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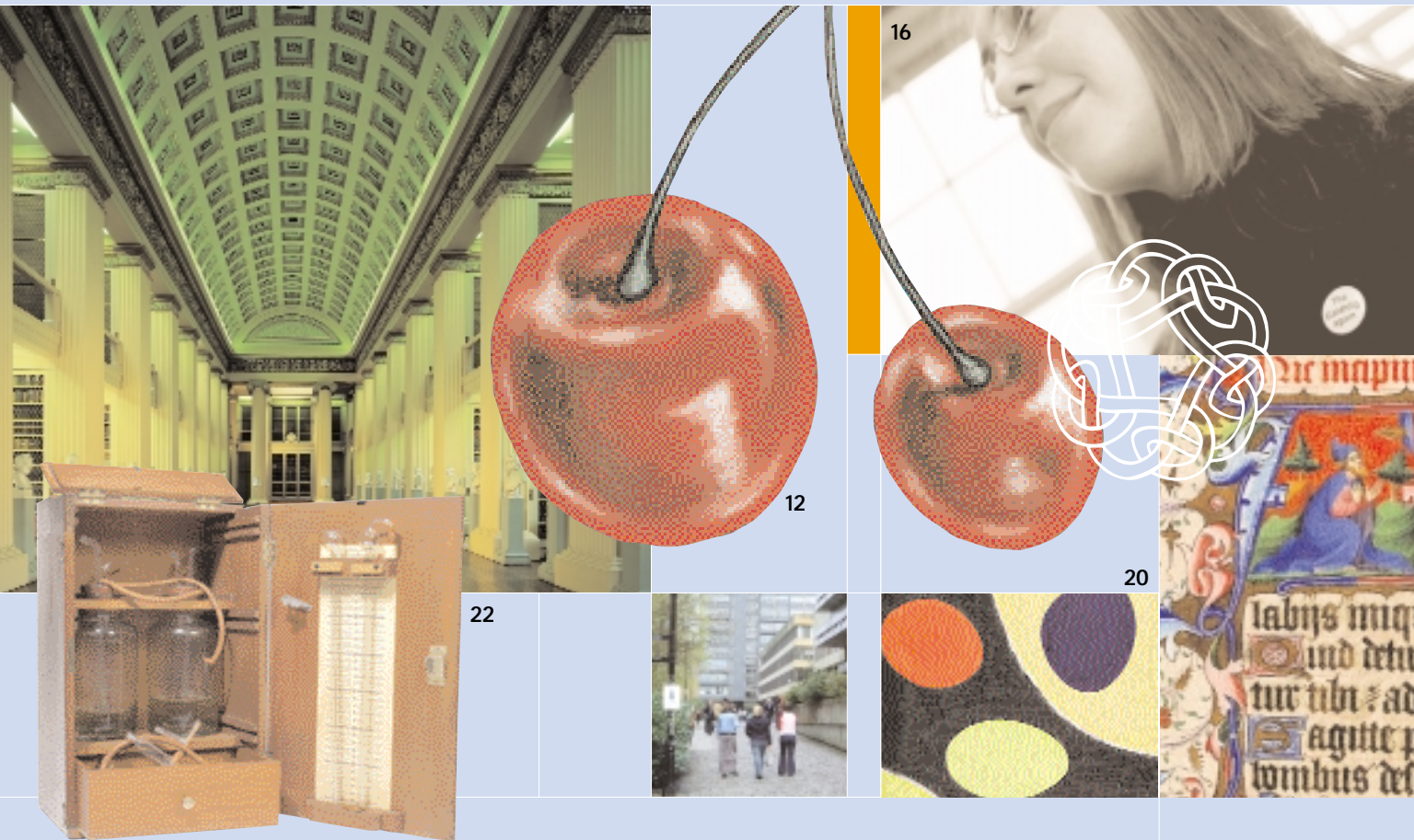
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WELCOME TO the summer issue of EDIT. It's an honour – and not a little daunting – to take over the editing of such a successful magazine from Anne McKelvie, who founded the magazine, and Ray Footman, who ably took over the reins after Anne's death.

Enclosed with this issue you'll find a brief survey. Please do take a couple of minutes to fill it in and return it. One of the most important things a new editor can do, to my mind, is ask readers what they think of the publication they receive, and what changes – if any – they would like to see.

Over the next couple of months, we'll be evaluating the feedback we get from our readers, and it may be that you'll see some changes from the next issue. The most important thing, however, is for us to ensure that EDIT remains valued and read by our alumni and supporters, and that it continues to reflect the same high standards of content and design that has made it the award-winning publication we have today.

Please let us know what you think of your magazine.

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EDINBURGH MBA RISES UP THE RANKINGS

THE MBA OFFERED by the University of Edinburgh Management School was ranked 15th in Europe and 8th in the UK in this year's annual global Financial Times Top 100 Business Schools survey.

This result represents an overall improvement on the 2002 rankings, with its European position rising one place and its global position improving by four places.

Among the FT ranking criteria is the value for money that the course represents, calculated by the rate of return the student can enjoy three years after their investment in the course. The University of Edinburgh MBA achieved a figure of 2.8, which placed it in the top 25% of all schools.

This survey, released in January, came shortly after The Economist's business school survey, which placed the University of Edinburgh Management School 7th in Europe and 4th in the UK.

Simon Earp, Director of the University of Edinburgh Management School said, "We are delighted with the results of this survey which reflect the outstanding quality of our faculty and students. We have 70 members of staff, 315 MBA students and almost 3000 Alumni all over the world and I am sure they will be very proud that the MBA continues to perform so well."

WORK STARTS ON MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE

A MAJOR MILESTONE in the history of scientific and medical research at Edinburgh was reached in March, when work began on a new centre to help tackle common diseases such as coronary heart disease, asthma and painful disorders of menstruation. The University of Edinburgh's Research Institute for Medical Cell Biology, which will be situated next to the new Royal Infirmary and Medical School at Little France, will provide facilities for inter-disciplinary research in the three key areas of inflammatory, reproductive and cardiovascular biology.

Professor John Savill, Head of the University of Edinburgh's College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, said: "After so much effort spent on fundraising, which must continue, it is very gratifying that we have at last started the building project for the Research Institute for Medical Cell Biology. In about two years' time, this site will be home to over 620 researchers working on new ways to prevent, diagnose and manage common diseases such as

heart attacks, asthma and menstrual disorders."

Among the facilities at the Research Institute will be an Imaging Centre containing sophisticated scanning equipment. During the past 30 years, researchers have developed a range of imaging techniques that enable them to see inside the body without the need for surgery. Imaging techniques will soon be able to help doctors diagnose diseases at the earliest stages, contribute to the development of new therapies and cures, and accelerate the research process.

The Institute will cost £52m, of which £45m has already been raised. It will form the centre of a planned £200m biomedical research park. One of the biggest charitable trusts in the UK, the Garfield Weston Foundation, has recently donated £1m to the centre. Catrin Tilley, Director of Development and Alumni, said: "We would like to thank Garfield Weston warmly for this very significant donation, which brings us one step nearer to achieving our campaign target for the Research Institute."



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UNIVERSITY ELECTS NEW RECTOR

IN AN ELECTION held on 7 March, the University of Edinburgh elected Tam Dalyell MP, veteran backbench member of parliament for Linlithgow and Father of the House of Commons, as its new Rector.

The main formal role of the Rectors of the four ancient Scottish Universities - Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow and St Andrews - is to chair meetings of the Court, the governing body of the University. In addition, the Rector chairs meetings of the General Council in the absence of the Chancellor. The Rectorship is an unpaid post and in the past Rectors have also taken an active part in many aspects of University life during their three-year period of office.

Speaking after the election, the Principal of the University, Professor Timothy O'Shea said:

"I am looking forward to working with Tam Dalyell over the next three years. Tam is a distinguished parliamentarian with

great intellectual accomplishments and he has a good understanding of the University and Higher Education issues. Together we will work to raise the profile of the University and address the many different and complex issues facing the Higher Education Sector at this time. The outgoing rector Robin Harper has served the University well for the last three years and his contribution has been greatly appreciated."

Rachael Hunter, Vice President of the Edinburgh University Student Association also warmly welcomed the appointment: "The importance behind the position of Rector is that the person is elected by the student body and the University staff. It is good to see that today they have the chance to choose the chair of Court guaranteeing transparency. We are glad a person of such high regard will be taking on the role. We look forward to working with him on many issues."



EDINBURGH HOSTS 'BEST EVER' GAMES

OVER 500 of the country's leading student sports stars were in Edinburgh from 7-10 April to take part in the 9th British University Games (BUGs).

Organised by the British University Sports Association (BUSA), and involving representative teams from the four home nations, the event embraced five sports – football (men's and women's), hockey (men's and women's), basketball (men's and women's), badminton (mixed team) and netball (women's). During the four day sporting feast, the athletes and officials made full use of the sports and meeting facilities at the University's Pleasance and Peffermill sites, utilised Meadowbank Sports Centre and enjoyed the hospitality of Pollock Halls, which housed the Games' Village.

Jim Ellis, BUSA's Tournament Director for BUGs '03, said "Edinburgh's hosting of BUGs '03 has taken the event to a new level. The meticulous organisation, superb facilities, outstanding professional support of CSE staff, helpfulness of Sports Union volunteers and the typically warm Scottish welcome, have made BUGs'03 the best ever since the Games started nine years ago. I cannot praise the University's contribution highly enough."

The Trustees' Trophy, awarded to the leading national overall, was presented to English Universities. There was some consolation though to the Scottish Universities Team as they picked up the Spirit of Sport Trophy for finishing in second place.

For full results and more pictures of the Games visit the BUGs website at www.ed.ac.uk/events/bugs/index.html

Next year's BUGs event will be hosted by the University of Bath.



SPACE CREW SHUTTLE IN TO INSPIRE SCIENCE STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH graduate Dr Piers Sellers spoke engagingly about his experiences on board the Space Shuttle Atlantis when he visited his former university with his fellow astronauts in January. In an illustrated talk to science students and local school pupils, and to the general public the following day, Dr Sellers and his colleagues talked about how they became astronauts, the work of NASA and the international space station. They also gave fascinating insights into their mission in October last year.

One of the key purposes of the first talk was to encourage more students to take up science and engineering courses at Edinburgh. The audience, which included science and engineering students from the University and senior secondary school pupils, were also able to put their own questions to crew members

At the end of the talk to students, Dr Sellers returned a specially-commissioned University of Edinburgh flag to the University Principal, Professor Timothy O'Shea, and one of Dr Sellers' former lecturers, Professor John Grace, Head of the School of GeoSciences at the University. Dr Sellers, who received a BSc in Ecological Science from the University of Edinburgh in 1976, paid tribute to the University by taking the flag into space on the mission.

Professor Grahame Bulfield, Head of the College of Science and Engineering, said: "We were delighted with the success of both these events, which were attended by in excess of 700 people, many of whom have an interest in pursuing careers in science and engineering. The space shuttle crew are inspirational communicators, and for anyone who is contemplating studying science and engineering at Edinburgh, it is hard to think of a more impressive role model than Piers Sellers, as he is someone who speaks with great affection of his time as a student here."

COMMEMORATING THE UNION OF THE CROWNS

2003 IS THE 400th anniversary of the union of the Scottish and English Crowns. When Queen Elizabeth of England died without heirs on 24 March 1603, the way was paved for the accession of the Stewart House to the English throne. The Kingdom of Great Britain was formed and Elizabeth's cousin's grandson, James VI of Scotland, was crowned James I of England in July 1603. The two warring nations were united in their monarch, but it would be another 100 years before the Parliaments would be united.

To mark the anniversary, the Scottish Executive have approached a number of organisations, including the University and Historic Scotland, to put on exhibitions,



theatre, special tours and conferences. BBC Scotland joined in and broadcast a special programme at the end of March.

The University of Edinburgh is delighted to be included and the Scottish Historian Professor Michael Lynch has been sitting on the advisory panel. The University is hosting three lectures in August which will consider the

marriage of Margaret Tudor (Henry VIII's sister) to James IV of Scotland in 1503 which paved the way for the union; the Union of Crowns itself in 1603 and the last lecture will look forward to the consequences of the Union in the rest of the 17th century. The lectures will be given by Dr Jenny Wormald, Professor Michael Lynch and Lord Conrad Russell respectively.

In addition a Conference is being organised for the Schools in the Lothians and Borders to encourage pupils to learn more about these events and about life at the University. This will take place early in the Autumn.

Further details about the programme of events can be found at: <http://www.unionofthecrowns.com/>



EDINBURGH OPENS ITS DOORS

THE UNIVERSITY is once again taking part in Doors Open Day, when significant buildings not normally accessible to the public open their doors for a day, with free admission.

This year's event takes place on Saturday 27 September. The programme for the day is still being planned, but University buildings available for viewing usually include the Playfair Library, Reid Concert Hall, the Education buildings and Pollock Halls. Tours of Old College will also be offered.

For more details of the final programme, visit the University website at www.ed.ac.uk or see www.doorsopendays.org.uk

ALUMNUS DONATES £1M FOR NEW CHAIR

A MILLION POUND gift from an Edinburgh graduate has made possible the creation of a new Chair in the University's Management School. George David, Chairman of the Coca Cola Hellenic Bottling Company, has made a private gift which will enable research into the important area of Family Business.

This is the second philanthropic gift in one year to support a Chair in the School. Last April the £800,000 Dixons Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation was taken up by Professor Richard Harrison. The George David Chair in Family Business will further enhance the Management School's focus on entrepreneurship and innovation, an area it regards as key to the successful business enterprise of the 21st Century.

Professor Vicki Bruce, Head of the College of Humanities and Social Science, said: "The College is most grateful to the generous donation from our alumnus George David which will enable this important area of Family Business to develop. The new Chair will help build this important area in a research-led academic context within Edinburgh University, linking with other initiatives in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and Finance. The Management School is a rapidly growing area of expertise within the University and is a priority for the University as it addresses the needs of contemporary students and society".



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NEW CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE OPENED

A MAJOR NEW building, which will be a focal point of the newly formed University of Edinburgh's Cancer Research Centre, was opened by HRH The Princess Royal on 6 December.

The £7m state-of-the-art structure, on the Western General Hospital campus, provides facilities for a leading edge £9m research programme, funded by Cancer Research UK, into developments in the treatment of cancer and understanding its genetic control. The custom-built research accommodation adjoins the Edinburgh Cancer Centre where patients from the south east of Scotland receive specialist care and take part in research programmes.

The new 200 square metre building, paid for by the University and Imperial Cancer Research Fund (who merged with the Cancer Research Campaign earlier this year to form Cancer Research UK), was specifically designed for cancer research to expand available laboratory accommodation and enhance teaching and training work space.

COCA-COLA FUNDS FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE

THE UNIVERSITY OF Edinburgh's Scholarships Fund has received a welcome boost in the form of a \$1 million dollar donation from the Coca-Cola Foundation, aimed at encouraging Eastern European students to study at Edinburgh.

The Coca-Cola Foundation's donation will enable ten students over the next five years to take degree courses in a range of subjects, including medicine, arts and social sciences and science and engineering.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence to young people whose circumstances would normally prevent them from attending university - particularly those who represent the first generation in their family to study for a degree at university. Young people from Bulgaria, Poland, Romania, Russia and the Ukraine will be eligible to apply for the scholarships.

Sandy Allan, President and CEO, Coca-Cola Europe, Eurasia, Middle East, said: "We're delighted that the Coca Cola Foundation will support this important initiative. I am sure that the students who come to Edinburgh will return with excellent learning and make hugely valuable contributions to the further development of their countries."

"Scholarships are vital to attracting the best talent to Edinburgh," said Catrin Tilley, the University's Director of Development and Alumni. "At present, only a small proportion of highly qualified overseas students, who enquire about studying at Edinburgh, actually take up a place. This generous donation from Coca-Cola will allow a number of young people, who wouldn't otherwise have had the opportunity, to benefit from an experience that has the potential to have a great impact on their lives and the communities they live in."

The Coca-Cola donation is a welcome addition to University of Edinburgh's Scholarships Fund, which gives out over £2.5 million in scholarships to students to each year.



