghui, Johnny Nevin*

## Paula Nolan

BA Nua Ghaeilge and Sociology

'97



*I did a BA in Nua-Ghaeilge and Sociology, graduating in 1997, and subsequently the Advanced Higher Diploma in IT, graduating in 1998 - both from NUIM. I have worked as a Software Engineer with Eircom since 1999. In 2006, I did a (part-time) Diploma in Project Management at Dublin Business School (DBS). The twins arrived in June 2006 so I had no choice but to take a year off and am now doing an MSc in Multimedia*

*at DCU, due to finish next August and graduate in 2009. I hope to work for myself when I finish.*

*In October 2006, approaching the 10 year anniversary of my graduation from NUIM, I decided, especially as I was living in Maynooth, to organise a mini-reunion for college friends I was still in touch with. I started by sending an email to everyone I knew and before long it had gathered momentum. What had originally started as a reunion for 1997 Arts Graduates became a reunion for all graduates. I very quickly set up a website to keep track of the amount of people interested and this was a great success. Throughout the eight months prior to the reunion, many past students registered with the website. On June 16th 2007, approximately 250 graduates of NUIM turned out to a reunion night in The Roost. Present were past students who travelled from every corner of Ireland and also from as far afield as the USA. I produced a DVD made up of old photographs collected from various people throughout the year which was played on the big screen. A brilliant night was had by all as you can see from the photo below.*

## Ciaran Brady

BA Music and Economics

'94



*I graduated from NUI Maynooth with a BA Hons Music and Economics in 1994 and an MA Hons in 1997. Whilst at Maynooth I conducted and directed the Chamber Choir. After graduation I pursued further studies in advanced vocal technique in Freiburg, Germany and have many years work experience as a full-time professional singer with Opera Ireland and the*

*RTE Chamber Choir. I also give vocal coaching to individuals privately. I also qualified as a computer scientist from UCC and worked for eight years business experience working with "National Instruments" as a Computer Programmer and Business Analyst. I co-founded the Academy of Music in Tullamore with another NUIM graduate Martina Burgoyne. The Academy of Music is the midlands leading institute for music education and provides musicianship classes and instrumental tuition to all age groups from beginners level to advanced. Further information is available on <http://www.theacademyofmusic.ie>*



# WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

## Geraldine Delaney

BA Economics, English and Sociology



*It was in the autumn of 1986 when I arrived in Maynooth from Tipperary to do my Arts Degree. At that time there were approximately 1600 students on campus. Maynooth made an early impression on me. It was that great mix of a close-knit college community giving incredible support to freshers, coupled with a local community, into which we were all welcomed. The aesthetic beauty of the old*

*campus with its fine Gothic architecture appealed to me. While history permeated the walls and grounds there was a familiarity that gave you the sense of being at home. It was now up to me to make the best of it and certainly I enjoyed every moment of my time there. I studied English, Economics, Sociology and German in First Year. None of us will ever forget Fr Liam Ryan and Fr Micheal McGreil in Sociology who imparted their knowledge with conviction and a sense of humour. Frank McGuinness in English was remarkable in his delivery. I still remember each of his lectures in Classhall A as if I had attended a number of Drama productions. Professor Paddy Geary in Economics was clear and concise and made the mundane appear interesting and accessible. He was the quintessential gentleman. At that time most students were indebted to Mrs Gaffney (affectionately known as 'Ma Gaffney') in the canteen. She ensured that none of us went without a square meal. The shop duo of Margaret and Seamus Kirwan was ever-helpful and accommodating. Mary McCourt was undoubtedly the real leader of the students union.*

*College life was there to be enjoyed in all its facets. Maynooth was like an oasis that operated separately from the rest of the world. The Song Contest in the Aula Maxima and the Annual Carol Service in the College Chapel were two of the highlights of the year with tickets to both at a premium. The Sunday ritual was very important. The day began with a long lingering lunch in Patrick's followed by a walk around campus, Mass at 6pm followed by the cup of tea and then on to the film in the Aula. Sunday night wasn't complete without a visit to The Roost to prepare for the week ahead!*

