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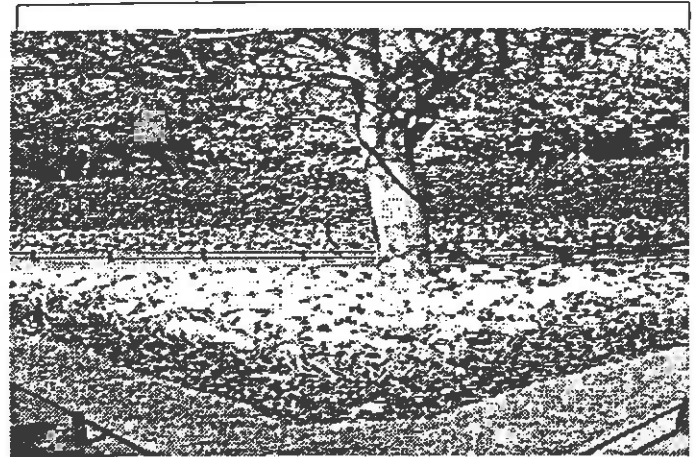


## SPRING IS COMING

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Well the season of goodwill and gayness has been forgotten and we're all back into our usual routines. Some people have become more annoying and a little too extroversive since Christmas, so much so, that no one can stand their presence for more than five minutes, Others have started digging a little hole for themselves and getting stuck down there. But anyway, a new semester has started and we are all going through the joys of familiarising ourselves with a range of *new and interesting* courses. There are also mad preparations going on for all the practical nights and Parents Weekend along with everything else. Well done to the Dress Dance Committee on the great success that was the Dress Dance Weekend at the Temple Gate. It was great, although some of us fell into unconscious sleep a little too early or had to be removed even before the main course. And of course



not forgetting the activities we got up to or the things we said which I'm sure we don't remember. Yeah whatever, talk to the hand. Anywho, moving along. By the time, this issue actually gets out we will probably be well into the first month of Spring. Saint Bridget's Day, Valentines Day, all that romance in the air. I have enough thanks. What you can do for us is send in something on a piece of paper called an article. It doesn't have to be funny, it's not The Cat Laugh's Festival fliers or anything but please do send us in something. We

are getting an issue out for Parents Weekend, a kind of the year so far issue, where we seriously need your articles. Think of how proud they'll be to see you are actually doing something down here and they can see your name in print!! Whatever, you may exclaim but please do..

Philip Ince  
Editor



### Today's News Headlines

Congrats to everyone on the exam results, you tried your best that's what counts.  
Tolls on Dublin Port Tunnel to cost up to €11, Johnny Rotten walks off Celebrity jungle set, My family shocked over Jackson stunt - Timberlake

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Osta

Well it's a new year, and I think it's time for a fresh start and a time to forgive so I suppose I can get over the fact that Cancer was left out of the last editions horoscopes, But I'm bitterly disappointed to see that there is still little input from other people in the student body, (in particular 1st years) in college life. If we don't work together and help committees like Osta and the Charity committee and all of the other committees by supporting them, nothing will get done. We can't just leave it all to the "Do'ers" of the student body. People last semester complained of being bored and fed up, including myself, but lets take a fresh start to it, become more involved and participate in things. If this becomes the norm, Shannon College will become very dull altogether, God knows Shannon itself is a dull and boring place for students anyway so we should try and make life a little bit more interesting and fun by helping the committees whether it be by writing articles, playing football, supporting social events, and college events like parents weekend and even giving your ideas and suggestions.

I certainly hope this year life in Shannon College becomes a little more interesting and fun but its really up to us the student body.....

Mr. Joe Bloggs i.e. them that do not want to be named. (It wasn't me)

Well Mr. Bloggs, thank you for your letter. You were the first person to make use of the web space that is the Osta Inbox. As anyone who reads this bin liner or looks at their e-mails from time to time, these sentiments are one's shared by this institution at the present timeTime. It is highly evident in this issue. But what can we do. People are motivated to go out drinking. How can we change old habits? I have a couple of ideas but can't do anything with them. Are the present committees related to this years classes? Every group is. How about a Musical Society. We all know from the Dress Dance and Karaoke that there are singers and dancers in the College. We could hold a concert or talent show or something You're a Star like ???!!in aid of charity?? Anyone interested can come and see me, I can't really sing but I can help get it started if needs be. Or maybe the Film Society, that Karen is setting up or a drama group. There are a lot of possibilities out there, it's just taking the opportunity to do something.

But other factors, like long hours for 1st years ( 11.5 hours on a Thursday) contribute to the lack of motivation to do anything else. Every day people complain about how much they don't like being here because it's so boring. In the real world, boys and girls it is you who can make your lives as interesting or boring as you want!



