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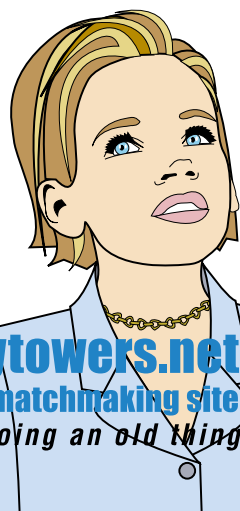
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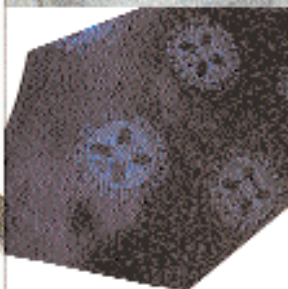
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Welcome to the summer 2004 edition of *Edit*. Thanks to all of you who commented so positively on our new look.

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*Raising aspirations* (page 18), by Dr Neil Speirs, looks at the first stage of a Widening Participation project which is changing attitudes to Higher Education in traditionally low-participation areas. The project was made possible through a Development Trust grant, which is funded by your donations to the University.

Also included are all of our regular features about alumni and development, letters and the *Billet* section from the General Council.

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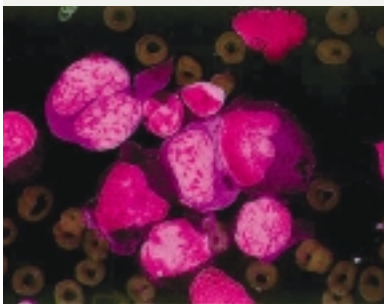


Scottish  
scientists  
target selected  
ovarian cancers

Targeting and inactivating a key gene could be a subtle and effective treatment for certain types of ovarian cancer, University researchers suggest in a study published in *Clinical Cancer Research*.

Cancer Research UK scientists at the University found that blocking a gene called Raf-1 can halt the growth of some ovarian cancer cells while leaving others largely unaffected. Their findings could lead to selective cancer therapies tailored to individual patients.

Researchers also gained important clues about why targeting the gene was effective in some types of cancer but not in others, paving the way for a test to predict which patients would benefit from the treatment.



Will Garton (President of EUSA) & Principal and Vice-Chancellor Professor Timothy O'Shea

Fairtrade comes first  
at Edinburgh

**Edinburgh was the first university in Scotland to be formally awarded Fairtrade accreditation at a reception at the University in March. The award was made on the same day that Edinburgh became a Fairtrade city.**

The reception was held at Teviot Row House, and was attended by the Principal and Vice-Chancellor Professor Timothy O'Shea; the President of Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA), Will Garton; the Managing Director of the Fairtrade Foundation, Harriet Lamb and the Chairman of the Toledo Cacao Growers' Association in Belize, Justino Peck.

The commitment to the Fairtrade initiative is supported by staff and students alike. Professor Geoffrey Boulton, Vice-Principal of the University said: "We are delighted with the recent moves to make Edinburgh Scotland's first Fairtrade University. The University already uses Fairtrade tea and coffee as their default choice and we fully support the Students' Association

in their bid to extend the range of Fairtrade products that we offer on campus. The move to gain official Fairtrade status recognises the University's long-term commitment to the use of Fairtrade products and contributing to better conditions for many farmers and communities in developing countries."

Will Garton said: "The University is a major consumer of food and drinks. Last year EUSA purchased over 1,700kg of coffee and the University's accommodation services served around 300,000 cups of coffee a year to staff, students and commercial clients. A wide range of Fairtrade products is available and prominently displayed throughout the University and even Fairtrade wine is on the way to becoming the default option across the board."

Some 6,000 events took place around the UK during Fairtrade Fortnight (1-14 March), which commemorated the tenth year of the Fairtrade Mark.

## Prestigious awards for University academics

The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has awarded the Abel Prize for 2004 jointly to Sir Michael Francis Atiyah, University of Edinburgh and Isadore M. Singer, MIT.

They will receive the prize “for their discovery and proof of the index theorem, bringing together topology, geometry and analysis, and their outstanding role in building new bridges between mathematics and theoretical physics.”

The Abel Prize was established in 2002 as an international prize for outstanding scientific work in the field of mathematics. This award fills the gap where there is no Nobel Prize for Mathematics.

Jane Hillston, a Reader in Computer Science from the University's School of Informatics, is the first winner of the newly-created Roger Needham Award for outstanding British computer research. She has received the award for her work on Performance Evaluation Process Algebra. Hillston created a revolutionary new software modelling language that predicts performance-related problems at software design stage.

## SHEFC funding

**The University has been awarded an increase of £7.3 million in SHEFC's funding round for the academic year 2004/05, raising total funding to £121.8 million.**

The 6.4% rise is well above the Scottish average of 5.3%, with research funding particularly benefiting with an increase of 12.1%. This is a modest increase in real terms, after a number of years in which the University has received real terms cuts.

**“ This welcome increase in funding will go some way towards ensuring the University of Edinburgh keeps its research at an internationally competitive level.”**

Scottish higher education institutions will receive more than £800 million – an overall sector increase in funding of 5.5% on last year.

Edinburgh, along with St Andrews, has the largest percentage increase of any of the Scottish universities. The total 6.4% rise disguises significantly larger increases in Main Quality Research Grant (11.9%) and Knowledge Transfer Grant (50.3%), which recognise the University's excellent track record in these activities, and which are a very welcome indication of Scottish Executive and SHEFC support.

Professor Timothy O'Shea, Principal and Vice-Chancellor said: “We are very encouraged by the Chief Executive of SHEFC, Roger McClure's announcement and the commitment that the Executive and the Deputy First Minister, Jim Wallace has shown to the sector. This university's 6.4% overall increase and the 12.1% increase in research funding in particular are positive signs for a smart, successful Scottish strategy. This welcome increase in funding will go some way towards ensuring the University of Edinburgh keeps its research at an internationally competitive level.”

The University's Main Teaching Grant will be £71.5 million compared to £69.5 million in 2003/04, an

increase of 2.8%. Units of resource for teaching are being increased by 2.7%, compared to HEFCE's 2.8% increase.

Main Quality Research Grant (R-grant) rises by 11.9% to £44.1 million. The one-off grant for 5\* units of assessment in 2003/04 has been consolidated into baselines, and the weighting for 5/5\*-rated units has been significantly increased compared to units rated rising 3a and 4.

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## Cannabis can lead to cigarette smoking



A University study has found that the use of cannabis by teenagers can act as a trigger to smoking cigarettes, or can reinforce the habit in those who already smoke. The study was undertaken by Research Fellow Dr Gill Highet of the University's Research Unit in Health, Behaviour and Change. Although it was previously known that most cannabis users also smoke tobacco, this new study of 59 young people aged 13-15 from the east of Scotland shows that the reverse can also be true, with cannabis introducing young people to smoking cigarettes. Some began smoking cigarettes when cannabis was not available, or to conserve their supplies of the drug.

## JK Rowling and former Principal among honorary graduates

**Best-selling children's author JK Rowling is among a number of prominent public figures who will receive honorary degrees at the University's graduation ceremonies this summer.**

Ms Rowling, who completed the PGCE at Moray House – now the Moray House School of Education at the University – in 1996, will receive the degree of Doctor *honoris causa* in July. She said, "I am delighted and honoured to be receiving an honorary degree from the University of Edinburgh, in my adopted home city."

Former Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University, Rt Hon Lord Sutherland of Houndwood will also receive the degree of Doctor *honoris causa*.

Evelyn Glennie OBE, the world-renowned solo percussionist,



will receive the degree of Doctor *honoris causa*. Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien, Roman Catholic Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh and Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. The Cardinal graduated with a BSc from the University in 1959.

For a full list of honorary graduates visit [www.ed.ac.uk/news/honorary04.html](http://www.ed.ac.uk/news/honorary04.html)

### Thank you

**Legacy gifts from graduates**  
**£72,000** to the University of Edinburgh Development Trust from the late Mr Hans Silberstein BSc 1945 (Mechanical Engineering)

**£1,000** to the University of Edinburgh Development Trust from the late Dr Keith Morris MB ChB 1934

**£500** to the University of Edinburgh Development Trust from the late Sir James Waddell MA 1935 (History)

**Legacy gifts from non-graduates**  
**£218,323** to the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Medicine from the late Miss Muriel Sutherland

**£74,857** to the Koestler Parapsychology Unit from the late Mrs Denwyn Dobby

**£1,000** to the College of Medicine for the Department of General Practice from the late Miss Jane Paterson

**£500** for cancer research from the late Mr Stanislaw Wozniak



**In brief:** Vice-Principal **Professor Geoffrey Boulton** has been appointed by the Prime Minister to the Council for Science and Technology. The Council is the top-level advisory body for Science and Technology in the UK, and reports directly to the Prime Minister and to the chief ministers of devolved administrations.

**Professor Michael Banner** will join the University from King's College London, to be Director of the ESRC Genomics Research Forum. Professor Banner is well known in science and public policy arenas.

## Robin Cook unveils portrait bust

University alumnus Rt Hon Robin Cook MP was in Old College in January to unveil and accept a portrait bust of himself on behalf of the University. Sculptress Shenda Amery donated her portrait bust of the MP, who studied English Literature at the University.

The bust will be displayed in the School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures. Robin Cook said: "I hope he will be as happy in the English department as I was."

Shenda Amery is famous for her portrait busts of leading political and media figures and her works include busts of Cherie Blair, John Major, Margaret Thatcher and Kate Adie.



## Falling in love: how does it happen?



The hormone which helps bond a mother and her baby, also released during both childbirth and orgasm, seems to act like a master switch in the brain, one of our scientists revealed at a St. Valentine's Eve lecture in London.

Neuroscientist Professor Gareth Leng examined how oxytocin in the brain helps to forge permanent ties between lovers, following the initial rush of excitement of a new relationship. The hormone works by opening up new patterns of interaction between nerve cells and changing the 'wiring' of billions of circuits in the brain. People who have fewer of the special brain receptors needed to take up the oxytocin may have difficulties in making successful permanent bonds with their partners. This hormone, released into the brain in large amounts during labour and also during sexual activity, is an important trigger of maternal behaviour in animals. Its crucial role in sexual bonding has been observed by North American

scientists studying the prairie vole (above).

Professor Leng says: "The prairie vole is a highly social creature – quite unlike its near relative, the montane vole. The prairie vole mates for life and this lifelong bond is established over the 48 hours of intense mating activity that is its first experience of sex. During this time, large amounts of oxytocin are released within the brain. Prairie voles, unlike the montane voles, have oxytocin receptors in different parts of their brains, and scientists have found that blocking these receptors prevents the formation of pair-bonding in females.

"How a single, albeit prolonged exposure to oxytocin can produce such profound and prolonged changes in behaviour is not known, but we are trying to find answers. Understanding this process is essential to understanding how drugs can influence mood and behaviour, for good or bad."

# MBE for Old College receptionist in New Year Honours



Gladys Davis

**Old College receptionist, Gladys Davis, was awarded an MBE in the 2004 New Year Honours List for services to education. Also recognised are Professors William George Hill and Gordon Kirk.**

Gladys has served the University for more than 25 years, during the terms of office of four Principals and three Secretaries, working in various posts before taking up her present job 17 years ago.



Professor William Hill

Professor William Hill, FRS, FRSE, Emeritus Professor of Animal Genetics, is awarded an OBE for services to science and the livestock industry. He was appointed Head of the Department of Genetics in 1989, later becoming Head of the Institute of Cell, Animal & Population Biology and the Division of Biological Sciences, before being appointed Dean and Provost of the Faculty of Science and Engineering.



Professor Gordon Kirk

Professor Gordon Kirk is awarded an OBE for services to teacher education. After serving as a secondary school teacher and lecturer in Education, Professor Kirk was appointed Principal of Moray House Institute of Education in 1981, becoming Dean of the Faculty of Education following the merger of Moray House with the University in 1998.

## Eastern European students benefit from Coca-Cola scholarships

Olya Dovgodko, from the Ukraine, and Jan Naszewski, from Poland, are the first students to benefit from a \$1 million scholarship donation received from The Coca-Cola Foundation last year. The donation will enable 10 students over five years to take up undergraduate courses in any subject at Edinburgh.

This photograph, taken on a snow-swept Calton Hill in February, was commissioned to help publicise the scholarship in participating countries in Eastern Europe. For further information, visit the University's Scholarship website at [www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk](http://www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk)





# The University and the City: working together

**The University and the City of Edinburgh Council hosted a presentation to councillors and senior officials at the City Chambers in January.**

The aim was to continue to strengthen the University's close working relationship with the council and be actively engaged with the city. Issues raised included the University's role in building a successful knowledge economy through its involvement in areas such as informatics and biotechnology research, knowledge transfer, the commercialisation of discoveries and students' interaction with the local community.

Donald Anderson, Leader of the Council, chaired the event and the first presentation was by Brian Farrell who outlined the council's vision for the city and the consequent funding issues.



The Principal detailed the University's strategy and the contribution it makes to the city. Angus Currie, Director of Estates and Buildings, followed with the University's estate development plans and Will Garton, EUSA President rounded the presentation off with the student contribution to the community.

Nearly 30 councillors and senior officials attended from the council, including the Lord Provost Lesley Hinds who also sits on the University Court.

## Edinburgh to lead landmark European initiative in stem cell research

Scientists from throughout Europe met in Edinburgh in February for the launch of an £11.9 million EU-funded research project that will establish foundations for future clinical trials of stem cell therapies. The four-year project – EuroStemCell – involves 14 organisations from eight European countries and will be coordinated from the Institute for Stem Cell Research at the University.

Stem cells may hold the key to replacing damaged tissue in devastating diseases such as Parkinson's and muscular dystrophies, but more basic information about stem cells is required before they can be tested

in the clinic. The trans-European research effort will undertake to obtain this knowledge for different types of stem cell and investigate their potential for treating degenerative diseases. The project also aims to promote the development of a European stem cell bio-industry that can compete effectively with North America and Japan.

EuroStemCell is funded through the European Commission Sixth Framework Programme and more specifically the priority on Life Sciences, Genomics, and Biotechnology for Health, which aims to advance medicine and quality of life for European citizens.

## Hive of activity in Hong Kong

Hong Kong has been a hive of activity for the University in recent months. In February, Vice-Principal Geoffrey Boulton was guest of honour at a reception organised by the Hong Kong Alumni Association. The event attracted over 25 graduates, including 11 young alumni who were attending their first Hong Kong Alumni Association event. Professor Boulton was visiting Thailand and the Middle East on University business and made a 24-hour stop-off in Hong Kong to attend the event.

In March, Principal Timothy O'Shea took time out from a conference visit to meet with Hong Kong alumni. A small dinner was organised in his honour by alumni from the Chinese University of Hong Kong – organisers of the Principal's conference – and a plaque commemorating his first visit as Vice-Chancellor to the island was presented.

Staff from Development & Alumni accompanied Principal O'Shea and Vice-Principal Boulton to underpin the University's fundraising ambitions in China, which include the development of the China and Hong Kong Scholarship. The Scholarship Fund, which was launched in 2002 and finances awards of up to £11,000 a year, provides Chinese students with an opportunity to study a Masters course in any discipline at the University and is supported largely by alumni.