*After my degree I spent two years as Student Union President. I enjoyed this experience immensely. However, I had only begun my term when my parents died. It was then that I truly experienced the supportive nature of all those in Maynooth. My time in Maynooth has afforded me lifelong friendships and indeed I met my husband Michael Smyth from Ballybay, Co. Monaghan there. We have been married for six years and have two sons, Ultan and Fionnan. I am presently teaching in Palmerstown in Dublin and Michael works as a School Completion Programme Co-ordinator.*

*I have many special memories of the people that I met and the times that we shared in the hallowed walls of Maynooth. However a memory that will live with me forever was the visit of Mother Teresa to the college.*

## Gary Hctor

BA French and Sociology



*Before starting college, I was daunted by the prospect of starting afresh and finding new friends. While education was a concern too, I knew I could survive the academic trials but not necessarily the social ones! I didn't realise then that Maynooth would be the source for some of the best times and friendships I have known. I joined the French Soc in my First Year and as the older members graduated and moved on I took a more active*

*role in the running of it. My involvement in the society came to a premature end when I went to Toulouse as part of my studies at the end of my second year. This year abroad moved my Francophilia onto a whole new level and I'm sure my level of French today wouldn't be the same had I not spent this time abroad.*

*I was also involved in the Photographic Society and the Cycling Club – the latter which led to my involvement with the Maynooth Students for Charity Galway Cycle which I still participate in every Spring.*

*For the first couple of years in Maynooth I lived in the off-campus hostel which belied its conservative image by soon becoming party-central – not the most conducive of study atmospheres but a great place from which to base a winning indoor soccer team!*

*After graduation in 1997 I worked in France for a year and then returned to Ireland and began a career in the employment and community group sector in Dublin and then Tullamore. My interests outside work - in film and photography - eventually led me back to study in 2005, this time to UCD where I completed an MA in Film Studies. Before graduation in UCD I founded media company - HelloCamera.ie. The company specialises in video for web and media production training. I was a board member of the national organisation for film clubs - Access Cinema – for a couple of years and still run my home film club in Birr where I now live.*

## Richard Dolan

BA Finance



*After graduating from Maynooth, I worked with Bank of Ireland for a year and then decided to move to Manchester and do a PGCE in Economics and Business Education. I have been teaching Economics and Business for the past seven years. I moved to Switzerland in 2005 to work at Institut Le Rosey which is an international boarding school. The main attraction was teaching the International Baccalaureate in an international environment and at a school that moves campus for the winter. It allows me to ski five days a week each winter term for the last three years and teach during the week!*

# GRADS CONTINUED

Sean Kelleher

BSc

'90

*Yes, it's hard to believe it's nearly 20 years since I finished in Maynooth! Well not exactly - I'm still here as a local. It seems like a long time ago all the same, and there have been some dramatic changes in Maynooth over those years both on campus and in the town. I believe that there are now approximately 7,500 students compared to the 1,400 in my time.*

*I ended up marrying my college girlfriend - Niamh and have two children, Conor and Sinead, now 18 and 16 respectively. Sinead's in the secondary school in Maynooth and Conor is in college in Carlow. The flat that he ended in up is nearly identical to the houses I rented in Parson Street just as damp, smelly and pokey - some things never change! He tells me that he's studying hard and the nightlife in Carlow is crap... I still keep in touch with many of the Maynooth crowd, Dinny, Seamus and Ciara, Gar Gill, Johnny Cunningham, Simon Herbert, Mags and Maria (no they're not a couple), Martin and Roisin, Ger and Mick, Anne Marie, Fionnula and Martina to name a few. There have been many opportunities to meet up, a few weddings and christenings and now we are into the 40th's. Mine was on in the Roost in March- back to where it all began.*

*After about 15 years of an absence I recently rekindled my relationship with the college. Last year I went on the charity cycle organised by Maynooth Students and Alumni. Apparently it has been going on since we were in college and some of the original group are still involved - Fergus Heneghan and Mary Therese Gilmartin. Well maybe I heard about it then but was too busy with other activities. Anyway, it was one of the best weekends of my life, aside from the achievement of cycling to Galway, and raising E80,000 for charity, the highlight was socialising in true Maynooth style. Then, after 2 long nights, we had to cycle all the way back and not content with that it was followed with a night in The Roost, followed by a night in Roches.*



Sean Kelleher with his daughter, Sinéad.