CELEBRATIONS KICK OFF FOR FOOTBALL CLUB

THIS YEAR sees the 125th anniversary of the Edinburgh University Association Football Club. Its foundation in 1878 makes it the second oldest senior football club in the east of Scotland – only Hearts is older – and, throughout its history, the club has participated with distinction in senior, amateur and inter-university competitions. In fact, the club was one of the earliest members of the SFA. This year, at the senior level, the club reached the final of the East of Scotland Qualifying Cup and are Champions of Division One of the East of Scotland League.

University football was and continues to be a major focus for the club – the Scottish Universities programme currently involves 15 institutions, with the Queens' Park Shield as the premier prize; a trophy Edinburgh has won 24 times, more than any other university. EUAFC's record at the new British level has been outstanding, champions

in 1994, reaching the final in 1996 and semi-finalists in 2000 and 2001.

Today, the club is attempting to move forward vigorously in the areas of funding, administration, coaching and management, developing the increased professionalism that is essential if it is to continue to compete successfully.

To mark the anniversary, a series of special activities will be held, culminating in a reunion dinner on Saturday 20 September 2003 in the University's Playfair Library. Although a substantial number of former players have been contacted, and many are returning for the celebrations, if you played for the club at any level and have not been contacted, please get in touch through the Sports Union on 0131 650 2346/2347 or email Sports.Union@ed.ac.uk.

www.ed.ac.uk/~euafc



FORGING A NEW PATH

'PATHWAYS TO the Professions' is a widening participation initiative to encourage more pupils from state schools to apply to study Law and Medicine. The Project, based in the University's Recruitment and Admissions Liaison Service, fosters links between the University, school students and their families and the professional bodies to encourage more applications from a wider range of socio-economic groups. The pilot phase of the project has been very successful with all 46 state secondary schools in Edinburgh and the Lothians engaged with the project and 350 students registered. Funding for a further two years has been secured from the Sutton Trust in partnership with the University.

The project team would be particularly keen to hear from alumni working in the fields of Law and Medicine who would like to help with the project by attending project events or meeting groups of interested students, many of whom will be the first in their families to attend university.

If you would like more information on Pathways to the Professions or other University of Edinburgh widening participation initiatives, please contact: Kathleen Hood, Project Manager, Widening Participation on 0131 650 4383, email Kathleen.Hood@ed.ac.uk or visit www.rals.ed.ac.uk/widening/pathways_background.html



UNIVERSITY SHOP JUST A CLICK AWAY

University of Edinburgh merchandise is now available to buy online, through the website's new giftshop.

Launched in May, www.giftshop.ed.ac.uk now offers you all the University's branded clothing, souvenirs and gifts, from fleeces, baseball caps and toys to pewter quichs, paperweights and mugs. This unique range of merchandise is ideal if you're looking for a reminder of your time here, or a gift for family and friends.

You can also visit the University's shop at The University of Edinburgh Centre, 7-11 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9BE.



HONORARY AWARD FOR SHEILA McLEAN

SCOTS BORN academic Professor Sheila McLean, who is respected worldwide as a leader in the study of medical ethics and the law, received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws in a ceremony at the McEwan Hall in December.

Professor McLean established the Institute of Law and Ethics in Medicine at the University of Glasgow in 1985 and is still its director. She serves on a number of national and international committees, is frequently consulted by Government on medico-legal matters, and has published extensively in the area of medical law.

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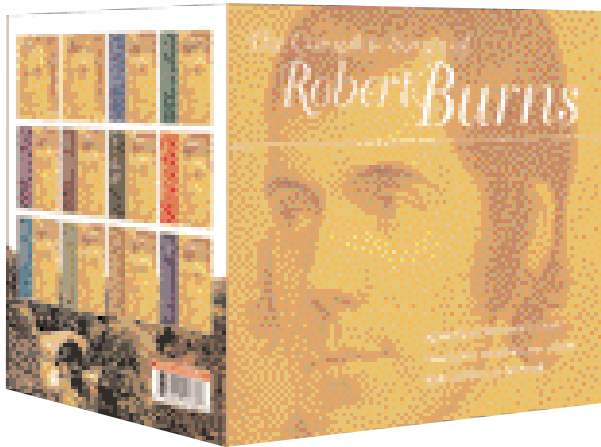


VISIT OF THICH NHAT HANH

THE WORLD-RENNOWNED Zen Monk, author and peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh will be visiting Edinburgh in June of this year. As part of his trip, he will give a talk at the University's McEwan Hall on Tuesday 24 June, on "Looking Deeply in the Present". The talk will start with chanting by the monks and nuns of the Community of Interbeing.

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Martin Luther King Jnr, Thich Nhat Hanh has published over 100 titles and his influential teachings include the practice of "mindfulness".

Tickets for the event are available from the Usher Hall, Assembly Rooms or Queens Hall box offices in Edinburgh, or from 0131 228 1155.



BURNS RECORDINGS HIT THE RIGHT NOTE

THE FIRST ever complete recording of the songs of Robert Burns, completed and launched in January 2003, has been accomplished by Edinburgh alumnus Dr Fred Freeman.

The monumental project has been seven and a half years in the making and has drawn upon an extensive range of Scotland's finest folk musicians.

Writing about his project, Dr Freeman says that, "the cultural, social and political significance of the project is far reaching. The approach to Burns (and to his music) is wholly unique, setting him in a context which links together each region of the country, Scotland and Europe, and European Scotland with the world."

The Complete Songs of Robert Burns – 368 in all – is delivered in the form of 12 volumes and features musicians such as members of Capercaillie, Battlefield Band, Malinky, Deaf Sheperd, Tannahill Weavers and many more from every region of Scotland.

The recordings have enjoyed wide acclaim and concert tours abroad – sponsored by the British Council – have included Poland, Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands and the USA.

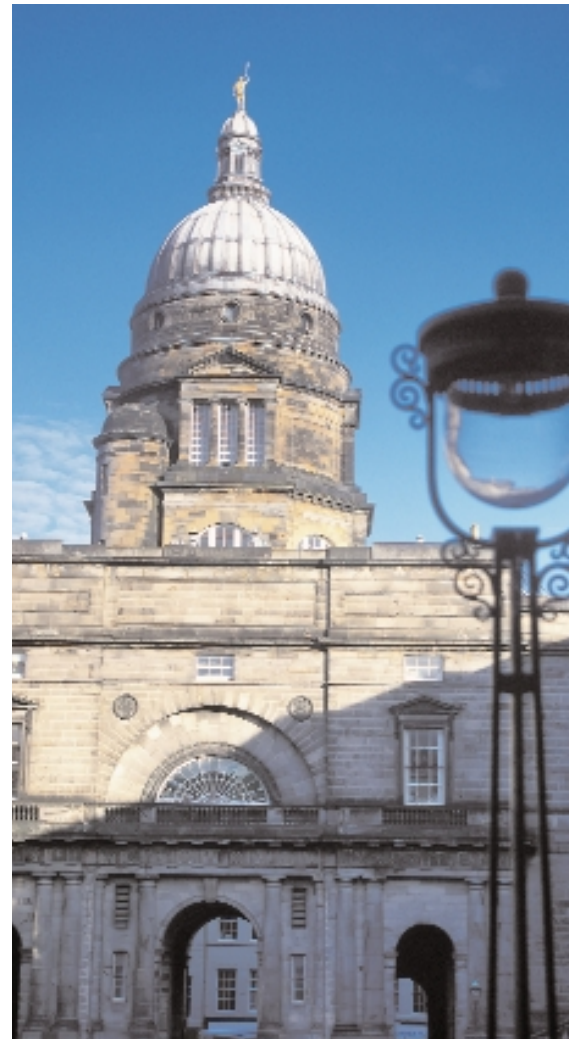
For more information on the recordings, visit www.linnrecords.com

BRENDEL'S WORDS AND MUSIC



AS PART of the 2003 Edinburgh International Festival, the University Festival Lecture in August will be given by Alfred Brendel. The world famous pianist will talk about Beethoven's music, demonstrating his ideas with musical illustrations.

The lecture will be held on Sunday 24 August 2003 in Edinburgh's Usher Hall; entry is free, by ticket only. For more information, visit www.eif.co.uk or call 0131 473 2000.



NEW TITLE HIGHLIGHTS UNIVERSITY HISTORY

A NEW BOOK on the University's of Edinburgh's history, written by three of the institution's eminent historians, is being published by Edinburgh University Press this summer.

The University of Edinburgh: An Illustrated History covers the history of the University since its origins in the late sixteenth century, covering the Reformation, the Enlightenment (in which the University played a central role), the introduction to the syllabus of science and medicine, and the changing relationship between the University on the one hand and the city, the nation, the UK and Europe on the other.

The authors of the book are: Robert D. Anderson, Professor of Modern History; Michael Lynch; Sir William Fraser, Professor of Scottish History and Palaeography, and Nicholas Phillipson, Reader in Modern History, University of Edinburgh.

The title can be ordered direct from: Marston Book Services, PO Box 269, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 4YN; tel: 01235 465500; email direct.order@marston.co.uk



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MAKING IT HAPPEN

LORD TROTMAN, Chairman of ICI and Chairman of the University of Edinburgh Fundraising Campaign Board, tells EDiT about how he reached his current position, and his plans for the future.

From a childhood spent in Gorgie, Edinburgh, you became the Chairman and CEO of the Ford Motor Company and now you've become Chairman of ICI – how did you manage to achieve so much?

One of the advantages I have had was a good secondary education from Boroughmuir School. Then, I guess it has been a combination of hard work and being willing to take opportunities when they came up. When I had the chance to move to the United States in 1969 I jumped at it. Here I found a culture and environment that suited me – there were plenty of opportunities if you were prepared for hard work and enjoyed taking risks.

Did you plan your career, or did it just happen?

Well if you mean did I plan to end up as the Chairman and CEO of Ford Motor Company the answer is no, I didn't. But I was filled with enthusiasm and determination to make things happen – being in the United States at the end of the 1960s broadened the field of opportunity.

Do people treat you differently since you received your peerage?

No, not in the least. I was, of course, very pleased to be honoured in this way – but I have found it makes little difference to my everyday life.

You're also Chairman of The University of Edinburgh Fundraising Campaign Board. Why and how did you first become involved with The University of Edinburgh?

As someone growing up in Edinburgh, I have always been aware of the University. Indeed I would love to have had the opportunity to study there. However, my life went down a different path and I first became involved with the University as a Visiting Professor for the Management School and establishing a research database facility for the MBA programme. I very much enjoyed my involvement with the School, particularly the interaction with the students.


What do you hope the Fundraising Campaign will achieve?

The Fundraising Campaign aims to change the way we think about supporting universities in the UK. I have seen at first hand the enormous benefit that the support of alumni and philanthropic giving has had on American higher education – not just the Ivy League universities but also on the state-funded institutions. I would hope the Edinburgh Campaign will not only achieve its immediate goals of creating new opportunities for teaching and research and to create a scholarship programme – but that it will create a willingness and eagerness to support the University in the longer term.

Do you have any advice for students at the University now?

I think today's world offers unprecedented opportunities for students – there are opportunities to travel, to work in different cultures and businesses. My advice would be to work hard, broaden your experiences and create your own opportunities.

With so much going on, you must need to unwind sometimes. How do you like to get away from it all?

My family has a cabin in the Canadian back country – where I disappear away from phones, emails and meetings. It's a place where I can combine the joys of hard physical work and catch up on the books I've put aside for quiet time. 



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AS CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS POLICY MAKE THE HEADLINES, JOURNALIST AND BROADCASTER RUTH WISHART GIVES HER THOUGHTS ON “LEVELLING THE PLAYING FIELD”.

INTELLIGENCE MAY BE A LOTTERY BUT LEAVE POST CODES OUT OF IT

LUCKILY FOR HIM, the prime minister's son was not one of the 33,000 disappointed teenagers who missed out on a place at Bristol University last year. Instead young Euan was in the less-than-10% of applicants who found a berth at an increasingly popular campus, and one of the 39% who went there from the non-state sector. 

"Is it merely a matter of grades, or is the measure of true academic potential rather more complex than that?"



THESE STATISTICS would appear to have gone AWOL from the radar screens of the headmasters and headmistresses of England's green and pleasant private schools, since they have just grandly announced a proposed boycott of Bristol on the grounds that it is favouring the nation's plebs over their own high-fliers. I imagine the admissions office there will somehow contain its disappointment, not least since any prospective students worth their salt will go where their own instincts lead them rather than where the headie dictates.

This petulant attempt to blackmail the university establishment comes at a confusing time for our educational friends in the south. This age is no stranger to ministerial U-turns, but English higher education minister Margaret Hodge did a policy volte-face so quickly last month that you imagine the Commons medics had to administer treatment for vertigo.

Ms Hodge was musing on how she might set targets to address the stubborn gap between those who reached university from the higher income groups and those from working class homes. Scarcely was the ink dry on the reporter's notebook, when she was forced by her boss, Charles Clarke, to indicate that the department had, in fact, no such hard-and-fast plans. Indeed, the prime minister was moved to note that the government was backing decisions made on merit, not on class origins. How times have changed. How proudly did Neil Kinnock boast at one party conference of being the first generation of his family to attend a university.

The question, of course, is how you define merit. Is it merely a matter of grades, or is the measure of true academic potential rather more complex than that? There are several things to say about grades as a tool. One is that pupils with access to extra tuition, cramming, and the sundry other devices some parents can afford to employ to enhance their children's performance will not unnaturally tend to perform better in school exams. I take no issue on this with the parents concerned. Some make huge sacrifices to give their children the best shot, but satisfactory exam results are not in themselves an accurate indicator of future performance, as a recent study conducted by

Warwick University confirmed. Its data suggested that private school students actually had a smaller chance of a good degree than a state school student with the same entry qualifications. The researchers thought one reason for this was that all the extra effort put into getting the pupils from the independent schools decent grades might actually conceal the fact that they were less naturally gifted. That piece of research found an echo in an analysis by the Higher Education Funding Council in England, whose data also revealed state school students outperforming same-grades entrants from private schools.

MEANWHILE, THE debate in Scotland has raged no less fiercely, most especially in the weeks following Edinburgh University's declaration of a new admissions policy. To read some of the press coverage of this, you might imagine that seat of learning had given up taking the cream of the A level and advanced Highers crop in favour of scooping up disorientated young persons in the Grassmarket at three in the morning and offering them a place contingent only on possession of a non-posh address.


In fact, its literature makes abundantly clear that it is working with the grain of that recent research and looking for applications which also reflect strong motivation to succeed, personal resourcefulness, and suitability for the programme. It also, very fairly in my view, will now take account of whether the applicant has had unwarranted disruption to their studies, or comes from a school with no particular tradition of sending its brightest and best on to higher learning opportunities. It's a formula which has worked well already for Edinburgh's veterinary and medical schools. There's also the simmering, almost annual, row about an over-abundance of English students, many of them from the private sector. It would, of course, be iniquitous to suggest that a high preponderance of that intake has a greater interest in the latest cocktails than the most recent research, even if the impression given in some capital watering holes is of the university experience being a vaguely academic variation on Club 18-30.

One little-known fact which fell into my ken

last week, from an absolutely impeccable source, is that Glasgow University actually has more students from down south than does Edinburgh, by a factor of some 5%. It's just that fewer of them have Hooray Henry, and Lucinda on their passports.

It would be naive not to observe that Edinburgh, in common with all other higher-education outposts in Scotland, is anxious to chime with executive policy - otherwise those cuddly persons in the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council might come up with some even more fiery hoops to jump through before money is released. It seems to me that the core philosophy our universities is being asked to reflect is nothing more or less than social justice. People who are born poor and raised in poverty are not intrinsically dim. People who are born rich and stay that way are not naturally smarter. Intelligence may be a lottery but it is not a post-code one.

Iain Gray, the minister for lifelong learning, recognised that in his letter of guidance to SHEFC last December, pointing out that despite the best efforts to date there was still a 'stubbornly' low level of student entrants from what the jargon persists in calling social classes four and five. In addressing that issue by a mild dose of positive discrimination, what we are doing is not jettisoning the excellent in favour of the mediocre, but realising that we have been guilty of a wanton and scandalous waste of young intelligent Scots from less supported backgrounds by failing to give them the chance to realise their full potential. Their loss is also our country's.

