

The Revenue has appointed Holmes & Malley Sexton Limerick, to support the recovery of unpaid tax, interest and penalties through the courts.

Five other solicitors offices nationwide have been similarly appointed.

It is anticipated up to 7,000 cases per annum will be sent to these firms in addition to 44,000 cases referred annually for collection by Revenue Sheriffs.

## Askeaton's David top student

ASKEATON student David Hayes has been rewarded for awareness and development of transferable skills in the workplace after entering the National Careers Skills competition.

David was awarded his prize for his entry to the competition which invited students to carry out a career investigation and to record their findings on the skills required for the role following a job placement of their choice.

The competition was across three secondary school programmes – Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme, Transition Year and Leaving Certificate Applied.

A student of Coláiste Mhuire, Askeaton, he was one of nine students to be selected for his insights into transferable skills following a work placement as a pharmacist. Among his key findings was the importance of "communication" and "people skills" for the role.

## New role for Bob Collins

FORMER RTE director general Bob Collins, who has strong Limerick connections, has been appointed chairman of the new Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, which will regulate both commercial and public service broadcasting. He is currently chairman of the Equality Commission in north, and was one of five people, including journalist John Waters, appointed to the authority by Minister Eamon Ryan.

## Willie Walsh at UL

WILLIE Walsh, CEO, British Airways, will be guest speaker at the Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, on Tuesday, October 20, at 5pm.

from any government agency or private investors, and a kind person provided us with a warehouse in which to set up. There is nothing like this in Ireland or the UK, in fact, Seattle is the nearest, and Jane went out there to seek advice in advance of setting up in Shannon. This is the real thing, and though in our infancy, we have a growing clientele from all over the country".

Ireland, he added, had a rich aeronautical history, and one detects in his voice a tinge of disappointment that they had little in the way of encouragement from state agencies, whom, he claimed, they approached but were ignored.

Eddie paid tribute to the late Brendan O'Regan, describing him as a man of great vision and who was very helpful to them.



**German-born simulator technician Thomas Richter at the controls.** Photos; Artur Mielcerek

we are doing here is unique. This is a social and technical centre for all things aviation and we are open to the public seven days a week. We have flying instructors who give of their time free of charge, simply because they love flying. In addition to our two flight simulators, both of which are very much state-of-the-art, we have eight smaller simulators for the entire family to enjoy

at very modest outlay".

Dublin-born Jane, who part owns and flies a Cessna aircraft at Shannon, described the Boeing simulators as perfect for those going for interview or assessment with an airline.

"We can offer them a great opportunity to practice for this important event, and again if they have completed their training and are

Her advice is not to allow hard-earned skills get rusty - keep them brushed up and stay proficient.

To become a commercial airline pilot is not cheap. She estimates a budget in the region of 135,000 euro.

One hour in the full glass cockpit of the Boeing simulator, with a flying instructor, comes in at €185.

Back to Jane: "Remember, this is an exact replica of a real flight deck. Everything is computerised -there are eight computers involved-and you go through the full programme, from take-off to landing, learning all the intricacies of being in full charge of an aircraft".

"It is the ideal preparation for those thinking of taking up flying as a career. After one-hour in the simulator, they should know if the life is for them or not".

The Airventure Aviation Centre is not just for the serious enthusiast. It provides the perfect family day out. The eight smaller simulators, perfect for youngsters, cost €25 each per hour, and is very popular on school, birthday and office party outings.

# Dream comes true for Darren Shan

By John O'Shaughnessy

UNIVERSAL PICTURES movie, Cirque Du Freak: The Vampires Assistant, the highly anticipated feature film based on the "Cirque Du Freak" series of books by best selling Pallaskenry author Darren Shan, will be premiered at the Omniplex on October 13.

"It was a dream of mine, many years ago, that if a film ever got made of my books, that I would love for the premiere to take place in Limerick, at my local cinema, where I've been going to films for as long as I can remember. And guess what...dreams DO come true!!!!

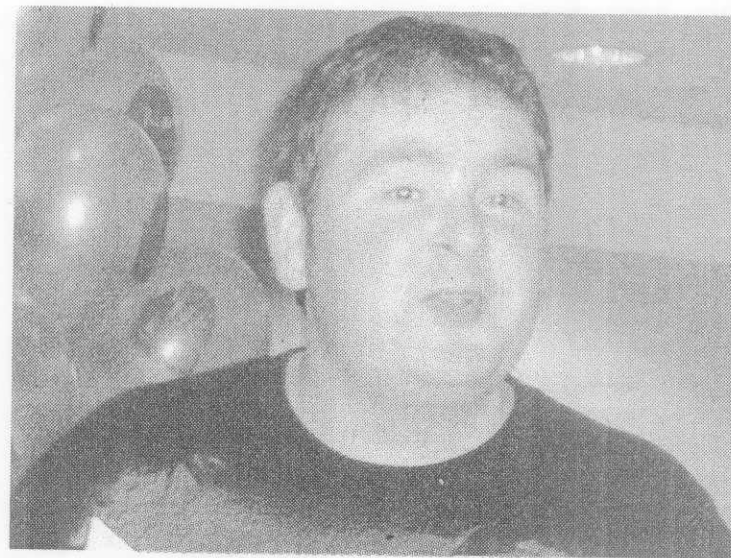
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant, is described by the distributors as a fantasy-adventure about a teenager who unknowingly breaks a 200-year-old truce between two warring factions of vampires.

Pulled into a fantastic life of misunderstood sideshow freaks and grotesque creatures of the night, one teen will vanish from the safety of a boring existence and fulfil his destiny in a place drawn from nightmares.

According to some critics, the film adaptation does not stay loyal to Darren Shan's set of books.

Cirque du Freak: the Vampire's Assistant is directed by Paul Weitz (About a Boy, American Pie).

The premiere will be followed by a Questions and Answers session with the author.



**Darren Shan in movie spotlight**

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