*I'm back again this year and helping out with the fund-raising, with plenty of quiz nights, poker nights and comedy nights - any excuse to end up back in the SU. I even went to see a band a few weeks ago - how sad is that? I have also set up a Lions Club in the college and I must say the students are great at helping out. We organized a 5k fun run/walk around the college in May in aid of ASIST Suicide Prevention. If anyone is interested in participating we'd love to see you. It would be a good chance to see the changes to the college.*

*Career-wise, things have been quite chequered since leaving with my Science degree. It's fair to say that job vacancies were fairly limited in the early '90s, there weren't exactly queues at the gates for graduates with pass Science degrees. After a summer mixing mortar on the building site of the new apartments in the college I got a job with Packard Electric in Dublin. Two years later I went out on my own as a Quality Consultant helping companies achieve ISO 9000. Since then I have moved into Safety and have a safety training company operating from Maynooth. I went back to college a few times since firstly to do a Masters in Industrial Engineering, a MBA and Higher Diploma in Health & Safety. I'm currently doing a Certificate in Psychology through Maynooth and thinking of going back next year to do Adult Education. The great thing about the college is that it caters very well for mature students. It's good to have the Student card for cheap haircuts and cinema tickets.*

*Looking forward to the next 40 years maybe I'll still be studying in Maynooth or cycling to Galway with the students or maybe we'll have retired down to Mayo where Niamh is from, Who knows.....*

## ADULT EDUCATION

*The Department of Adult and Community Education NUI Maynooth has a long tradition and commitment of providing and developing a wide range of adult education courses at local level.*

Over the years its outreach continuing education programme has grown and developed in response to the changing needs of adult learners. The courses are developed and delivered in co-operation and consultation with voluntary organisations, government agencies, community groups and schools. The needs of adult learners have been central to course design, consequently the range of courses offered reflect a demand from adult learners to study subjects relevant to their lives. The courses focus therefore, on topics concerned with human development, social and community issues and returning to learning. The more popular courses we have found are the NUI Certificate Courses - Addiction Studies, Counselling Skills and Psychology. Many of our graduates return for the

NUI Professional Development Courses, e.g. Adult Guidance, Theory and Practice and Training and Continuing Education

They are delivered in a student-friendly way using experiential learning methods and group work practice as tools for learning. We recognise that the demands of studying with other full time commitments such as job and family are difficult consequently the courses are both flexible and part-time and (where possible) are delivered in local communities. Courses are also available at the university's outreach campus in Kilkenny. Student motivation to begin courses often stems from the rekindling of a long-standing ambition to pursue further learning or from the desire for a new challenge.

For further information please see <http://adulthoodeducation.nuim.ie/>



Josephine Finn, Head of Continuing Education.



# THE NOLAN SISTERS...

## Leila Nolan

BA Theology '84

While in Maynooth I studied BA Theology. I did Sociology and Irish in first year and Irish and Theology to degree level. Not too sure what to do I went on to do the HDip in Education. I taught in Midleton for six years and then took a career break. From there I went to Canterbury and taught for a year. On returning I got a job in Assumption secondary school Walkinstown for two years. In 1994 and I started working in St Joseph's College Lucan and I am still there today. I married James Byrne in 1994 and we have four children, two boys and two girls. Philip is twelve, Daragh is eleven, Roisin is nine and Leila is eight.



I had a great time in Maynooth. It was a very different place then to what it is today. Science, Arts and Theology were the only courses available at that time. The number of clerical students was much greater also. Subsequently we all knew one another. I enjoyed my time immensely in Maynooth. The social life was fantastic. I got involved in as many clubs and societies as was possible from athletics to drama and especially the choir on a Monday night with Fr Noel Watson culminating in the annual Christmas Carol service. I also had some great times with the Irish department and some great trips to the Gaeltacht. As you can see my time in Maynooth was a very positive and memorable one.