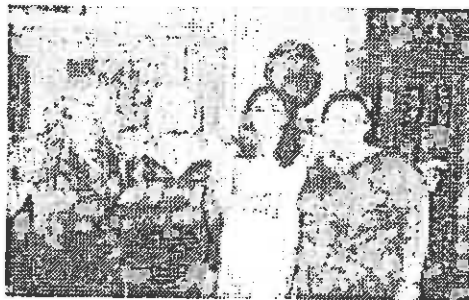
**"I need to get the money for books for my course"**

**The straight talking student account**

# THE DRESS DANCE 2004

A selection of random comments about the night, from more people who don't want to be named. You're all so shy.

- A night of fun, drink, dance, divilment and laughter that will stay in our memories forever.
- Great, I scored two nights in a row.
- A wicked session.
- Fabulous, luscious, plush and fandilytastic – but everything feels like that when you're drunk!!!!
- Thanks for rigging the raffle. I'll send ye all a postcard from Dubai.
- The pheasant was quite palatable.
- The best bitch fight ever – it was such a laugh.
- Colm and Emily's scream fest kept us up all night.
- Earthquake in the Temple Gate Friday night Room 203 The Richter Scale hit 10!!
- Quietly christening the bathroom in 608
- The sex was the best!! (Dream on Darach)
- A great night out for the Shannon Family.
- Great fun dancing with Mr. Smyth's wife.
- Good fun talking to all the lecturers.
- Mr. Remy's moves on the dance floor. He'd give John Travolta a run for his money any day!!  
Honestly (in a German accent)
- You shouldn't sell tickets to every Tom, Dick and Harry.
- I got to play a male nurse the next day!! Rrrrr!!
- Enjoyed being glamorous and ladylike for one night.
- What happened it's all a faint memory, clouded in alcohol vapour clouds.



## The Buzzword's of 2003

### metrosexual

*Meaning: a stylish, narcissistic male consumer.*

Sitting in a lecture hall and in daily life, we hear these fashionable words or concepts. As the most of us are here to study some form of business, I went on a quest to find 2003's most fashionable words or buzzwords searching websites and reading papers and just listening around. The result was a mixture of unrelated things, some banal and predictable and others surprising and some ludicrous.

There are those nouns such as agility (popular with designers), the old friend authenticity (apparently word of the year in the footwear industry) and still hanging in, transparency. Acronyms and abbreviations are all around such as, B2G (*business to government*), P2P (*Peer to Peer*) and BAD, *bonus anxiety disorder*, which effects some city office staff! In organisational strategy, lean manufacturing is the name of the game, and there is a resurgence of brightsizing when a company lays off the people with least seniority, thus losing their brightest hopes. Also know as dumbsizing.

Client-relationship management is another

flavour of the moment with its associated concepts of collaborative advice, shared wisdom management and customer intimacy.

In Sales and Marketing, it's wishful thinking as usual in the form of conversion marketing, high probability selling and Accenture's uCommerce: the trendy little u is for ubiquitous, and it means selling what you want wherever you want or so I'm told!!

But the best-known buzzword of the year in business circles must surely be metrosexual, yet another attempt to define a new consumer category. The metrosexual is an "urban male heterosexual with gay tastes", a piece of jargon related to ironic slang terms such as stray (*a straight man who acts gay*), stromo (*a gay man who appears straight*) and the intermediate category known as JGE (*just gay enough*). The Pink Euro is also a new term that appeared in an edition of the Hotel and Catering Review in December. It related to the money that can be attracted from the gay population by making bars, restaurants and hotels gay friendly.

There you have it, some new lingo to use when you want to sound intelligent. As If.



"No problem, because  
when you start  
making it we do too"

The straight talking  
student account

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# The Purple Monkey Dishwasher - Malcolm's bit

## Have you ever wondered?

- How an insomniac will ever meet the girl of his dreams ?
- Is acupuncture any good when you get pins and needles ?
- Why sheep don't shrink when it rains
- If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
- What happens if you are scared to half to death twice?
- What kind of a person put an 's' in lisp?
- Why do other people's chips always taste nicer than yours?
- If swimming is such good exercise why are whales so fat?
- If you grab an electric fence on purpose does it still count as a shock?
- Where do ice-cream vans go in the winter?
- Do Eskimos have to take out fire insurance on their igloos?

## Did you know?

- Michael Jackson's record "Thriller" is the largest selling album of all time with over 50 million copies
- U2 were originally known as "Feedback" and also "Hype"
- The Beatles had 17 no 1 hits in the English charts
- The DeLorean car, used in Back to the Future was first made in Belfast in 1981
- Vatican City is the smallest country in the world with only 0.44km in area
- Uruguay won the first world cup beating Argentina 4-2 in 1930
- The bits on the ends of your shoe laces are called aglets
- A mendicant means a beggar
- There are 204 calories in a pint of Guinness
- Sylvester Stallone's first film role was in a porn film
- The most common name in Ireland is Murphy

