



Griffith Law Student Wins The Irish Times Debate

Sean O’Quigley, final year student on the LLB (Hons) in Irish Law course has won the Christina Murphy Memorial Trophy at the 50th Irish Times Debating Competition. He won the prize at the Grand Final at The Helix on Friday 19th February 2010. Sean beat eleven other contestants from five other universities, with the original entry pool of 142 teams, to win the individual category of the Debate.

Griffith College teams are also being entered in the UCD Moot Court IV in March (which Griffith won last year) and Registration of teams in the Galway Debating IV.



for innocence efforts and the universal appeal said. “David’s vision and passion have attracted a very strong cadre of law students who have already begun work on several compelling cases.”

110 people attended the launch in the Conference Centre covered by major TV, radio and newspapers in the country. The video of the presentation and talks by Mr. Diarmuid Hegarty, President of Griffith College, Mr. Langwallner and Mr. Hampikian is available online on the www.gcd.ie/innocenceproject.



Irish Innocence Project Launch

The Irish Innocence Project was officially launched on 4th March at Griffith College Dublin by Dr. Greg Hampikian, director of the Idaho Innocence Project and DNA expert for the Georgia Innocence Project.

This is the first initiative of its kind in Ireland and is being led by David Langwallner, Dean of Law at Griffith College, where the Irish Innocence Project will make its home.

The Innocence Project was co-founded in 1992 by Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld and uses DNA evidence to examine cases where there are claims of wrongful conviction. Since it began, 251 people have been exonerated in the USA; 17 of those people had served time on death row.

The Irish Innocence Project (IIP) joins similar projects in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom as the international expansion of the project continues.

“It is a great honour to be able to bring a programme such as this to Ireland,” Langwallner said. “Students will benefit enormously from this ground-breaking scheme and hopefully in years to come we will be producing results such as those currently being achieved by Dr. Hampikian and his colleagues in America.”

Hampikian said he is honoured to participate in opening and supporting the first Irish project.

“This kind of expansion shows the global need of justice for the wrongfully imprisoned,” he



Annual Visit to the European Courts of Justice

The week after the January 2010 exams, a group of law students from Griffith College Dublin visited the European Court of Justice based in Luxembourg. Over the trip, the students were guided around the buildings of the Court, were given access to the library and were lectured by the staff of the Court including the Legal Secretary of Ireland's judge in the Court, Mr. Justice Aindrias O'Caomh. The students also sat in on a full hearing in the newly renamed 'General Court' to cap off their visit. (Photo: Griffith College law students in front of the judge's chairs in the Main Courtroom.)



News in Brief

On 28th January 2010 a combined Dublin and Cork law faculty meeting took place in Griffith College Cork. Regular monthly meetings with class representatives are now held with Ronan Fenelon, Director for Law, and Siobhan Leonard, Deputy Head of Law.

LLM in Cork

From September 2010 LLM in International Law will be offered in Griffith College Cork.

Diploma in Professional Legal Studies (IILEX)

Students from 18 counties in Ireland are now watching online lectures on the Diploma in Professional Legal Studies course delivered in Dublin and Cork.

Careers Evening

The annual careers evening took place on 4th January in the Griffith College Conference Centre.



Debating Society

Mr. James Hamilton DPP was among a number of speakers invited by the Griffith Law Debating Society to speak to Griffith students. More talks are scheduled to take place before the end of the academic year. The Chief State Solicitor David O'Hagan is speaking on the 24th March.

Griffith Law Students at World Universities Debating Championships

For the first time in the history of the Law School, a team was entered in the World Universities Debating Championships, also known as the Worlds.



Two students from the final year of our LLB (Hons) in Irish Law programme, Barry Vickers and Claire Michelle Smyth represented Griffith College in the World Universities Debating Championships in Antalya in Turkey.



The Worlds 2010 was one of the largest student events in the world with over 1200 delegates representing their institutions this year. Barry and Claire Michelle

debated nine times over three days on a wide range of issues including politics, law and economics from partitioning Sudan to banning labour unions. 43 of the world's major universities - including Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale were represented, with Sydney winning the Grand Final.