## Cera Nolan

BSc '88

I spent four years in Maynooth studying for a BSc and HDip. My highlight was being part of the Sigerson Social Committee when Maynooth hosted it and then being PRO following year. I taught Science in Ballycastle, Co Antrim for one year and did substitute work in the Dublin area the following year and that finished my teaching career. Luckily, with advice from my mum I went back to college to study Podiatry in Caledonian University Glasgow for three years. I worked there for a year and on my return home I was offered a job with Scholls Footcare in Clerys Dublin. I worked there for a year and then set up my own Podiatry Clinic, Footstop in Naas, Co Kildare in November 2003. My interests are many with a preference for sport, especially athletics, GAA, cycling and dancing.

## Daire Nolan

BA Theology and Irish '87

I was in Maynooth from 1983 to 1987. I studied Theology and Irish and finished with HDip in 87. I really enjoyed my years in Maynooth especially extracurricular activities. Since leaving college I have taught Religion and Irish in schools mainly in Dublin. I married Michael in 1994; took a career break after my second child was born and am now back part-time teaching in St Patrick's Community College in Naas. I have three children Michael [10] Mairéad [9] and Anna [5].



## Aedamar Nolan

MSc Mathematics '92

I went to Maynooth in 1987 to study a BA in Theology, Maths, Economics 1st year, followed by a HDip Mathematics 1991, MSc in Mathematics 1992 and finally a HDip in Education in 1994. As you can see I spent a lot of time in Maynooth!! I really enjoyed my time there. I played racquetball for the College and was Treasurer and President of the Club. I was also a member of the Athletics Club. From 1991 -1996 I was a Maths Tutor. In 2005 I married Barry O' Reilly (also a graduate of Maynooth) and we have one daughter Eimear, 16 months. I have been teaching in Clane Community School. Co. Kildare since 1994.

## Harvey Duthie

BA Finance



Originally from Ballinasloe, but now living in Dublin I took the scenic route through NUI Maynooth spending four years there instead of three thanks to some challenging accounting exams at the end of second year. Though not convinced at the time, I concede my time in Maynooth has stood me in good stead since. In my final year, I captained the Universities

Swimming and Water-polo team and regards my friends from my time at the University as some of my closest.

Straight out of college I joined CCS Fundraising as a Campaign Director. I worked on Diocesan and Educational fundraising campaigns in Ireland and the UK with combined goals in excess of €50 million. There my clients included the Archdiocese of Armagh, Archdiocese of Glasgow, Diocese of Down and Connor and Castleknock College.

I now work as a Consultant with zinto3 Ltd. ([www.zinto3.com](http://www.zinto3.com)). The firm provides Management Consulting and Recruitment solutions to Non-Profit organisations. Some of my recent clients include the Niall Mellon Township Trust, Trocaire, Saint Vincent DePaul, Irish Red Cross, ISPC, Irish Hospice Foundation and the Simon Community. I will shortly complete a Certificate in Fundraising Management from the Institute of Fundraising in London. I enjoy mountain-biking, kayaking and am a member of the NAC Masters swimming team.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Margaret (Mags) Kirwan is well-known to many of our alumni as the friendly face of the North Campus. Margaret worked here nearly 25 years. She originally worked for Mrs Gaffney in the restaurant in the Arts Block, then in the SU Bar (or as the students knew it as the 'Auld barn'). In 1987 Margaret became manager of the SU Shop. Firstly based in Arts Block, it moved to the newly-built Sports Complex which housed the Students' Union Offices, Shop and Restaurant in 1991. Margaret employed many students over the years and will be remembered by many for her kind and generous nature and cheerful disposition. She retired in May 2002.

In the early days of the Galway Cycle, Mag's shop was the HQ and all messages, monies, food drops, etc., she even recruited some cyclists! For the past ten years Mags and her husband Seamus have traveled to Galway on the Saturday morning and spent the day collecting for the charity.



Pictured are members of the committee of Maynooth Students for Charity giving a presentation to Margaret Kirwan, retired Students' Union Shop Manager as a 'thank you' for all her support. Pictured are (l-r): Seamus Kirwan, Caroline Mannion, BA 2001; Margaret Kirwan; Fiona Hoare, BA 2001, Patrick Ward, 3rd Year Science.