## Some of Santa's presents to people

Diarmuid – A new fishing rod  
 Daire – The new Mr. Motivator DVD  
 Colm – A keg of Heineken  
 Foggy – A new hair straightener  
 Vivien – A new Russian (because she got bored of the other one)  
 Brendan – "Gingerland" the porn film  
 Laura – A nut cracker  
 Max – Japanese Citizenship  
 John Kelly – The keys to Shannon College of Hotel Management  
 Boakun – A bigger bed  
 Philip – The Mr. Universe Title  
 Joanne – A rack of lamb

And says, he knew I would fail.  
 "You LOSER!" he shouts, and he points at me,  
 And they all laugh.  
 Potatoes, I think. Why SHOULDN'T I eat potatoes, if  
 She asked me? Round and beige, stupid root vegetables.  
 Am I not strong enough? Am I too weak?  
 "I WILL DO AS I PLEASE!!" I howl at the night, the  
 hot  
 Summer night with the bug-zappers screaming their  
 tiny  
 Victories and the old sad dogs laying on the floor, look-  
 ing up at the toothy  
 Smugness of Pat Kenny, while their masters lay  
 Couch-bound, unblinking.  
 I try to get back to the grocery, but I am in a building  
 With no exits, and no entrances, and each man, in his  
 time, has  
 Many fears.  
 The water, dirty and greenish-brown, begins  
 To pour around me again, and the throbbing sound, the  
 beat beat  
 Beat, and the reptile smell surrounds me and chills me  
 and I realize it's my  
 Own heart beating...and now  
 I'm awake. Geez, I gotta pee. Bad dream. Heart still rac-  
 ing. I look  
 over, and she's sleeping peacefully. I can barely see the  
 freckles  
 On her face. Just a bad dream, in a good life.

## An adaptation from somewhere that was once in a place.

She wept, and I could do nothing. I had done all  
 She said. I'd left her, standing in the grocery, with  
 The potato, clenched in her strong freckled hands.  
 I was outside; the sun beat down on my scalp, through  
 The breaks in my fine brown hair, and the beets,  
 And the beets were all around me on the hot dry sidewalk.  
 WHY!! I cried, why did I do it? I sit down among the  
 Wilting beets, among the green greens and beet-red beets.  
 She's all to me! All that I have and all that I want!  
 A short man with blond eyebrows comes up to me,

# CULTURE NEWS WITH ROSHNI

## INDIAN INDEPENDENT DAY, 26<sup>th</sup> JAN

The day when India woke up to freedom back in 1947 was a day of great celebration. A country got rid of her foreign yoke and became a sovereign nation, she celebrated her sovereignty on this day - the triumph of numerous martyred souls. It was a day of fulfillment, it was the day of a new beginning, a birth of a nation.

On the stroke of midnight, a country came into life again as the British handed over the governance of India to the Indian leaders. The long and difficult struggle had borne fruit at last, though the happiness was marred by the fact that the country was divided into India and Pakistan and the violent communal riots had left the countries permanently scarred. That was the price that India paid for her dearly bought freedom. The British government declared the country independent and left for their own shores.

On the 15th of August, 1947, India became completely independent. It was on this historic date that Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime Minister of India, unfurled the Indian tricolor on the ramparts the magnificent Red Fort, symbolically marking the end of the British colonial rule.



## Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year starts with the New Moon on the first day of the new year and ends on the full moon 15 days later. The 15th day of the new year is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays and children carrying lanterns in a parade. The Chinese calendar is based on a combination of lunar and solar movements. The lunar cycle is about 29.5 days. In order to "catch up" with the solar calendar the Chinese insert an extra month once every few years. This is the same as adding an extra day on leap year. This is why, according to the solar calendar, the Chinese New Year falls on a different date each year. The celebration was traditionally highlighted with a religious ceremony given in honor of Heaven and Earth, the gods of the household and the family ancestors. The sacrifice to the ancestors, the most vital of all the rituals, united the living members with those who had passed away. Departed relatives are remembered with great respect because they were responsible for laying the foundations for the fortune and glory of the family. The presence of the ancestors is acknowledged on New Year's Eve with a dinner arranged for them at the family banquet table. The spirits of the ancestors, together with the living, celebrate the onset of the New Year as one great community. The communal feast called "surrounding the stove" or weilu. It symbolizes family unity and honors the past and present generations.



## RANDOM COMMENTS

Being infatuated with a member of faculty is not a sin but you will go to hell for it you dirty boy, CONFESS NOW.

Remember height is nothing when you're lying down, be it inside or under the stars.

A man who spends all his life looking for a woman smaller than him is not to be condemned for a constantly grinning face when he finally finds her.

Drinking is fun we can all admit, however when your body rejects Indian rum we'll all know about it. Talk about spoiling your dinner, or everyone else's.

It's a known fact that men are more of a one job at a time species, while women on the other hand are much better at juggling two balls at the same time.

Watching lesbians getting it on is some men's idea of heaven so can you imagine the shock when you're forced to join in the 3 some fun.

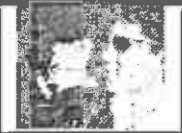
Spillages in public are always embarrassing, but I can never figure out how seemingly perfect aim can be deemed as an accident.