## Scientists make stout defence for case that Guinness bubbles sink



The University made headlines around the world on St Patrick's Day with a story guaranteed to get drinkers staring into their pint...

It's a baffling sight which has caused countless Guinness drinkers to question whether their judgement might be clouded – bubbles moving downwards in their glass after their pint is poured. Now help is at hand for all of those pub philosophers who have debated why that might be the case when conventional wisdom suggests bubbles should float upwards instead. Researchers at Edinburgh and Stanford produced video footage for St Patrick's Day which settles the matter and provides black and white evidence that the bubbles are, in fact, dragged to the bottom of the glass.

It isn't just Guinness drinkers who have been baffled by the phenomena. *New Scientist* has already tackled the question in depth and, more recently, Australian researchers used the

latest industrial simulation methods to show that the bubbles – notoriously hard to track with the naked eye – would sink when a pint is poured. The Edinburgh/Stanford team is, however, the first to capture the tiny, elusive bubbles on film, having set up a high-speed digital camera with zoom lens in a chemistry laboratory. As well as settling countless pub debates, the video could help scientists better understand fluid dynamics – not just in industrial processes such as brewing, but also in a wide range of disciplines, including medicine and oceanography.

Alumnus Dr Andrew Alexander (above), from the University's School of Chemistry – who has worked with Professor Dick Zare at Stanford – said: "We had known for some time about the question of Guinness bubbles defying the norm. Our group carried out preliminary experiments at a local pub a few years ago, but the results proved inconclusive. We felt that

the waves of dark liquid that flow downwards only gave the illusion that the bubbles were going down, but the bubbles were just too small and too fast to see clearly. By the time that you started to form the impression that they were going down, the pint had settled. But now we have produced video proof that the bubbles do actually go down the inside of the glass."

Dr Alexander also pointed out that the major aim of the study was to engage the wider public in understanding science, and no public money was used for it: "The camera was borrowed, filmed in my 'spare' time (not that I have any), and the Guinness I paid for myself – I still have the receipts! However, the films will also be used to develop mathematical models of flow, which will have benefits for other branches of science."

To find out more and to see the bubbles in action, visit

[www.chem.ed.ac.uk/guinness/](http://www.chem.ed.ac.uk/guinness/)

# Andrew scoops poetry prize



Alumnus Andrew (A.B.) Jackson has been awarded the £5,000 Felix Dennis Prize for his book *Fire Stations*, the best first collection in the Forward Poetry Prize 2003.

Many of the poems in the collection draw inspiration from paintings, including Gauguin's *The Yellow Christ* and Francis Bacon's *Crucifixion*. Jackson was singled out by critic John Greening in *Poetry Review* for his 'demanding and ambitious work: direct, sharp in manner, with an intellectual edge, a valedictory quality.' His solo debut builds on these elements, uniting a clipped, precise style with a mercurial range of subject matter: the ambiguities of religious symbolism, personal heartbreak, David Hume, R.D. Laing, Schopenhauer and Scottish band The Blue Nile.

Born in 1965, Jackson began drawing before he could walk, and this remained his chief interest until the age of 15, when he switched his focus to language. "I needed to find a way into myself which art wasn't providing at that time, so I abandoned one form for the other," he says. His other interest – music – has been a constant factor throughout his life, which he

describes as his "primary source of inspiration and comfort."

Jackson studied English Literature at the University of Edinburgh, where he began writing seriously. In his second year, he met the poet Roddy Lumsden. Together they founded a student poetry magazine called *Fox*, which ran for four issues. As well as featuring student poets, they succeeded in gathering contributions from established writers such as Liz Lochhead, Edwin Morgan, Ron Butlin, and Brian McCabe. His interest in poetry continued to flourish, and in his final year he was Vice-President of the Poetry Society, with Lumsden serving as President.

After graduating, Jackson and Lumsden shared a flat for a couple of years, and it was during this time that they committed themselves to writing seriously, tutoring each other as they went along. Jackson says: "I think those two years pretty much made us the writers we are today."

On leaving university, he pursued several interests including drawing political cartoons and playing the flute with the band Sam Harlet. Jackson now works as an IT librarian at the Glasgow College of Building and Printing.

He has been published in a number of poetry anthologies including *The Message: crossing the tracks between poetry and pop*; *Anvil New Poets 3*; *When the Words Won't Come*; and *The Forward Book of Poetry 2004*. His poem *Saturday Night* received a commendation in the National Poetry Competition, 1999.

He admires a number of contemporary poets, saying: "Dorothy Molloy's first volume, *Hare Soup*, is astounding; Ian Duhig's *The Lammas Hireling* is the best book of poems I've read in more than a decade, and the American poet August Kleinzahler is producing some great, quirky work."



BROADCASTER AND JOURNALIST IAIN MACWHIRTER GIVES HIS OWN TAKE ON HANS BLIX'S RECENT VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE CONFLICT IN IRAQ.

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# Can Hans Blix save the planet?

THE FORMER UN WEAPONS INSPECTOR, HANS BLIX, MAKES AN UNLIKELY SUPERSTAR. HE IS A MILD-MANNERED SEVENTY-SOMETHING SWEDISH CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO ESCHEWS ORATORY AND TALKS LIKE AN AMIABLE HEADMASTER. BUT WHEN I ARRIVED FOR HIS ADDRESS AT THE MCEWAN HALL IN FEBRUARY, THE QUEUE STRETCHED ROUND THE BLOCK. A LARGE PROPORTION OF THOSE WHO TURNED UP TO HEAR HIS THOUGHTS ON THE FATE OF THE PLANET SEEMED TO BE YOUNG. PERHAPS OBJECTIVITY IS BECOMING FASHIONABLE.

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Of course, Blix's celebrity status – there is even a website in his honour ("Hans Blix SuperInspector") – dates from his appearances before the United Nations Security Council in the weeks and months leading up to the Iraq war.

His assessment then was that Saddam Hussein had embarked upon meaningful disarmament and should be given time to continue down this road. But of course the "coalition of the willing" rejected his advice. There wasn't a moment to lose, according to Britain and America.

The infamous British September 2002 dossier on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction claimed British interests were on forty-five minutes notice of devastating attack. Tony Blair told the House of Commons that Saddam possessed lethal quantities of botulinum toxin, mustard gas and VX nerve agent. The idea that these had all been destroyed by Iraq was, Mr Blair told MPs "simply absurd".

Well, absurd or not, it was the case. It is now pretty well established that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq worthy of the name. We went to war on a false pretext. Iraq was a war that should never have taken place. If Tony Blair had listened to Hans Blix, he might have avoided Britain's worst foreign policy disaster since Suez. Ten thousand Iraqi civilians and soldiers would still be alive as would five hundred American servicemen. How could the British and Americans have made such an astonishing blunder? This is something that deeply worries Hans Blix. Together, the US and UK spend billions on intelligence

and have the most sophisticated surveillance apparatus in the history of humanity. Satellites which can read car number plates from eight miles up. How did they manage to see an entire arsenal that wasn't there?

Blix concedes that there were unaccounted-for items in the original WMD inventory of Iraq's weaponry dating from the 1990s. He could not prove that all the items had been destroyed. That was what his inspection team were trying to find out. However, the British and Americans argued that since there was no proof that all of them had been destroyed, then they must surely exist. Or at any rate, there was no point in taking the risk that they didn't.

At the very least, this was a war based on faulty reasoning – on a failure to think the matter through rationally. Hence the argument that because Saddam had not proved that he had destroyed his weapons, they must still be there. It wasn't simply that America and Britain had already made up their minds to invade Iraq, and weren't going to let the facts get in the way of a bad story – though it would be naive not to see that as also being true. But at root Iraq was a war based on intellectual failure or intellectual dishonesty.

It's a question of how leaders think. In my experience, politicians increasingly inhabit a world in which fact is contingent and truth relative. They have learned from journalists how to bend truth to make it fit whatever story they want to tell.







Politicians may also, perhaps unconsciously, have been influenced by the view prevalent in many university departments, that objective truth is simply impossible; that facts are only facts in context. The very fact that there is a neutral observable reality is regarded as either naive or ideological by structuralists.

Now, I'm not suggesting that politicians spend their time reading Derrida or Lacan. However, they cannot help but be influenced by the intellectual fashions of the times. And if there is no place any longer in politics for scientific objective, then we indeed live in a dangerous world. If politicians will not listen to reason then Iraq may set a precedent for future conflicts.

As for Hans Blix, he has moved on from Iraq. He told the McEwan Hall that he believes global warming, rather than terrorism, is the next threat to international order. Climate change will cause peoples in disadvantaged nations to seek redress against the polluting powers. The loss of territory, population and wealth will place immense strain on international institutions and could lead to another arms race.

But the paramount issue here is getting the United States even to recognise that there is a problem, let alone that America is one of the prime causes of it. It is extremely difficult to prove that global warming is caused by the CO2 emissions of industrialised nations. It is always possible to argue that global warming is merely part of natural fluctuations in climate temperature. Science doesn't deal in certainties, but in probabilities based on the accumulation of evidence.

Even as the waters rise around them, the oilmen who run the Republican White House will no doubt be arguing that fossil fuels had nothing to do with it, just as they argue that Saddam had WMD and non-existent links with al-Qaeda. More than ever we need a new cast of public intellectuals, ambassadors of reason, dedicated to the rational appraisal of evidence and able to give hot-headed politicians some grounding in reality. The question is: can Hans Blix save the planet?

■ Science doesn't deal in certainties, but in probabilities based on the accumulation of evidence ■



His fellow students recalled his elegant manners, perfect English and dry sense of humour; he remembered the kindness of his landlady, penny breakfasts of milk and porridge and the distant Pentland Hills. Dressed in his flowing robes, he was the centre of attention at lunches and gatherings, but happier in his laboratory pursuing his studies in chemistry. One of the University's many distinguished overseas graduates, Prafulla Chandra Ray was among the first Indian students to be awarded a Doctorate in Science in 1887.

# An Indian Chemist in Victorian Edinburgh

By Ian Wotherspoon

Although he was a brilliant scientist, his interests were not confined to the academic world. Rather than use expensive imports, he pioneered the manufacture of Western medicinal drugs in India and advised on the development of other industries, including the production of porcelain and enamel. More importantly, whilst a student in Edinburgh, he embraced the Indian nationalist movement, launching himself on a crusade which absorbed much of his time and energy in the tumultuous years before the end of British rule in 1947.

In coming to study in Edinburgh, Prafulla Chandra followed a path well trodden by students from "furth o' Scotland." Traditionally, the University had been international in outlook, welcoming students from elsewhere in Britain, Europe and America. The growth of British influence in the nineteenth century deepened that focus. Indeed, by 1914, nearly a quarter of Edinburgh's undergraduates came from abroad, not just from India and other parts of the British Empire, but from locations as diverse as Beijing, Izmir and Seattle.

It was an exciting time to be a student in Auld Reekie. The framework of the University was being overhauled to provide an academic culture which better met the needs of a new imperial age. Curricular changes, including the creation of new Chairs in disciplines such as engineering, geology and education, enhanced this process. There was lively debate on whether women could, or should, study medicine and how best to promote scientific education. The atmosphere may have been eclectic but the academic emphasis remained solidly on nurturing the abilities of students – from wherever they came.

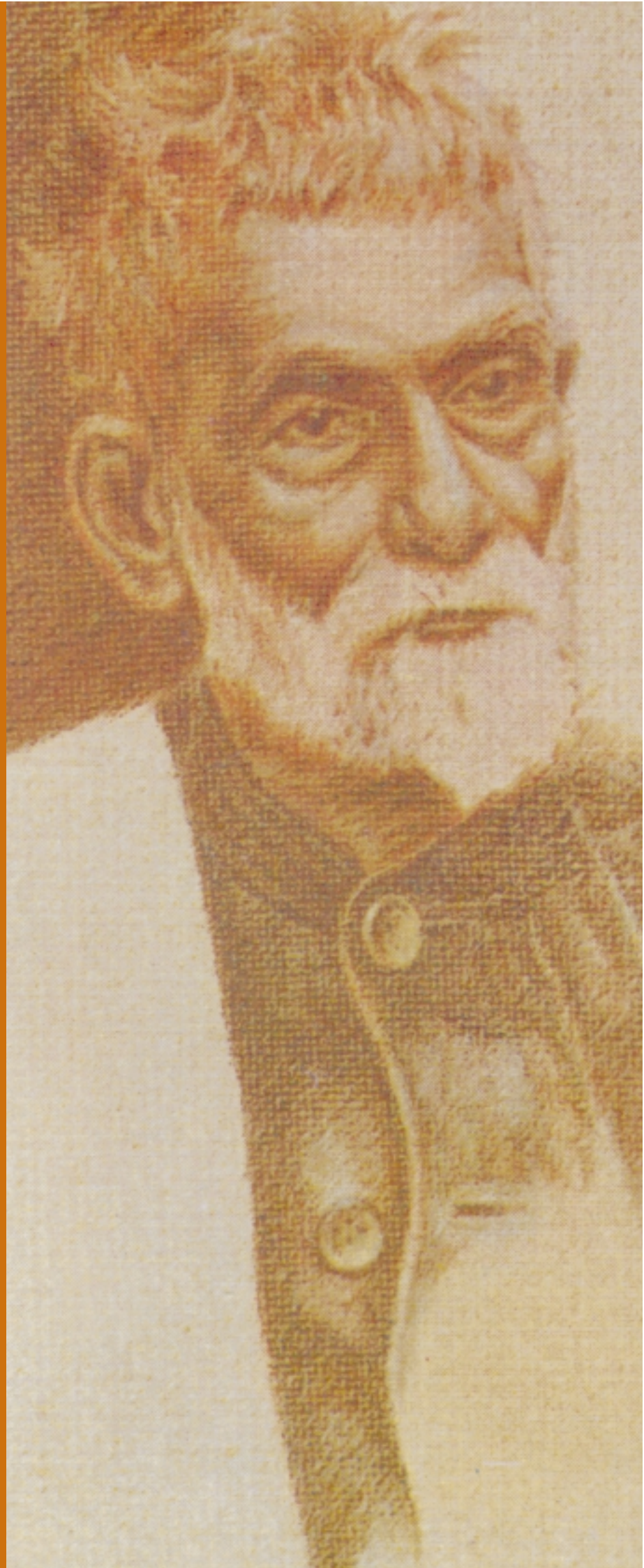


Prafulla Chandra took an active part in the academic and social life of the University. Bemused by the boisterous antics of younger undergraduates, he learnt classroom management techniques, as well as chemistry, from Crum Brown, his revered, if somewhat eccentric, professor. We do not know if he joined the Edinburgh Indian Association but he was elected Vice-President of the University Chemical Society in 1887. By then, not only were his academic attainments widely recognised but he was also seen as a persuasive, if possibly dangerous, advocate of Indian nationalism.

Although Prafulla Chandra came from a generation of English-speaking Indian students familiar with Western thinking and values, whom it was hoped might bolster British rule in India, he was no stooge of the Raj. The University's rector of the day offered a prize for an essay on India before and after the Mutiny. Prafulla Chandra's forthright critique of the legitimacy of Britain's presence and achievements on the subcontinent won him second prize.

"India is a country of famished peasants," he wrote, "governed by an alien nation mainly for the benefit of itself." He suggested Indians faced unreasonably high taxation which returned few economic benefits or social services. A massive investment in scientific and technical education was needed, he argued, to allow Indians a larger share in their own future and to develop an industrial base which met Indian, rather than British, needs.