There is an ironic corollary to all of this. While we fail to put lots of talented youngsters from diverse backgrounds on to the university flight path - in a way the late, lamented grants sought to do - we are also hell-bent on sending some people there for whom the experience is not going to be particularly beneficial. If everyone winds up with a degree it will hardly help an employer sort out the wheat from the chaff. Time perhaps to reflect more seriously which kind of intelligence is the mother of original thought. 

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A statement of the University of Edinburgh's admissions policy is available at www.ed.ac.uk/news/admissions.html



From the Scottish Highlands to the rainforests of Australia, the donations of former students really make a difference to staff, students and the wider community, as JENNIFER TRUELAND explains.

GRADUATES GIVE BACK



FROM KEEPING the Gaelic language alive to helping Australia's Aboriginal communities make a living from eco-tourism, there's no limit to what the University of Edinburgh's former students are helping to achieve.

Through the Alumni Fund, which is a key element of The Edinburgh Campaign, the University's major fund-raising initiative, both students and academics are supported in the pursuit of their passions, while enhancing the University's reputation for research.

Donations to the fund come from all over the world – from 4,035 people in 2002 alone. Over the past decade, the fund has given more than £1.2 million to support projects of individual students and academics. The past five years have seen an additional £508,000 awarded for academic scholarships. At the same time, £345,000 has been spent on research activities in arts, humanities and social sciences; £215,000 has been invested in teaching initiatives across the campus, and more than £800,000 has been given for infrastructure projects, such as the Hospital for Small Animals.

Catrin Tilley, director of Development and Alumni, says gifts from alumni have a major impact, particularly for individual students and staff.

"The Alumni Fund is really a way for individuals to make regular donations which benefit every part of the University," she explains. "It's an annual fund, which means we encourage people to make contributions every year and we spend the money in that year."

Each term, around 30 Small Project Grants of up to £5,000 are given out to academics or students. They are massively oversubscribed with around 130 applications a time.

Lorna Weatherstone, 22, who is in her final year studying for an MA in social anthropology with development, was

one of last year's Small Project Grant recipients.

She received £350 which helped her to spend four months in Australia last summer, working with a non-governmental organisation to assist indigenous communities to explore opportunities in eco-tourism. The grant helped with her travel costs as she journeyed across the country to meet communities, find out what they wanted to do and help them to forge links with appropriate groups and people.

"Some places, like Fraser Island, off the coast of Queensland – which is unusual because it is sandy, but has rainforest in the middle – are quite touristy already. But the aboriginal people tended to want to go for natural options, to promote their culture and to benefit from the land without exploiting it," she says.

As a result of her time there, Lorna wrote a report on obstacles and opportunities for indigenous tourism in World Heritage Areas, which has now been distributed to the communities and world heritage authorities she worked with, and to other relevant people. Importantly, the project has led to her decision to follow a career in the same area. "It was a great experience. I was brought up in Australia but last summer I saw much more of the country than I had in my years of growing up there. The grant certainly helped."

Closer to home, Dr Gert-Jan Pepping, a lecturer and researcher in physical education, sport and leisure studies, has been making good use of a £4,500 grant for a project to develop tools to identify children with movement difficulty. "Our aim is to develop better methods of diagnosis and eventually find ways to improve these children's co-ordination," he says. The money from the Alumni Fund has enabled him to get the project off the ground – which in turn should help as he seeks other funding to move it on.

Relevance to the local community is one element taken into consideration when decisions are made about how the Alumni Fund should be deployed.





Over the past decade, the fund has given more than £1.2 million to support projects of individual students and academics.


Ensuring that Gaelic remains a living language has become a hot political topic, particularly since the Scottish Parliament came into being in 1999. But without good information on the population's use of the language, it's hard for policy-makers to decide how best to encourage it.

Before the union of the crowns in 1603, around half the people in Scotland spoke Gaelic. Today the figure is just over one per cent. But not all of these Gaelic speakers are in the Highlands and Islands or even on the west coast. For example, in Edinburgh, the bastion of lowland Scotland, one in a hundred people are believed to speak Gaelic to a lesser or greater extent.

Dr Wilson McLeod, a lecturer in Celtic and Scottish studies, won a £900 Small Project Grant to investigate Gaelic in the capital. "We're trying to find out about the use of Gaelic in social, recreational and work settings," he says. "We want to be able to supply policy makers with ideas of how to

make the language sustainable."

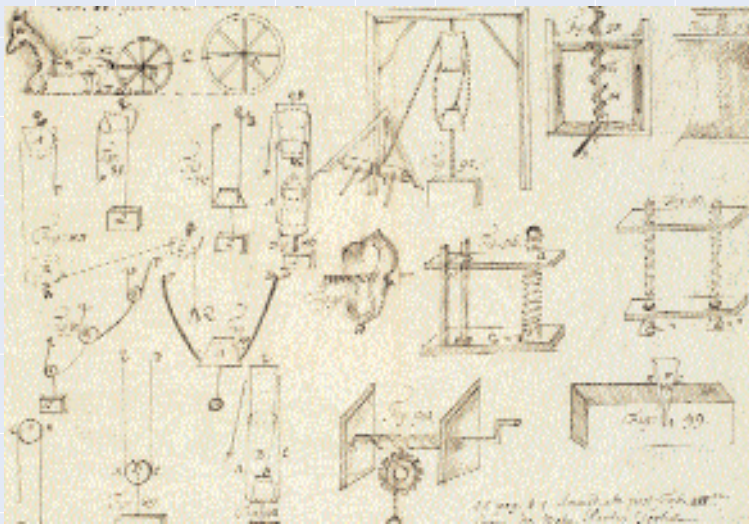
He wants to discover where and how much Gaelic is spoken in the city – and not just access those who are members of special societies or who send their children to the Edinburgh primary school where they can be taught in the language. "Some people are easier to find than others because they are part of what you might call the Gaelic community. We're trying to track down everyone who uses the language," he says.

Dr McLeod himself is an American who first took to Gaelic as an undergraduate in Aberdeen before moving to Edinburgh as a postgraduate. How do Scots like learning Gaelic from a man from Boston? "It's difficult enough from anyone so you might as well buckle down and learn the genitive case," he laughs. 

For more information on the University's Alumni Fund, visit the website: www.dev.ed.ac.uk

ExhibitEd THE TALBOT RICE GALLERY

PROGRAMME: JUNE-DECEMBER 2003



OBJECT LESSONS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

7 June – 19 July

A chance to view the treasures of the University's Collections and a demonstration of their enduring place in the intellectual and imaginative life of the University. Including fine art artefacts, design objects, rare manuscripts and the University's internationally renowned collection of early keyboard instruments, among a host of others.

For the first time ever, the University brings together its collections, to demonstrate their role, and the role of collecting, in research, and to explore the threads of intellectual development that link objects over time.

See also Object Lessons feature on page 22.

OBJECT LESSONS EVENTS

LECTURES

THE LESSON OF OBJECT LESSONS

Professor Duncan Macmillan 6 June at 4pm

FACE AND IDENTITY

Professor Vicki Bruce 2 July at 6pm

LUNCHTIME TALKS all at 1pm

11 June JOY OF DISCOVERY

University science communicators explore the collections

25 June LIBRARY COLLECTIONS & THEIR DONORS

Peter Freshwater discusses manuscripts and rare books

9 July A RUSSELL COLLECTION HARPSICHORD AND ANOTHER'S LID

Dr Grant O'Brian of the music faculty will discuss the exhibition's rare musical instruments

A MIDSUMMER'S CONCERT

21 June at 7pm in the Red Gallery. Tickets £15.00.

Bach and Handel played on the University's world famous double manual harpsichord by Dr John Kitchen of the Historical Music Faculty.

NUTS AND BOLTS

25 June at 6pm. The exhibition designer of Object Lessons, will give a behind the scenes insight into the fabrication of the exhibition.

CHILDREN'S ART DAY

3 July. Children's activities exploring objects in the exhibition.

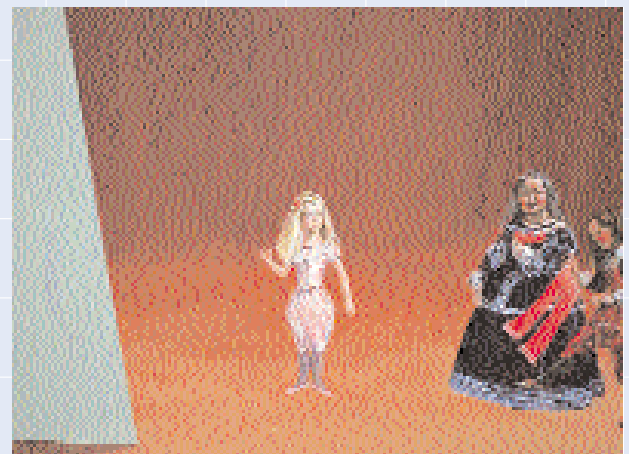
Sessions at 10am, 12 noon, 3pm & 4pm

The event will continue all day, booking is essential.

Unless otherwise stated, events are free. For further information or to book tickets for the Midsummer's concert, please contact the Gallery.

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DAVID GREGORY 1694
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below
Artificial Pneumothorax apparatus, late
20th Century (LHSA)



round room

7 June - 19 July

OLIVIA IRVINE

ALICE AND THE INFANTA

The Alice and Infanta paintings play with art history and fairy tales.

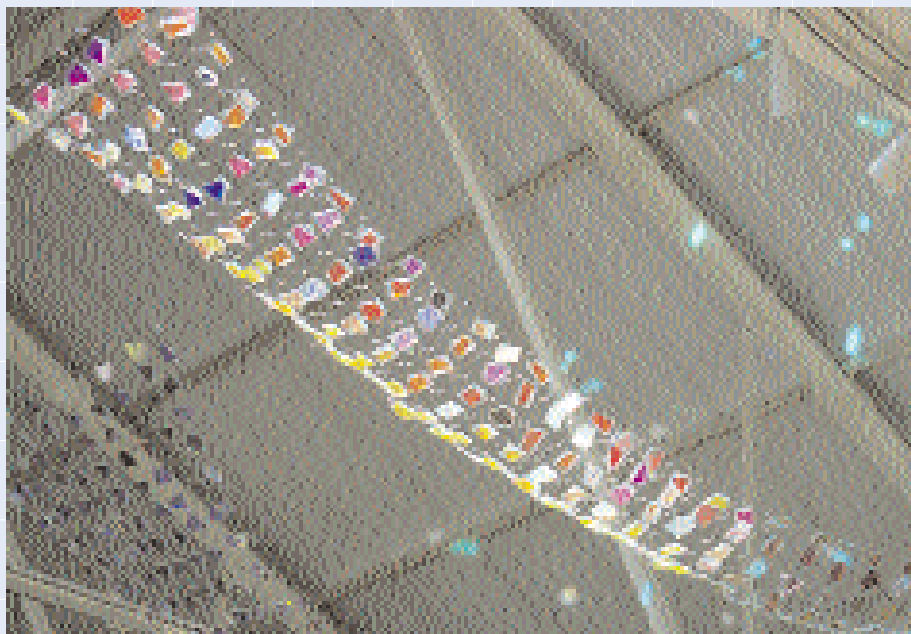
The characters are taken from Velazquez's Las Meninas and Carroll's Alice.



THE RED GALLERY PERMANENT COLLECTION

The Talbot Rice Gallery houses the University's permanent collection in the Red 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 to the Red Gallery is free.

- ▼ KEIKO MUKIADE
LUCID IN THE SKY
 Stainless steel, wire and
 glass fragments, 2002



EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL
 FESTIVAL EXHIBITION
 KEIKO MUKAIDE
SPIRIT OF PLACE

9 August - 13 September 2003

Keiko Mukaide's work is informed by ancient principles of geomancy – an art that analyses the subtle earth energies that ebb and flow throughout the landscape, assisting and enhancing a relationship with spirit and place.

For the Festival exhibition, Mukaide will create a commissioned three-dimensional structure that will hang from the eight-metre Gallery atrium. The structure will be created of glass, titanium and plastic and will be supported by a sound work referring to location – East, West, North and South.

This major Lottery-funded project will offer an opportunity to see new work from Mukaide.

EVENTS

KEIKO MUKAIDE IN CONVERSATION

13 August

EDINBURGH COLLEGE OF
 PARAPSYCHOLOGY TALK

20 August

SCOTTISH GEOMANCY GROUP WORKSHOP

3 September

Gallery Festival opening hours are as follows:

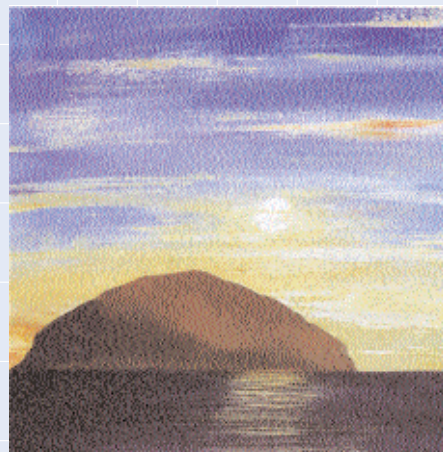
Mon – Sat: 10 – 5pm, Sun: 2 – 5pm.



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 THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
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 EDINBURGH, EH8 9YL
 Gallery opening hours Tues - Sat 10 - 5pm Admission free

Tel: 0131 650 2211 / email: info.talbotrice@ed.ac.uk / www.trg.ed.ac.uk
 There is a lift with wheelchair access to both floors of the White Gallery

- ▼ FRANCES WALKER
COASTAL GLIMPSES
 Oil on canvas, 1993



FRANCES WALKER

26 September - 1 November

Scottish painter Frances Walker will show a new series of works exploring the Scottish landscape.

round room

CLIVE & MARIANNE GREATED

26 September - 1 November

JOHN MCLEAN

14 November - 13 December 2003

New abstract works by one of Britain's foremost abstract painters.

round room

ANDREW MACKENZIE

14 November - 13 December 2003

JOHN MCLEAN
HARBOUR 2002
 Acrylic on canvas
 214.5 x 157 cms





JOHN KNOX
1505 - 1572



I M M A C U L A T E

collections

As the University prepares for a major exhibition of its collections this summer, Professor DUNCAN MacMILLAN explains the contribution these objects have made, and how we can still learn from them.

THE STORY of human achievement is a roll call of great names, but there are not many institutions that can claim a place alongside the men and women whose names appear there. The University of Edinburgh certainly can make that claim, however. It can do so too, not for occasional moments of distinction, but for a steady history of achievement over centuries. This was shaped by the University's adoption early on of the principles and methods of empirical thought and adapting its teaching methods accordingly. From this developed its pre-eminence, and the pre-eminence of those connected with it, in medicine and in other branches of empirical science in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The work that has continued in these areas and in quite new areas that have evolved from them has extended that tradition to the present day and so too will shape the future.

Empirical thought depends on the evidence of experience and so on the practical study of the observed world. To that end, the collection of objects, their study and classification were an integral part of research and of teaching which, from an early date, came increasingly to be based on practical experience in science and in medicine. For these reasons, museums and collections developed throughout the University – some of them of enormous scientific importance. Some of these were transitory, reflecting the research needs of the moment, while others proved more permanent. Indeed, 150 years ago, part of

the University's scientific collections was given to the newly founded museum in Chambers Street to lay the foundations of what was to become the Royal Museum of Scotland.

Coming up in June this year is a major exhibition at the Talbot Rice Gallery – 'Object Lessons: Highlights from the Collections of Edinburgh University' will bring together a selection of treasures from various collections that the University still holds. These range across the disciplines. The musical collections held in the Reid School and St Cecilia's Hall are of international importance, for instance. The University also has a major portrait collection, the origins of which go back to the foundation of the institution in the late sixteenth century and which is the visible record of the great individuals who have made the institution what it is. There are also important collections in medicine, geology and various branches of the sciences, while all sorts of other historically significant objects are held in different parts of the institution. In addition to all this, the exhibition will draw on the rich holdings of the University Library's Special Collections.

The exhibition will explore some of the threads of intellectual development that link objects and which reflect continuous lines of thought that have evolved over centuries, connecting the past with preoccupations that are still current today. In particular, the objects assembled will reflect a tradition of research in which visual analysis and the visual projection of ideas have been central for a very long

time. Altogether the exhibition will show the quality and range of the University Collections and their continuing value as tools for research. It will also demonstrate their importance to the wider public as a means of access to the University's history and its current activity, and the links between these things.