Stare all you want but remember if it's not yours you can't touch. And for God's sake don't get caught.

Speeches when drunk always seem like such a good idea at the time, and then reality flattens your nose to your face and you realise you don't even remember what you said or heard. Now who feels like an idiot???

A quick word of advice, when your out on the lock leave your phone at home, turned off in a safe, with a code you don't know. Or just give it to Sarah and she'll lose it for you.

Vee



## Two Paisé Worth: Nakul Sharma

Hey everyone! Let me personally welcome you all into the fourth annum of the 21<sup>st</sup> century of the Georgian calendar. I'm sure everyone had a great time, some more than others. Thanks for coming out with such strong responses to my last article (J. I.T syndrome and Irish students). A few of you threatened defamation suits and one of you wanted to come back at me in this edition of Osta. But quite honestly!! If that person couldn't be a\*\*ed about submitting projects worth 10% of the exam marks, was s/he going to write for this inconspicuous bin-liner of a newsletter? (Please note.. I'm speaking that person's mind out.)

I must congratulate Karen, Ger & co. for a fabulous Dress Dance Night. Not that I can personally comment on the latter half of the night!! But nor can the editor of this newsletter!! In maths, two minuses make a plus.. so

I'll simply ask all those pointing a finger at me to think about the four foolish fingers pointing at them. Yes, I took the incident in good humour because in hindsight, I suppose this was like passing the leaving cert exam in contemporary Irish culture. All the girls (and lady lecturers) who did come to attend the night, you looked absolutely stunning!! All the time you spent rubbing that fake tan in and putting the mascara on was a great feast for the gentlemen's eyes. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

Exam results have just come out. Congrats to all those who've done their mothers proud.. and to those who haven't.. ahh well, just have another pint!!! Life's too short to be tripping over inconspicuous A's and B's.

Kudos to the debating committee for having finally got their act together (Although I still feel the debate was rigged!! Are you reading this Hugh??). Would like to see more stu-

dents taking sides and voicing opinions please!!! Not the same jerks who either like to take the whole world down with them while drowning in self pity about their short legs or those who think too much of themselves. Go help a poor kid in Iraq fight the American Nazis and then call yourself a hero!!

Well done Laura!! You sure kicked more than your fair share of balls on Monday night. I'm proud of you.

Before I end....if a lecturer corners you in class with a question when you weren't paying attention, here's a lifeline...ask the lecturer whether s/he knows that there are 208½ beans in a can of beans!!! (Couldn't resist putting that in Malcolm. nice one...).





## Placement Yarns



Geneva, a relevantly new placement destination, where from July 2002 to May 2003 (well 27<sup>th</sup> August 2003 for me) Hughie and I had the best time ever. We were both placed in the Hotel President Wilson, a five star hotel belonging to the Starwood Luxury Collection and also a Leading Hotel of the World. Hugh started as a pool boy, at the on the roof of the hotel and I started in the bar department. Who got the best deal??? Things got better for me after a couple of days and I received my cash key in a week, the moment of responsibility had arrived! During his time in the pool, Hugh used to get days off when it rained or else be shipped into Room Service, Banqueting, the bars or anywhere a pair of hands were needed! Me I was stuck in the bar on the night shift for months until I was told I had to take two weeks holidays in November because the manager was going to have a baby with his wife over Christmas. Joy. Hugh moved to Arabesque when the pool closed after the summer. When I did get my holidays, I chuffed for a week and then decided to hit the road or tracks as it was. Got a train to Basel (after 7pm because it's free with the Voie 7) where I was to get the midnight train to Luxembourg. But are things ever that simple. Well not for me! Got on the train, was settled into my seat, when I got the urge to move to the other side of the aisle. So I got up, took my stuff and settled in again. At Yverdon-Les-Bains, I realised I had left my wallet on the other seat! Luckily I saw the guy who was sitting there give the wallet to an attendant on the platform. In a panic I jumped off the train leaving all my stuff on the train to get it. My life was in that wallet! As I got it, the train doors started to close. I started running after it but to no avail. Swiss timing! When it's time to go, it's gone. So I started screaming in my best French at one of the attendants, who realised I was an Anglophone. Typical Swiss people. You walk into McDonald's order in French. "Un menu Big Mac s'il vous plait" and they answer "What

drink would you like with that ?" or at Christmas they take one look at you and out comes "Would you like that wrapped Monsieur ?" She told me to wait a minute. Out came an American who worked there and he told me there was a train in 2 minutes, which I could get to the next stop, Neuchâtel, where I could catch up with my train. Jumped