He paid a high price for his views. Despite a glowing reference from the then Principal, William Muir, and the support of the radical MP, John Bright, doors quietly closed to possible opportunities in the Government of India's Education Service.





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In retrospect, perhaps, he was fortunate. His appointment as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the Presidency College in Calcutta allowed him both to showcase his considerable academic prowess and develop his thinking on a diverse range of economic and social issues, which he expounded to an enthralled audience of young Indians, many of whom were to play an active role in national life before, and after, 1947. Although he led a very public existence, whether campaigning against racism or supporting Mahatma Gandhi, his lifestyle was simple. His students remembered him as a rigorous scholar whose self-effacing kindness extended to donating his salary to the department in which he taught.

His reputation as a leading international scientist was well established when he was appointed Professor of Chemistry at the University of Calcutta's Science College at Rajabazar in 1916, a post he held for 20 years. His research on mercurous nitrite had brought him wide acclaim in 1886, and again in 1912, when he presented his findings to the Chemical Society in London. His seminal work, *The History of Hindu Chemistry*, the first volume of which was published in 1902, confirmed his position as a scholar of outstanding ability.

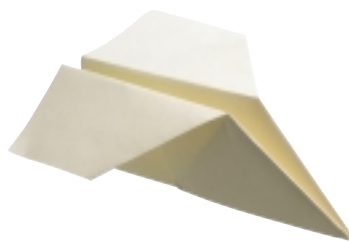
Whether by chance or design, his associations with the University remained strong throughout his life.

He came to Edinburgh in 1882 having won a competitive scholarship funded by another Edinburgh graduate, the irascible oriental scholar, John Borthwick Gilchrist. As a struggling young lecturer recently returned to Calcutta, it was a future Principal of Edinburgh University, the eminent geologist, Thomas Holland, who supplied him with mineral specimens for his new laboratory. Coming back to Edinburgh in 1904, he was feted at a meeting in the Caledonian Hotel, chaired by his old teacher, Crum Brown.

Towards the end of his life, Prafulla Chandra looked back with wistful affection on his time in Edinburgh with its bracing winds, rumbling tram cars and gas streetlights glimmering through the haar.

It was here he came to realise that India was “lagging behind” and would never prosper within the framework of British rule. His debt to his alma mater was considerable. The University of Edinburgh helped shape the life, and thinking, of this remarkable man and, in some measure, the destiny of the India he loved, and served, so well.

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## the edit prize letter

### Complete picture

I am compelled to respond to Lucy Lloyd's letter in your winter 2004 edition. My husband and I are also honours graduates of Edinburgh and I am also a science teacher (chemistry). Our children have been well educated within the state system by our own choice; we opted not to send them to independent school as we feel they do not get a true picture of the wider world.

I fully subscribe to the idea that it is sensible and fair to look at a more complete picture when selecting students. Surely Mrs Lloyd of all people should realise the severe disadvantages suffered by young people who do not have supportive parents! I teach some incredible youngsters, some very privileged, others who are carers (of ill parents or siblings) or are neglected and who cannot always produce the same quality of work because of their circumstances.

I do find it rather hypocritical that she is a teacher in the state system but chooses to send her own children to an independent school. Does she consider that she is providing a second-rate service to the students she teaches? I would have thought that the revised policy does ensure that "Edinburgh welcomes applications from all students whatever their background". What she infers is paying more money should guarantee your children entry to top universities.

**Marjorie Lally, by email**

### Politicised spookery

I regret that Professor Jeffreys-Jones (*Edit* volume 4, issue 1) did not note how intelligence and government together have created a very powerful self-serving self-exciting system. Provided with threats that 'cannot be named for security reasons', the government applies the 'Precautionary Principle' – 'When an activity raises threats of harm to the environment or human health, precautionary measures should be taken even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically'. Together, government and intelligence can induce, in all of us a state of perpetual 'organised paranoia' and so ensure our willing compliance to its edicts, however oppressive.

**Professor Fenton F Robb, by email**

### Plea for simplification

I received the new issue of *Edit* this morning. It is colourful and striking, but unfortunately I have to offer the following criticism:

- some of the typefaces are much too small for elderly eyes
- even larger typefaces are difficult to read when printed in pale colours against white.

May I enter a plea for simplification – adequate typefaces, printed in black against a white background. They might not look so artistic but they would, I think, be more easily readable. These comments apart I enjoy this occasional contact with my Alma Mater.

**John Gibb, (MB ChB 1944)**

**Editors note:** Points well made. We will keep striving to get the balance right between visual interest and legibility. We have created a text-only version of *Edit* available for downloading from our website at [www.cpa.ed.ac.uk/edit/](http://www.cpa.ed.ac.uk/edit/) or by contacting us at the address above.

# Raising aspirations

By **Dr Neil Speirs** Widening Participation Project Officer

Imagine if you didn't know what a university was. Living in a city that has six higher education institutions, one would imagine that nobody in Edinburgh would ever *not* know what a University is. Unfortunately the opposite is true: there are parts of our local community that simply have no experience or contact at all with any form of higher education. To help challenge this, the Widening Participation project, based in the Recruitment and Admissions Liaison Service (RALS), was awarded a Small Project Grant by the University of Edinburgh Development Trust.

Research shows that if pupils have positive contact at an early age with higher education and all that it entails, the impression stays with them as they mature. Current outreach projects often only make first contact with these pupils in S2, by which time the unfortunate cynicism of adolescence has set in. It is very difficult to convince those in low-participation neighbourhoods that higher education is open to them if they want it and not simply for those that live in other parts of town.

The University's RALS Pilot Primary School Initiative got underway last autumn, to spread the word about

university and higher education in a selection of primary schools that feed into Wester Hailes Education Centre and Liberton High School – historically low-participation areas.

The main aim of the programme is not recruitment but simply to raise aspirations. The first stage is a school-based workshop involving Primary 6 pupils, some undergraduate students and a member of the Widening Participation team. The pupils find out what a university is, the names of the universities in Edinburgh and where they are, what happens there, what students wear, what a lecture theatre is and other such important basics that opens the door to what they all deserve: an equal chance.

The workshops then translate into a day visit to the University of Edinburgh. The pupils are taken to a lecture theatre and are finally convinced that they can accommodate up to 500 people – all at once! After lunch, workshops are provided in conjunction with some of our academic Schools. This year the pupils and teachers were involved in workshops in Chemistry, Engineering, Biology, Classics, Japanese and Music.

While the pupils enjoy the workshops, the staff are keen to challenge them academically so they are not patronised, an aspect that the pupils appreciate.

The next stage involves an informal parents', pupils' and teachers' evening at the participating primary schools, where parental aspirations for their youngsters are also raised. This allows for questions to be answered, higher education to be demystified and the pupils to talk about their experiences.

By the end of the programme, the pupils have been on quite a journey. Imagine, while speaking with one of the workshop classes, one pupil pulling at my shirt. She informed me, very quietly, that university sounded wonderful but it was a shame she wouldn't be able to go, as that's where other kids went. She has since been convinced to the contrary merely through involvement with the initiative, and wants to go straight from primary school to university. She has been convinced to go to secondary school first, where in first year we'll all meet up again in the next stage of this particular Widening Participation initiative.

## The three stages of the Widening Participation Project

### PHASE 1

Primary School Initiative

Primary 6 & 7 (age 10 & 11)

The primary school initiative introduces higher education to the pupils and allows familiarity to develop. Aspirations in turn are raised.

### PHASE 2

Gifted and Talented Summer Community Education Programme

S1 & S2 (age 12 & 13)

The community education programme brings together gifted and talented pupils that are showing academic potential. They find themselves in a positive learning environment and aspirations continue to grow.

### PHASE 3

Current Widening Participation

Initiatives supporting 46 state schools in Edinburgh and the Lothians S2-S6 (age 13-17). Current outreach initiatives continue to encourage, inspire and advise students on their journey into higher education.





## Feedback from participants



The Widening Participation team encourage feedback from both the pupils and the teachers who visit.

“What an excited group of staff and children I met when they returned to school after their visit to the University: ‘I can count to 100 in Japanese’, ‘The Romans were dead cool’ and ‘I got to play a musical instrument’. Clearly it all went well! Thank you.”

Illustration by Nicole Gray



Talbot Rice

# gallery

Talbot Rice Gallery, established in 1975, is named after David Talbot Rice, Watson Gordon Professor of Fine Art at the University from 1934-1972.

The Gallery shows exhibitions of work by Scottish and international artists, promoting knowledge, understanding and new ideas, through thematic exhibitions, events and publications.

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**Open:** Tues – Sat, 10am-5pm

**Admission Free**

There is a lift with wheelchair access to both floors of the White Gallery.

## THE GEORGIAN GALLERY

### Permanent Collection

The Talbot Rice Gallery houses the University's permanent collection in the Georgian Gallery. The Torrie Collection consists of Old Master bronzes and paintings collected in the late 18th and early 19th centuries by Sir James Erskine of Torrie.

**Admission Free**

### Temporary Exhibitions

Talbot Rice presents up to five major exhibitions per year. Recent major shows include Steven Campbell, Kenny Hunter and Janice McNab. Object Lessons, a historical exhibition from the University's collections is now available on line in the Georgian Gallery **[www.objectlessons.lib.ed.ac.uk](http://www.objectlessons.lib.ed.ac.uk)**. This programme is accompanied by projects in the round room.

### Friends of the Talbot Rice Gallery

The Friends give active and practical support to the Gallery and offer a programme of events alongside the exhibition education programme. Contact the gallery for membership information.

### Modern Scottish Art from the University of Edinburgh collection 24 April – 29 May

An exhibition charting acquisitions made to the Gallery and the University in recent decades.

Artists Eduardo Paolozzi and John Bellany, who have exhibited at the Gallery, have made important gifts. There have also been significant gifts from organisations such as the Scottish Arts Council and the Hope Scott Bequest which includes a large group of works by William Johnstone.

### Health Month: Three exhibitions that focus on aspects of health and art 10 June – 10 July

**Main Gallery:** Art Works in Mental Health – A national exhibition funded by Pfizer providing an insight into personal perceptions of mental illness showing two- and three-dimensional work together with creative writing.

**Upper Gallery:** Artesian Arts – Work selected by the Scottish artist-led charity that exists to promote and provide a forum for outsider and raw arts.

### round room: Karen Ingham

A photographic installation, the result of collaboration between Ingham and the Royal College of Surgeons at the University of Edinburgh.

### Cyclorama: Edinburgh International Festival Exhibition 31 July – 25 September

A vast panorama reinvented as the Cyclorama, created by New York-based painter, Sandy Wurmfeld.

A cylinder ten metres in diameter will be constructed in the Gallery and will feature an all-round abstract colour field rainbow.

Complemented by a historical exhibition exploring the origins of the panorama, the upper Gallery will show Edinburgh-born artist, Robert Barker's panorama of Calton Hill from the University's collection.

### Leonard McComb 16 October – 4 December 2004

A major exhibition of work by Leonard McComb RA, his first in Scotland since 1983. The exhibition will have a retrospective element showing work of the last two decades, but focusing on work produced in 2003 and 2004. The works will be in the themes of architecture, portraits and botanical studies and centre on the artist's drawings.

### round room: Naomi Campbell

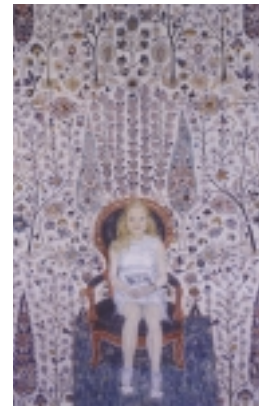
A selection of photography, collage and drawing that seeks out romantic elements from everyday actions and surroundings.



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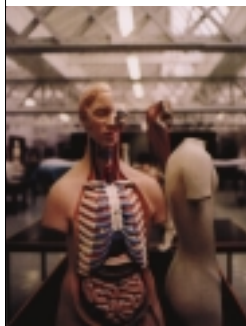
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- 1 September Sunlight  
oil on canvas, 1916  
**DOROTHY JOHNSTON**
- 2 This Crowded Country  
watercolour, 2003  
**MAGGIE STRONG**
- 3 Anatomical Model  
photograph, 2003  
**KAREN INGHAM**
- 4 Cyclorama  
Installation at the Karl Osthaus  
Museum in Hagen, Germany, 2003.
- 5 Portrait of Philippa Cooper  
oil on canvas, 2003  
**LEONARD McCOMB**
- 6 Untitled  
drawing, 2003  
**NAOMI CAMPBELL**

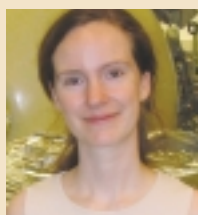




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## Fourth rock from the sun



Dr Vicky Hipkin is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Toronto. She graduated MSc from the University of Edinburgh in 1995.

**Subject** Physics (BSc); Remote Sensing and Image Processing (MSc)

**Graduation year** 1994; 1995

### What have you done since you left the University?

As an atmospheric physicist now specialising in planetary atmospheres, I am currently Canadian project scientist for the NASA Phoenix Mars mission to be launched in 2007, and have been a co-investigator on proposals for new missions to study Mars' atmospheric composition. The Phoenix mission will land near the Mars north polar cap and carries a Canadian lidar and weather station.

My initial training and research was not in the planetary field: as well as an MSc in Remote Sensing from Edinburgh, I have a PhD in Antarctic atmospheric boundary layer studies from the University of Leeds, and followed that with a year's post-doctoral studies in New Zealand. I moved to Canada four years ago in response to a post-doctoral opportunity at the University of Toronto to study Mars atmospheric mission concepts.

### What were your expectations of starting university, and did the experience match up?

My expectations were to meet a lot of interesting people, try new activities and be challenged academically. The experience certainly matched up!

### What is your best memory of the University and the city?

My best memories must be of some very good friends I met at that time: by chance two of them are currently also in Toronto.

### How have they changed since you studied here?

Both the city and University have changed significantly. Since I studied in Edinburgh, the new Scottish Parliament has been created and with it much new development. Information technology has certainly changed the University. As undergraduate physicists we had access to a text-based internet browser and thought that pretty exciting! On a personal note, there is the loss of James Thin Booksellers as a family firm. It was an Edinburgh institution where many Edinburgh students (myself included) used to work evening shifts.

### Most embarrassing moment of your University career?

Thankfully, I don't remember.

### In what way do you feel connected with the University?

Above my desk at the University of Toronto I have a University of Edinburgh poster showing a photograph of the city. I believe efforts are underway to establish an exchange option for Edinburgh University geophysics students with physics and geology at the University of Toronto.

### What advantages has an Edinburgh degree given you?

The BSc and MSc degrees have provided a very solid experimental and theoretical basis for my research. I enjoyed the final year undergraduate research projects immensely, and have made good use of the excellent research tools and skills introduced in the MSc.





IMAGE: COURTESY NASA/JPL/CALTECH

**Does a degree mean as much now as it did when you graduated?**

Difficult to compare. There are certainly more graduates now than previously; however, the entire economy and expectation of career has changed. Current degree programmes offer greater opportunities to participate in international exchange programmes and more flexibility in course selection.

