



Michael Twomey.

Bringing bit of Cha and Miah to UCC

THE 2012 Cummings Humour lecture 'It makes me laugh' will be delivered by Michael Twomey, of Cha and Miah fame, at 8pm on Thursday in Boole Lecture Theatre 2 at UCC.

Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

This lecture is made possible through the endowment of H.J. and Barbara Cummings to UCC in support of the development of the UCC Library of World Humour and the advancement of our understanding of humour.

Michael Twomey was born in

Blackrock in 1933, and is Cork's best-known theatrical director with a huge string of successes to his name in serious theatre, musicals, pantomime and reviews. However, his first love is comedy and in this lecture he talks about what makes him laugh and why.

Prestigious win for UCC finance team

A TEAM of students from Accounting & Finance have won the Irish round of the CFA institute's Global Investment Research Challenge (GIRC) held at Davys Stockbrokers.

The team comprises Aoife McCarthy, Ava Gaffney, Cormac O'Flynn, David Nunan and Robert Sweeney. Their professional mentor is Ken Power of Killeevan Investment Consultants and their academic mentor is Dr Ray Donnelly.

The team's financial analysis of Origin Enterprises plc came out on top, defeating teams from NUI, Galway, Trinity College Dublin, and Smurfit Business School in the final.

The Global Investment Research Challenge is a real world investment competition, with over 3,200 students from more than 700 of the top university business and finance programs in 55 countries participating this year.

The universities assemble teams of three to five business and finance students who work directly with a company in researching and preparing a company analysis. The teams' final presentations are locally evaluated by high-profile panels of heads of research, portfolio managers and chief investment officers from the world's top firms.



UCC Accounting & Finance students Ava Gaffney, Aoife McCarthy, Cormac O'Flynn, David Nunan and Robert Sweeney, winners of the Irish round of the CFA institute's Global Investment Research Challenge (GIRC) held at Davys Stockbrokers.

Picture: Mark Harrison

The local champions advance to regional competitions in the Americas, Asia and Europe and then to the global final.

UCC has now won the Irish

leg of this competition on three of the four occasions that it has been run. The team will now compete in the Europe, Middle East and Africa final in London

on March 14-15 where they will be hoping to emulate the UCC team that was successful in the EMEA leg of the competition in 2009.

Lecture to focus on the generating power of sea waves

THANKS to electricity, our society has changed more in a century than in a millennium.

However, massive challenges lie ahead: oil and gas resources are depleting dramatically, not to mention the threat of climate change.

In the next lecture of the Annual College of Science, Engineering and Food Science (SEFS) Public Lecture Series on Wednesday, titled: 'Sea Waves are Tomorrow's Oil', Anne Blavette will give an insight into the cutting-edge research of ocean electricity.

According to Ms Blavette: "Electricity producers worldwide are turning to renewables, which Ireland is fortunately blessed with, having in particular one of the best wave energy potential in the world. However, contrary to coal or gas-fired power plants, ocean power plants have some characteristics that require changing the tra-

ditional way to operate the electrical network", she explained.

Anne Blavette holds a BSc in Physics from the University of Rennes, Brittany, France, and a MScE in Energy Engineering from EPF-Engineering School in Paris. She is now a third-year PhD candidate at the Hydraulics and Maritime Research Centre, UCC. Her PhD work focuses on the electrical grid impact of electricity generated from ocean energy converters.

The lecture will be delivered at 8pm in Boole IV Lecture Theatre. The lecture series is organised by Emeritus Professor William Reville, Public Awareness of Science Officer, SEFS and will continue until March 14.

● Full details can be consulted by visiting website <http://understanding-science.ucc.ie/Lecture2012.pdf>. Admission is free, and as always, members of the public are invited to attend.

College celebrates centenary of Fitzgibbon Cup

TO MARK the centenary of the UCC Fitzgibbon Cup, past Cup finalists and winners will gather in UCC's Devere Hall on Thursday.

On the day, a tour of the Mardyke Sports Grounds and Pavilion will precede a meal in Devere Hall.

President of UCC Dr Michael Murphy will commence proceedings with a welcome speech to be followed by a presentation by the President of the Hurling Club, Dr Paddy Crowley, to mark the outstanding achievements of UCC Hurling Club during the past 100 years.

A booklet giving a brief description of the match

reports of all the finals which UCC played in over the last 100 years will be given to each of the attendees.

The event is co-ordinated by the Office of Sport & Recreation in collaboration with the UCC Alumni Office.

Fr. Edwin Fitzgibbon, a Capuchin friar and Professor of Philosophy at UCC (1910-37) inaugurated the magnificent trophy in 1912.

● Invitations to the event and acceptances are now being processed by the Office of Sport and Recreation at UCC. Contact (021) 4904752 or email b.young@ucc.ie.

UCC-edited journal on Sciascia presented in Italian senate

A NEW, international, peer-reviewed journal edited by Dr Mark Chu of UCC's Department of Italian, was presented in the Italian Senate recently by Emma Bonino, vice-president of the senate and former EU Commissioner.

Todomodo, founded by Francesco Izzo of the Amici di Leonardo Sciascia, and published by the prestigious Florentine academic publisher Leo S. Olschki, is dedicated to the critical study of the life and works of the Sicilian author, Leonardo

Sciascia (1921-1989).

The journal was officially launched in Florence in November 2011, and presented in Cork at the Italian Studies in Ireland Research Colloquium on earlier this month.

The event at the Italian Senate is indicative of Sciascia's importance as a writer and political commentator.

The author's novel *Il giorno della civetta* (*The Day of the Owl*) is a set text on the Leaving Cert syllabus for Italian.



At the presentation of *Todomodo* at the Italian Senate were Dr Mark Chu, back right, Italian, UCC and Associate Editor, with Senator Emma Bonino, Radical Party and vice president of the Senate; Dott. Daniele Olschki, publisher; Professor Renato Albiero, President of the Associazione degli Amici di Leonardo Sciascia, and Dott. Francesco Izzo, Associazione degli Amici di Leonardo Sciascia.