platforms there and was back on track until I got to my seat and found one of my bags was gone. My phone, my Voie 7, books and most importantly my toiletries bag!!! Luckily my other bag containing 500 francs was still there! I arrived in Basel and everywhere was closed. I hadn't pre-booked so I didn't know if I could get on the midnight train. Luckily, the train conductor was nice and let me on. With no phone, I couldn't contact Sarah and Aidan. I fell asleep on the train and woke up with a jump and thought I had missed Luxembourg and was on my way to Amsterdam. It felt like I had slept for ages but it took another 2 hours to get to Luxembourg. Arrived there and was met by a taxi man holding one of those signs with my name on it, in a deserted train station. We got lost, ended driving into the woods behind the hotel, before thank God, I saw Aidan. Had a great time there in a picturesque but dead country with an airport the size of a matchbox!! LOL. Stayed there 2 nights and headed to Brussels early in the morning. Met Malcolm, checked e-mails, had something to eat, and headed to the house to meet the rest of the Crew. Went out for a few drinks, saw Celtica, had the opportunity to enjoy a Snack Simonics yum yum. Great craic! Malcolm had an early lunch with some lady friend and I had to make more tracks. Off to Frankfurt. Arrived there

at around 9pm and headed straight to O'Reilly's. Here I met Viv, Karen and Mick. Karaoke night. Mad!! Ended up bringing home a road sign (a common trait and a criminal offence in Lausanne that calls for the SAS of Swiss Police!!). The next night or was it the same one, can't remember, we decided to have a couple of bottles of wine at home (Brennie had joined the clan at that stage) with some other stuff and in the candle light (the girls had no electricity at the time) my jacket caught fire and me being me, I started squealing. But I was ok, I got it out, a good Ralph Lauren ruined ahhhh! We climbed scaffolding, took a taxi to the other side of the city for one drink and the five of us ended up sleeping in one little bed. Will never forget Frankfurt! Then it was back to Geneva. Christmas was spent working. New Years was asked to do the banqueting grand buffet. After that I asked to be moved, and reluctantly they move me. I was placed in Arabesque forcing Hugh to move to banqueting! Arabesque was the best fun ever. Oh, watch out for two dodgy characters in dog costumes at a staff party near you! (Hugh and Colm). Also the great trips up to Lausanne to visit the lads were great fun. Spent 3 weeks living in Montreux with Jo and John, thanks lads, and then went to Tenerife. Came back and started working again and that's it.

Geneva is a great place to live in, post-card perfect, nice people (I got all the stuff I left on the train back), safe as long as you're not at the Gare after 12am, lots of shops, cinemas that have more VO (original version) than VF films, Flannigan's (many a good night was passed there), the lake to swim in, the mountains to ski in, the thousands of places to eat all kinds of food. Cold winters, hot summers – try working in 35 degrees in the shade and 40+ on a cobble stone terrace for the 3 months of last summer!! I could go on for years so I'd better stop. Go there even if you're not put there!!

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INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

**A.N.N.J ENTERPRISES  
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**PLEASE CONTACT: LINDEN 9, DRUMGEELY, SHANNON.**

The above is a proposed advertisement for the new business that the lads in linden 9 are venturing. As far as I know and as the research shows it is fool proof and obviously profit making.

The idea first came to us when Jonathan, Nakul, Naveen and myself were moving into the apartments. We realized we had enough stock of videos, DVDs and other CDs to give competition to Xtravision. Hence we decided to do a simple research (following the steps of management) with the help of fellow students (obviously they knew nothing about it or else we would have to pay them). We have been successful in getting most students hooked onto movies, music and lack of studies that they have to visit the "shop" (Linden 9) to use the resources.

We have our movie and audio selection divided into 4 different parts, namely, John's DVDs, Abby's VHS, Naveen's VCDs and Cricket classics and Nakul's collection of Music. So kindly reference the product, when you avail the services.

We charge € 3 per movie per night, i.e. € 1.75 cheaper than our closest competitor. Also don't forget we are much closer to your home and hence no walking in the beautiful Shannon weather and no taxi fares. Our rates for music are as follows

Hindi	€ 2 per night
Hindi classics	€ 4 per night
English	€ 2 per night

Remember we are the only ones who offer this service at this price. We are presently working on our PS2 and PC games collection. Don't worry you will be the first to know about it when this section goes public. Also we have copied CDs in the past for fellow students.

Now we all know, "All work and no play make Jack a dull boy". But I think we have had enough games for the time being. Hence, we also have tutorial services on offer. The prices of these vary from subject to subject. We teach everything that has been covered in college so far. Some students (from the 1<sup>st</sup> year) availed of this service in January and were pretty happy with the method of teaching. I suggest you talk to them.

Our regulars include Hawthorn 1, 2, 4 and 5; Linden 1, 3, 11 and Willow 7. We also have customers from as far as Ballycasey and Inch.

So don't hesitate to try us. We cater for all needs and tastes (you know what I mean).



# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Nip/Tuck arrives from Sky 1 not to RTE1, N2 or TV3 but to our native language television station TG4!

Hotshot plastic surgeon Christian Troy (Julian McMahon) enjoys all the perks of the successful and growing Miami practice that he shares with his best friend, Sean McNamara (Dylan Walsh). But while the money and women continue satisfying Christian's needs, years of selling a phony image have taken their toll on Sean who is having problems at home, trying to keep his family together, trying to patch up the rocky road him and his wife Julia (Joely Richardson) are experiencing. While Sean takes his job seriously, he often has to fix Christian's mistakes. This edgy medical drama from Ryan Murphy explores the dark side of plastic surgery and the painful and sometimes violent measures people will take in their quest for external beauty. A big hit in America last summer, will it be so big here? And yes it is in English!