**How does HE policy now differ from when you studied and what are the implications?**

While HE policy has certainly increased student numbers dramatically, this isn't reflected positively in all areas: at present we are having surprising difficulty recruiting post-graduate and post-doctorate experimental physicists for Mars mission and other satellite developments.

**What has life taught you?**

To respond to opportunities. To take weekends off.

**What does the future hold for the University and for your subject area in the next 10 years?**

I imagine Edinburgh University will continue as a top-ranking UK university and wish it every success.

The next 10 years in Mars research will be unusually significant due to the heavy concentration of mission activities both current and planned. As well as NASA 4

and the European Space Agency, smaller countries are getting involved directly: the UK has recently sent Beagle II, and the Canadian Space Agency has a nascent Mars program of its own. This intensive mission activity means an enormous amount of new data is becoming available, paving the way for exciting new discoveries. Last month methane was detected for the first time in the Mars atmosphere. Future missions will follow this up to determine whether its source is microbial or volcanic. Recent discoveries of bacteria in extreme environments on Earth have increased expectations that life may in fact survive the Mars environment. For further information see: [www.atmosp.physics.utoronto.ca/MICA](http://www.atmosp.physics.utoronto.ca/MICA)

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## Kresge Challenge Brings Vision Even Closer

It is an indisputable fact that Edinburgh Medical School's hall of fame features many individuals who have contributed significantly to the shape of modern medicine as we know it today. Liston, Simpson and Syme are just three examples. However, resting on the laurels of its distinguished past is not an option for the University.

Edinburgh's tradition for nurturing talent, the backbone of the pioneering work which is its hallmark, continues.

Central to this is an ambitious vision – where the disciplines of teaching, practice and research are brought together on one bespoke site sharing some of the most advanced facilities in Europe.

The focal point for this vision is Little France (above) on the perimeter of the city. It already houses Edinburgh's newest hospital and the Chancellor's Building – a state-of-the-art academic centre for clinical teaching and the latest addition to Edinburgh's prestigious Medical School.

Work continues and the next stage of development for the Medical School is a new research centre (the Research Institute for Medical Cell Biology) – the last piece in the jigsaw. The result will be the creation of the perfect environment for the innovative work of the Medical School.

The benefits are obvious. The proximity of the three buildings and their shared facilities allow hospital and University staff to work seamlessly together. The location of the research institute will allow 'from the bench to the bedside'



development of new methods of treatment for the major diseases which affect people in Scotland today. Over 600 scientists will be able to work collaboratively to gain a greater understanding of some of the most debilitating diseases such as cancer, heart disease and lung-related disorders such as asthma. And the high-tech facilities will be on a par with those in the US and Japan.

Raising the funding for the £49 million centre has been a major challenge for the University. Over £46 million has been raised towards the target thanks to the generosity of organisations, trusts, individuals and graduates.

Now the last leg of the fundraising effort is in sight. A major boost, in the form of a challenge award from the Kresge Foundation (a first for a Scottish higher education establishment), has made the target even more enticingly close. The Foundation has laid down the gauntlet to the University's fundraisers with the prospect of a US \$1 million award, to be released on condition that the

remainder of the funds, some £3 million, is generated within 18 months.

A £300,000 donation from the Gannochy Trust for a new imaging suite at the Little France complex is a significant step forward in achieving this.

However, the closer the target, traditionally the more arduous the fundraising drive. The prospect of the Kresge award has added new urgency to the campaign and it is now crucial that the appeal goes wider. The significance of every donation, no matter what size, is greater than ever at this stage in the campaign, with participation levels the key to success. So far alumni and staff are answering the call.

Building of the new institute is in progress. However, with the target completion date of spring 2005 looming, fundraisers know that the generosity of individual donors, at this point, will be instrumental in making sure that the vision for the Medical School is achieved.



Clubs and Reunions

The number of University of Edinburgh alumni clubs and groups keeps on growing, year after year. We currently have a total of 69 international clubs and contacts, breaking down into eight UK-based geographic clubs, 50 overseas-based clubs/contacts and 11 special interest clubs. Many of our clubs organise a regular programme of events, all of which are listed in the Events section of our website: [www.dev.ed.ac.uk/events\\_reunions.htm](http://www.dev.ed.ac.uk/events_reunions.htm)

We have recently been working to establish several new clubs and alumni groups – involving alumni in Argentina, Cyprus, Edinburgh University Alumni Golf Club, to name but a few. A full listing of our clubs/contacts can be found at: [www.dev.ed.ac.uk/clubs\\_organisations.htm](http://www.dev.ed.ac.uk/clubs_organisations.htm)

If there is no group listed in your geographical area, why not consider becoming an alumni contact yourself? Simply get in touch with Development & Alumni to find out what is involved.

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# The European Constitution: explained!



Professor Sir Neil MacCormick

If anyone is in the position to shed light on the political and legal complexities of European treaty texts from Brussels, Sir Neil MacCormick, Member of the European Parliament and distinguished former Edinburgh professor is that person.

Sir Neil agreed to join EUBS (Edinburgh University Brussels Society) members and friends for an informal evening debate on the new EU constitution, kindly hosted by law firm White & Case in the heart of Brussels.

And for Sir Neil the constitution comes not a moment too soon. "I don't think it is satisfactory to bump along with the treaties. It is better to have the constitution," he told EUBS. "And anyone can have a look at it – it is on the web."

It was a terrific, lively debate and whilst EUBS brave souls threw challenging questions at Sir Neil on the groundbreaking document, he responded with clarity, vivacity and a liberal smattering of wit, often charged as being missing from the text itself!

## Edinburgh University Rugby Club

Three seasons ago Edinburgh University Rugby Club was anticipating a hard year battling in National Division Three, yet three years later the club is eagerly anticipating playing in Premiership Three next season. After three promotions in three years, and with all four of our teams winning their respective Scottish University Championships this year, the Rugby Club is going from strength to strength. Through these achievements, The University of Edinburgh is showing that it is once again a serious force in Scottish Rugby. We are looking forward to our tour of South Africa this summer, which will round off what has been a long hard season, but it will also allow us to build towards what is going to be a very challenging, yet immensely exciting, 2004/05 season.

There is no better time to further our efforts off the field, in order to

complement our successes on the field. We are hoping to re-establish contact with as many former members, supporters and alumni as possible, who are interested in hearing about the progress of the University rugby team. Our aim is not only to increase contact between former members of the club and the current players, but also to organise events that allow old friends to catch up and re-live the highs and lows that they themselves experienced whilst competing for the University.

If you are interested in re-establishing contact with Edinburgh University Rugby Club, or just receiving our newsletters, please tick the box on the 'Information Please' form on page 34 or write to: Patrons' Secretary, Edinburgh University Sports Union, 48 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ. Alternatively you can email [Chris\\_robson100@hotmail.com](mailto:Chris_robson100@hotmail.com)

## Friends of Bedlam

Friends of Bedlam, the association for alumni of EU Theatre Company (formerly DramSoc) had their annual London gathering on 8 May at the Star Tavern in Belgravia. For pictures from that event, and for information on the upcoming party in Edinburgh on Saturday 28 August 2004, see:

[www.bedlamites.co.uk](http://www.bedlamites.co.uk)

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**21-22 May 2004**

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**10-12 September 2004**

**The University of Edinburgh Management School**

**Email** UEMSALumni@ed.ac.uk

**Edinburgh Graduate Theatre Group 50th Anniversary Reunion Weekend**

**29-30 May 2004, Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh**

**Contact** Mrs Margaret Marr, 29 Lockhart Avenue, Edinburgh, EH14 1AY  
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## Reunions in 2005

### 1960 BSc Chemistry

**27-29 July 2005, Edinburgh**

**Contact** Lt-Colonel Jack G Wishart, Milton House, Milton Of Balgonie, Glenrothes, Fife, KY7 6PX  
**Email** wishartjac@aol.com

### 1960 MB ChB

**Date and venue tbc**

**Contact** Dr Tom Kennedy, Four Winds, 7 Hillside Crescent, Langholm, Dumfriesshire, DG13 0EE  
**Email** tklangholm@aol.com

### 1970 BSc Agriculture

**2005, date and venue tbc**

**Contact** Dr David Pollock, 6790 Old Westover Marion Rd, Westover MD 21871-3804, USA

### 1980 BVM&S

**24-26 June 2005**

**Hilton Dunblane Hotel**

**Contact** Mr David S Ramsay, Pilgrims Gate, Kirkton of Mailor Road, Craighened, Perth, PH2 0SS  
**Email** David.Ramsay@care4free.net

## Reunion in 2006

### 1961 MB ChB Reunion

**Sunday 3 - Wednesday**

**6 September 2006**

**Castle Green Hotel, Kendal, Cumbria**

**Contact** Dr Judith Hodgson, 18 Parkside Drive, Arnsdale, Camforth, Lancashire, LA5 0BU, **Tel** 01524 761191

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**Alumni in Boston**



**University of Edinburgh alumni in Boston, Massachusetts celebrated a belated Burns Supper on 1 March.**

Approximately 85 alumni (and friends) honoured the Bard in a festive evening complete with bagpipes, Highland dancing, Scotch and haggis. Drawn by the rare sound of Scottish accents and

bagpipes in Boston, guests gathered for drinks before being led in a Procession of the Haggis and the Chefs. The chefs successfully prepared their first ever haggis which was appropriately addressed and toasted before being divided up for all to try, or avoid, as a few squeamish folks did.

While the toasts were all memorable, several stood out for their humour. The Honourable John Rankin, HM Consul General, Boston, had guests laughing with his “Immortal Memory”, followed by the equally clever “Toast to the Lassies” and “Response of the Lassies”, Dr. Barry Miller and Mrs Leela Damm, respectively.

The celebration included performances by local groups (Highland Dance Boston and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Boston Branch, ably led by Edinburgh graduate Bruce Mabbott,) who got everyone onto the dance floor with the Gay Gordons, Strip the Willow and the Dashing White Sergeant among others. While there were quite a few people who displayed impressive grace and skill, it was clear that many guests had not been on a (Scottish) dance floor since their days in Teviot Hall. The evening ended without serious injury, to the beautiful sounds of Auld Lang Syne. Guests were grateful to Ralph and Jane Gillis who organized the event, and are already looking forward to next year’s celebration.

**Edinburgh University Club of London (EUCL)**

**JOINT ALUMNI DAY WITH THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**Saturday 26 June 2004**

**The General Council will be meeting in London for the first time ever this June. EUCL are organising a programme of events for the afternoon and evening of 26 June, so that those attending the meeting at Birkbeck College, London Club members and any alumni in the London area can enjoy the remainder of the day together.**

**Afternoon Programme**

**Option 1: Flight on the London Eye**

As well as being one of the most visually striking structures in the world, the London Eye offers a new perspective on a great city – ‘The way the world sees London’. The capital’s famous streets, churches, palaces and monuments spread out below in a panoramic scene grown up since Roman times – and on a clear day, views that stretch 25 miles to Windsor Castle. Tickets, at £20 per person, include the entrance ticket and a coach from Birkbeck to the London Eye.

**Option 2: Visit to the Gilbert Collection**

This is beautifully housed in newly restored Somerset House, one of the country’s finest and largest 18th-century buildings and of international importance as architectural heritage. The Gilbert Collection of decorative arts is one of

the most important gifts ever to be made to the British nation. The collection comprises 800 works of art formed over the past 35 years by Sir Arthur Gilbert. Tickets, at £22 per person, include the entrance ticket, Blue Badge guide (private) and a coach from Birkbeck to Somerset House.

**Evening Programme**

In the evening Development & Alumni has arranged for Dr Tam Dalyell, Rector of The University of Edinburgh, to host a Reception and Dinner at the House of Commons from 7pm. Numbers for this part of the programme in this unique venue are limited, so it is strongly advised to book your tickets (£45 per person) early to avoid disappointment. The dress code will be lounge suit with tie for men.

To book for any of the above events, complete the booking form on the inside back cover.



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## University of Edinburgh Club of Toronto (EDUCT)

### Kingdoms of the Mind



Dr Bill Bell pictured with EDUCT member and Professor Emeritus of Media and Communications at Ryerson, Donald Gillies.

On 19 March, Dr Bill Bell, Director of the Centre for the History of the Book at the University of Edinburgh presented "Kingdoms of the Mind: The Nineteenth Century Scottish Book in Canada." The lunchtime event attracted more than 25 Edinburgh alumni and 'friends of the book' from three Toronto campuses.

In his illustrated talk, Dr Bell shared his insight on an important chapter in Canadian cultural history and the vital role that Scottish settlers have played in the development of Canada.

Dr Bell also lectures in English literature at the University of Edinburgh. He has been a visiting Fellow at the University of Ottawa, the Australian National University, and St. John's College, Oxford. He has published widely on

nineteenth century literature and culture, and is general editor of *The History of the Book in Scotland*, to be published in four volumes by the Edinburgh University Press.

### Tour of Queen's University

EDUCT members and friends are invited to a special trip to Queen's University, Kingston, and the surrounding area on June 18 to 20, 2004.

Those wishing to participate please contact Liz McBeth at [liz@mcbeth-media.com](mailto:liz@mcbeth-media.com) or 416.291.9400. The estimated cost is \$150-\$200 per couple or \$100-\$150 for singles. EDUCT will help coordinate travel and accommodation arrangements. Carpooling options will be available.

## The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Alumnus of the Year Award

Since 1990, the University of Edinburgh has recognised the achievements of its graduates through its award of 'Alumnus of the Year'. The award is made annually to a former student for services to the community, achievements in arts or sciences, in business, public or academic life.

If there is an alumnus you feel is worthy of being recognised in this way, then please request a nomination form by completing the 'Information Please' coupon on page 34, or simply download the form from our website at

[www.dev.ed.ac.uk/alumnus\\_year.htm](http://www.dev.ed.ac.uk/alumnus_year.htm)

where you can also find out about previous winners. Nominations close on 30 June 2004.

The winner will receive this prestigious award at the winter graduation ceremony at McEwan Hall in December, and in the evening the Principal will host a private dinner party for the winner and their invited guests, including the individual who nominated them for the award.

# World Service

**Abbreviations** **NGU** - non-graduating undergraduate **JYA** - junior year abroad

**Ms Alina Hartounian** Currently applying to MA programs in the field of journalism in the United States.

**Mr John Valk NGU Retired.** Director of Community Band. Bugler for Marina Honor Island. Has had articles, seminars and poems published.

## 1930s

**Mr Ian Fleming** BSc 1937 Celebrated Diamond Wedding Anniversary 22 May 2003 with Margaret FK Watson (MA St Andrews 1933).

**Mr Frank Jagger** NGU 1938 Consultant Occupational Physician to Defence Medical Services, MOD, London.

**Dr Elizabeth Rose** MB ChB 1938 Leads a 'double life' dividing her time between Bridgetown and Edinburgh, her home since 1930.

**Mrs Jane S Grounds née Robson** MA 1939 In retirement has enjoyed the leisure of travelling abroad with her second husband whom she married in 1975.

## 1940s

**Dr Kathleen Burgess née Scott** MB ChB 1940 Now in 90th year, and still lucky to be in good health.

**Rev Dr Denis M Duncan** MA 1940 BD 1943 New publication: *Meditations through the Year*.

**Mr Henry Webber** BSc 1945 Retired and loving it!

**Mr George Crichton** BSc 1947 Current preoccupations: growing organic vegetables and fruit and staying alive!

**Mr Kenneth Runcie** OBE BSc 1947 Has taken up post as school administrator in the recently formed School of Health in Social Science at the University of Edinburgh.