THE OBJECTS in the exhibition will be of such quality that they will naturally engage public interest and will also demonstrate how the collections can bring prestige to the institution. Names like David Hume, James Hutton, Joseph Black, Charles Darwin, Joseph Lister and James Young Simpson belong among the very greatest of those who have contributed to human understanding of the world and also to the amelioration of the human condition. But the achievement of many others will be celebrated here too: Alexander Munro, who effectively founded the Medical Faculty, and Sophia Jex Blake, who overcame enormous opposition to become its first woman graduate; Charles Bell, who uncovered the working of the nervous system; James Clerk Maxwell, ranked alongside Newton and Einstein in the history of physics; James Cosser Ewart, a pioneer of modern genetics, and John Crofton, who contributed so much to the elimination of TB in the modern world. Nor will the exhibition focus only on the past. It will bring the story up to date – right up to Dolly the Sheep, in fact – to illustrate some of the current cutting edge research which builds on this long tradition and will no doubt continue to do so.



Artificial Pneumothorax Apparatus

Developed by John Crofton for collapsing the lungs in the treatment of Tuberculosis
Lothian Health Services
Archive, Object Collection,
late 19th century



Photograph of a foal with its mother, one of the results of James Cossar Ewart's famous genetic experiments at the turn of the century

James Cossar Ewart (1851-1933) was a zoologist. A fellow of the Royal Society, he carried out experimental work on the embryonic development of the horse and conducted numerous experiments on his estate - the so-called Penicuik Experiments - on the hybridisation of zebras and horses. He was a pioneer in domestic animal improvement by selective breeding and in the study of animal reproduction. It was largely due to his presence in Edinburgh that the University was chosen as the site for an institute of Animal Genetics, one of the first such in the world. This decision was later to have a major impact on the development of Edinburgh as a major centre of biological research and teaching.



Page from the illuminated manuscript, St Catherine's Book of Hours, 15th century

It is possible to distinguish the work of three artists. The earliest, and the most primitive, was responsible for eleven initials depicting the Passion of Christ. The second worked in the Gothic Style and the third in a more angular mode of about 1430.

A "book of hours" contains portions of the daily church services, together with penitential psalms and other material for private devotion. The wording of the services follows the version introduced into England in the late 12th century known as "the Use of Sarum". This book was given to the Library in 1679.



The only known example of a 19th century contrabass serpent

Dr Raymond Parks playing an unusual instrument, the serpent, dating from 1840 and made in Huddersfield. This is a very rare contrabass serpent – sometimes call 'the anaconda' – made of sycamore wood covered in leather and canvas, with brass keys, valves and decoration. From the Edinburgh University Collection of Historic Musical Instruments, kindly lent by Mr A. Myres.



Framed penicillin mould, presented to the University by Alexander Fleming, on the occasion of his Rectorial address in 1952

Inscribed on the reverse:

"The mould that makes Penicillin

To the S.R.C. in memory of the Rectorial Alexander Fleming 1952"

Alexander Fleming (1881-1955) was one of the great figures of 20th century medicine. Not only did he discover the antibiotic powers of penicillin, for which he shared the Nobel Prize, but he was the first to use anti-typhoid vaccines on human beings and pioneered the use of salvarsan for syphilis. He was born and brought up in Ayrshire, spent five years as a shipping clerk, and then became a medical student at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where his prowess in the college rifle team, rather than his undoubted brilliance, first brought him to the attention of the professor running the bacteriological laboratory. He remained at St Mary's for the rest of his career apart from service in the First World War.



Photograph entitled

"Anaesthesia at the age of 17"

Written on the reverse: "The first child to be born while the mother was under the influence of chloroform, the mother attended by Sir J. Y. Simpson"

The youngest son of a baker from Bathgate, West Lothian, James Young Simpson (1811-70) qualified M.D. at Edinburgh at the age of 20 and was appointed to the chair of obstetrics and gynaecology eight years later. Through his pioneering use of anaesthetics in childbirth, the advances he made in gynaecology, and his championship of hospital reform, he became one of the most revered figures in the history of medicine. Simpson first anaesthetised a patient in January 1847, using ether, but subsequently experimented on himself and his assistants in search of a more satisfactory anaesthetic. A trial of chloroform was made on 4 November 1847 when the experimentalist "proved its efficacy by simultaneously falling insensible below the table".

Though it is now hard to believe, the use of chloroform in childbirth was widely attacked as irreligious: in the Book of Genesis, God punishes Eve with the words "in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children". Simpson took on the objectors on their own ground, pointing out that the Hebrew word for "sorrow" can also mean "labour". He added that as God had thought it necessary to send Adam into a deep sleep before removing his rib, He would certainly not disapprove of a similar measure for women in childbirth.

In the end, it was Queen Victoria who paved the way for the general acceptance of chloroform, making use of it at the birth of Prince Leopold in 1853.

Did you know that we have almost 100,000 people registered as alumni of The University of Edinburgh? In some cases, classes from as far back as the early 1940s are still organising events. But it is all too easy to lose contact in the first few years after graduation, so why not consider organising a reunion? Development & Alumni can provide advice on how to get your fellow alumni together for an unforgettable event. For a copy of our Guidelines on Organising a Reunion, simply get in touch with us using the contact details on page xx.

www.dev.ed.ac.uk/events_reunions.htm

REUNIONS IN 2003

1958 MB ChB

28-29th September 2003, Dunkeld House Hotel
Contact: Hugh Murray, 41 Oxbgangs Road, Edinburgh, EH10 7BE
Tel: 0131 445 1965, Email: murray.hm@virgin.net
Web site: www.orgwebs.net/eu58

1960 MB ChB (Mini-Reunion)

Early September 2003, BC, Canada
Contact: Dr Pat James, #20, 951 Homewood Road, Campbell River, BC, V9W 3N7, Canada
Email: ankledeepb@telus.net

1961 MB ChB

7-10 September 2003, Carmel, CA, USA
Contact: Dr A G S Philip, 25710 Deerfield Dr, Los Altos, CA, 94022-3506, USA
Email: agsp2@netscape.net

1963 MB ChB

5-7 September 2003, Peebles Hydro
Contact: Professor John Hunter, Leewood, Rosslyn Castle, Roslin, Midlothian, EH25 9PZ
Tel: 0131 440 2181
Email: jaa.hunter@virgin.net

1963 BDS Reunion

12-14 September 2003, Peebles Hydro
Contact: Dr E M Matthewson, 40 Fountainhall Road, Aberdeen, AB15 4DT or Mr John W Stevenson OBE, Broomknowe, Rhu, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, G84 8NH

1970 MB ChB

3-5 October 2003, Dunkeld House
Contact: Professor Gerry Fowkes,

Wolfson Unit for Prevention of Peripheral Vascular Diseases, Public Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh, Teviot Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9AG
Tel: 0131 650 3220

1973 BDS

20-21 June 2003, Point Hotel, Edinburgh
Contact: Mr David Torgersen, Drumalbyn, Highlandman, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 3QL

1973 MB ChB

7-8 November 2003, Crown Plaza, Edinburgh
Contact: Dr Diana Holton, c/o Newton Port Surgery, Haddington, East Lothian, EH41 3NF

1978 MB ChB

5-7 September 2003, Dunkeld House Hotel
Contact: Dr Vicki Clark, 10 Glebe Street, Dalkeith, Midlothian, EH22 1JG

1983 MA(SS) Geography

Friday 7th November 2003: Informal Gathering; Saturday 8th November 2003: Dinner. Venues: Edinburgh, tbc
Contact: Mr David R Pyper, 83 Comiston Drive, Edinburgh, EH10 5QT
Email: d.pyper@blueyonder.co.uk

1983 MB ChB

7-8 November 2003, Dunkeld House Hotel
Contact: Dr Gillian Irvine, Feo'Ran, Craig Na Gower Avenue, Aviemore, Inverness-shire, PH22 1RW

1987 BSc Civil Engineering

September / October 2003
Contact: John Douglas, 38a Inverleith Place, Edinburgh, EH3 5QB
Email: John.Douglas@let-it-be-thus.com or Mr Barry White Email: Barry.White@partnersipsuk.org.uk

1991/92 (Hons) BSc Social Sciences - Nursing

Date: Saturday 6th September 2003
Venue: Edinburgh
Contact: Ms Anne Sheridan (email: annesh Sheridan@onetel.com) or Ms Victoria Traynor (email: vtraynor@hotmail.com)

1993 MBA Reunion

Date: 13-15 June 2003
Venue: Management School & City Chambers, Edinburgh
Contact: Mr Alan MacRae, Craigenroan, Friarsbrae, Linlithgow, West Lothian, EH49 6BQ
Email: alan.macrae@ltsbsaf.co.uk or Ms Carol Creech email: clcreech@optonline.net

1998 MBA (Full-Time) Reunion

Date: Friday 22nd August - Sunday 24th August 2003 Venue: The Management School, Edinburgh
"Welcoming Wine & Cheese Event" at The Management School on Friday 22nd August - £5 per head; Saturday "brunch" and a hike on Arthur's Seat (weather permitting)
Contact: Mr Brandon P Simmons, 5901 Marden Lane, Oakland, CA 94611, USA
Email: bpsimmons@earthlink.net

REUNIONS IN 2004

1959 Chemistry

Late September 2004, Edinburgh
Contact: Dr J David R Vass, Guschet Neuk, 33 Ochloch Park, Dunblane, Perthshire, FK15 0DX

1959 MB ChB

2004, Banff, Canada
Contact: Dr Iain Weston, 521 1000th Street, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, S9A 0T3, Canada
Email: ilweston@sk.sympatico.ca

1968-70 Geology Graduates Reunion 35(ish)th Anniversary

Summer 2004, Edinburgh, dates and venues tbc
Daily events, based on the successful format of the 20th and 30th anniversary reunions, will include: Thursday: Convivial Departmental Reception, Tours, etc. Friday: Extravagant Dinner. Saturday: Geological Field Excursion and Pub Evening. Reunionists will comprise geology graduates of 1968 to 1970, historically concurrent post-graduate students, academic and technical staff, and friends of all of these. The previous reunion events attracted 70 of our cohort. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the previous organisers by email.
Contact: John Langlands, email: John@Langlands.org.uk or Colin Graham, Email: Colin.Graham@glg.ed.ac.uk
Wanted: New organisers for the 2004 event. Would Edinburgh-based volunteers please contact John Langlands via email for details of the proposed handover?

1974 MB ChB

2-4 April 2004, Edinburgh & Dunkeld House Hotel
Contact: Dr Roger Simmons, Tigh an Lighiche, Bunrannoch Place, Kinloch Rannoch, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 5PZ
Email: roger.simmons1@virgin.net

ALUMNI CLUBS & GROUPS

www.dev.ed.ac.uk/clubs_organisations.htm

NEW CLUBS

Friends of Bedlam/ EU Dramsoc/ EU Theatre Company

Following our Edinburgh Launch in March, the new alumni association for friends of Edinburgh University Theatre Company had its official launch in London on 24th May. Information on how to join Friends of Beldam can be found at www.bedlamites.co.uk

Belgium

An enthusiastic group of University of Edinburgh alumni are currently working to set up an alumni club in Belgium. If you are living in Belgium and would like to find out more, please contact: ggoldberg@clan-public-affairs.be

Italy

With over 300 Edinburgh alumni in Italy, the recently formed Edinburgh University Alumni Association of Italy is primarily an informal, event-based organisation with events organised locally by a volunteer member. Events will be held all over the country, relying on members to come up with the ideas and volunteer their time. Contact: John Murphy jomurphy@tin.it

Toronto

There are 325 Edinburgh University graduates in the Toronto area with alumni spanning seventy years: from a BMus alumna of 1932, to two 2002 alumnae who graduated BCom and BVM&S respectively.
Following a recent visit to Toronto by Joanna Storror, Development Director (Americas), Paul Bradley and James Hunter canvassed Toronto-based Edinburgh alumni, and identified a steering committee to organise the Edinburgh Club of Toronto (ECOT). The first meeting of the ECOT steering committee was held on 1 April, 2003. An initial social event is planned for 21 June 2003, to coincide with Alban Heruin (Summer Solstice). For more information, Toronto-based Edinburgh alumni are invited to contact:
Paul Bradley BSc 1982: pbradley@dundeesecurities.com (co-chair)
or James Hunter MA 1973: jameshunter@kpmg.ca (co-chair)

CLUB NEWS

Edinburgh University Alumni Association of Italy

Languor in the Langhe

It was little short of miraculous: bright sunshine in the Alba area after four days of solid rain. Just for us, it seemed. Fourteen EUAAI members, partners and kids met on 17 November at the Castello di Grinzane Cavour, reckoned by many to be Piedmont's most beautiful castle. A browse around its famous enoteca revealed mouth-watering chocolate truffles, gianduja and torrone (nougat), all local specialities, like the bottles of Barolo, Barbaresco, Dolcetto, Barbera d'Alba and grappe monovitigne which many of us bought as gourmet souvenirs.

After the tour, we went for lunch at the Cherasco Golf Club, where Elisa, the organiser, is a member. A local white wine soon got the company in high spirits, and after the meal, Elisa's father (a founder-member of the Cherasco Golf Club) had the special rum bottle out to go with the coffee, and plans were being made for future trips. We succeeded in attracting alumni from very wide catchment area which spanned Aresé, Milan, Luino on Lake Maggiore, and Alba/Piedmont, By all accounts,



everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

New Zealand: The Otago and Southland Edinburgh Alumni

There are about 40 Edinburgh alumni in the Otago and Southland regions of New Zealand, an area that includes some of the most diverse and beautiful scenery in New Zealand.

10 alumni regularly get together for dinner in Dunedin, the region's biggest town, which was established about 150 years ago. As many of the original settlers were from Edinburgh, Dunedin has a strong Edinburgh connection reflected in a number of its street names including Princes St, George St, Hanover St and Great King Street. The city centre is dominated by an imposing statue of Robert Burns, strategically sited with his back to the cathedral and facing the pub! Among those who have attended the Edinburgh alumni get-togethers are the Right Rev Dr Penny Jamieson (the Bishop of Dunedin), her husband Dr Ian Jamieson, John Holmes (Medical Officer of Health), Dr Douglas Girvan, Christine McKenzie, Tony and Wanda Gray, Barbara Lee, Jim McArthur, Frank Pilditch, Professor Olaf Simpson, Hugh Stringer, Kathryn Edwards, Dr Anna Holmes and the event organiser, Dr Marjorie Orr.

France

Following the recommendation of member Claudine Dauphin, the French Alumni had dinner in a restaurant on the quays of the Seine in Paris called Le Bel Canto on Saturday 8 March. It was a delightful evening. The surroundings were convivial, the food was delicious and the meal was punctuated by the waiters and waitresses bursting into song. In fact they are all graduates of the Conservatoire of Music and entertain the diners with well-known airs from operas. Everyone agreed that the choice of restaurant was perfect. All our thanks to Claudine.

Please note change of postal address for the French Alumni Association:
Association A.U.E.F., 59 rue Greneta,
75002 PARIS.

China

The 8th international education fair was held in China's major cities, Beijing on 22 February and Shanghai on 1 March. In Shanghai International Exhibition Center, thousands of candidates visited over 50 British universities and schools. Among the top universities presented, Edinburgh was, without doubt, one of the hottest destinations for Chinese students. The courses most frequently enquired about by students included MBA, computer science, arts, LLM, and science courses. The Edinburgh University Alumni Association in China was pleased to send volunteers from both Beijing and Shanghai to help at the University's stands during the exhibition.



Chinese candidates await interviews with University representatives.

WHAT'S ON

Alumni De L'Universite D'Edimbourg en France

The annual outing will take place on 14th & 15th June at Aubigny sur Nere. For information please phone 01 69 00 49 91 or e-mail pamjcl@wanadoo.fr

Los Angeles

Saturday 7th June 2003 from 10am.
Private viewing of 'The Legacy of Genghis Khan' followed by a buffet lunch at the LA County Museum of Art's Japanese Pavillion. Further information from Joanna Storrar:
Joanna.Storrar@ed.ac.uk



Dr Ed Feulner PhD 1981 being honoured for his contribution to the US alumni community.



Alumni and guests enjoy a recent view of the same exhibition in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Boston

18th & 19th October 2003
'Head of the Charles' regatta. Both the men's and women's first VIII from Edinburgh University Boat Club will be taking part; alumni in the Boston area are encouraged to go along and support our students.