ONCE YOU STOP STRIVING FOR PERFECTION YOU MAY AS WELL BE DEAD.

The OC is another American drama that features every Saturday evening on TG4. A Dawson's Creek like teeny drama except it is set in the affluent Orange County coastal town of Newport Beach. Brimming with beauty and characters that try to embody all teenagers and their problems, this show is not for those of you who despise the American way. Luke is your typical high school jock, Ryan is the guy who went down and is trying to correct the error of his ways while Seth is the emotional loner. The main female character, Marissa is drop dead gorgeous. Mix them all together and you have a luscious, stimulating drama. Tune in every Saturday evening 21:10 on TG4



In other TV news, the return of Footballer's Wivesto TV3 has everyone asking who did kill Jason? The final series of Sex and the City started on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, who will get hooked up once and for all, and what madness will the famous girl quartet get up to this season. Tune in to find out. TV3 is making the best of it's mother ship, Granada with "I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here" a show live from Australia, with the same kind of basis as Big Brother mixed with Survivor, crap Peter Andre music and Jordan's mammary glands which would drive the most controlled person in the world to insanity. Another Ant and Dec show is also on the way. American Idol is back and only for those of us who can stand American exaggeration. On RTE, the new season of the Gilmore Girls, the story of a hotel manager and her daughter has started, You're a Star continues, and as usual the teenage girls (or male loving people) of Ireland seem to be the only ones voting. Just look at the January 25<sup>th</sup> program, all the boys were voted in first (well except for one) before any of the girls got in! Later on, the new series of ER continues and that's all on RTE1 on a Sunday night. Some good moves are also on the way and for all you French students there are French films on N2 every Saturday night and TG4 every Friday night. The Big Bow Wow is a new 13-part Drama series from RTE's Network 2, destined to entertain. It reflects the stylish and fast-moving world of today's young Dubliners. Starting on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, the series follows the personal and professional lives of 6 20-somethings, most of whom live, work, and study in and around the new Dublin docklands development. The Bow Wow itself is a super-pub where the characters gather to relax and enjoy themselves after a hard days work and where one of the main characters is also a D.J. The Des Bishop Work Experience is also a good watch on N2, Monday nights. Check it out next week when he becomes a hall porter. That's about it for now, if any one has any comments or critics on any TV program, film, radio station or music send it to [ostanews@hotmail.com](mailto:ostanews@hotmail.com).



## Cinema

The Oscar nominees we announced at the end of the month with **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** taking 11 nominations including Best Film. Russell Crowe's **Master and Commander** received 10 nominations including best picture, best director, and best cinematography.



The 76th Annual Academy Awards will be held on Sunday, 29th February 2004, hosted by Billy Crystal.

### What's in the Cinema?

## Cold Creek Manor



Frazzled by a whirlwind of modern city life, a family of 4 decides to invest in a ramshackle mansion in upstate New York. Before long, the quiet life in a rural idyll turns out to be not so quiet. Sharon Stone and Dennis Quaid work well as a couple spooked by the past. Director Mike Figgis handles an enjoyable suspense thriller in a blithe and offhand fashion.  
Limerick Omniplex (061) 305007: 1510 1810 2040 (2315- Fri/Sat)

## Big Fish

Director Tim Burton was everyone's favourite until *The Planet of the Apes*. But if people are still wary after that, one wonders how they will take the sentimentality of *Big Fish*. In age and youth Albert Finney and Ewan McGregor play Ed Bloom, a dying man whose lifetime of tall tales has distanced him from his son. With great visuals, this is Burton's most grown up fantasy, a moving analysis of father son relationships that Dads should be brought to see. It received no Oscar nominations but just watch it grow from word of mouth.



Limerick Omniplex (061) 305007: 14:30 1800 2050 (2320- Fri/Sat, 12:00- Sat/Sun)  
Ennis Empire (065) 6820181: 17:30 2015 (2300 - Fri/Sat)  
Times correct until February 6<sup>th</sup>, contact cinema for more details.