**Mr Ernest Fawell** MRCVS NGU 1948 Retired from veterinary practice in York and later Claims Consultant of the Veterinary Defence Society Ltd.

**Dr George Gray** MB ChB 1948 Retired completely aged 77. As busy as ever. Joined local sea cadets as medical adviser.

**Mr Paul H Scott** CMG MA 1948 MLitt 1987 Latest publications: *A Twentieth Century Life* (2002) (Argyll) and *Scotland Resurgent* (2003) (Saltire Society). Elected Honorary President, Saltire Society Feb 2004.

**Mr Alexander MacNab** MA 1949 Retired as Senior Depute Director of Education, Highland Council 1990. Now farms Kildun Farm in Dingwall.

## 1950s

**Professor B Berthold Wolff** BSc 1951 PhD 1963 The John Liebetkind Research Award 2002: The American Academy of Pain Management.

**Rev Dr Douglas Jay** CM PhD 1952 Awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for service to the nation (2003) and the University of Toronto ARBOUR award for service to the University.

**Mr Neil S L'Amie** MA 1952 Retired as Hon Sec/Treas of Commonwealth Fencing in November 2002, having served for 12 years.

**Dr Ann Silver** BSc 1953 PhD 1961 Long retired from gainful employment but 'works' full-time editing and helping students to write up PhDs of projects.

**Dr Robin Dean** BDS 1954 Church organist in South Africa. Founding Chairman of St Helena Sandved Hospice Rotarian. Is now a great-grandfather.

**Mrs Anne Wilcock née Brown** MA 1954 Dip 1955 Still happily reading proofs and indexing, but lots of time for art and music and friends. Two out of three grandsons are now choristers at Norwich Cathedral.

**Rev Dr Carol Wood** PhD 1954 Parish Associate, Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Mr Murray K Douglas** BSc 1955 Retired now for 5 years. Kept busy with church and as Chairman of Historical Society of Cape Town. Still enjoys Scottish country dancing, walking, gardening and driving his 1949 Citroën Light Fifteen. Now has 3 grandchildren.

**Dr F H Kim Krenz** PhD 1955 His book *Deep Waters: The Ottawa Rivers and Canada's Nuclear Adventure* will be published by the McGill Queen's University Press in Spring 2004.

**Professor Emeritus David Weaver** BSc 1955 Co-authored second edition of *Colour Atlas on Diseases of Cattle*.

**Miss Elizabeth Clark** MA 1957 Recently had a poem published. Name of anthology: *Rhyme and Reason*.

**Mr Donald Raine** MA 1957 Almost retired from booksellers (Antiquarian) – but still does a little as he cannot give up the love of books!

**Mr Craigen Sim** BSc 1957 Retired in 1999 after working on many major civil engineering projects, mainly overseas in Singapore and Hong Kong. Now enjoying retirement in Noosa, Queensland, Australia.

**Mr Hugh Speed** OBE BSc 1957 Chairman, TJ Brent; Chairman, The Longherst Group; Trustee, Watrald; Trustee, Contact a Family.

**Dr John Gale** MB ChB 1958 Recently opened a new general medical practice in conjunction with two other doctors. Only working part-time. Together with wife Frances (née Bailey), is enjoying their seven grandchildren with one more on the way.

**Mr Alastair Stewart** BSc MED Dip Ed BSc 1958 Dip 1959 MD of Homarna Ltd of Homarna Egostore.

**Dr Melvin Thomas** MB ChB 1958 Interim President, First Citizens National Bank, since September 03.

## 1960s

**Mrs Thora Clemson née Clyne** MA 1960 Own artist's website:- [www.catpawtraits.co.uk](http://www.catpawtraits.co.uk)

**Rev Dr James K Howard** MB ChB 1960 MD 1982 Enjoying the fruits of retirement and delving into his family history (no notable skeletons in any cupboards as yet). His book, *Disease and Healing in the New Testament*, was published in 2001.

**Mr M G D Thomson** BSc 1960 Now completely retired. Still living in Edinburgh; enjoying new grandson in Canterbury.

The winners of this year's alumni questionnaire prize draw were Mr James Hughes (BVM&S 1986) and Mr Michael Gill (LLM 1997). Both received six bottles of champagne courtesy of Great Grog ([www.greatgrog.co.uk](http://www.greatgrog.co.uk)).

**Mr Michael J Bell** MA 1961 LLB 1963 Chairman of Radiation Research Trust looking at the dangers of electromagnetic radiation from masts and mobile phones. Co-trustees include fellow Edinburgh graduate, Dr Ian Gibson MP.

**Dr Gerald Benson** BDS 1961 Retired, enjoying his grandsons and travel. Feels he fully deserves these good times!

**Professor Sir William McKay** KCB MA 1961 Retired as Clerk of the House of Commons, December 2002. Appointed Honorary Professor in the School of Law, University of Aberdeen, January 2003.

**Mrs Pamela M Bellingham née Hallett** MA 1962 Recently completed a graduate diploma in Humanities (Italian) at University of New England, Armidale, NSW, Australia.

**Mrs Enid Cruickshank née Haddon** BSc 1962 Retired in November 2003 and intends to undertake some travelling. Would like to renew contact with year classmates.

**Prof R Geddes BSc 1962** PhD 1965 Dean of Science and Engineering, Auckland University of Technology. Honours: CNZM, CRSNZ, CIPENZ, Silver Medal RSNZ.

**Rev Lady McKay née Fillmore** MA 1962 Retired as a parish minister from Auchaber United and Auchterless Presbytery of Buchan.

**Mr Alexander Moffat** RD DL BSc 1962 Retired in 2000: Now Visiting Fellow, University of Newcastle. Appointed HM Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Northumberland October 2002.

**Dr Graham Clark** BSc 1963 PhD 1966 Consultant on Strategic Management, Development Planning and Financial Recovery – currently engaged by Scottish Further Education Funding Council.

**Mrs Isabel Drever née Muir** MA 1963 Retired in 2003 from post of Assistant Director of Education with Orkney Islands Council.

**Mrs Elizabeth Duncan née Smith** BSc 1963 The unique nature of the Edinburgh degree of all those years ago has given her a lifetime of interesting work and contacts.

**Dr Alan Howie** BMus 1963 Joint editorship of *Perspectives on Anton Bruckner* (Ashgate: Aldershot, 2001). Author of two-volume *Anton Bruckner: A Documentary Biography* (Edwin Mellen: Lampeter, 2002). Editor of *The Schubertian* (from 2002).

**Mr Frederick R Wilson** MA 1963 Coach of Old Alleynian RFC – winners of Powergen Junior Vase at Twickenham 2003.

**Mr Robert Heath** BSc 1964 A founding member of The University of Edinburgh North American Development Committee and loves the challenges that this affords. He studies piano and plays chamber music. Celebrated 25th wedding anniversary with wife Linda in 2003.

**Dr Alistair Parker** BSc 1964 MB ChB 1967 Development Advisor, Department of Health, London, since 2001.

**Rev Dr Donald Smith** PhD 1964 Member of the newly-formed University of Edinburgh Club of Toronto, which now has some 60 members.

**Ms Mavis E Wood** MA 1965 Retired from research and Museum Assistant post at Canterbury Museum, Christchurch, NZ.

**Dr Helen Hannah** MB ChB 1965 Still retired from the RAMC and still enjoying it! Travelling, birdwatching, the garden and greenhouse keep her busy.

**Mr Michael Hart** BSc 1965 After 30 years with GIBB in Africa and UK, latterly as Vice President, Mike left in early 2000 and set up a new subsidiary company of NIPPON KOEI in Reading.

**Dr Martin Playne** PhD 1965 In 1999 set up a consultancy business in Melbourne, Australia, specialising in probiotic bacteria and carbohydrates. He is an Adjunct Professor at RM IT University. He continues to enjoy dinghy sailing.

**Dr Christopher Doris** MB ChB 1966 In October 2003 was awarded the bronze medal of the Canadian Association of Radiologists in recognition of his work as editor of the Association's newsletter for over 6 years.

**Dr Patrick Edington** BSc 1966 PhD 1970 Retired in June 2002. Now able to travel more freely and become involved in more activities.

**Miss Christine Evans** MB ChB 1966 MD 1978 Since retirement, has been working in East Africa for UROLINK (British Association of Urological Surgeons).



**Dr Roy Harris OBE** MB ChB 1966 Consultant Paediatrician; Clinical Director, Women and Children's Division RCPCH Principal Regional Examiner, Trent Region. Recently voted Children's Champion (Medical Category) UK.

**Sir James Hodge** KCVO CMG MA 1966 DLitt 2003 Retired from the Diplomatic Service in 2003, after serving as Ambassador to Thailand and Consul-General in Hong Kong. Awarded Hon DLitt by University of Ulster in 2003.

**Professor William McBride** BSc 1966 PhD 1971 Awarded the 2003 Failla Award Gold Medal by the Radiation Research Society for a history of significant contributions to radiation research at the 12th ICRR meeting in Brisbane, Australia.

**Dr Ian Shannon** BSc 1966 PhD 1969 Now retired (since June 2003) after a career of 34 years at ICI Billingham and enjoying family, tennis etc.

**Mrs Marjorie Shannon née Campbell** BSc 1966 Now retired after a career in chemistry and maths teaching, mainly in Middlesbrough.

**Mrs Linda Strause née Liddell** MA 1966 Company, Hydraulic, creates visual effects for television and feature films.

**Mr Geoffrey Calvert** BSc 1967 Busy as ever with retirement plot, establishing a small gum tree plantation for the future, a windmill for ecofriendly water supplies and securing food in increasingly trying circumstances.

**Mr Richard F Foster** Dip Ed 1967 Now retired after 20 years as Principal of large comprehensive school in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. There's time now to pursue activities ranging from drama to wine.

**Mr William J Fraser** BSc 1967 Was made redundant from previous employment in Feb 2002 and now works part-time through own small engineering consultancy.

**Mr Donald J Grocott** MA 1967 Director of own consulting company working primarily in the medical devices sector supporting academic, clinical and industry collaborations. President of the Association of Optometrists; Honorary Colonel of 47 (Middlesex Yeomanry) Signal Squadron.

**Dr Andrew Nahum** BSc 1967 His new book, *Frank Whittle - Invention of the Jet* has just been published by Icon Books. ([www.iconbooks.co.uk](http://www.iconbooks.co.uk))

**Mrs Pauline Carter née Clarkson** MA 1968 Having been widowed in March 2001, she remarried in August 2003 and moved to Oxfordshire.

**Mrs Aileen L Jorgensen née Crawford** MA 1968 Returned to Edinburgh, after 3 years' exile in Inverness, in April 2003. Now working in 2 parishes and hospital chaplaincy.

**Mr James Shearer** MA 1968 Retired National Commercial Services Director of British Coal.

**Rev R M L Chilton** BD BA (Hons) MA DipEurHum BD 1969 Having gained BA (Hons) in Dutch Studies in 2001 at Hull University, is pursuing PhD in Philosophy and History.

**Professor Richard Crockatt** MA 1969 Published *America Embattled: September 11, Anti-Americanism and the Global Order* (Routledge, 2003). Was promoted to Professor of American History at University of East Anglia in 2003.

**Miss Lisbeth Thoms** BSc (SS) 1969 Elected President of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in November 2002.

1970s

**Mrs Teresa M Burrows née Rankin** BSc 1970 Undertakes charity work for 'Climb to Tibet', an organisation that has raised funds to build 6 schools in Tibet, via Peace Climbs. Has written a book entitled *Cry From the Highest Mountain*.

**Mr James Duncan** BSc 1970 Founded Dalriada Associates, a consultancy specialising in transport planning and operations, and internal management for public and private sectors.

**Mrs Jennifer Farthing** BSc 1970 Moved to Dorset to support husband's Hedge Plant Nursery business. Still working in London providing IT services. Two grown-up children.

**Dr Alastair Fraser** PhD 1970 Retired as Director of LTS International Ltd in 2002, and since then has been working as a self-employed consultant in Forest Policy and Economics.

**Dr Caroline Good née Spencer** BSc (M) 1970 MB ChB 1973 Recent appointment as Sheriff of the County of Armagh for calendar year 2004.

**Mr Alexander D Green** WS MA 1970 LLB 1972 Remarried 6 February 2004. President of Fife Rotary Club 2003/04.

**Mr Roger Hart** MA 1970 Dip 1971 Took early retiral from post as Head of Qualifications Strategy with the Scottish Qualifications Authority and is now combining leisure pursuits with work as a consultant on education and training policy in Scotland, Ireland, Botswana and Turkey.

**Dr Joseph Kenny** PhD 1970 Retired Professor of Islamics, Dept of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan (1979-2001). Presently Dean of Studies, Dominican Institute, Ibadan.

**Dr David Nelson** BSc 1970 Currently self-employed as an Independent Chartered Tax Advisor, advising mainly business clients.

**Dr Hugh O'Donnell** BSc (M) 1970 MB ChB 1973 Practice moved locally to state-of-the-art centre for health, built under PFI scheme.

**Mr Andrew P Rossiter** MA 1970 Responsible at the University of Besançon, France, for an annual ERASMUS student exchange programme with the University of Edinburgh.

**Dr John Stotesbury** MA 1970 Appointed Editor of the ESSE (European Society for the Study of English) journal, *The European English Messenger*, for 2004-2006.



**Ms Anna Chitty née Sansom** MA 1971 For the last 12 years a harpist specialising in traditional Welsh music including the triple harp which her daughter (13) also plays. Sons (18 and 16) also musicians - rock and jazz respectively.

**Mrs Sarah Graham née Fraenkel** MA 1971 Just completed a stint as Deputy Director in the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit. Now moved to Oxford and working as an internal strategic consultant in Government and as a mother to son Charles, aged 9.

**Dr John Kerr** BSc 1971 PhD 1975 Known as Ivan or Ian at University. Worked abroad 74 - 92. Now settled in London area. Still playing bridge. Married to Linda (Edinburgh '72). Two daughters.

**Mr David R Brauner** MLitt 1972 Author of a novel *Take him a Nation: A Novel of Independent Scotland* by Robert Morris (pen name) Published by LUMIX, Ltd. Available from Amazon.co.uk.

**Miss Susan Calder** MA 1972 Qualified Complementary Therapist - Reflexology and Indian Head Massage.

**Mr David R Dempsey** BSc 1972 Freelance software engineer for last 20 years. Married, 3 kids. Currently Chairman of Dunfermline East Conservatives.

**Rev Professor Anthony Gittins** MA (SS) 1972 PhD 1977 Currently Professor of Missiology at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. Authored 12 books.

**Prof Dr Kodira Kushalapa** MSc 1972 Program Management Consultant for India Eco-Development Project. Chairman, Cauvery College, Mysore (India). Initiated Model Forest Project in Kodagu - Western Ghat Forests.

**Mrs Catherine L Lees-Czerkawska née Czerkawska** MA 1972 Full-time freelance writer/playwright. Successful productions include *Wormwood* and *Quartz*, both for the Traverse Theatre.

**Eur Ing William Mitchell** BSc 1972 Now retired from the Civil Service. Trustee of the Alzheimer's Society and involved in the Franciscan movement.