Edinburgh University Club of London

Annual Dinner, 12th June 2003, The Caledonian Club, 6.30pm for 7pm.
Tickets £35 per head.

Quarterly Dinner Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London

All members are invited to dine at the Caledonian Club on the first Thursday of the last month in each quarter. No need to book. Meet in the bar at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Jacket and ties are required for entry into the Club. Cost to be shared on an agreed basis at the end of the evening. Transport to Victoria, Paddington and various points west can be provided afterwards.

For more information on these events please contact Miss Rosalind Topping, email: Rosalind.topping@rcpch.ac.uk

Edinburgh University Club of Manchester Golf Day

The venue is Pleasington G.C., (an Open qualifying course) near Blackburn on Thursday 10th July. Tee off at 2.00pm, with dinner at 7.30pm. To register your interest, please contact Donald Scott, Calvert Cottage, Brindle, Chorley, Lancs. PR6 8NH, Tel: 01254 852509 by Friday 4th July.

General Council

Half-yearly Meeting and Lunch
Saturday 28 June 2003 at the New Medical School.

All members of the General Council are encouraged to attend the half-yearly meeting of the Council and, with their families and friends, are welcome to attend the Reception and Lunch to be held in The Common Room, The Chancellor's Building, The Medical School, University of Edinburgh, Little France, Edinburgh, which will follow the meeting. Dr Michael Shea, Chairman of the Royal Lyceum Theatre and previously Press Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen, will give the after-lunch address. For further information and ticket application form see page 42.



Habitual prize winner

DR SHEILA MOORE MB ChB 1954 makes a habit of winning raffles, but it will be difficult to top her latest success – a Swan Hellenic Discovery cruise of her choice for two people. This fabulous prize was awarded to Development & Alumni for being the cruise company's top performing alumni association in 2002, and we were pleased to be able to pass this on to our previous cruisers through a prize draw, held on February 14th.

Dr Moore has enjoyed cruising with Swan Hellenic on many previous occasions, going back many years, and is looking forward to experiencing the new ship, Minerva II. "The prize was a wonderful surprise, and I have already chosen my cruise!"

For more information about our alumni travel programme, see www.dev.ed.ac.uk/alumni_travel.htm

Reunion Fundraising

Increasingly, reunion organisers are choosing to mark a significant anniversary of their graduation by making a 'class gift' to the University.

1972 MB ChB Reunion, 11-12th October 2002

The organising committee for our year's thirty-year reunion, decided to break with tradition and hold the reunion in Edinburgh. This proved be a good decision: sixty-three graduates and fifty-one partners turned up to see the old place and enjoy the memories.

The programme included a Friday Evening Reception in the Playfair Library; a (vaguely) Scientific Meeting on Saturday morning in the old Anatomy Lecture Theatre and a Ceilidh Dinner on Saturday in the MacDonald Holyrood Hotel.

A number of interesting relics of past glories from student days emerged from attics – including, amazingly, a stash of old Final Year Books – and a booklet of biographies was in great demand.

The costs were calculated to include a donation to the Medical School, resulting in £2,500 being raised by our class towards this project.

Rumours are now going round about a thirty-five year reunion in New Zealand. Pity about the Americas Cup, though. That would have been the perfect excuse.....



1967 BSc Chemical Engineering Reunion, August 2002

The BSc Chemical Engineers of 1967 returned to Edinburgh in August 2002 for a busy few days revisiting old haunts, seeing the changes that have taken place here in the last 25 years, and generally enjoying catching up with one another's news.

Following their get-together, the class decided to mark this special occasion with a 'class gift' to the Alumni Fund, raising over £12,000.

Questionnaire winner

The winner of our annual questionnaire prize draw for 2003 was Mrs Natasha Meynell MA 1995. Mrs Meynell and her family are looking forward to their short break at Peebles Hotel Hydro: "With a new baby on the way this year, this break could not have come at a better time and will constitute our summer holiday!" she said.

Erratum

Sincere apologies to Nicola McEwan MA 1996 for an error that occurred in the last issue of EDiT. News from fellow graduate Andy Howe was wrongly printed beside Nicola's name in the World Service section. This has been corrected in the current issue.

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To request information, please tick the appropriate boxes, complete the address block and return to: Development & Alumni, The University of Edinburgh, FREEPOST, EH565, EDINBURGH, EH8 0BR, Scotland, UK.
Email: Development@ed.ac.uk

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Degree & Subject

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ALUMNI ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

- ☐ Please send me my Alumni Passport (new applicants only)
- ☐ Please send me the Alumni Contact booklet listing groups and contacts across the world
- ☐ Please send me a copy of your Guidelines on Organising a Reunion
- ☐ Please send me details of Swan Hellenic Cruises

MAKING A DONATION

- ☐ To make a donation to the Alumni Fund or leave a legacy to the University please see the coupon in 'A Commitment to Excellence'

LOST ALUMNI & GRADUATE UPDATES

Do you know of a fellow graduate who has recently moved to a new address or who is not getting University publications? If so, please give us their details.

Title & Full Name

Degree & Subject

Address

Post Code

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WORLD SERVICE

Please give us news to be included in future editions of EDiT. We also welcome photographs - please send an SAE if you wish them returned.

Title & Full Name

Maiden Name (if married)

Year of Graduation

Degree & Subject

Address

Post Code

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Update:

World service

Thank you to everyone who sent in news for publication. We are also pleased to forward letters to people listed here. Opinions expressed are those of the contributors.

Miss Julie-Ann Macqueen OBE Convenor of the MacQueen Trust and raises funds by organising events.

Mr John B McGhie About to complete 25 years in IFAD - UN agency dealing with agricultural development. Keeps in contact with as many as possible whenever and where ever!

1930s

Dr Margaret Fleming née Walker MA 1938 MB ChB 1941 Previously organised an MB ChB 1941 reunion and shared the organisation of a second one. Still able to participate in a few local activities, eg Chairman of Gosforth Local History Society.

Dr Elizabeth Rose MB ChB 1938 Leads a 'double life' dividing time between Bridge of Allan and Edinburgh, the family home since 1930.

Dr William Toop MB ChB 1938 Two return trips back to Thailand and China since retirement in 1982.

1940s

Mrs Helen J Richardson née Bichan MA 1940 MED 1954 At 84, still able most weeks to join a silent vigil for peace, in all weathers, in the town centre, since September 2001. Is an active member of Amnesty International.

Dr Herbert Powell MB ChB 1941 Publishing 'A Doctor Remembers with Scalpel and Spanner' recording medical "fun" in Nigeria. Also preparing autobiography.

Mr Denis F Oliver OBE BSc 1942 Current President of the Shire Horse Society, the first veterinary surgeon to be so honoured in its 125 year old history.

Mrs Yvonne M Burns née Birnie MA 1943 Dip 1944 Working on family history.

Dr Dorothy Toop née Walker MB ChB 1944 Lives in a most excellent retirement village where every level of care is available. Has enjoyed recent alumni reunions alongside husband Dr William Toop (MB ChB 1938).

Dr William Barton MBE FRCP MB ChB 1945 Drs Bill Barton, John Abbott and Alec Moffatt, three MB ChB graduates of 1945, had a reunion in Victoria, B.C., Canada, in May 2002, during a visit of Dr Barton to Canada. Drs Abbott and Moffatt have both retired in Victoria.

Professor Emeritus Asher S Kaufman BSc 1945 BSc 1948 Third book on the temples of Jerusalem should appear this year, entitled 'The Temple Mount: Where is the Holy of Holies?'

Dr Margaret Macnair MB ChB 1945 Retired December 1988 and lives in London. Has five children, two of whom have studied at the University.

Sir Francis McWilliams GBE BSc 1945 Dr hc 1994

Published 'Pray Silence for Jock Whittington', a biography giving an insight into the life of a modern Lord Mayor of London.

Dr Colin Walker MB ChB 1946 MD 1952 Vice-chairman Dundee and District Pre-Retirement Council. www.ddprc.co.uk.

Dr Robert Fergusson MBE MB ChB 1947 Awarded Fellowship of BMA last year. Believed to be the only one to come to Scotland in that year. Awarded both Associate and Founder Member 50th Anniversary Medals of RCGP. Believed to be only Fellow to hold both!

Dr Alexander Roy BSc 1947 On returning to Australia in 2001, became a volunteer for Australian National Insect Collection (CSIRO Canberra) where spends four days per week looking after the spider collection. A life-time job!

Mrs Sheila Scheer née Cockbaine MA 1947 Member of Teacher's Union, local Social Democratic Party, Deputy-Chair of board of Freiburg German-American Institute. Enthusiastic hobby painter (Crete) and grandmother of two. Willing to serve as contact for UoE students in the Freiburg area.

Dr Ganpati Sharma PhD 1947 Awarded eminent Indian Zoologist of the 20th Century Gold Medal in recognition of outstanding contributions and achievements in the disciplines of zoology and cytogenetics by the Zoological Society of India on 29 December 2001.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mackay of Clashfern MA 1948 LLB 1955 Recently appointed as Commissary of the University of Cambridge.

Mrs Christian S Ledley née Elliot Certificate 1948 Still doing voluntary senior health insurance counselling administered by The University of Maryland co-operative extension service.

Mrs Margaret M Patterson née Fraser MA 1948 Returned to the University as PhD candidate in 1999. Topic of thesis to be a case study of NGO in MWFF, Pakistan, to provide primary health-care to a group of 100,000 Afghan refugees.

Professor John Richmond CBE MB ChB 1948 MD 1963 Has recently published his memoirs entitled 'Life's Jigsaw - A Medical Man Finds The Pieces' ISBN: 1 84104 025 8.

Mr Paul H Scott CMG MA 1948 MLitt 1987 Autobiography published April 2002, 'A Twentieth Century Life' (Argyll Publishing) which includes a chapter about own student days in Edinburgh in the 1940s.

Dr Jean Balfour née Drew CBE FRSE BSc 1949 Serving on the RSE Foot and Mouth inquiry and Steering Group on support for private forestry as part of the delivery of the Scottish Forestry Strategy.

Mrs Judith U Poore née Thompson BSc 1949 Retired to Inverness-shire. Is writing a book about one of husband's Victorian relatives.

1950s

Mr C Derek Cooke, 1950 In 80th year, and despite suffering from shingles, recently moved 3,000 miles from the Blue Mountains to a suburb of Perth, Australia.

Mrs Marietta Jenkins née Neustein MA 1950 Voluntary work as a tutor for ABE (Adult Basic Education). Helps a young man in his twenties with basic English.

Dr Farquhar Macintosh CBE MA 1950 Dr hc 1992 Chairs the governing body of Sabhal Mor Ostaig (the Skye Gaelic College) which won the Queen's Anniversary Prize 2003 for Higher and Further Education.

Mr Peter D Moncrieff BSc 1950 Dip Ed 1951 Invented in BSc Chemistry 1950 Reunion. Also Football Dinner.

Mr Ralph Naylor BSc 1950 Active hobby woodworker. Volunteer tutor at local High School.

Dr Robert Strang BSc 1950 Awarded Gov General's Jubilee Award, Oct 2002, for continued outstanding community service; along with 21 other residents of Surrey/Langley Federal Riding.

Dr Thomas Barr BSc 1951 BSc 1955 Retired. Takes

occasional contracts with Health Canada or Veterinary Drug Manufacturers to ensure that veterinary drugs comply with the (Canadian) Food and Drug Regulations.

Dr Oswald Burton MB ChB 1951 Continues to practice age 82 - what else would he do?

Rev Dr Garth W Legge PhD 1951 Awarded the Order of Canada by the Government of Canada, designated GM, as a Member of the Order.

Mr Donald W Macleod MA 1951 Volunteer with Blythswood Care, Evanton, Ross-shire a computer programming/building/repairing service for charity.

Mr Donald H Madden 1951 Researches philatelically GB line-engraved stamps. Awarded fellowship Royal Philatelic Society London

Dr William McIntyre MB ChB 1951 Shares an involvement in USA, Probus and Photography Clubs with wife Valerie.

Dr Daniel Anderson MA 1952 MSc 1973 Completed Millennium Fund project with 2 friends to build wildlife garden for Graysmill School for children with special needs. Active Water of Leith, RSPB, Phenology Project, observer and web reporter.

Professor Donald Demaray PhD 1952 Latest books are 'With His Joy: The Life and Ministry of David L McKenna' (Indianapolis: Light and Life Communications) and 'Proclaiming the Truth: Guides to Scriptural Preaching' (Nappanee, Indiana: Evangel Press).

Professor Alastair Fowler FBA MA 1952 Book 'Renaissance Realism' (OUP, 2003) was published on 5th January.

Dr Oliver Wilson MB ChB 1952 Founding Fellow (and Secretary, East of Scotland Regional Committee) Institute of Contemporary Scotland. Still member of board of directors, world associate for psycho social rehabilitation (Consultants to WHO and UNESCO).

Professor Raymond A Coppenger PhD 1953 Researching Coppenger family history and recently visited Ireland to view 'Coppenger's Court' in West Cork. Spent a week in Seattle on a mission trip with FBC Arkadelphia - a painting job of large church complex. Celebrated 93rd birthday in September 2002.

Dr Robert Elinor PhD 1954 Book 'Bhudda as Christ: Images of Wholeness' (Lutherworth) in 2001.

Sister Phoebe M Hanmer MA 1954 Moving to the United Kingdom in August 2003.

Dr Susan Schanche née Gaddum MB ChB 1954 Retired from medical work and now translates medical texts from Norwegian to English.

Dr Thomas Stevenson MB ChB 1954 Awarded Order of Australia in Australia Day Honours List, 2002.

Dr Gordon Daniels MB ChB 1955 Diploma in Art and Design, Beverly College, Beverly, East Yorkshire, 2000.

Dr Peter Paterson-Brown MB ChB 1955 Co-organises with wife, June, MB ChB 1955 Graduates Reunion and has done so since 1965. The next one is in Autumn 2005!

Dr Elizabeth Harvey Wood OBE MA 1956 PhD 1972 Book published 'Sir Walter Scott' (Northcote House, 2003) under the name Harriet Harvey Wood.

Mr Ronald Stainton BSc 1956 Fully retired. Volunteer signalman on Kent & East Sussex Railway. Member of Medway Yacht Club and sails a Wayfarer dinghy on River Medway with wife Angela.

Mr Michael W Stone BSc 1956 Received lifetime achievement spectra award for more than 25 years service to the Alberta Pork Industry at the Annual Meeting of Alberta Pork in Calgary in December 2002.

Dr Bridget Wilcken née Buchanan MB ChB 1956 Awarded Order of Australia (AM) for services to genetic metabolic disease and newborn screening. Current NH and MRC grant to investigate newborn Screening by Tandem Mass Spectrometry. 4 sons, 4 grand-daughters, still working 75%.

Mrs Elizabeth Grubb née Grant MA 1957 Retired now for 2 years in the clean, fresh air of South Queensferry. Church, family and especially 6 grandchildren fully occupy the time!

Professor James Russell MA 1957 Recently retired as Professor of Classics, University of British Columbia. Still active in archaeological field work in Turkey and President of the Classical Association of Canada (2000-2002).

Professor J V S Megaw MA 1958 D Litt 1992 Plans, along with his wife, to divide time between South Australia and Scotland where he shall be based in Glasgow.

Mr Alexander R Neish MA 1958 LLB 1961 His British pewter collection now forms the core of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's Museum of British Pewter at Stratford Upon Avon's Harvard House. Early December 2002 it received a private visit by the Prince of Wales.

Mr John E Burgess MA 1959 Retired from teaching music and moved to France. Is writing music full-time and creating and running a symphony orchestra. Currently creating an operetta from Flecker's Hassan and hopes that the Edinburgh Graduates Theatre Group might present it as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations.

Mrs Joan M Gardiner née Thomson MA 1959 Currently working in a voluntary capacity with previously disadvantaged learners with learning difficulties.

Dr Colin Mailer MB ChB 1959 Translation of three volume 'The History of Contact Lenses' by Robert Heitz published by Wayburgh, Ostende, Belgium, 2003. Arranged class reunion which is due to take place in Banff, Canada in Sept 2004.