### Irish Top 10 Singles Charts

1. Leave Right Now  
Will Young
2. All This Time  
Michelle Mc Manus
3. Hey Ya  
Outkast
4. Shut Up  
Black Eyed Peas
5. Mad world  
Michael Andrews feat. Gary Jules
6. Milkshake  
Kelis
7. I'm Still in Love with you  
Sean Paul feat. Sasha
8. Real World  
D-Side
9. The Voice Within  
Christina Aguilera
10. Changes  
Kelly and Ozzy Osbourne

### Top 10 Albums

1. Life for Rent  
Dido
2. Living  
Paddy Casey
3. Fallen  
Evanescence
4. Number Ones  
Michael Jackson
5. Greatest Hits  
Red Hot Chilli Peppers
6. Speakerboxx/The Love Below  
Outkast
7. The Singles 1992-2003  
No Doubt
8. Elephunk  
Black Eyed Peas
9. O  
Damien Rice
10. Call Off The Search  
Katie Melua



Will Young

Dido



### Top 5 Films

1. Scary Movie 3
2. Runaway Jury
3. The last Samurai
4. Lost in Translation
5. Paycheck

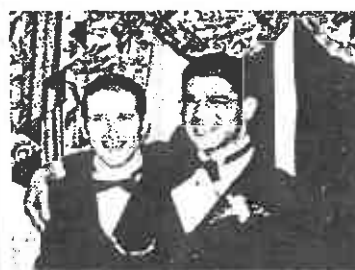
# ANIMAL FARM

If you the 3rd years were to be a fish or an animal, what would they be? By Malcolm and Diarmuid:

Ross Mahon –	Hippo
John Kelly –	Plankton
Mick Lowther –	Dublin Bay prawn
Laura Ni Conkers –	Queen bee
Shane Downey –	Pussycat
Philip Ince –	Pink Flamingo
Daire –	Worker Ant
Aidan Dempsey –	A parrot that never shuts up!
Hugh Murphy –	Mongrel (a cross between a horse and a rugby ball)
Colm O'Sullivan –	Snake
Pamela Foley –	Mongoose
Steve Kearney-	Ape
Karen Joyce -	Penguin
Diarmuid –	Sperm whale
Niamh Fox –	Elephant
Sarah Fogarty-	A very good looking bird
Barry Carroll –	A rat
Ciara Jacob –	A pike
Vanda Kingston –	A Blowfish
Alan Broe –	A wallaby
Conor Linnane –	A Kuala Bear
Siobhan –	An Octopussy
Brendan Reidy –	Chernobyl bull that has four testicles
Boakun -	Missed evolution while he was sleeping
Ding –	Splinter
Max –	Leonardo
Nakul –	Donatello
Bikram –	Raphael
Gaurav	Michelangelo
Malcolm –	A cute little puppy because everyone loves me and I wrote this article

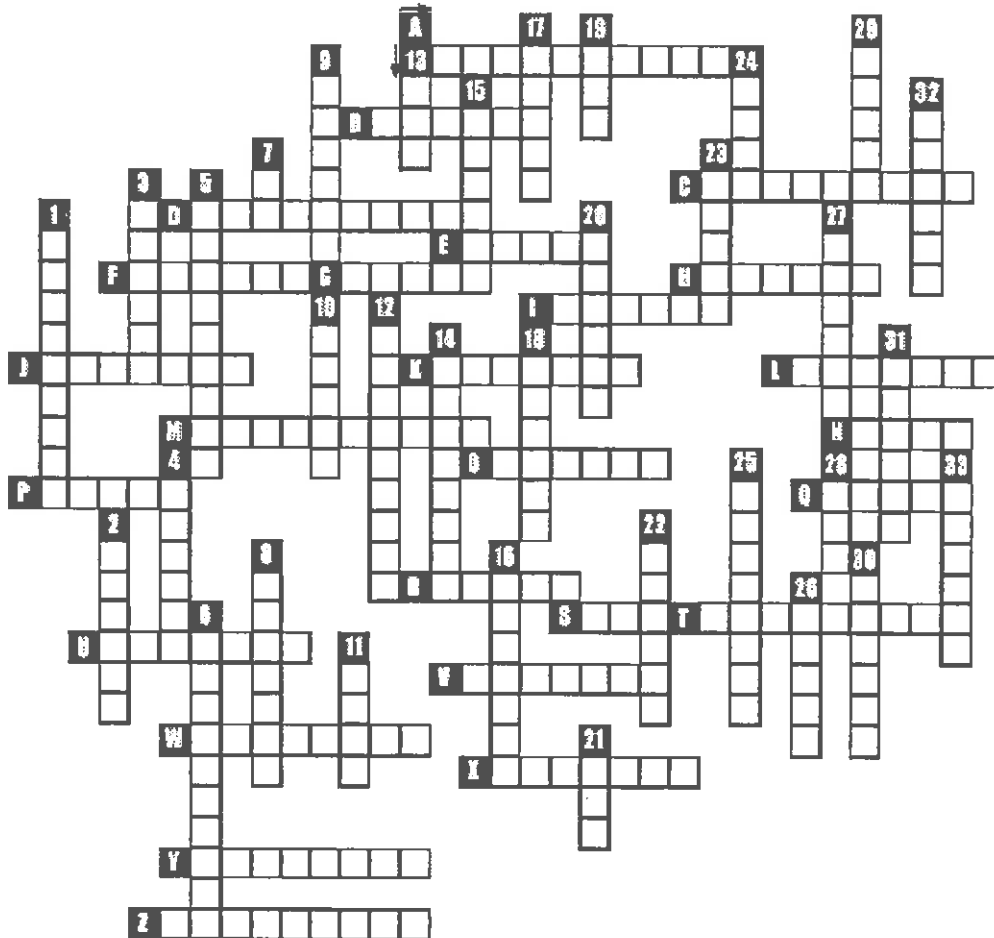


## Some more Dress Dance pics



# The Harry Potter Crossword

This month's competition is a Harry Potter Crossword. Get all the answers and win €20... Hand in applications to any committee member or under the door of Linden 12. All answers are in singular form.