**Dr Sara Delamont** PhD 1973 Elected Academis of the Academy of Social Sciences - thus 'ACSS' in 2001.

**Miss Penelope Haywood** MD MA 1973 Married David Calder, BBC News journalist on 11 September 2003. Continues to use Haywood surname in her capacity as MD of PHPR Ltd.

**Dr Michael Joachim** PhD 1973 Now Chairman and MD of project management company, developing a new town in the Maldives and the first eco-tourism project in Sri Lanka.

**Miss Marjory Maxwell** MA 1973 Freelance translator for many years, now Director of own translation company.

**Mrs Sally Richter née Ashman** MA (SS) 1973 Enjoyed a small reunion with Rhona Mennie, Leslie Hay, Ian Glen, Niall M'ailp, Gordon Halliday, Fraser Chalmers and Jack Hamilton in November 2003. Any more geographers of our vintage wanting to meet?

**Mr Donald A Smith** BSc 1973 Dip 1974 Returned to Scotland to study for an MSc in Information Technology at the University of Stirling. Now teaches part-time at Stirling and is also training volunteers for VSO.



**Mr Ian Williamson** BSc 1973 Recently moved to Inverness where he is now working as a cost management consultant.

**Mr Alistair W Kerr** LLB 1974 BA 1975 Currently working on future energy policy in the FCO.

**Dr Norman Mills** PhD 1974 Runs a private dental practice, specialising in cosmetic dentistry.

**Mr Patrick P Rattray** MA 1974 Suffered two heart attacks in November 2003.

**Dr Carey Singleton Jr** PhD 1974 Established poet and author of more than ten economic and geographic books. He has been writing for over thirty-five years and has published poetry in gazettes, newspapers and journals.

**Rev Reginald F Campbell** BD 1975 Minister of Daviot and Dunluchity, which is linked with Moy, Dalarossie and Tomatin.

**Mr Timothy M Cragg** BSc 1975 Moved to SE Queensland from France nearly three years ago with wife and daughters, now aged 12 and 13 (adopted as babies from Sri Lanka). Started own small residential development company building new homes in this beautiful area of Australia.

**Mrs Morven Peden née Lynn** BA 1975 Married, one teenage daughter (15). Teaching primary children at St George's, Edinburgh.

**Mrs Carol Wright née Hamilton** MA 1975 Career switch from International Marketing to teaching. Currently German teacher at Aylesbury High School. Also a School Governor and Parish Councillor. One son, 6th-former.

**Professor Paul Atkinson** PhD 1976 Elected Academis of the Academy of Social Sciences – thus 'ACSS' in 2003.

**Dr Qamaruddin Daudpota** PhD 1976 Joined the newly-formed Centre for Frontier Technologies of COMSTECH in Islamabad as the Project Leader in December 2003.

**Ms Joy M Hendry née Perrie** MA 1976 Has run the literary magazine Chapman for over 30 years.

**Dr Martin Sharman** BSc 1976 Still cycling to work, administering research projects in biodiversity for the European Commission. One bilingual daughter, 16 (mother is French).

**Dr James Ewart** PhD 1977 Director of own training consultancy company in the West Midlands. [www.authentica.org.uk](http://www.authentica.org.uk)

**Mr Robert McCord** BSc 1977 Working at the oil refinery at Grangemouth. Has obtained second-hand guitar and learning to play but unlikely to become a rock star!

**Rev Alistair R Bill** BD 1978 Married to Angela with 3 children. Has served in South Belfast since 1994. Interested in contextualisation of mission.

**Mr Neil Nicholson** MA 1978 After 2 years in the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, has returned to Scotland to take up the post of Senior Information Officer (cataloguing) at the University of Abertay, Dundee.

**Mrs Jennifer Williamson** BSc 1978 Working in information systems and has two children attending the University of Edinburgh. Still married to Hunter.

**Miss Sanjukta Nandy** BEd 1979 Former Science Teacher in Falkirk – now retired. Married for 21 years with 2 boys.

**Dr Douglas Wilson** BVM&S 1979 Received an Award for Meritorious Service at the Australian Veterinary Association Annual Conference in Cairns.

## 1980s

**Mr Robin M Crorie** BSc 1980 Chairman of Cheshire Victim Support, the Cheshire area scheme of a national charity providing immediate aftercare and support for victims of crime.

**Professor Ioannis Liritzis** PhD 1980 Professor of Archaeometry 1999, Director of Laboratory of Archaeometry, 2001. Head of Department 2004 – at the University of the Aegean, Rhodes, Greece.

**Dr Carol Peden** BSc (M) 1980 MB ChB 1983 Royal College of Anaesthetics Primary Fellowship Examiner. Textbook: *Radiology for Anaesthesia and Intensive Care*.

**Mr Gary Beecroft** BSc 1981 Manages own consultancy company providing services to the automotive industry.

**Mrs Caroline Deacon née Waller** MA (SS) 1981 Now living in Scotland again after 20 years in South. Works as freelance journalist and author.

**Mr Mark A Faulkner** BSc 1981 Midlife crisis caused career change from pharmaceuticals to owning a newsagent in Dunbar. Four sons doing well, good to be closer to parents and sisters again. Get in touch!

**Mr James D Napier** BSc 1981 Financial Controller of Whisper Tech Ltd, Christchurch, New Zealand.

**Mrs Linda Pantan née Wilson** BSc (SS) 1981 Following redundancy after 19 years at Deutsche Bank, is now a full-time mum looking after Jenny, age 6 and John, age 1. Email: [ijpanton@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ijpanton@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Ms J Scampton née Miller** BSc 1981 Worked for 12 years with the SAUR group in UK as FD/MD of various subsidiaries, finishing as Group MD.

**Mrs Alison Stewart née Stewart** BSc 1981 Married with 5 sons. Presently a registered Childminder and Blythswood Care charity worker.

**Mr William Stobie** BSc 1981 Married to Alison Platts. Two children Sean (5) and Millie (3). Still in Edinburgh.

**Dr Alasdair Brown** BSc 1982 PhD 1986 Working in the oil industry since completion of PhD, now based in the oil capital of the world, Houston.

**Dr Duncan Campbell** BSc 1982 Now Public Analyst for most local authorities in Yorkshire and Humberside. One year into a 6-year term as an examiner for the qualifying exam for Public Analysts. Coming to terms with being a Curate's husband from July 2004.

**Ms Zofia M Korabiowska-Smith** BSc 1982 Currently undertaking 3 part-time jobs to make most use of her talents and qualifications.

**Professor Alastair Thompson** BSc (M) 1982 MB ChB 1984 Appointed Professor of Surgical Oncology, University of Dundee 2003. King James IV Professorship, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh 2001. Richard Asher Prize (Royal Society of Medicine) 2002.

**Professor Peter Neil** MA 1983 MEd 1986 Recently appointed Director of the School of Education and Lifelong Learning at University of Wales, Aberystwyth and graduated MDiv from Queen's University, Belfast.

**Professor Bernard O'Kane** PhD 1983 Recent publication: *Early Persian Painting: Kalila and Dimna Manuscripts of the Late Fourteenth Century* (Tauris Publishers, London, 2003).

**Mr Trevor Barnes** MSc 1984 Awarded Emergency Services medal in Australia Day Honours List 2004.

**Ms Nancy Bea Miller** NGU 1984 Despite degree in English, is a professional artist: [www.nancybeamiller.com](http://www.nancybeamiller.com). Married with three young boys and living in Philadelphia, PA, USA.

**Professor Wendy L Nakanishi née Jones** PhD 1984 English Literature and Language Professor at a Japanese University. Mother of 3 boys. Writing articles, book reviews and publishing short stories about life in Japan.

**Mr Stephen A McBride** BSc 1985 Married Cham Swee Ting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, last year. Awarded MBA from London Imperial College.

**Miss Janet Rich** MA 1985 Executive Manager in independent childcare sector providing therapeutic services for children in care who have severe psychological disturbances. Trustee of Bryan Melvyn Group Foundation which provides financial support for young people beyond care.

**Mrs Henrietta Sleeman née Pattison** BSc 1985 Working part-time as the Occupational Therapist in a community team supporting people with chronic conditions. Family life also busy: married to Chris with two children Michael, 8, and Catherine, 5.

**Miss Iwona Tempowski** BSc 1985 Day job is with Bristol City Council, but is also co-director of Tango West Ltd, a community dance organisation promoting tango argentino, and has qualified as a Company Secretary in her own time.

**Mr Murray Brown** BSc 1986 Since 1993 has been working offshore on seismic surveying ships for Norwegian company PGS Geophysical on a 6 weeks on/6 weeks off basis. Currently spending time off living between Peebles, Scotland and Tula, Russia.

**Mrs Winifred M Campbell** MA 1986 Still working as a Civil Servant. Now a grandmother.

**Dr Elshahat Elbanna** PhD 1986 Professor of Agricultural Engineering, Mansoura University of Egypt. Subjects: Soil Mechanics, Machinery Selection, Soil and Water.

**Miss Mary Macpherson** BSc (SS) 1986 Spent 10 years following winter and the ski seasons. Retrained as a physiotherapist, now married with three children and works part time as a community women's health physio.

**Mr Ian Stewart** MA (SS) 1986 Still earning less than younger siblings, neither of whom went to University... but gets better holidays!

**Ms Fiona Cameron** MBA 1987 After 7 years at United Utilities, has just gone freelance as a organisational development consultant, fostering culture change within organisations.

**Mr Alastair Dalton** MA 1987 Married Lyndsay Hopwood, 11 October 2003, Dunkeld.

**Mrs Patricia Okoruwa née Palmer** BEd 1987 Married with 3 boys. Still living in London, enjoying being a Headteacher of an inner-city primary school.

**Mr Sydney Pickles** MA 1987 Retired from archaeology and now concentrating on landscape painting. Still skiing despite an enforced night in a snow hole 2500 metres up in the French Alps.

**Dr Esther Sirra** PhD 1987 Professor – MV College of Nursing, MTR University; Director – SIM Health Centre, Jagannadhapuram; President – Nurses Christian Fellowship, India; Recipient of Bharat Excellence Award 1998.

**Dr Peter Balla** MTh 1988 PhD 1994 Deputy Dean 2002-2005, Karoli Gaspar Reformed University.

**Mr Duncan C Kinnear** BSc 1988 Enjoying third child, Skye Jessie (a girl, finally!), who was born in August 2003. Still enjoying the lifestyle here in sunny New Zealand.

**Miss Tamara Krott** MA 1988 Married to a Frenchman with two children Pierre (6) and Suzanne (4). Living in the south of France and working part-time teaching English.

**Mr Donald McIntosh** BSc 1988 In the process of making a career change, currently studying for an MSc in Performance Psychology at Edinburgh.

**Dr Moira McKenna** BSc (M) 1988 MB ChB 1990 Married to Douglas, three children. Working as GP in Dingwall, in the Highlands. Still walking, camping, skiing etc.

**Ms Karen Turton** BSc (SS) 1988 Back living in home town of Peebles. Working for Careers Scotland. Had a wee girl – Iona Rhiannon – 27/12/02. Hectic...but loving it all!

**Miss Pauline Watson** BSc 1988 Living in the South West of England, working in local government, after a few years teaching in Botswana. Getting married this year.

**Miss Stacey Wood** JYA 1988 PhD Neuro Psychology. Professor at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Co. Married to Mark Widing with 2 children, Whitney 4 years and Lily 7 months.

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**Mrs Lisa M Girdwood née Beardsell** BVM&S 1989 Lisa and Keith have finally settled in Yorkshire, now that Keith has left the RAF. They have two children and are all enjoying their new lifestyle.

**Mrs Lisa Hiddleston née Sprott** BSc 1989 Has two boys, aged 4 and 2, and another baby on the way, so left full-time employment to raise family.

**Mr Andrew J Lownie** MSc 1989 Author of *A Literary Companion to Edinburgh* (2000).

**Mrs Sarah F Rollo née Lambert** BSc 1989 Working as a marketing manager for a government science laboratory. Married with four children.

**Mr Paul N Shelton** MA 1989 Has been living in France for 13 years, working as an English teacher. Has also spent two periods at home on parental leave looking after two daughters Emma (9) and Rebecca (2). Involved in several of the local English-speaking associations.

**Mrs Helen Simpson CA née Bradley** MA (SS) 1989 Living in London with husband of 12 years, Matthew. 2 daughters Ottilie and Aurelia now at school so in a weak moment...number 3 due anyday!! Trying to contact Gillian Thornton – anyone in touch?

**Mr Robin D Wilson** MA (SS) 1989 Second son Adam born 5 April 2003 – a brother for Callum.

### 1990s

**Mrs Harriet C Cunningham née Wilson** MA 1990 Chucked in the 9-5 in favour of freelance writing combined with motherhood. Currently working as classical music critic for *Sydney Morning Herald* and writing features for Qantas inflight and various newspapers and magazines.

**Rev Matthew Ross** LLB 1990 BD 1996 Now working in Brussels as Executive Secretary of the Church & Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches.

**Ms Christina Stewart** MA 1990 Working on Am Baile Project presenting High Court documents on the web from Highland Archives. Also recording album of traditional Scottish lullabies.

**Dr Michelle Hayes** BSc 1991 PhD 1995 After Edinburgh, spent 4 years doing post-docs in Biochemistry in Bristol during which time she met Neil. Had a 4 year career break whilst she had Jamie (4) and Josie (2). Has been working full time as a CRA for the past year.

**Dr Stephanie Williams** BSc (M) 1991 MB ChB 1992 Married Stephen in 2001 and has just had a baby, Helen Victoria.

**Mr Gordon S Wise** MA 1991 Formerly Publisher of Brand, Entertainment and Media at Pan Macmillan, was appointed Publishing Director of John Murray in September 2003.

**Mr Peter A Craik** MA 1992 Communications Manager at London's Royal Academy of Music. Married to Meud for nearly ten years with two fantastic boys: Gregor, two and a half and Stuart, one and a half.

**Miss Camilla Edwards** MA 1992 Currently living in London and working part-time at Visiting Arts as Head of Visual Arts. Much of her work concentrates on the Middle East and Islamic World, promoting cultural relations between those countries and Britain.

**Mr William Hern** BSc 1992 Got married in August to Armella Boisset. Honeymooned at the Festival in Edinburgh – where else?

**Miss Isabelle Johnstone** MA (SS) 1992 Dip 1993 Worked in Hong Kong as an Architect before moving to Melbourne in 1996 where she got married and had 2 children – Sebastian (4) and Gabriella (2). Works occasionally as a Project Manager and Planning Tribunal Advocate.

**Mr Max Kamhi** JYA 1992 Married to Olivia Czink, the Austrian girl, whom he met at Edinburgh University. On 11/9/02, their first daughter, Nya, was born.

**Dr Moray Nairn** MA 1992 Programme Manager with Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network. Responsible for developing National Clinical Evidence-based Guidelines for NHS Scotland.

**Mrs Claudia Nehmzow née Aisdorf** MA 1992 Translated scientific textbook into German (Mobile Robotics). Moved to Colchester, Essex. Now Member of the Institute of Linguists. Recently spent 3 months in Wollongong, Australia.

**Miss Katharine Schreiber** MA (SS) 1992 Living in Ireland with husband James and baby, Tighe.

**Dr Mahipal Tomar** PhD 1992 Appointed Principal of DN (PG) College, Gulaothi, India, by the state government from 1 May, 2003.

