



Alumni from the 70s

Academic Year 2003/4

Welcome Back!

Alumni and Graduation

We hope you enjoy the lunch that Roger Calver has so kindly arranged to bring everyone back together again on 19 June 2004.

UCC has had a tremendous year, and we thought that you would like to hear about it!



UCC Successes

We came in the top 20 (all Universities) in *The Times* guide, subject by subject review on 18 May 2004 for Theology (16th), Art and Design (20th) and Communication and Media Studies (16th).

Looking to the future – University title

In the White Paper, *The Future of Higher Education*, published in January 2003, the Government proposed to allow those Higher Education institutions with at least 4,000 fte students, and holding a licence to offer their own taught degrees, to apply for designation as a university. (Since 1992 it has been necessary to be licensed by the Privy Council to offer both taught and research degrees, MPhil and PhD, before making an application for University title).

An application is being prepared internally and UCC plans to make



its submission, alongside those from the other seven institutions that meet the criteria. The other institutions include King Alfred's Winchester, Chester University College, and Canterbury Christ Church University College. We will keep you updated!

Progress on the establishment of an Alumni Association, in which you will be a part, is on the cards. The new Head of Marketing, Recruitment and External Relations, Karen Arnold, hopes to be in a position to appoint a Graduation/Alumni Officer in January 2005 to support the administrative work that is necessary.

Please take the time to complete the UCC Alumni application provided at the lunch today.

In October, UCC will host five graduation ceremonies at the Festival Theatre, each accommodating a thousand people, 250 graduands, plus their supporters. Honorary Awards will be presented to:

- Philip Jackson — Honorary MA,
- Margaret Bamford — Honorary MA,
- Sir Michael Marshall — Honorary Fellow,
- John Shippam — Honorary MA (Ed)
- and Livia Caprara — Honorary MA.

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Changes on Campus

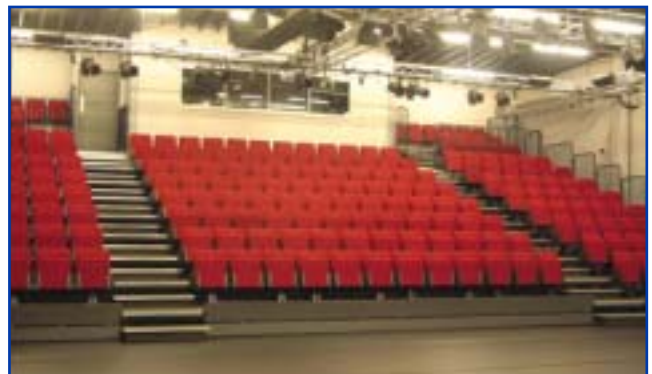
A lot has been happening both inside and out at UCC in the last year, here are some pictures of the main changes on campus:

The following picture shows that work is well advanced in building the new Students Union. This will provide a much needed social space for students including a bar and significantly enhance the student identity at UCC. The new Union replaces the Murray Hall which has benefited from an extensive refurbishment to create a performance space for drama and dance that will seat an audience of 200.



The new Students Union Building

The new Students Union will be ready for the start of the 2004/5 academic year and once the move has taken place, the current Student bar will be refurbished as a coffee lounge, a place of calm relaxation in which to enjoy conversation. All alumni will be more than welcome to drop-in.



The ShowRoom

During the year, over 70 events were staged in what is now called The ShowRoom, ranging from performances by professional companies through to those organised by students. The new facility has already made an important contribution to the ambition of UCC to be a recognised centre of international excellence in the Performing Arts.

The new Sports Activity and Research Centre (SARC) opened in February 2003. It has an impressive competitive-sized sports hall, a well-equipped fitness gym, coaching rooms and an outside climbing wall. There is also an all weather pitch (for football, rugby, hockey, lacrosse and golf practice), an astro-pitch for hockey, netball courts, tennis courts and a cricket pitch. In the summer, an athletics track and a long-jump area are also available.



Sports Activity and Research Centre (SARC)