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VOTE #DAVE4ENTS ON THE 6TH/7TH OF MARCH

Hello all,

My name is David Cronin and I'm currently in second year Economics (Through transformational learning) I am asking for your vote in the upcoming Student Union Elections as your Entertainment Officer. I believe with my experience in this industry over the last number of years that I would be able to best represent everyone's voice within UCC.

I am extremely passionate about the entertainment industry. I would love the opportunity to run events in UCC and see people enjoying their college years.

Why should you vote for me?

Cosmo Events Cork:

Over the last 3 years I have successfully managed and run my own events company independently. I manage every single aspect of the company myself and have done so since I was 16. I have held events for over 600 people in various venues throughout Cork. From this work, I have built up a solid book of contacts of businesses and acts in this industry and this is something the position of Entertainment Officer needs. With my experience of running my own events management company I feel I am strongly suited towards the role of Ents Officer.



Commerce Society:

This year I was fortunate enough to have been selected as Vice-Entertainments Officer of UCC's Biggest society – Commerce Society. While holding this position I have gained a huge amount of experience within the entertainment sector.

Being one of the main organisers in the Commerce Ball has opened my eyes and I have gained a huge amount of experience from this. An event with 1,600 people is no mean feat, everything from light and sound to huge Acts had to be organised.



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Charity:

I have always been very involved with charities in Cork and further afield. In 5th year in school I was lucky enough to have been chosen for the Zambia Immersion project. This involved organising events throughout the year from cake sales to 'Who wants to be a thousandaire'. We managed to raise over €65,000 for communities in need around Zambia. This was an amazing experience and has helped my event organisation skills. In TY, myself and a group of friends organised a charity event raising nearly €2,000 split between Marymount hospice and Down-syndrome Ireland.



Class Entertainment Representative:

In first year of Economics I had the honour of being the Ents rep for my course. This involved organising events regularly for the whole year - mainly class parties and mystery tours!

The role of Ents is clearly a tough one and not something I would take lightly. I believe the role requires someone with strong people skills and experience in the industry, I believe I have that. It would be my aim to put UCC on the map in terms of events we organise to put us on the same level as our counterparts in Galway, Dublin and Limerick.

What do I want to do?

UCC Festival:

I want to continue the hard work of this current year Students Union and build upon what has already been created. Docklands was an amazing event and if given the opportunity I would love to organise it again. Along with having big names, I would love to dedicate an area to UCC own talent - specifically targeting the UCC Dj and Musical societies.

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RaGcovery Week/Health Fest:

As RaG week is such a hyped-up week in the academic calendar it would be my idea to have a week-long event after RaG. The idea would be to concentrate all our efforts on healthy eating and have a 'foodies week'. We would invite Cork food businesses on campus to set up stalls and sell healthy food the likes of Ballymaloe, Electric and Market Lane. We would have a huge emphasis on healthy eating. We could even invite a guest chef the likes of Rachel Allen or Donal Skeehan and teach students how to have a quick healthy meal. This would be a fantastic opportunity for a variety of UCC Societies to get involved, foodies society, international societies.

RaG Week:

RaG week is an essential part of college and a week people don't easily forget. I believe through organising unique events we would be able raise more money for such worthy causes. Why couldn't we organise night time events for RaG instead of going to town every night for a week? With building upon the work that's already done I feel UCC could attract bigger names each year. UCC's RaG week is one of the country's best let's make it bigger!

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Satellite Campuses:

A lot students in UCC don't spend a lot of time on the main campus therefore they tend to miss events during the day that everyone wants to join. It will be my aim to bring more events to the UCC Satellite campuses ensuring everyone has a great time not matter where they are in UCC. UCC has a very big campus that spreads across the city. We are lucky to have so many buildings and departments at our disposal. I would love to harvest home grown talent and include satellite campuses in the day to day running of UCC!

Non-alcoholic events:

Unfortunately, I feel at the moment a lot of college events revolve around drink and substance abuse. I want to focus a lot of my efforts bringing events to UCC that you don't need drink to enjoy, comedians, hypnotists, mental health talks. It's a hard sell and its mentioned nearly every year but I feel it is vital for UCC's future students.

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Bringing UCC into the City:

A lot of students feel there are only one or two clubs you can go to on a Thursday and I would love to be able to spice things up for everyone. I would love to get venues in town on board with having UCC nights only. For example, why can't we have a well-known act in the Opera house, after UCC's €500,000 investment into the Opera house I think this is feasible. Thursday nights can often get very repetitive. With my experience liaising with Acts and venues over the last number of years, I feel this would be extremely useful in bringing big names to UCC!

International Students:

Every year thousands of International students come to UCC for either a semester or a year. The prospect of moving away to a completely new country, culture and college is daunting and it would be my aim to make it as easy as possible. We could organise day trips for the Internationals to other beautiful parts of this island? A night down in Killarney sight-seeing or a trip to the Cliffs of Moher? I would love to give International students the best experience possible!

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Nightclubs:

I would lobby with all the nightclubs in town to make nights out a bit different in UCC. Why not once a month hold a themed night? Spice things up. Also for the girls and the high heels! I want to get all nightclubs to sell flip flops at the end of the night to make sure you can walk home safe and sound without any ankles breaking!

That's all for now! Thank you for taking the time to read my Manifesto, I believe that with my experience, I'd be best able to represent your voice. These are only some of many ideas I have for UCC. I hope to see everyone out on March 6th/7th voting #Dave4Ents for your next Students Union!