**Mr Simon M Wright** MSc 1992 Second daughter Rosie Grace was born in July 2003.

**Mr Juan J De Los Santos** MSc 1993 Working from Spain on a sustainable bird-friendly Nicaraguan coffee project financed by the EU and in close contact with the RSPB.

**Dr Stephen Gallagher** BDS 1993 Recently qualified as an orthodontist and has opened a private practice in Swords, near Dublin City.



**Mr Gregor McIntosh** BCom 1993 Completed medical degree and training in Aberdeen. Now a partner in a general practice. Engaged to Caroline (also a GP). Has competed in the Etape du Tour, an event run by the Tour de France and raced over a mountain stage of the tour a few days before the actual tour goes through. Amateurs, professionals and ex-Tour stars compete together. In last year's Etape in the Pyrenees, he rode alongside Miguel Indurain, five-times winner of the Tour de France.

**Miss Anna Partridge** MA 1993 Will be moving to New Zealand in Spring 2004 with husband Ben and two children, Maia and Holly. Keen to sample a different life for a while.

**Mr Alan P Rockwell** LLB 1993 Dip 1994 Specialises in leveraged finance acting for both lenders and borrowers.

**Miss Bettina Ross née Kluber** MSc 1993 Recently (16 September 2003) married to Mr Anthony Ross, a British citizen, currently employed at the British Embassy, Berlin.



**Mr Michael R Taylor** MA 1993 Now Head of Modern and Contemporary Art Department at Philadelphia Museum of Art. Currently organising a major Salvador Dali retrospective exhibition.

**Mrs Gaynor Bartolome née Butler** MA 1994 Still enjoying Highland life with Jamie and Gabriela, now 2 years and bilingual, speaks English with a Spanish/Highland lilt.

**Miss Fiona Hesling** MA 1994 1998 Currently working for the Scottish Executive. Married with two daughters (Catriona, 2 and a half) and Seana 7 months. Never a dull moment!

**Dr Richard Hopkins** PhD 1994 Still surviving from grant to grant as an impoverished researcher. Awaiting the birth of second child any minute.

**Miss Tracey Jennings** BEng 1994 After 4 years working in the Algeria Business Unit with BP Exploration, she has taken on a new role within Group Internal Audit in 2004 with BP plc.

**Mr David Kirkland** BSc 1994 Enjoying career change from the oil industry to conservation. After temporary posts with the RSPB and the National Trust, has now started a permanent job at Kielder Salmon Hatchery with the Environment Agency.

**Miss Rachel Morcan née Beaugie** MA 1994 Now married with a 6-week-old son, Benjamin.



**Mrs Elizabeth McBeth** MA 1994 Together with two colleagues from the part-time MBA program at the University of Toronto, won a worldwide business plan competition for their sustainable concept to revitalize a UNESCO industrial world heritage and cultural site in Germany.

**Dr Hilda Nicholl** MB ChB 1994 Moved to Belfast after housejobs. Currently Consultant in A&E. Married to Calum (from Fife). Son born 2/1/04.

**Mr Daniel Richards** JYA 1994 Works for Thomas Weisal Capital Partners in NYC and would like to meet other JYA 1994 alumni living in the city.

**Mrs Claire Urquhart née McCartney** LLB 1994 Dip 1995 Married Mark Urquhart in 2000, blessed by birth of Lachlan Michael on 21 October 2003.

**Dr Louise van Delft née Michaelis** MB ChB 1994 Daughter Annabelle Suzanne born on 26/05/03.

**Mr Roland Armitage** BEng 1995 Currently Engineering Team Leader at Ford Motor Company. MSc (Part-Time) The University of Hertfordshire, September 2003.

**Mr Zahir F Aziz** MA 1995 MSc 1997 Returned to Switzerland; working at the International Labour Organization.

**Mrs Helen Cooper née Williamson** MA 1995 Enjoying semi-retirement. More holidays than previously, and a 2-year-old grandson to entertain.

**Mr Nathan Cunningham** MA 1995 Baby girl (Savannah) due in May 2004.

**Miss Shona Glass** MA 1995 After having first baby while continuing at Uni, now mother of three. Deaf awareness training more on demand so work is increasing.

**Miss Elizabeth Hillier** BSc 1995 Working in Aberdeen as a Corrosion Engineer for three BP offshore platforms. Recently married Gary Parslau, 8 years to the day after graduation from Edinburgh.

**Mr Nicholas G Hodges** BSc 1995 Currently living in Amsterdam and working in the Pharmaceutical Industry. Married to Louise with a daughter Isobel.

**Miss Melanie Johnstone** BCom 1995 Got married and retrained in Personal Fitness Training & Sports Massage Therapy. Now pregnant with twins.

**Dr Friedrich Loschelder** LLM 1995 Married with three daughters.

**Mrs Natasha Meynell née King** MA (SS) 1995 Now has two children: Rosie and Tristan. Director of WRASAC and has just qualified in hypnotherapy.

**Dr Michael Perks** MSc 1995 PhD 1999 Made permanent member of staff at Forest Research (Northern Research Station) in November 2003.

**Mrs Alison Roberts née Merriman** MA 1995 Has built a successful career in Wales twinning acting with training, facilitation and community regeneration work. Currently studying towards a second degree through the Open University.

**Mrs Joanna Cowie née Lightfoot** BSc 1996 Son Sandy was born April 2003. Currently re-landscaping her garden and particularly enjoying playing with her 5-tonne digger!

**Mrs Sara Gutierrez née Newton** MA 1996 Got married in 2000 to Oscar Gutierrez. Currently living in London and working for Royal Mail as their International Relations Manager.

**Dr Sarah Ormandy** BSc BSc 1996 MB ChB 1999 Back from travels abroad and is moving into general practice.

**Ms Victoria Rivas** MSc 1996 Married in 1999 with two children: Paula (5yrs) and Camila (3 yrs).

**Miss Jane Strudwick née Godson** MA 1996 Has now been married to Piers for 6 years and so far they have lived in 5 different houses (c/o British Forces!) Two wonderful boys, Angus and Ollie, keep them on their toes, as well as 2 dogs.

**Mr Derek W Wilson** BSc 1996 Currently training to become a specialist in urban search and rescue (USAR) for structural collapse situations, eg earthquakes, bombings, etc.

**Ms Harriet L Winkelman** MSc 1996 Married Mr Gray Stuart Lay on 29/11/03 in Oxfordshire.

**Mr Jason M Ayers** BSc 1997 Spent 2003 living and working in Sydney. Now based in London. Married to Serena (MBChB 1997).

**Ms Hazel Bees** MA 1997 Married Stewart in October. Still working for the government.

**Mr Alexander Bergs** NGU 1997 Received PhD in English Language and Linguistics at Dusseldorf University in 2002, where he now works as Assistant Professor.

**Mr Alastair J Brain** MA 1997 Married Juliet in Oct 2002, gaining a wonderful stepdaughter Charlotte (12). Daughter – Lydia Rose, born 21 Oct 2003.

**Mr Richard A Buchanan** BSc 1997 Recently completed PhD at St Andrews University. In January 2004, he started working at National Institute for Materials Science in Tsukuba, Japan.

**Ms Victoria Dolton née Cannon-Brookes** MA 1997 Married James in Sydney in Jan 04 and they are now living and working in the US. Is enjoying working in the art auction business.

**Mr Jan N Gruenhage** MA 1997 Entered German Foreign service in 2002. After year-long training period at diplomatic academy, started at nuclear non-proliferation desk in central offices in Berlin in summer of 2003.

**Mr Alexander Inchbald** BCom 1997 Recently moved to work in Geneva to be near the fantastic skiing and is living just over the border in France in a chalet overlooking Mont Blanc and the Alps. It's quite beautiful!

**Mrs Hayley Ovens née Parkinson** MA 1997 Represented Scotland at 2002 Commonwealth Games at 1500m. Represented Great Britain at 2003 World Indoor Championships at 1500m.

**Dr Rashneh Pardiwala** MSc 1997 After completing PhD from the University of Edinburgh, returned to India to establish a non-profit organisation called the Centre for Environmental Research and Education.

**Mr Peter Sutton** MTh 1997 Elected as a Fellow to Trinity Hall Cambridge for a Formington Fellowship last year.

**Mrs Laura Anderson née Jamieson** MA (SS) 1998 Married to Greg Anderson 2001 and gave birth to beautiful baby girl called Amy in November 2003.

**Miss Toni Ashby** LLB 1998 Married with one little boy aged 18 months. Second child due in April 2004. Working as personal injury/employment Lawyer in Edinburgh city centre.

**Ms Helen Blackburn** BD 1998 Graduated with the Advanced Certificate in Further Education Teaching in November 2003. Now studying for the diploma in FE Teaching while continuing to lecture at Edinburgh's Telford College.

**Dr Victoria Booth** BSc 1998 Currently studying Medicine at the University of Cambridge. Getting married in Edinburgh, July 2004 and then jetting off to Papua New Guinea for a medical elective.

**Miss Jessica Collins** MA 1998 Currently working in policy, performance and e-government at Midlothian Council and undertaking the part-time MBA course at the Edinburgh University Management School.

**Mrs Hannah Cundill née Morris** MA 1998 Married to Daniel in June 2002. Living in London. Working as a Product Manager for a software company based in Clapham.

**Mr Daniel Frydman** MA (SS) 1998 Married Alison Mackenzie in summer 1999 and they are both happily settled in Edinburgh with Daniel running a media company and Alison working for the British Council.

**Mr A Griggs** JYA 1998 Graduated from the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College (New Hampshire, USA) with a degree in Engineering Management in 2003 and has recently moved to Boston, USA.

**Mr Gordon Jones** MA 1998 Married Kirsti in 2000 and became father to Jamie in 2002. After several years as an administrator, left to be a full-time dad and part-time PhD (Theology) student.

**Miss Sally Mayor** MA (SS) 1998 Currently working for an overseas development consultancy having completed an MSc in Development Economics at SOAS.

**Miss Wendy Myerscough** BSc 1998 Having recently got married and moved to Reading, is enjoying working in a different hospital, meeting new challenges.

**Miss Rachel Peatfield née Gibson** MSc 1998 Married Nicholas Peatfield in December 2003. Had a wonderful honeymoon in Cuba. Now teaching animal care in Oxford.

**Miss Tania Robinson** MA 1998 Now works four days a week as Arts Manager at Arts and Business, giving advice to arts organisations in London. Also gives shiatsu massages and sings with the London Philharmonic Choir.

**Miss Joanne Thomas** BSc 1998 Studying veterinary medicine at The University of Pretoria, South Africa – it's a lot of fun!

**Mr Christian Velten** BSc 1998 Presently messing in West Africa while on an expedition to follow in the footsteps of Mungo Park.

**Mr Robert Amar** MA 1999 Works for a family business, importing fine foods from far and wide and selling to all sectors of the UK grocery market.

**Miss Claire Boyd** MA 1999 Thoroughly enjoying her job in HR. Recently bought new flat with Gavin.

**Mr James Dewar** BSc 1999 Qualified as a Chartered Accountant 2002. Currently taking a year out travelling round Thailand, Vietnam, China and Australia.

**Miss Georgia Kosma** MA 1999 Married Konstantinos Kekes (26/08/01). Lives and works in Alexandroupolis, Greece. Continues as State Primary School Teacher.

**Mrs Gillian Shenton née Anton** MA 1999 Married Mr David Shenton (BCom 1999) in August 2001. Living in Perth, Scotland.

**Miss Catherine St Clair** MA 1999 Currently studying for a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

**Mr Pendabede Stally** BSc 1999 Has now graduated from RADA with qualification in Theatre Production and now works in the West End for Sacra Brooks whose shows include *The Graduate*, *The Full Monty*, and *When Harry Met Sally*.

## 2000s

**Miss Caroline Aspinwall** BSc 2000 Currently working as a teaching assistant in the Dept of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at UCL while writing PhD thesis.

**Mr Matthew Booth** BSc 2000 Working in the US until he gets deported.

**Mr Thomas Chambre** MA 2000 Currently works freelance in public affairs, based in Belfast. Doing much work for brother's company, Chambre Public Affairs.

**Ms Shannon Gilsenan Hersage** MSc 2000 Currently lecturing in communications for West Lothian College in Livingston. Married in October 2002 to Steve Suttie, whom she met during her time in Edinburgh as a student.

**Mrs Nicola Gurr née Rowley** MA 2000 Just commenced a two-year NHS Management Training Scheme. Presently working as Assistant and General Manager in Women and Children's Services at the Great Western Hospital, Swindon. Always loved a challenge!

**Miss Caroline Hill** BSc 2000 In final year of training to be a Chartered Accountant with Morley and Scott Chartered Accountants.

**Miss Susanna Laughton** MA 2000 Studying at All Nations Christian College, having previously worked in Kenya for a couple of years.

**Miss Kirsty McRae** MA 2000 Now working in public relations based in London, buying into a work-hard play-hard lifestyle!

**Miss Ruth Mottram** MA 2000 MSc 2001 After a couple of years working in the oil industry, escaped back to academia and is now doing a PhD in glaciology at St Andrews.

**Miss Victoria Shaw** MB ChB 2000 Currently completing GP training. Married Richard in 2000. Settled in South Lakes.

**Mr Jonathan Sutherland** BSc 2000 Working as a First Officer for Britannia Airways based out of Manchester.

**Mr Sasha Yarwood** BSc 2000 Following graduation, travelled for a year in Australia and New Zealand. Now working for Qinetiq in Weymouth.

**Ms Beatrice B. Boateng** MSc 2001 Her many roles and responsibilities include Regional Manager – Presbyterian Schools – Greater Accra; Region Member – The Ga/Dangme Tongu Presbyterian Council; Treasurer – Ghana Ecumenical Church Loan Fund; Secretary – Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Education Foundation.

**Mr Richard Broughton** BSc 2001 Currently working on SKYNET 5 Military Communications Satellite as part of the operations team. Enjoying sailing down at Grantham.

**Mr Christopher Davison** MA 2001 Marrying Amanda Callaghan (MA Hons Politics) on 17 April 2004.

**Miss Lynn Gilmour** MA 2001 Completed a PG Diploma in Journalism in June 2002, at Napier University, Edinburgh and now getting her claws into the Scottish journalistic world.

**Mr Anders Hallerdal** MSc 2001 Living in Stockholm, Sweden, working with developing software for stock, derivatives, and commodities exchanges. Unfortunately, no everyday use for AI knowledge acquired at Edinburgh University.

**Mr John Lawson** MSc 2001 Developing a 3rd Generation Maritime Chart System for a firm in Essex. Studying for NUQ in Management.

**Dr Patricia Soley-Beltran** PhD 2001 Assistant Director of the Office for the Promotion of the Universities of Catalonia.

**Miss Vanessa Teague** MA 2001 Vanessa Teague and Marina Hunt have joined forces with sister Chiara Hunt to set up Kasimira, which provides babysitters and private tuition for children, and arranges fabulous parties and workshops. [www.kasimira.com](http://www.kasimira.com)



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**Mr Colin Booth** MEng 2002 Working in Glasgow and glad to meet up for a drink with anyone who is in town.

**Mr Ross Compton** BSc 2002 Currently studying Applied Marine Science (MSc) at the University of Plymouth. Won a NERC studentship for this place. Research project, beginning in June, will entail carrying out a population study of Northern Bottlenose whales off the coast.