1960s

Mrs Fiona M Cowles née Fletcher MA 1960 Has devoted her time to environmental research work volunteer groups, especially concerning conservation of the Oak Ridges, N of Toronto and establishing a long distance hiking trail along it.

Ms Harriet Hoskyns-Abrahall BL 1960 2002 was a very physical year! 1) Bungy jumped 150ft in New Zealand 2) Walked the Milford Track 3) Swam a three-mile open water race in Georgia, USA 4) Body surfed at eight beaches & swam in mist - all in 28hrs with ex-captain of EU Swim Team (1958/60), Morna Tinaal, (now Hill) in Sydney, Australia.

Professor D R Fraser Taylor MA 1960 PhD 1966 Appointed Chancellor's Professor, June 2002. Awarded a major research grant of \$2.6 million for a project entitled 'Cybercartography and the New Economy' by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Dr Malcolm Willis PhD 1960 Breeds dogs and judges them in competitions around the world. Writes for 'Dogs Today' & 'Our Dogs'.

Dr Leonard Grant PhD 1961 Since retiring as President of Elmira College, has served two Presbyterian Churches as an Associate Pastor and is currently Director of Planned Giving in a 1200 Member Congregation.

Professor Isobel Contento BSc 1962 Appointed The Mary Swartz Rose Professor of Nutrition & Education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Mr Martin Fenn-Smith BSc 1962 Has worked in Gibraltar for the past four years and is just about to retire early and return to the UK.

Mrs S F G Forde MA 1962 MA 1971 Soon to publish her husband's second novel Scots 'Hale in Sundries' (self-publishing as no help available). His first book, 'The Paix Machine' (1996) was the first novel in Scots.

Prof K Linklater BVM&S 1962 PhD 1971 Retired in July 2002, after 30 years with the Scottish Agriculture College, culminating in appointment as Principal in 1999.

A I B Moffat RD DL BSc 1962 Visiting Fellow, University of Newcastle. Appointed HM Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Northumberland (2002).

Mr Gordon Paton MA 1962 Enjoying retirement



Mr David J Moir BSc 1960 Retired but not bored - golf at Cruden Bay sees to that and performs to a dangerous - 50 friends say - 16 handicap! Three sons and four grandchildren and a long suffering and lovely wife of 43 years.

and serving on District and Town Councils (Mid-Suffolk and Stowmarket). Qualified as Blue Badge Tourist Guide, Bury St Edmunds. Recently travelled Trans-Siberian Railway from Beijing to St. Petersburg and Helsinki.

Dr Joan Abbott-Chapman née Abbott MA 1963 PhD 1965 She plans to retire from University of Tasmania in June 2003 but continue research in education as an independent scholar.

Mr Garth H Clemson BMus 1963 Composer, performer. Teaches piano and violin privately at home. Has extended interests to writing short stories and novels.

Dr Katrina Eastwood née Taylor MB ChB 1963 Works part-time as a GP Psychotherapist. Regularly visits her two grandchildren and family near Toronto. Enjoys walking dog and going to her cottage north of Kingston.

Mrs Linda Healey née Peat MA 1963 Housewife - support system for three doctors - two juniors and one senior!

Mrs Sheena Jones née Dowling MA 1963 Retired from College Museum in March 2003 and hopes to work in the New Zealand Museum Service as a volunteer.

Mr Charles Lawson BSc CA FSI BSc 1963 Enjoying retirement with golf and many trips to Granada to visit his Spanish grandchildren.

Mr Robert Dower BArch 1964 Appointed Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Northumberland September 2002.

Rev Alasdair Gordon LLB 1964 BD 1969 About to bring out a second edition of his student textbook on contract law.

Mr Robert G Heath BSc 1964 Founding member of the NADC (North America Development Committee) for Edinburgh University. Chairman, Music Conservatory of Westchester. Chairman, ASTM committee on Playground Safety Surfaces.

Dr Margaret Omberg née Eunson MA 1964 Dip 1965 Has just completed a six-year period as Head of Department of Language and Culture and is looking forward to a few years of research before retirement.

Dr M Jean Besson née McFarlane MA 1965 PhD 1974 Book published in November 2002: 'Martha Brae's Two Histories: European Expansion and Caribbean Culture-Building in Jamaica'.

Rev Dr James M Francis MA 1965 BD 1968 Appointed Principal of Durham Diocese Ordained Local Ministry Course in October 2002 and non-residential Canon of Durham Cathedral in 2001. Editor of a book which has connections with New College, G. Newlands 'John and Donald Baillie: Transatlantic Theology'.

Dr Schuyler Jones CBE MA (SS) 1965 Distinguished Professor, Wichita State University. Still writing and studying - mainly history and philosophy. Cutting firewood, building bookcases, making and filling compost bins. Lecturing on the history and cultures of Afghanistan.

Professor Jacob A Oluyemi MSc 1965 Secretary of the Nigerian Chapter of the Edinburgh University Alumni Association.

Mr James P Orr BVM&S 1965 Since retirement, spent 6 months working as a Pathologist Locum at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), London, England; several months working part-time for Prairie Diagnostic Services in Saskatchewan; and 3 weeks as a volunteer advisor for CESO in Shandong Province of China.

Mr Donald A Reid LLB 1965 Retired as a partner with Morton Fraser WS. Now working as an independent consultant on environmental law.

Dr Quentin Robinson MB ChB 1965 Completed 30 years as Consultant Anaesthetist at Wharfedale General Hospital, which is now part of Leeds teaching Hospitals Trust, on 1st January 2003. Still enjoys working!

Dr Marianne Schrimpf née Cardale MA 1965 Continuing archaeological research. Reparation of a well-illustrated book in English on the archaeology of the Calima region in Colombia for publication in 2003.

Dr John Fowler BVM&S 1966 PhD 1970 Elected Fellow, Academy of Toxicological Sciences (USA). Elected Vice President, International Assembly for Recognition of Toxicologists.

Mr Brian D Johnstone BSc 1966 Working for an international firm of consultant engineers involved in construction projects in both public and private sector. Specialising in multi-disciplinary expertise in food sector developments.

Mr Thomas M Ross OBE BSc 1966 Recently appointed as President of the Faculty of Actuaries.

Miss Dorothy Thomson BSc 1966 Plans to retire in July 2003 after 33 years in cytogenetics at Birmingham Women's Hospital and after 2 years in genetics at the Edinburgh Children's Hospital.

Mrs Veronica Barrington née Finlay MA 1967 Enjoying working for the National Trust for Scotland Gardens Department based in Charlotte Square.

Miss Sheila Duffy MA 1967 Was a journalist for 32 years and now edits the Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society magazine, with worldwide readership. If you have an interest in Scottish roots, e-mail her on editor@gwsfhs.org.uk.

Professor Ian S Fraser AO MB ChB 1967 Appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, for services to Medicine.

Mr James W Harkness BVM&S 1967 Almost retired but still undertaking short-term contract work in relation to veterinary services, mainly for the EU. Returning to family home also means more sailing, golf etc and the chance to study the humanities.

Dr I Michael Torkington MB ChB 1967 Retired to Abersoch, N. Wales. Enjoying occasional locums, watersports, golf and planting woodland. Has refurbished stable block for rent.

Dr Margaret Cook née Whitmore MB ChB 1968 Has published a book 'Lords of Creation: The Demented World of Men in Power' (Robson Books), November 2002.

Dr Roger Cull BSc (M) 1968 MB ChB 1971 Consultant Clinical Neurologist at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. Is an active jazz pianist and band leader in his spare time.

Ms Anna Gowans Miller née Gowans MA 1968 CPA (Certified Public Accountant) for over 20 years. Has contracts with the US Department of Defense to do examinations of projects and evaluate the savings generated by different teams in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

Dr Michael Knowles PhD 1968 Recently elected as President-Elect of the International Association of Applied Psychology.

Dr John Mason BSc 1968 PhD 1972 Took early retirement after 30 years in the agrochemical industry and retired to the UK from Germany. Now works as a consultant providing regulatory support on biocides.

Mr Edward K Miller MA (SS) 1968 Most recent recording 'Many's the Fine Tale' released July 2002. Chosen to be a performer and presenter at the 2003 National Folklife Festival in Washington DC, June-July 2003, where Scotland is the featured country.

Dr Walter S Nimmo BSc (M) 1968 MB ChB 1971 Elected entrepreneur of the year Nov 2002

Mr James G Rennie BSc 1968 Chair - Skeabost & District Community Council Clerk, Skye District Salmon Fishery Board Secretary, Isle of Skye Deer Management Group President, Rotary Club of Portree & District (July 2002 - June 2003)

Mrs Petal J Roberts-Leijon née Roberts MA 1968 Exhibition, 'Legends of the Rain Forest' (Uppsala Theatre Gallery, Spring 2002), shown at the Agnelli Museum, Sala in March 2003 and at Ekebyliov near Stockholm 2004.

Mrs Jennifer I Turnbull née Logan MA 1968 Lives in Cornwall with husband John who is directing the establishment of the New Peninsula Medical School. Their son Max, physically disabled from birth, is a musician with international potential as a jazz pianist.

Ms Yvonne A Baginsky MA (SS) 1969 Recently graduated from Edinburgh College of Art in Drawing and Painting.

Mr Ash Gupta BSc (SS) 1969 Managing Partner of The Gupta Partnership. The period 2002-2003 has been a constructive time for business. RSA Software Security awarded us their pan-European and/ marketing business. RSA advises the CIA on

internet security.

Ms Margaret Newlands BMus 1969 Founder member of anam.cara, vocal trio specialising in a capella arrangements of world music - first cd is called Live@St George's.

Dr Marjorie Orr BVM&S 1969 Organises an annual Christmas dinner for all the alumni she can contact and who wish to attend each year in Dunedin in November.

Dr Brian Perry OBE BVM&S 1969 MSc 1975 Younger daughter is now studying veterinary medicine at UoE.

Mrs Susan Porter née Burtenshaw MA (SS) 1969 Just before Christmas 2002, moved to the Loire Valley area. Intends to start a B&B from Easter 2003. susanporter@wanadoo.fr

Rev Nigel Ponder MA (SS) 1969 Doesn't have the OBE!!! (see last issue Edit p41). Has moved to Edinburgh as the Church of Scotland's HIV/AIDS Project Co-ordinator.

Mr Richard P Ralph CMG MA (SS) 1969 Transferring to Peru as Ambassador after three years as Ambassador in Romania. Remarried (Jemma) in July 2002.

1970s

Teresa M Burrows née Rankin BSc 1970

As part of the 'Climb for Tibet' team, will be attempting to run to the summit of Mauna Kea on 6th July 2003 to raise funds for Tibetan charities and the Free Tibet campaign.

Mrs Rosemary Camp née Dowling MA 1970 Three grown-up sons. Former editor of club magazine for Australian Holden Cars in UK. Contemplating return trip to New Zealand after 30 years!

Dr John Campbell MA 1970 PhD 1975 The second volume of his biography of Margaret Thatcher will be published by Jonathan Cape in October 2003.

Mr Nicholas E Ferguson BSc (SS) 1970 Became Chairman of the Courtauld Institute of Art in August 2002, an independent college which is part of London University.

Professor Peter Hurst BDS 1970 Recently appointed Professor of Dental Surgery, Department of Surgery, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago.

Mrs Helen J Miller née Mackintosh MA 1971 Currently working as a speech language pathologist specialising in children within the autism spectrum.

Mr Laxman Sadarangani BSc 1971 Self-employed MD of Video Link Consultants Ltd, which enables customers (including the BBC and London Fire Brigade) to record up to 10,000 VHS cassettes at a time! Provides places of worship with free PA design and labour service. Celebrated Silver Wedding December 2002; one of sons is to study at Edinburgh.

Mr David Simpson BSc 1971 Corporate Finance Director for a Rubbes Chemicals business headquartered in Brussels with worldwide responsibility.

Professor Iain Torrance MA 1971 Moderator-Designate of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (will take office on the 17th of May 2003).

Mr James C Wilson MA 1971 Now back at the University as Writer in Residence at the Office of Lifelong Learning. Recently published a collection of essays about Edinburgh in the 1950s entitled 'Spalebone Days'.

Mr Kenneth G Gargill MA 1972 LLB 1972 Former Head of News and Current Affairs, BBC Scotland. Took early retirement August 2002. Now a Media Consultant and Visiting Professor at University of Strathclyde and Glasgow.

Rev Thomas J Gordon MA 1972 BD 1973 Published a book on work as a Hospice Chaplain, entitled 'A Need for Living'.

Mrs Madeleine J Lefebvre née Huck MA 1972 Currently President-Elect of the Canadian Library Association, taking over as President in June 2003.

Professor Ian T Levitt MA (SS) 1972 PhD 1983 Drafted Press Preview of Scottish Office files, 1972, now available at www.nas.gov.uk Also chairman of the Scottish Records Association.

Mr Iain G Macdonald MA 1972 Recently appointed Director General of the International Cooperative Alliance, Geneva, Switzerland. Moving to Geneva with his wife Joan (née Winter - MA 1970) and daughter Gillian.

Mr William A Melrose BSc 1972 Taught Geography for 24 years. Now Referee Development Manager for RFU.

Dr Barbara West MB ChB 1972 Part-time GP. Part-time local medical committee society Glasgow. Member General Practitioners Committee (GPC-UK).

Rev Professor Makoto Yamauchi PhD 1972 Recently appointed President of Tokyo Union Theological Seminary. Senior New Testament Professor. Editor of a number of New Testament books & lexicons.

Dr Humairah Cheung née Abdul Samad MB ChB 1973 Recently commenced work at the International Islamic University Malaysia.

Mr Leslie D Cox BVM&S 1973 Recently became Senior Partner in 12-man mixed vet practice.

Mrs J Morag Foster MA 1973 Head Teacher, Ardross Primary School. Also a complimentary therapist (Reiki master/teacher offering Reiki healing, Indian head massage and Karuna Reiki).

Dr John Kennedy BSc (M) 1973 MB ChB 1976 Studying for an MSc in sports medicine from Edith Cavan University, Western Australia. Also teaching first aid and pursuing veteran (masters) athletics at age 50. Bronze medal in M45 British decathlon in 2002.

Rev Robert Ramsay LLB 1973 First grandchild, Abigail Susan Gordon, was born on 5th August 2002. He and his wife, Sheila are now enjoying being grandparents.

Ms Amanda E Royde-Smith MA 1973 Is there anyone from 1969-1973 in Norfolk? Few alumni seem to end up here!

Mr James A Sommerville MA 1973 As secretary of the Worcestershire Law Society, he encouraged the setting up in the Midlands of the Edinburgh Solicitors Property Shop.

Mr Michael Van De Zande MPhil 1973 BD 1995 Graduated MTh (taught) Glasgow University, 7th December 2002.

Rev Professor William Frend Hon DD 1974 Recently published 4th vol. of Collected Works 'Orthodoxy, Paganism and Dissent in Early Christianity' (Aelgite Press 2002) and 'From Doqna to History. How the understanding of early Christianity has developed'. SCM Press 2003.

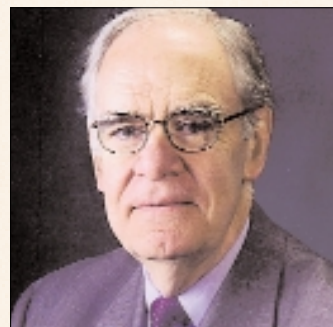
Ms Felicity A Jones MA 1974 Has had a complete career switch from being a journalist at the Times to garden design in Argyll.

Mr Patrick Kenny BSc 1974 Now living in Houston and travelling to oilfield centres throughout the world. Has reached the magic 50 and it does not hurt.

Mr Ralph W Martin MTh 1974 At present on home assignment from Japan.

Rev Ruth Patterson OBE BD 1974 Awarded an OBE for public service (New Years Honour List 2003).

Mr David J Ross MA (SS) 1974 Working as a Course Leader which involves delivering parts of



Professor Peter Eyre BVM&S 1960 PhD 1965 Dean, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and President, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.

World service

NC and HNC Music Performance courses, co-ordinating part-time staff and a helluva lot of paperwork.

Mr Andrew Keener BMus 1975 Three of his recent productions have been awarded Gramophone Awards, including Record of the Year, in September 2002.

Dr John Docherty BSc 1976 Co-founded medical device company in Canada, Novadaq Technologies, marketing devices for use in heart bypass surgery.