## VERTICAL

1/ Harry plays this sport, he's the seeker. 2/ One of Draco's best friend. 3/ What was Harry's first present in the mail. 4/ Harry's pet. 5/ Witchcraft village. 6/ All the Winsleys have been sorted to this house. 7/ At their first flying lesson, to get their broomsticks in their hands, the students had to say this word. 8/ Hagrid's dragon. 9/ Harry doesn't like this class because he doesn't like the teacher. 10/ Hermione was attacked in the toilets by a ... 11/ Oliver ... is the keeper of Harry's team. 12/ You-Know-Who. 13/ Hogwarts' headmaster took a toffee from Harry's at the end of episode 1. What taste was the toffee? 14/ He betrayed James and Lily (aka Peter Pettigrew). 15/ 3-headed dog. 16/ Harry's aunt. 17/ Draco's other best friend. 18/ Harry's godfather. 19/ Mail. 20/ Mirror Harry discovers in episode 1. 21/ Draco fakes a broken ... in episode 3. 22/ Harry's fat cousin. 23/ He saved Harry's life in episode 1. 24/ Harry's cousin gets one while eating Harry's first ever birthday cake. 25/ Harry used to live in it, under the stairs. 26/ Harry spoke twice with a ... 27/ Harry's uncle 28/ Professor McGonagall can be one. 29/ Harry had it in his pocket. 30/ He

## HORIZONTAL

A/ Neville ... B/ Lucius ... C/ Draco is in this house. D/ Animal with horse feet and an eagle's head. E/ Minister of Magic. F/ Non-magic people. G/ Harry set him free. H/ Jim and Lily ... I/ Tom ... J/ Harry's spending all his summers with them. K/ George and Fred ... L/ She takes care of the hospital wing. M/ Albus ... N/ Ron broke his in episode 2. O/ Harry is one. P/ She's the flying teacher and the main sport's referee. Q/ Ron's favorite game. R/ Professor ... is in fact a werewolf. S/ A howler is this colour. T/ Harry's uncle could be recognized easily by it. U/ Animal taking the form of your worst nightmare. V/ Ball to score points in the main witchcraft sport. W/ Harry's godfather gave him one of these. X/ Witchcraft prison. Y/ Harry used to faint when he saw one. Z/ The magical people's bank.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

# HOROSCOPES WITH THE PSYCHICS & MYSTIC MAL

## **Aries (March 21 - April 19)**

Your clear and neat handwriting will be noticed today and someone you don't know will call to your door and ask you how much sugar you take in your tea and also a cat will start shouting at you to say "stop saying here pussy pussy".

## **Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

You will meet a man today that you have not seen in a while. You will start to feel hormonal when you beat him with a banana and start to scream obscenities at him.

## **Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

You are being watched by a large penguin. Act normal. You will go to the end of the world to find out why they call some shoes loafers

## **Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**

You will take revenge at that angry neighbour who seems to sleep all the time. Just put in a CD, turn up the volume, and leave the apartment! The cd should feature loud arguments, barking dogs, breaking glass, noisy sex, and crying babies! Each noise segment should be carefully spaced out to make them think you've finally stopped... That'll learn them. It is a good day to eat cookies when nobody's looking.



## **Leo (July 23 - August 22)**

You will have an odd daydream in which a stadium filled with dogs looks on while a group of runners chase a bunny around a track.

## **Virgo (August 23 - September 22)**

You will be plagued by theological doubts today, and will flirt with the idea of changing your religion. Subconsciously, this is because you're envious of the really cool hats some of the people in other religions get to wear.

## **Libra (September 22 - October 22)**

Today you should sit down (somewhere comfortable), and ask yourself if you even care. You shouldn't. It's not your fault; you've been trying as hard as you can, so you shouldn't care. Not if they're going to act like that.

## **Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)**

Today you will be "moonied" by a cat. Fortunately, you won't notice and People will tease you about wearing your golf shoes indoors. Don't you mind them, though -- they're just jealous.

## **Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**

Inspiration will strike you, and leave you for dead. The police will do nothing.

## **Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)**

You will feel energetic. Go for a walk with shoe covers that look like dinosaur feet. Perfect for those people who like to go for early morning walks on the beach. Nice one.

## **Pisces (February 20 to March 20)**

Pisces, you're really on fir this month with everything going your way. But don't forget to take a step back and examine things as a whole.

## **Aquarius (January 21 to February 19)**

You're great, you really are! We love you....

Send all your comments,  
complaints, whinging and articles to  
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