**Mr John Fotheringham** BSc 2002 Currently working as a civil servant with the Ministry of Defence (Army). Intending to have another go at a RAF career – in engineering or education – unless present employer persuades him otherwise.

**Ms Jennifer Fuchs** MA 2002 Completed an MA in Museum Studies at the University of Leicester in September 2003.

**Mrs Caroline Hall née Fry** BVM&S 2002 Got married to Mr Daniel Hall, Christmas 2003.

**Miss Anna Jaksch** MA 2002 Going to China in May to teach English abroad and to get more relevant work experience abroad.

**Ms Brooke Paul** JYA 2002 Graduated from Georgetown University in 2003 with a BA in Government. Currently teaching English in Japan on the JET Program.

**Mr Thomas Richardson** MSc 2002 Married with a two-year-old son and living in Strichen, North East Scotland. Currently on a secondment from teaching, working with Aberdeenshire Council as a Strategic Development Officer.

**Mrs Sarah Ross née Paxton** MTh 2002 About to finish training for full-time ministry in the Church of Scotland.

**Mr Robert Slater** MA 2002 Since returning from working in Italy, has been gardening in London. Is now about to head for Shanghai in search of work.

**Miss Elspeth Chisholm** BSc 2003 Starting a PGCE in Secondary Maths at Moray House, Edinburgh in August 2004. Teaching in Tanzania Jan – June 2004.



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## UPDATE By Peter Freshwater, Convener of the Business Committee of the General Council

The General Council is the means by which graduates have a continuing voice in the management of the University's affairs, and every graduate automatically becomes a member. Academic staff and members of the University's supreme governing body, the University Court, are also members of the General Council, which meets twice a year and has the right to comment on matters affecting the University's prosperity and well-being. For more information on the work of the General Council, visit [www.general-council.ed.ac.uk](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk)



Having restructured its entire academic, service and management, the University, and with it, the General Council, is poised to embrace the restructured academic year. From April 2004, it will run from August to July. It comprises two long semesters and a short term of consolidation and examinations so that, from 2004, the teaching year will begin on Monday 20 September, with the week before as Freshers' Week. Summer graduations in Humanities and Social Science and in Science and Engineering will be held towards the end of June; those in Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, as now, will be held in mid-July. Resit examinations will be held in mid to late August. Winter graduations will be split between December and January. Further information is available on the University's website.

Similarly, the General Council year will begin on 1 August. The September meeting of the Business Committee will thus be the first meeting of the newly-elected Committee instead of being the final meeting of the outgoing Committee. The Business Committee awaits the University Court's

decision on its pattern of meetings in the new academic year before reviewing its own. In the meantime, we welcome the recent appointment of the Council's Assessors to a number of the Court's standing committees.

We are all looking forward to the Half-Yearly Meeting in London in June. It has taken a lot of organisation, and we hope that we have got it right. In particular, I hope that it will enable many members of Council who live at considerable distances from Edinburgh, and who are not normally able to do so, to attend a Half-Yearly Meeting. I hope no less that at least some regular participants will also be able to attend, and to meet more of our fellow members in and from distant lands. I am tremendously grateful to Dr Ann Matheson, Secretary of Council, and Mrs Jean Gibson, Assistant to the Secretary, for all their efforts to make it a success, and to Sir Malcolm Rifkind, President of the University's Development Trust, for kindly agreeing to address us after lunch. We are all grateful, too, to Ms Rosalind Topping, Convener of the Edinburgh University Club of London, and her team; to Ms Joanna Storrar, Director of Development, Ms Maureen Clowe, Alumni Manager, and their teams who have worked together to provide such a splendid programme for the rest of the day; and to the Rector, Dr Tam Dalyell MP, for kindly hosting the reception and dinner at the House of Commons.

The General Council Office has been contacted by a member expressing concern over the University's decision to replace

Christian Prayers at Graduation Ceremonials with an ecumenical moment for reflection. The Business Committee is seeking clarification from the University, and will have discussed this before the June meeting. We shall report further to that meeting.

As you will see from the reports of the Standing Committees, the Business Committee has explored with senior members of the University's staff a number of strategic matters including restructuring teaching, management and development of the University's estate, corporate services, and knowledge management and academic support services. These are all significant elements in the University's moving forward in the new century, and include a wide range of matters on which the Business Committee will wish to brief its Assessors on the University Court.

As I complete my term of office as Convener of the Business Committee at the end of this academic year, this is my last Update in the *Billet*. The Business Committee has elected Mr Alan Johnston as its Convener for the next four years. A research biochemist and a divisional head at Inveresk Research International Ltd, Alan has been Vice-Convener of the Business Committee for the last four years. His wisdom, kindly decisiveness and sociability have made him an invaluable colleague and member of the team of Officers of the Council, and I am delighted that he is to succeed me in August. I wish the Business Committee under Alan's guidance every success in the future.

## GENERAL COUNCIL JUNE 2004 MEETING

**The General Council will meet for the first time in its history outside Edinburgh when it holds its June 2004 Half-Yearly Meeting in London. The Meeting will take place in Room B35, Birkbeck College, University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HX, on Saturday 26 June 2004 at 11.00. Please note the change of meeting time.**

### SUMMARY AGENDA

1. Minutes and Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of the General Council held on 14 February 2004
2. Report of the Business Committee
3. Dates of future meetings of the General Council
4. Notice of forthcoming Elections
5. Presentation by the Principal
6. Any other competent business
7. Adjournment

A Full Agenda is given on pages 36 to 38.

### MEET OLD FRIENDS – MAKE NEW FRIENDS SATURDAY 26 JUNE 2004

*10.30 am to 11.00am:* Coffee/tea in Room B02/B03, Birkbeck College, University of London

*11.00am:* General Council Meeting in Room B35, Birkbeck College, University of London

*After the Meeting:* Lunch in Room B04, Birkbeck College, University of London

## FULL AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 26 JUNE 2004

### 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the General Council on 14 February 2004

Present: Dr Tam Dalyell, Rector, in the Chair; Professor Grahame Bulfield, Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science and Engineering; Dr Ann Matheson, Secretary of the General Council; Mr Alan Johnston,

Vice-Convenor of the Business Committee; and 72 other members.

The Rev. Dr Richard Frazer, Honorary Church of Scotland Chaplain, opened the meeting with prayer.

#### 1.1 Result of the Election of Members of the Business Committee

The Rector announced that the five new members of the Business Committee, elected to serve for a period of four years from 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2008, were: Dr Frances Dow, Mr Neil R Hynd, Mrs Patricia Spark, Ms Diana Webster and Dr Ian Wotherspoon.

#### 1.2 Minutes and Matters Arising from the Meeting on 28 June 2003

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2003 were approved.

#### 1.3 Report of the Business Committee

In the unexpected absence of the Convenor of the Business Committee, Mr Alan Johnston, Vice-Convenor of the Business Committee, gave the report.

The Committee had met four times since June, and would meet three times more. This would be the last session of the present schedule of meetings. From the end of the present session, the academic year will run from 1 August through to 31 July. The Business Committee had unanimously agreed by resolution that Council should move with the University Court and adopt the new academic year now, so that members elected now will take up their offices on 1 August and demit on 31 July as appropriate. The University Court is reviewing its schedule of full meetings as from 2004/05, and the Business Committee may have to do the same. It is expected that more of the Court's business will be carried out through its Standing Committees, to which the General Council's Assessors have been appointed. The Business Committee warmly welcomes Council's greater participation in the work of the University Court. A proposal to mount the Annexes to the *Billet* on the website from 2005, while continuing to make printed copies available to members on request, had been discussed and endorsed in principle by the Public Affairs Standing Committee and the Business Committee. It had been agreed to raise this matter with members at the February Half-Yearly Meeting.

The Standing Committees had reviewed their roles and remits in the light of the restructured University. The reports of all

four Standing Committees were printed in the Annex to the *Billet*. The attention of members was drawn to the deaths of Major General John Matheson, a member of the Business Committee from 1986 to 1993, and Professor Peter Wilson, a member of the Business Committee from 1991 to 1995, and Vice-Convenor of the Business Committee from 1996 to 2000.

Planning was now at an advanced stage for the summer Half-Yearly Meeting on Saturday 26 June 2004, when, for the first time, the General Council would hold a meeting of Council outside Edinburgh. The Meeting would take place in Birkbeck College, University of London. At the Lunch following the Meeting, Sir Malcolm Rifkind QC, who is currently President of the University's Development Trust, would be the Guest of Honour and the after-Lunch Speaker. It was hoped that as many people as possible from Scotland and the north of England would come and support the event in London. After the General Council Meeting and Lunch, the Edinburgh University Club of London had kindly arranged a programme of events for the rest of the day, about which further information could be found on pages 27 and 39 of the winter 2004 issue of *Edit*.

The Freedom of Information Act, which would come into effect from January 2005, would have implications for Council, and the Officers were discussing this matter with the General Council Registrar, and the University's Freedom of Information Co-ordinator.

The report of the Business Committee was approved.

*The full text of the Vice-Convenor's remarks, and the record of the discussion following the presentation, are contained in the Annex to the Billet.*

#### 1.4. Motion

Proposed by the Business Committee.

*Proposed amendment of Sections 4 and 5 of the 'Constitutional Arrangements'.*

The Motion, as set out in detail in the February 2004 *Billet* within *Edit*, was presented to the Meeting. Part 1 of the Motion was approved by a majority vote, and Parts 2 and 3 of the Motion were carried unanimously.



# A YEAR OF EXCELLENT PROGRESS

## 1.5. Report by the Principal

In the Principal's absence through illness, Professor Grahame Bulfield, Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science and Engineering, gave the report.

Vice-Principal Bulfield introduced the *Annual Report* for 2002/03. He outlined a number of wider issues that had impacted on higher education over the period. The first was the issue of 'top-up fees', and the consequence on Scottish universities of their introduction south of the border. It was an issue that the University was discussing with the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council (SHEFC), Ministers and civil servants. A second was the apparent range of higher education institution amalgamations in England. The third issue was SHEFC and the Scottish Executive's response to this matter. It was proposed that a few areas should be selected, and that the best scientists and academics in these areas should be enabled to work together in some sort of 'virtual', or perhaps even 'structural', organisation. A number of proposals are being investigated, and it is an intriguing way of trying to find out how Scotland could operate short of having full-scale amalgamations. The fourth issue was the revision of the dual support system for research by Government, with the objective of moving to full economic costs, 100% or more overheads for research. This would require some degree of transition, because it would totally change the way that universities have handled research.

The fifth issue was the greater concentration by governments, both in England and in Scotland, on knowledge transfer, and the importance of transferring knowledge outside the University into the wider environment. The sixth was recruitment. The seventh area was the whole issue of access and widening participation. The University wished to be an elite university, but certainly did not wish to be elitist. The final issue was the review of the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) that had been carried out by Professor Gareth Roberts. The next one had been expected in 2006, but it had been postponed to the end of 2007/8. The changes proposed by the review

were not very major, but they were very much in the University's interest.

The University's recruitment was very buoyant, with 30,000 applications for 4,600 places. The total student population is 21,634, of which 16,172 were undergraduates, and 5,462 postgraduates. Postgraduate education was one area where the University wished to expand. There were a lot of opportunities for a research-led university like Edinburgh to have Masters courses, so that students could work in more specialized areas, or convert from one to the other. There was also a strong recruitment drive on postgraduate students as well, particularly from overseas.

The University was not just about student numbers, of course, but about quality. A number of teaching programme reviews had taken place during the year, and all the reviews over the last two or three years had been extremely positive. It was also important to increase opportunities for students. To assist, there were new scholarships and a funding aid office for students, with £1m of new scholarships. The University also had a Disability Office, which assisted about 800 students a year, and there was a programme for widening participation.

In terms of teaching, Vice-Principal Bulfield commented on the introduction of semesterisation, which would begin in September 2004. Running parallel to that was a review of the curriculum. Semesterisation meant that courses were being altered and rejigged to fit, and it was an obvious time to review the curriculum. The curriculum and the point scores for various courses had changed over the years, so it was often very difficult for Directors of Studies to advise students, so the University had simplified the curriculum, and the ability of students to move from one course to another, or to take unusual combinations of courses.

An important development during the year had been the e-learning initiative created by the Principal, with funding to support projects in e-learning. There had been an e-learning programme for physics for a number of years, and this had given the University the opportunity to look at how students were using it. The evidence suggested that students access the programme at every hour of the day and night with the exception of between 4am and 5am. It was interesting that we were

moving to what was called in the States a 24/7 view of education, where people actually want to work at different times of the day, or during the week, that suit them. This would have an impact, not only on e-learning and the provision of e-learning programmes, but on areas such as the provision of library services.

In turning to research, Vice-Principal Bulfield underlined that Edinburgh University was a research-led University. As one example, in the College of Science and Engineering, 94% of the academics were in 5 or 5\* Schools, 5\* being the highest, grade 5 being the second highest grade. There were links specifically with universities across the world. There was a major link in language acquisition and learning between Stanford University and the Informatics School. This linking was really important, since the University did not just wish to be the best research-led university in Scotland, or even in the top four in the UK, but it wanted to have a lead internationally. The University was already positioning itself for the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) in 2007/8.

In terms of infrastructure, the University had a large estate, and was in the process of taking a long-term view of its estate. There was a long-term plan, not only for the King's Buildings but for the whole central area right the way from George Square to Holyrood. The Chancellor's Building in the new Medical School at Little France had been opened, and the University was in the process of building a £52m research institute for medical cell biology beside it. The University was also in the late stages of designing, planning and raising the funding for a £40m Informatics Forum building, which would bring together all the informatics and computing scientists in six different locations over the city.

Vice-Principal Bulfield completed his report by confirming that the University was very grateful to the General Council for its continued interest and support, and for the support of all the graduates of the University. The Rector warmly thanked Vice-Principal Bulfield for his truly excellent report.

*A full text of Professor Bulfield's presentation, along with questions and answers, is contained in the Annex to the Billet.*

## 1.6 Any other competent business

1.7 Adjournment

The Motion by the Convener of the Business Committee that, for the purpose of considering matters which may be transmitted to the General Council by the University Court or any other business of a competent nature, the Business Committee be empowered to act on behalf of the Council, and that this meeting be adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Business Committee, was approved.

The Rev. Dr Richard Frazer closed the meeting with a benediction.

2. Report of the Business Committee

3. Dates of future meetings of the General Council

4. Notice of forthcoming elections

5. Presentation by the Principal

6. Any other competent business

7. Adjournment

The Annex to the Billet contains supporting papers for the Agenda, including communications from the University Court, full Standing Committee reports, a transcript of the presentation, and the Business Committee's report to the meeting on 14 February 2004. General Council members may either collect the Annex from half an hour before the Council Meeting, or request it by post from: Mrs Jean Gibson, General Council Office, Charles Stewart House, 9-16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT. Tel. 0131 650 2152. Email: General.Council@ed.ac.uk.



Before the General Council Lunch on 14 February 2004, left to right:

Mr Alan Johnston (Vice-Convener of the Business Committee), Dr Tam Dalyell (Rector), Dr Ann Matheson (Secretary of the General Council), Professor Alexander McCall Smith, who gave the after-lunch address, and Professor Grahame Bulfield, Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science and Engineering.

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