Mrs Susan M Hamilton née Hill BSc 1976 Has recently become self-employed, undertaking macrobenthic invertebrate identification used in marine ecological monitoring surveys.

Mrs Irene Hartshorn née McGoldrick BA 1976 After a career break to look after own children, currently working on a part-time/temporary basis in Ayr College and James Watt College, Kilwinning. Very actively involved in reading group in Ayr.

Dr Richard Hobbs BSc 1976 Recently recognised by ISI as one of the most highly cited researchers in ecology and the environment. (ISI/HighlyCited.com)

Mr Subhash S Jain MSc 1976 Currently working as an Advisor, Dept of Education, Govt of Madhya Pradesh. Involved in curriculum development and materials production.

Professor James McConville BD 1976 Was recently made a Professor in Old Testament at the University of Gloucestershire.

Dr Alan Nahum PhD 1976 Visiting Scientist at the Radiation Oncology department at the S Maria Nueva hospital in Emilia, Italy.

Miss Louise Nicholson MA 1976 Currently living in New York for 3 years, where her husband Nicholas Wapshott is North America correspondent for The Times. From here, she continues to lead tours to India and plan private trips there for clients.

Mr Peter D Aeberli MA (SS) 1977 Barrister practising principally as a Mediator and Adjudicator specialising in construction law in London.

Miss Christine Edwards BSc 1977 Existing successful computer consultancy is being expanded to offer in-house design services, in the field of scientific and technical computing for the defence sector.

Dr James Ewart PhD 1977 A consultant mainly to manufacturers of packaging for food and beverages. Assignments all over Europe and beyond have led to wide recognition as an expert in the field.

Professor Philip A Hockey BSc 1977 In addition to scientific research, is co-author of the best-selling southern African bird fieldguide and recent recipient of a National Communications Award (cognitive science).

Rev John R Mackenzie BA 1977 MA 1979 Recently appointed as First Minister of the North Cumbria Group of the United Reformed Church.

Mr Andrew Mackie BSc 1977 Recently awarded BA(Hons) degree in Art History from the Open

University - graduating May 2003.

Dr Kenneth Gordon PhD 1978 Recently begun second five-year term as Director of the School of Social Work, University of Western Ontario. Also serves as Chair of the Ontario Council of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work.

Rev Dr George Grubb BD 1978 Councillor for Edinburgh, Chairman of Liberal Democrat Group, Edinburgh Council Convenor, West Edinburgh Liberal Democrat Constituency Party. Member of Lothian & Borders Fire Board, Member of Forth Estuary Transport Authority (FETA).

Colonel Julia Kneale MBE BVM&S 1978 MSc 1996 Currently undertaking voluntary work for the charity SPANA and researching RAVC history 1961-1996.

Mr J Flemming Morgan MA 1978 Currently based in Barcelona working for Danone and responsible for Africa, Middle East and Japan.

Dr Eileen Scott BSc 1978 Married to Kong Leong, one son (1991), one daughter (1994). Awarded University of Adelaide Postgraduate Students Association Supervisor of the Year 2001.

Mr Colin J Baxter BVM&S 1979 Elected President of British Veterinary Dental Association for 2002 - 2005.

Mr Stewart Cunningham BSc 1979 Currently teaching science at Trinity Bay State High School, Cairns, QLD.

Mr Angus S Logan LLB 1979 Currently in practice in Edinburgh. Hon Scottish Secretary of PEOPLE (Pan European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers). Recently completed an Open University Arts Degree.

Mr Chockalingampillai Shanmugasundaram MSc 1979 After retirement, has actively participated in evening courses on ELT and General English offered by the Pre-Examination Translating Centre, Bangalore University Bangalore.

Dr Douglas Wilson BVM&S 1979 The first Australian course in Veterinary Homeopathy is now up and running. Hopes to organise another in the near future.

1980s

Professor Alan Cook FRS FRSE Form Prof 1980 President of the Friends of Cambridge University Library. Edits the 'Notes and Records of the Royal Society'.

Dr Kuruvilla George MPhil 1980 Currently Director of Aged Psychiatry, Eastern Health Victoria, and Deputy Chief Psychiatrist for Victoria, Australia. Recently appointed Adjunct Professor at Deakin University, Melbourne.

Rev Roland J Portchmouth 1980 Author of seven books. His paintings hang in public and private collections, including over 20 in the Old Parish Church of Peebles where they have had a public place for over 20 years.

Mrs Lorna J Coulson née McTavish BA 1981 Left social work ! Now working as a therapeutic counsellor in NHS and private practice in sunny Devon.

Mr Aidan J Hamilton BA 1981 Book, 'An Entirely Different Game : The British Influence on Brazilian Football' (Mainstream, 1998) was published in Portuguese in Brazil in 2001.

Mr Charles Hendry MP BCom 1981 Shadow Minister for Young People since February 2002. MP for Walsden (Conservative) since June 2001.

Prof C Impey PhD 1981 Astronomer awarded the National Science Foundation's highest honour for excellence in both teaching and research - a Director's Award for Distinguished Teaching Scholars.

Mr George Lyall BCom 1981 LLB 1981 Head of Private Client Department, Dickinson Dees law firm in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Married to Roz Osbourne (BSc (Soc Sci) Nursing Studies 1982). 3 sons, all playing rugby, eldest, who is 14, has given me his cast-off boots!

Mr Charles R Mackinnon BSc 1981 Acquired MUTEK GD in 2002. Company manufactures and designs high quality RF modules for use and export to over 50 countries world-wide.

Dr Bryan McIver BSc (M) 1981 MB ChB 1988 Obtained Private Pilot Certificate last year.

Mrs Fiona McLachlan MA (SS) 1981 Became Head of Architecture at University of Edinburgh in

August 2002. First woman to head a School of Architecture in Scotland (so far as is known!).

Mr Patrick I Okeke MPhil 1981 Retired from Civil Service of Nigeria as Assistant Director, Geology. Since worked as a hydrogeologist with a consulting firm 'Emecon Nigeria'.

Mr Brian P Robertson BDS 1981 Still working flat out in a forty-two surgery group of practices in Norfolk. Married to Emma with two daughters, aged 7 and 4, who fortunately look like their mum!

Rev Dr Edmund J Ryden MA 1981 Two recent publications indicate present work in human rights and peace issues. Both books are published in English and separately in Chinese: 'Just War & Pacifism' (Taipei 2001), 'Taiwan opposes the Death penalty' (Fujian Univ 2002).

Rev Edward Thompson BD 1981 Chairperson of Kansas City Religion & Science Dialogue Project.

Mr Christopher B Todd MA 1981 Head of Unit for Human Resources at the European Commission in Brussels.

Ms Lucy A White BVM&S 1981 Living on the Mornington Peninsula, Australia. Married with 2 children. Partner in a small animal veterinary practice.

Dr Allin Cottrell PhD 1982 Author of a free, open-source program, gretl, which has now been translated into French and Spanish.

Mr Jeffrey Howitt MA 1982 Getting married in California in August 2003 to Gabrielle Schimanski. Work as News Director of several radio stations in California.

Ms Zofia M Korabowska-Smith née Korabowska BSc 1982 Taking time out, working part-time whilst studying towards D32/33 Assessors Award.

Mrs Rosslyn Lyall née Osbourne BSc (SS) 1982 Genetic Nurse Specialist in Newcastle. Married to George (BCom LLB 1981). 3 sons to keep her busy/exhausted!

Mrs Linda Nicholson née Pears MA (SS) 1982 Currently Company Director for George Street Research, a social and market research firm, based in Edinburgh. She lives in Peebles and has two daughters.

Prof G Njagi PhD 1982 Teaches at the University of Kenyatta. Busy on AIDS control guidance.

Mrs Fiona L Power née Gilby MA 1982 Dip 1986 Currently living in London. Married with two girls. Hopes to return to Scotland eventually!

Mr Robert L Stevenson MA (SS) 1982 Lecturer in Marketing and Strategic Management at Robert Gordon University since April 2001.

Mr Narayanan R Unnithan MSc 1982 Since retiring, engaged in philanthropic activities. Working with a charitable organisation for rehabilitation of children suffering from cognitive and communicative disorders.

Ms Linda C Evans BSc 1983 Currently working in the newest Academy in Aberdeenshire which is piloting new management structure.

Mrs Shirley A Gilchrist née Carter BEd 1983 Married with two daughters and lives in Perth. She still works in Education.

Mr Simon L Main MA (SS) 1983 Now living in Essex with young-ish family, doing a part-time Masters and still wondering why he ever came south!

Dr Christopher McGimpsey PhD 1983 Ulster Unionist member of Belfast City Council representing the Shankill area of West Belfast. He is currently Chair of the powerful policy and resources committee.

Rev Edward McKenna BD 1983 Minister of South Street Nicholas Kincoth Aberdeen after 12 years in North Berwick. Involved in athletics as a sprint coach and in street children work in Peru through 'Union Biblica' (Scripture union).

Dr Isabel Scougal BSc (M) 1983 MB ChB 1985 Currently working as a Consultant Physician in care of the elderly in Falkirk. Would welcome contact from any 1984/85 Medical graduates in the area.

Dr Robin Lickley MA 1984 PhD 1994 Still in Edinburgh but now a lecturer in Speech and Language Sciences at Queen Margaret University College.

Professor Wendy Lnakanishi née Jones PhD 1984 Recently published an account of life in Japan on the internet that can be accessed at www.talesmag.com/tales/tales_index.shtml.

Miss Helena Petre MA 1984 Clinical aromatherapist. Writing consultant on 'Pilates for You' by A Crowther (2003). Support poet to Adrian Mitchell, October 2002; organising and teaching creative writing workshop programme in UK and Europe in 2003.

Dr Lai Russell Yip MB ChB 1984 Currently working with Sudanese refugees in Cairo awaiting resettlement to other countries. It is humbling to work with people who are so powerless and on the edge of society.

Mrs Bridget Taylor née Simpson BVM&S 1984 Gave birth to a son James Robert in April 2002, a brother for Rachel.

Miss Jacqueline Grossart MA 1985 'Remote' work for mergers and acquisitions company out of Devon. Still painting and riding. British team in new discipline Working Equestrian World Championships Portugal 2002.

Mrs Suzanne McLemore née Graf MBA 1985 Her family visited Scotland in 2000 and 2002 and had a wonderful time. They enjoyed seeing the University and places she would go when she was a student. Her children are 12 and 8 and love travelling in Scotland.

Mr Innes Mitchell MA (SS) 1985 Currently on sabbatical, researching the Political Communication in the Campaigns for the 2nd Scottish Parliament.

Ms Jeanette M Robertson MSc 1985 Nurse researcher at PMH since 1988. Now visiting rural hospitals in Western Australia to provide workshops in evidence based practice.

Mr Graeme W Wallace BSc 1985 Dip 1986 Working with on-line travel industry. Enjoying outdoor life in Durango, Colorado, with two boys Alexander and Gregor.

Dr Susan Woodroffe née Ballantine MB ChB 1985 Working part-time as a GP in husband's practice.

Dr Alastair Convery MB ChB 1986 Partner in Kingussie Practice since November 2001.

Ms Angela McSeveney MA 1986 Second book of poetry, 'Imprint', was published last summer by the Edinburgh Review.

Mr Stuart Miller BSc 1986 Married with two daughters. In late 2002 managed to secure funding to develop software technology based on location and geography, to develop and maintain intellectual property in this country.

Miss Tania Adams MA (SS) 1987 Responsible for communications and marketing at Cairngorm Mountain, part of project team who steered one of Scotland's most controversial planning projects from drawing board to reality.

Mr Christian T Campbell LLB 1987 Currently working as a freelance law editor and undertaking teaching assignments with Salzburg University, Franklin Pierce Law Center (New Hampshire) and from 2003 Suffolk University Law School (Boston).

Mrs Marion M Cayave née Jackson BSc 1987 Looking after 3 children: Robert (7), Alasdair (5) and Juliette (3).

Miss Mary Joan Connors MLitt 1987 Took a sabbatical from Miami-Dade County Public Schools to study best practices for the teaching & admin of children at risk and adult learners in the Individualized program. Coming from a district with students speaking 116 languages, she focused on international education.

Dr Peggy Dixon PhD 1987 Research scientist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Two children, James and Caleigh. Awarded Commemorative Medal in Honour of Golden Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II, for scientific achievements.

Mr Gilbert Markus BD 1987 MTh 1992 Among other things, is now running a community in Glasgow which offers accommodation and support to vulnerable and destitute refugees.

Miss Lorna Murchison BCom 1987 Still in Edinburgh. Baby boy, Ryan, born October 2002.

Dr Edward Russell-Smith MB ChB 1987 GP Trainer in Livingston, Private Occupational Health Company. However, most proud of three sons.

Mr Devin S Scobie MA 1987 Recently promoted to Director, Scotland at Edinburgh public affairs consultancy GPC International.

Ms Nova Sunkel Buchanan née Sunkel JYA 1987 Busy cultivating four new minds and hearts. Return on investment is priceless. Hubby Peter agrees. Workforce re-entry is a few years distant.



Dr Steven Beard PhD 1985 Married to Elizabeth Kerner Ewing, writer and alumna of St Andrews University. A Star Map of his recently flew on the Space Shuttle on STS-112. He wrote this before the recent tragic events in the USA. Meeting the crew of STS-112 so recently makes this all the more poignant, and his map all the more precious.

Mr Andrew W Wood BSc 1987 Running own IT consultancy business. Still waiting for the big idea from which to make millions and then retire to the Bahamas.

Miss Cathryn Allen MA 1988 Daughter, Isabelle, born in June 2001. Currently at home full time looking after Isabelle. Recently completed a Certificate in Journalism from Warwick University and is Chair for Coventry branch of the National Childbirth Trust.

Dr Soren Barsted 1988 Private practising dentist in centre of Copenhagen and teaching at Dental School, University of Copenhagen. Member of board, dental institute and chairman of the international committee.

Mrs Alison Bonomi née Berry MA 1988 Full-time mother to Jamie, 5, and Anna, nearly 2. Currently undertaking a lot of work on her barely habitable old house.

Ms Louisa Burnett-Hall MA 1988 Mother of three and still painting.

Mr Antony Foubister MA 1988 Got married on Table Mountain, Cape Town, last year.

Mr Duncan C Kinnear BSc 1988 Enjoying life in sunny Hawkes Bay, NZ, with wife Shona, two sons Finn and Cullen.

Mr David Lowther BSc 1988 Living in Singapore, married with two children - Ryan and Simone. Wife is Melinda, a Singaporean.

Professor John Macqueen Form Prof 1988 Published a small book, 'Place-Names in AC Rhinns of Galloway and Luce Valley' (Stranraer and District Local History Trust 2002).

Dr Yasuko Obana née Skillen PhD 1988 Recently started as Professor at Research Centre for Education Programme, Shinshu University, Japan.

Mr J Simon Spence MA 1988 Lives in Ross-shire. Married to Janet (née Bevan-Baker) with three children. Working part-time as a counsellor in the NHS and independent practice; and a part-time house-husband.

Ms Cherry Weston MA 1988 Gave birth to second child in February 1999, 20 years after her first! Has left work in order to spend at least five years as a full-time mother to Claire.

Mr John D Wilson MTh 1988 Commenced (World Team) as Trainer and Mentor for missionaries and church leaders in Asia earlier this year.

Mr Graham W Crawford BD 1989 Recently called to St James in Lissiemouth. Moving back to Scotland with wife Jane and sons Jamie & Thomas.

Miss Karen Donald BSc 1989 Was made redundant from GSK through a departmental closure whilst on maternity leave so she is focussing on raising baby daughter (Katriona) between her Scottish and Kentish families.

Mrs Lynne Higgins née Stevenson BSc 1989 Son, Adam born 2000.

Mr Brent R Osborn-Smith MBA 1989 Recently married and running a busy osteopathic clinic in central London.

Mrs Jane H Sladdin née Chalmers BMus 1989 Still enjoying life in Lincoln. 2nd child Elizabeth born November 2002, brother for Charles (4).

Mrs Ruth Waring née Williams BCom 1989 After 12 years in the transport industry, took the plunge and now self-employed, working as a consultant in the logistics industry.

1990s

Mr David J Buchanan BCom 1990 Living in Brighton with Adele and Lucie (born 7/4/01). Still playing the accordion and recently learned the bagpipes - available for weddings etc!