# GRADS CONTINUED

## Carol-Anne McNamara

BA Sociology and English

'94



I graduated in 1994 BA (Spec) Sociology and English and returned after a year in London to do an MA (Mode II) Sociology graduating in 1996. After graduation I moved back to London and spent a year or so working in pubs and temporary office jobs before joining Legal & General Investment Management for a three month contract. That turned

into almost four years and having discovered compliance I found I had a career instead of just a job! I met my partner in a great Greenwich pub called Hardy's. Our relationship kicked off with the turn of the century and after just over four years together we moved to his native New Zealand. Life here is a bit more like Ireland than London but with better weather. Four years on we live in a small town just north of Auckland where we have all the benefits of semi rural living right on the edge of a great city. I now work as a risk and compliance manager in banking - it's long way from the Arts Block and the Roost but it's been a good journey.

## Aidan Rooney

BA English and French

'85



I was born in Monaghan in 1965 and received my third level education in St Patrick's College Maynooth along with my brother who now lives in Switzerland and my sister who lives and works as a teacher. Since 1988 I have taught French and English at Thayer Academy in Massachusetts.

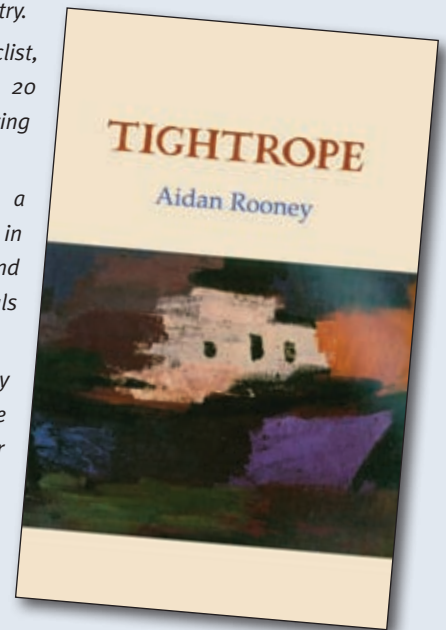
I was home in March to launch my second book of poetry entitled *Tightrope* in Waterstones bookshop in

Dublin. *Tightrope* is a richly intense exploration of loss and return. In its span of two worlds; my native Ireland and the shores south of Boston where I now live, alternating notes of tension and repose evoke love and love-loss. I have received numerous awards on both sides of the Atlantic; in 1997 I received the Sunday Tribune/Hennessy Cognac New Irish Writing Award for Poetry.

I am a keen swimmer, cyclist, and a soccer coach for 20 years in addition to enjoying jet-skiing.

I regularly meet up with a group of Irish graduates in Boston who get together and work on two Irish festivals annually.

In summary, I have many fond memories of my time at Maynooth in particular of my involvement with the Bitz and also my membership of the English Literary Club.



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## Bill Tinley

BA English, History and French

'86



After I received my MA in English in 1988 Bill Tinley (BA, 1986) I worked in the Development Office in St Patrick's College, moving to the newly established Maynooth Conference Centre in 1991. I was appointed manager in 1996. My doctoral thesis on the poetry of Derek Mahon was completed in 2004. In 1996 I received the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award and published my first collection,

*Grace*, in 2001. A selection translated into Hungarian appeared in 2007. I live in Maynooth with my wife and three sons.

## MAYNOOTH CAMPUS CONFERENCE & ACCOMMODATION

Maynooth Campus Conference & Accommodation manages the campus resources outside of academic class time. Managed by Dr Bill Tinley, the service has been in place since 1992. Initially set up to source conference business during the summer months, its remit has grown in line with the many developments in the intervening 16 years. "When the business started we were mainly dealing with small academic conferences," says Dr Tinley. "But the Bicentenary in 1995 changed that, proving we had the capability to host large events. And the nature of our business has been transformed in the new millennium. We offer accommodation year-round on the south campus, with an increasing number of medium-sized events hosted during the academic year. The scale of the operation is much bigger now, particularly since Rye Hall and River Apartments came on-stream between 2001 and 2003. During the summer months we have over 960 bedrooms with a capacity of 1,050." Recent developments include a sophisticated online booking system. "The trend is increasingly for people to make reservations via the internet. We've had a great response to the booking engine. 2008 looks like it's going to be the busiest year. We're going in the right direction!"



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