

## Editors' Introduction

This I am proud to say, is the sixth appearance of the journal Chimera which, through dedication and sheer hard work, has established itself as 'the geography journal by UCC students for all students'. This journal will undoubtedly continue to attract the interest of everyone with an interest in geography. Let's look forward to its future success and endurance!

This year, like previous years, sees the journal carry a wide and varied selection of articles. We are pleased to have an article by Dr. Jim MacLaughlin of the Geography Department which I am sure will entice interest and response not just among students but also among his fellow staff members and others in the university. This sixth edition sees a very interesting article *trí Gaeilge* by Pat Nugent, a postgraduate student in the department. This is an important addition to the journal. Other contributions come from a range of undergraduate and postgraduate students. This year the journal attempted to incorporate themes of Cork city in a specific way. Articles which address themselves to varied perspectives on living and working in Cork inner city are included in the section 'Focus on Cork'. It is hoped that a topic of similar interest will emerge in the course of next year's journal. I am indebted to all who contributed articles to the journal, these being the stanchion of its success.

As usual many people deserve thanks. Particular thanks is due to Mick Healy, also to Brian Doran for a magnificent job on producing the final copy. To Julie O'Rourke for her patience and good humour as acting secretary throughout the academic year; to Deirdre Creedon and Heather Hegarty who did a marvelous job on the maps in this journal; to Brian Farrell who designed the cover of the journal and also helped in the layout of the articles, to Tracey Murray; Katherine McGarry for her good humour, positive attitude and contributions to editing during the year, to Caroline Joyce, Patricia Marshall Pat Nugent and others involved in advertising. I thank all involved in the production area, as well as Martina Dineen and Eileen Boyce, our excellent sub-editors. Thanks to both Ray O'Connor and Ian O'Connell for their interest and help at all stages of production. A special thanks to Ian for sharing his experience as a previous editor.

The Chimera Committee would like to thank the Geography Department for the use of the photocopying machine, which was completely monopolised on the final days leading up to the launch. Here I must thank Deirdre Cummins for organising a successful launch for Chimera '91.

We extend to all sponsors who contributed to the journal our gratitude, particularly Oral-B for a generous contribution. This journal has been produced on 100% unbleached 'environmentally friendly' paper based on the wishes of all committee members and in recognition of environmental considerations which are central to issues of today.

In conclusion I would like to express my pleasure at being the first undergraduate editor of Chimera. I feel that the increased representation of undergraduate students both in the organisation and production of the journal and the contributions of articles is a positive change in emphasis. I hope that future issues will be as fortunate with those serving on the organising committee as Chimera '91 has been.

Let's hope Chimera continues to thrive and entice interest among all students, not only those of the Departments of Geography and European Studies (A). And with this note Paddy Woodman and I sadly hand over to the future editors of Chimera '92 who I hope will enjoy the position as much as we did.

Happy reading!

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