

Greetings & welcome to the first edition of the NEW Sallynoggin College of Further Education's newsletter!! To all new students & staff one hopes you are settling in nicely and are getting to grips with your new courses, modules, classrooms and whatnot. To all second year students and existing staff it's great to have you all back and hope you enjoy the year ahead.

The purpose of the new newsletter is to keep students and staff abreast with developments and the various 'goings-on' within our college. If anyone would like to submit anything to the Newsletter – news, sporting fixtures, performances, student trips, gossip, photos etc you can pass it on to me in the fitness office until such time that a post box is erected for information collection. Please put your name and contact number on any information submitted as anonymous contributions shall not be printed. Cheers!

Ann Gildea – Fitness Dept.

## Graduation 2008

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2008, students from SCFE celebrated their hard work and achievements at their graduation ceremony in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney. A large of students graduated from the following courses at both level 5 and 6:

- \*Executive Personal Assistant/Computerised Office Skills
- \*Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy
- \*Leisure & Fitness Management
- \*Sports therapy & Personal Training
- \*Childcare
- \*Applied Social Studies
- \*Performing Arts
- \*Fashion Industry Practice

The Certificates were presented by Mary Hanafin, Minister for Family & Social Affairs. Despite the inclement weather we had a very large attendance and, according to graduates and family, it was a most enjoyable and successful occasion.

We wish all our graduates continued success in their chosen careers.

## Freshers' Day 2008

The staff and students of Sallynoggin College of Further Education hit the ground running this September with our 1<sup>st</sup> Freshers' Day in a number of years. The sumo wrestling ring, bungee course & the jousting ring really separated the boys from the men!! The burger & ice-cream vans were on standby to replenish the energy stores for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of events.

It was great to see students from all courses participating and, in many cases, beating the heads off each other!! Competitive natures shone through in many of the activities with, at one stage, students from fitness and leisure competing with students from hair and beauty to their death! Who won???? Who knows!!

This fun-day is one that we hope will go from strength to strength over the coming years!! A big cheer of gratitude & slap on the back to Grace 'The Legend' Lawlor and Sandra 'The Bombshell' Ruane who organised the day from start to finish. Their hard work & effort paid off resulting in a day packed with fun for all the students and the staff of the college.

## Bits 'n' Bobs

Tickets go on sale next week from Bernie in the canteen in aid of the Mountwood Fitzgerald Community Development Project, tickets cost €2 and 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a large hamper.....Students wishing to buy or sell course books are more than welcome to advertise on the student notice board.....Students are reminded that parking at the rear of the college is for staff only ..... Final date for submissions to the next edition of The 'Noggin News is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November ..... 'Swim for Simon' is a charity swim for the Simon Community in

## Sports News

### Men's Soccer

This year's fixtures are currently unavailable from the College Football Association. Approximately 40 students signed up on Freshers' Day for the team so competition for positions shall be high! The 1<sup>st</sup> round of trials shall take place this Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. All interested are asked to meet at the college gym at 1.30pm. Any queries, please speak to Stephen Murphy in the Fitness Department Office.

We wish Stephen and the squad all the best in the year ahead ... Do us proud (as you always do!)

### Ladies' Football

It is our intention to get a ladies soccer team up and running this year. In previous years we have tried and failed. However, we are hoping that this year we shall succeed due to 20+ numbers that signed up on Fresher's day

Stephen and Orflaith are currently waiting to hear back from the organisers of the Women's Leinster League to see if Sallynoggin College FE is eligible to enter a team.

### Men's Rugby

This is a relatively new sport to the college but is a club going from strength to strength with over 30 students signing up on Freshers' Day. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting took place on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> of September and announced the College's much-needed Home ground to be Stradbrook, Blackrock, home of Blackrock RFC. The first 'Sevens' tournament is set for the Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct at Monkstown RFC. Best of luck boys!

A big 'Thank You' to all who manned the Sport Sign-up desks on Freshers' Day.

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### Other Sports

The Jingle Bell 5km Run takes place on Sun 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008 in the Phoenix Park. Any staff or students interested in taking part or forming a training group for this run please speak to Orflaith in the Fitness Department.

## New College Artwork

The College recently acquired 2 new pieces of artwork, which are framed & hang above the main staircase in the college foyer. The 1<sup>st</sup> painting is a landscape painting of Roundwood in Co. Wicklow. It is the mixture of oil paint and wax that give the painting that strong textured effect. The artist, Michael Henry, was an Art & Design student here in Sallynoggin College from September 2002 to May 2003. On completion of this year, he was offered a place in the National College of Art and Design. On graduating in 2007 he was awarded the prestigious National Union of Ireland award for painting.

The painting of the seascape, called 'Convergence', on the opposite wall is by the renowned artist Annmarie Greevy. Annmarie is also a valued tutor on the Art and Design course here in Sallynoggin College. 'Convergence' is a view at the end of the West Pier in Dun Laoghaire and is an oil and mixed media on canvas. Annmarie tells me that this painting is one of a few which she has completed that attempts to express emotions and feelings exposed through her drawings and observations, such as the powering force of nature, human resistance to change and the impermanence of all things.

## Dates for Your Diary

Board of Management Student Elections -	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> & Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 10am-3pm Venue – The College Foyer
Student Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting -	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct Venue - 1pm in Room 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Student Council Social -	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct '08 Venue – To be decided
SCFE 1 <sup>st</sup> Open Day date -	Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2009