

### Bursary awards for Loughry students

The O’Kane Poultry Group, Ballymena, has awarded lucrative bursaries to Loughry students Zita Blair and Ciara McAllister, who are both currently studying Honours Degrees in Food Technology. The bursaries attracted stiff competition from other students, so Zita and Ciara were delighted to have been successful. Both girls have previously completed National Diplomas in Food at Loughry Campus proving to O’Kane’s their commitment to higher level studies and a keen interest in the food sector.



### Working with the equine industry

Equine students at Enniskillen Campus are given a range of opportunities to develop their practical and management skills, which are important in their future careers. A new industry representative group, Equine Units for the Education of Students, has been set up to provide technical advice and support to students who are involved in the management of the College’s three equine business units in breeding, equitation and racing. This ‘learning by doing’ approach helps the campus prepare its graduates for a successful career in the equine sector.

### Young scientists ‘cheesy’ research

A group of sixth form school pupils have made a major contribution to helping local dairy producers make vital savings through food safety and legal compliance, as part of the Sentinus Food Development Scheme. The scheme is aimed at informing young people about the challenges and opportunities currently faced by food manufacturers. The students from Loreto Grammar School, Omagh, worked in collaboration with technical staff at Loughry Campus and Fivemiletown Creamery to investigate and determine salt levels in cheese using the top class analytical facilities at Loughry.



## OPEN DAYS

#### Greenmount Campus

Monday 23rd August, 7pm  
(Higher Education courses)

Thursday 26th August, 7pm  
(Further Education courses)

#### Enniskillen Campus

Thursday 26th August, 7pm

#### Loughry Campus

Thursday 26th August, 3-8pm

### Blooming future

Jonathan Swift is completing the National Diploma course in Horticulture at Greenmount Campus and sees a bright future in Horticulture. “The facilities at Greenmount are fantastic and there’s plenty of variety in my course; I have learnt a lot about plants and landscape maintenance. It’s just the type of practical course I always wanted to do.” Jonathan is hoping to progress onto the Foundation Degree course in Horticulture at Greenmount once he completes his National Diploma and his ultimate aim is to start his own horticultural business.



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### Welcome

Welcome to the spring 2010 edition of Cafre Chat, the publication that keeps you up-to-date with student news and events from the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE).



### Looking forward to work

First year students Rachel Redmond and Martin O’Rourke are thoroughly enjoying their studies on the National Diploma in Horse Management at Enniskillen Campus. They have learnt a lot about the care of horses since starting their course in September, studying units in Horse Husbandry, Horse Behaviour and Welfare, Horse Breeding and Stud Practices, Business Management and Animal Health. They are already planning for their work placement which is due to start in May and are looking forward to working in the industry.



### 'Jammy' Loughry students

As part of their studies, National Diploma in Food Technology students enjoyed a factory visit to Howell House Bakery, Lisburn. Here, ex-Loughry student Finbar Haughey gave students an inspiring talk and a tour of the bakery, where students were able to see first hand how the famous Howells handmade 'Jammy Joeys' are made. Food Technology students John Shiels and Charlotte O'Neill, were very impressed with the manufacturing operation commenting, "visits are a great way to help us gain a better insight into the commercial world of food processing and see theory being put into practice."

### A pint of the red stuff

Although 94% of the population of Northern Ireland still fail to donate blood, the same could not be said of Greenmount students and staff. During a recent visit from the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service, students and staff on the National Diploma in Agriculture programme including final year students Paddy Nolan, Danny Millar, Stuart Gillespie and course manager Kenneth Johnston each donated a pint of the red stuff. Paddy said "it's a great feeling knowing that you are helping others and you never know when you might need blood yourself in the future."



### Busy season for Floristry students

After the Valentine's and Mother's Day rush is over, florists turn their attention to the wedding season and it is no different for floristry students at Greenmount Campus. Amy Best and Jenevieve French have really enjoyed developing their ideas for spring bridal bouquets as part of the full-time floristry programme at Greenmount Campus. Both Amy and Jenevieve are currently studying on the National Certificate in Floristry, whilst they are on work placement with a retail florist.



### Formal fever at Enniskillen

Formal fever hit Enniskillen Campus students again this year. Gone were the jodhpurs and riding boots and the glamour dresses and evening suits came out in style. The very successful formal was organised by the second year National Diploma in Equine Management students, as part of their event management module. All the students who attended agreed that it was one of the highlights of the year!

### Loughry students raise £1202

As part of their charity fund raising activities Loughry Campus students collected an impressive £1202 for Children in Need. This total was raised as a result of a 'bin push' through the streets of Cookstown with supportive students braving the weather conditions and the college bins! Orla McEvoy, President, Students' Representative Council, was keen to thank all the members of the public and local businesses, who contributed most generously to the charity and paid a special thanks to Pudsey Bear and sidekick Yogi, namely students David Hughes and Andrew Dowdalls, who made a special appearance to aid the appeal.



### Setting the greens to right

CAFRE, in partnership with the Ulster branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI), have launched a Greenkeeping Cadetship programme at Greenmount Campus, which is open to young people, aged 17-25, with a keen interest in developing a career in greenkeeping. Adrian McCullough was one of two students awarded a Cadetship by the GUI, who are generously supporting the programme with two bursaries of £7500 each. Adrian is currently progressing through the Level 2 Diploma in Greenkeeping, which involves classes and practical instruction using the extensive grounds and sports turf areas on campus.