

# €2m for sport centres

MINISTER for Defence Willie O'Dea TD has confirmed Government allocations of €1million each to the University Arena and Grove Island sports complex.

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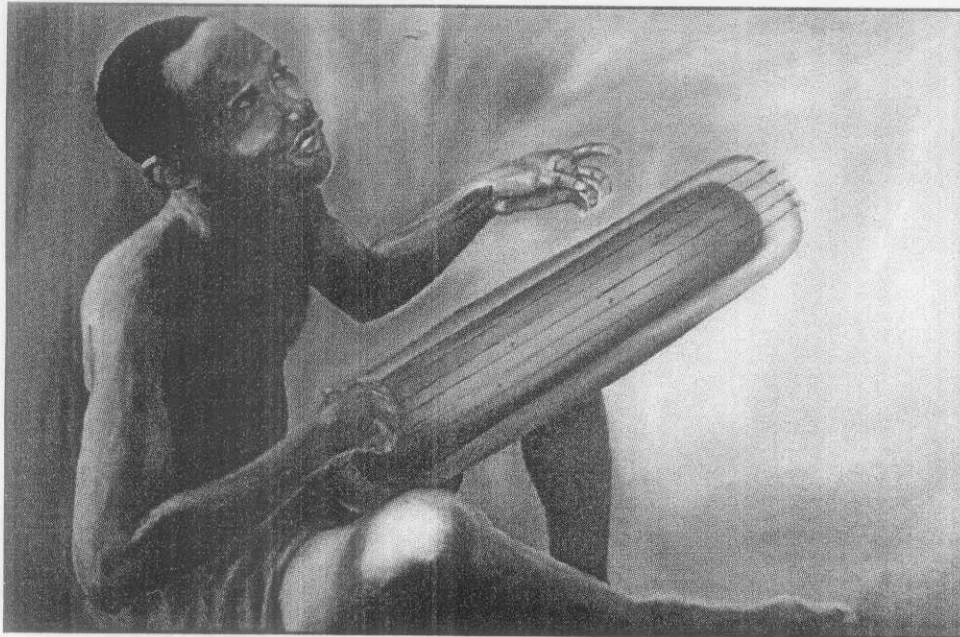
ing the facilities at the University of Limerick in the hope that teams preparing for the London Olympics in 2012 will train there.

The award for Grove Island brings to almost €5 million the total

Government funding for the Corbally centre.

"Limerick has a proud and long tradition in sport and

Government funding will go along way to ensure this tradition lives on.



One of the Jean Ryan Hakizimana paintings on display in UL

# Jean's UL show

By ANNE SHERIDAN

PREVIOUSLY unseen work by Rwandan artist Jean Ryan Hakizimana will be on display at the University of Limerick this Friday.

Throughout the year Jean placed his favourite paintings to one side and now they are available to buy from €100 up to €4,500.

The mixture of landscape, abstract and still life paintings using oil and acrylic

have been highly sought after in the Limerick region.

The exhibition will be opened by Limerick man Sean Hickey, who owns a massive 16 piece collection of Jean's work.

"It really is a special collection and it is the last exhibition this year so I hope lots of people will come," said Jean.

This Friday will also see the launch of a book Jean has been working on for two years with Micheál O hAodha, University of Limerick.

But he admits he has difficulty in talking about the

book — Post-colonial Identities: Constructing the New Irish — as it dredges up his harrowing childhood when his family was forced to flee to Rwanda during the Burundian genocide.

Since coming to Limerick as a refugee five years ago, he started painting with a greater intensity. "It helps you express what you've seen and what you've felt," he said.

The exhibition takes place this Friday at the Students' Union at 1pm, running until December 22. See more of his work at [www.jeanart.org](http://www.jeanart.org).

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