Dr Karen Chan PhD 1990 Moved back to Scotland 3 years ago after working in Italy. Now living in Dundee. Has three children: Christopher-Ross, Semma-Mai and Maddelena.

Dr Paul Chepkuto MSc 1990 Recently appointed Director, Privately Sponsored Students Programme (PSSP), an evening study programme at Moi University.

Mrs Jenny Endersby née Corley BEng 1990 Married Shaun Endersby in June 2002. They have 1 son, Nathan, born 10th January 2003.

Mrs Louise Grierson née Coates BVM&S 1990 Has 2 children - Rebecca and Jonathan, and works part-time as a vet. Lives on a dairy farm and is kept busy with helping to run the farm with her

husband and his family.

Mrs Diana McCobb née Holgate BSc 1990 Married Ashton McCobb in Edinburgh on 22nd June 2002.

Mr George V Reiss MA 1990 Dip 1994 Moving to Ludlow, Shropshire in Spring 2003 to run Bishop Mascall Community and Conference Centre. Two children (Naomi 6 and Alex 4) and celebrating 10 years of married life with Jan (née Creeth).

Ms Christina Stewart MA 1990 Married with two beautiful daughters. Husband, Ross Skinner, is a fishing skipper. Teaches evening classes, song workshops and traditional song sessions for bairns. No money, but lots of job satisfaction.

Mr Michael Wells LLB 1990 Dip 1991 Married Miss Melanie Tetreault 31st March 2001. Made Partner in firm 1st May 2001.

Mr Rawdon Christie BMus 1991 Recently returned from New Zealand with Kiwi wife to pursue a new career in news broadcasting. Currently a television reporter with BBC Look East. Son Oliver, first child, was born on New Year's Eve.

Mr Anand Desai LLM 1991 Established a law firm in India in 2001, which is growing into one of the most professional and successful in India.

Mr Kevin H Dunion OBE MSc 1991 After 11 years as Chief Executive of Friends of the Earth Scotland, he is leaving to take up appointment with the Scottish Parliament as the First Scottish Information Commissioner.

Dr Jan Mark Holst BEng 1991 Has moved to Hamburg, Germany, to join family firm of engineering consultants. Wife Tara (MA 1991, née Davis) expecting third child.

Mrs Elaine Hopley née Crawford BSc 1991 Gave birth on 21st December 2002 to first child Ella Cestanka Crawford Hopley.

Mr Ezekiah H Ngoroi MSc 1991 Involved in promotion of production and utilisation of traditional food crops such as cassava, sweet potatoes, millet, sorghum, cowpeas, green grams, pigeon peas.

Dr Fiona Stewart PhD 1991 Expanding business to Iceland, UK and Norway. Developing maritime archaeology interests.

Prof S Thompson MPhil 1991 Recently published 'Memory Problems' by Oxford Press, Chichester (2003). Continues to research Alzheimer's disease both in the NHS and at the University of Portsmouth.

Ms Catherine Tilbrook MSc 1991 Recently returned from Bolivia. Married Doug Flint in June 2002 (on a Comrie hilltop), moved house and obtained a new job (coastal and marine policy for SNH).

Mr James H Tomb MBA 1991 At present working in Nersac, France, restoring profitability to the French operating company BioMar AS.

Miss Josephine Hockley MSc 1992 Currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Edinburgh, looking at improving knowledge of palliative care in Nursing Homes. Also working part-time in the education department at St Columba's Hospice.

Dr Stephen Hughes BSc (M) 1992 MB ChB 1994 Stephen, Catharine, Matthew (2) and Eleanor (o) relocated to Lusaka, Zambia in June 2003 on a Wellcome Trust Fellowship.

Miss Hilary Lumsden BSc 1992 Marrying Yazen Azzan from Jordan in April 2003.

Mr William MacPherson LLB 1992 Welcomes UoE types in California to contact him at jmacpherson@mediate.com James enjoyed meeting fellow law graduate, John Sturrock QC at the ABA ADR Conference in Seattle.

Mrs Nicola Neighbour née McNeé MA 1992 Finally married Tim in November 2002, otherwise life carries on as before!

Dr Helen Sopitt née Richardson MB ChB 1992 Working part-time as a GP. Husband is an architect and they have 2 sons. They are in the process of renovating 1930 home.

Dr Willy Spat PhD 1992 Filed first patent application for technology start-up working in the area of Advanced Public Transportation - a long way from a PhD in Philosophy of Mind!

Mrs Catherine Vander Zande MSc 1992 Still married and full-time mother of 4 kids (8, 10, 12, 14 years). Undertakes a lot of voluntary work (school, music, etc)

Dr Dominic Watt MA 1992 Married to Victoria Cumming (MA General Arts 1992) and now

working at the University of Aberdeen. Daughter Flora was born in April 2001.

Mr Donald R Webb BSc 1992 Currently working with a leading UK economic consultancy firm and specialising in management consultancy, agri-food projects and evaluation.

Mrs Claire Blanco née Goldie MA 1993 Currently working in the coffee world. Married with one daughter, Sophia, born 15th April 2002.

Dr Davy Ip Min Wan MB ChB 1993 Married Waiman Lai in April 2002. Appointed Consultant Physician and Nephrologist at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust in December 2002.

Miss Victoria Lissett BDS 1993 Graduated with MSc Forensic Dentistry on 31st January 2003 at UWC.

Dr Nelson Ludlow PhD 1993 Currently Chief Executive Officer for Mobilisa Inc, a software company specializing in mobile and wireless devices.

Miss Alison Marney BVM&S 1993 In small animal practice in London. Lived for 4 years in Australia, where met husband Jason.

Mr Patrick Moss MA 1993 Married in 2002 to Virginie, who is now expecting first child. Still plays chess with several former Edinburgh University Chess Club Members.

Miss Caroline Warren-Svettenham MA 1993 English Language Teacher. Currently studying for an MA with Oxford Brookes University - distance learning, partly funded by the British Council.

Rev Fiona M Winn BD 1993 Lives with Ray and their two children, Andrew (7) and Madeline (4) in Melbourne. Works part-time as a hospice nurse, is honorary assistant at their local Anglican church and chaplain to a L'Arche community.

Dr Richard Adair BSc 1994 Currently based in Washington DC at Childrens National Medical Center.

Dr Margitta Beil-Hildebrand née Beil MSc 1994 PhD 2001 Currently lecturing in Germany and elsewhere abroad on international health care sector management. Published first book in spring 2003.

Mrs Caroline Brockbank née Bradshaw MA 1994 Daughter, Lorna, born in September 2002. Currently thinking of taking a career break to be a full-time Mum.

Mr Maxwell Bruce MA 1994 Having worked internationally, recently returned to Scotland married with two children. Currently working in a sports retail business.

Dr Helen Fortune-Jones MB ChB 1994 Moved to rural North Yorkshire to take up position as a GP partner.

Miss Tracey Jennings BEng 1994 Currently Assurance Manager for a project in South Algeria and located in London. She is embarking upon a correspondence course in Development Management.

Ms Cristiana Odetto 1994 She is a happy teacher, loves English more and more, and is planning to have at least 2 children with fiancé!

Miss Alison Palmer BSc 1994 Teaching & studying part time at University of Kent. Volunteering for the archives at Canterbury Cathedral.

Mr Paul Peyton BEng 1994 Married Helen Watkins in Manchester in February 2003.

Miss Justine Rutland MA 1994 Freelance journalist. Married Duncan December 2001 and now tending baby Fred.

Ms Evelyn Schultz née Christensen BCom 1994 Works as manager of corporate development for a media company. Currently on one-year maternity leave with her first child (daughter). Moving to Copenhagen in 2003.

Miss Katherine Sheridan MA 1994 Currently studying herbal medicine.

Mr David R Walker MA (SS) 1994 Got married on 10th August 2001 to another alumnus - Alexandra Clark (MSc 1994 - Animal Science). Met whilst at Edinburgh in 1990.

Mrs S Wette née Quinault MA 1994 Married to Carsten Wette. Living in Cologne. Laura born May 2000, Emma born December 2001.

Mrs Pauline Wilson née Lewis MA 1994 Emigrated to Australia in 2000 and currently studying for an MBA at Melbourne Business School, Australia.

Mr Ahsan I Bhatti MBA 1995 CEO of Millennium

Securities & Director of Islamabad Stock Exchange for second year running. He is also member of the National Commodity Exchange, the first commodity exchange of Pakistan.

Miss Catriona Black MA 1995 Started up own company, Am Bocs Ltd, to make Gaelic language animation.

Dr Andreas Dustmann LL.M 1995 Became partner of intellectual property law firm Boehmert & Boehmert, Berlin. Will marry Lola in October 2003, whom he got to know in Edinburgh in 1994.

Mr Andrew Hale-Byrne MA 1995 Recently appointed Head of Bilateral Defence Relations for the Balkan Region at the Ministry of Defence. Resides in London and travels frequently to the Balkans.

Mr Thomas Hickok MTh 1995 Due to graduate in May 2003 from Master of Social Work programme at the University of Kansas. Hopes to find employment that combines his theological background from New College, with Social Work in the gay community.

Mrs Sinead Hill née Kirton BMus 1995 Birth of first son, Hamish Samuel, on 1st January 2003.

Mr Sebastian J Hoogewerf MA 1995 Currently working in Luxembourg, having spent 7 years studying in Rome.

Mrs Daniela K Krantz LL.M 1995 Married Hchim Kling, LL.M (Edinburgh 1994/95) on 4th October 2002 in Berlin.

Mrs Christina Laxton née Ross MBA 1995 Married in October 2002. Runs intranet consultancy and is training to become a Pilates Instructor.

Mr Neil F Park MBA 1995 Recently started up own consulting business providing strategic planning and operational management consultancy services to the sports and leisure markets.

Dr Jennifer Scott MA (SS) 1995 Currently working as Clinical Psychologist with children and families having completed Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 2002.

Mrs Elizabeth Stevens née Blake MA (SS) 1995 Married Chris Stevens (MA 1995) in April 2002 and living and working in Norwich. Is now a solicitor specialising in employment law.

Mr Gregor P Townsend MBE MA (SS) 1995 Played rugby for 4 years (1998-2002) in France at Brive, then Castres. Became Scotland's most capped player in April 2002. Son, Christian Alexander, born on 1st July 2002.

Dr Sachid Trip BSc (M) 1995 MB ChB 1997 Living in London. Working as a Clinical Research fellow at the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London.

Ms Sok M Chan BSc 1996 Working for Eli Lilly to bring a life-saving drug to patients with severe sepsis. Planning to return to Britain soon to pursue an MBA.

Ms Hilary E Crawshaw BD 1996 Working at YWCA Roundabout Centre. Would welcome alumni to join as volunteers on their annual anti-racist and inter-cultural summer school or support them as members,

Mrs Kirsty Dewar née Baker BVM&S 1996 Married in May 2002 to Allan.

Dr Clare Glover PhD 1996 Living in Houston. Daughter Emma born in June 2000 and second child expected May 2003. Still doing geology!

Mr Andrew P Howe MA 1996 Married Nicola York and they now have a son called Allaid.

Ms Aileen A Jamieson BEng 1996 Now working as an oil and gas consultant in Boston, USA. Used to



Dr Karima Brooke née Hayden MA (SS) 1978 Practising as a Homeopath (quite a change for a Politics graduate!).

think that Edinburgh was cold until she moved stateside in January 2003.

Prof J Little MBA 1996 Took up post of Principal and Chief Executive of Inverness College UHI in July 2002. Enjoying life in the Highlands!

Dr Gary Sarafa Dip 1996 Presently appointed to Faculty of Department of Family Medicine, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Providing family medical cover to the urban underserved and loving it, but missing literature a bit.

Mr Edoardo M Sirtori BCom 1996 Currently Treasurer for Asia Pacific at ST Microelectronics

Dr Stephen Smith MB ChB 1996 Currently working as Staff Grade in Acute Medicine at Aintree University Hospital, Fazakerly, Liverpool.

Ms Tanya J Taggart MA 1996 Recently had career change and is working for the Tate Galleries in London. Great to get to use History of Art degree! Living in Fulham with boyfriend and in-touch with good group of '96 grads.

Ms Meena M Thiagaraj BSc 1996 Married Dr(!) William Tibbits (BSc Plant Science 1996) in March 2002. Currently working freelance.

Ms Virginie Venot MSc 1996 Pleased to announce life's biggest miracle, Constance, born 24th November 2002.

Mr Alistair M Wilkie MSc 1996 After being heavily involved in mapping cull area during the Foot and Mouth crisis in Dumfries, he has now moved into delivering web mapping solutions for the Scottish Executive.

Mrs Susan Wright née Coulson MA 1996 Married Bill Wright in March 2002. Currently living in Marlborough, Wiltshire. Both still serving with the Army.

Ms Rachel A Axford MA 1997 Got engaged to Peter King in October 2002 and hopes to get married in 2003.

Mrs Clare Craigie Halkett née Arbutnotth MA 1997 Got married in 2001. Painting and doing a little casual work in the Antiques trade.

Ms Abbey L Dougall MA 1997 Qualified Occupational Psychologist. CEO of major regional training provider in East Anglia. Learnt how to play the bagpipes with piping society. Now competing with West Midlands Pipe Band (Grade 3a).

Mr Julian T Ho BCom 1997 Starting new business - visit www.jdenterprises.info. IT staff & network professionals will find it worthwhile.

Dr Andrew Hone PhD 1997 Maths lecturer at University of Kent, living in Whistable with wife Jemma (ex-Edinburgh College of Art), daughter Laura (aged four) and baby Merlin (born October 2002).

Mr James R Hume MBA 1997 Chairman, Borders Foundation for Rural Sustainability. Board Member, Scottish Enterprise Borders. Vice President, Lothian and Borders NFU.

Mr Philip J Montgomery BSc 1997 Married Dr Jill Rainey in October 2001 and returned to live in Northern Ireland in Summer 2002.

Ms Linda W Muckersie BSc (M) 1997 Currently working as a forensic biologist for Grampian Police.

Mr John Oswald MA 1997 After graduating with a PhD from the University of Stirling in 2001, now living in Manchester, having moved from French Literature to Management Consultancy.

Ms Luminita Rolfe MSc 1997 Third volume of series 'In the Psyche of Europe' (in collaboration with Celtic & Scottish Studies Department!) entitled, 'Symbols in the Psyche of Europe', published February 2003, in Moscow.

Miss Jocelyn Stitt MLitt 1997 Received PhD in English from the University of Michigan in 2002. Married Neil Fenton (Glasgow MA 1995) in 2000, had daughter, Elizabeth Grace Fenton, April 2001.

Mr Jonathan J West BSc 1997 Research transfer from Molecular Biology to research into developments of micro and nanoscale devices and instrumentation for biological processing (ie scientist to engineer).

Dr Seng Guan Yeoh PhD 1997 Has moved on from Sunway College to join Monash University, Malaysia.

Ms Rita Aguilar LLM 1998 Now a member of the Texas and Washington DC Bars and practising law in Washington DC. Would like to express a special

thank you to all the Scots who were so comforting to her whilst she was in Scotland on 11th September.

Miss Nancy Begg MA 1998 New position at law firm in Perth, WA, heading up the firms human resources operations; engaged to be married in England in September 2004.

Dr Victoria Booth BSc 1998 Currently in second year of studying for a degree in medicine on the new Cambridge graduate medical course at the University of Cambridge.

Mr Thomas Cobb BSc 1998 Currently studying for MBA at Insead, Fontainebleau, France.

Mrs Jenny Crapper née Buckley BMus 1998 Marriage to Dr Martin Crapper February 2002. They are proud and happy parents of daughter Emily, born June 2002, and Jenny's stepson Alex, six years old in March 2003.

Mr T Hammouri LLM 1998 Recently obtained PhD from the University of Bristol. Has joined Hammouri & Partners, a Jordanian law firm, and at the same time has joined University of Jordan as Assistant Professor of Commercial Law.

Mr Andrew Harradine BSc 1998 Currently supporting local communities to take practical action to improve their environment.

Mr F Lesaint LLM 1998 Now working as an in-house lawyer for the brokerage firm of the Credit Agricole group.

Dr Christopher Rapier BSc 1998 Recently completed a PhD in Molecular Microbiology at Bristol University.

Mr Wolfgang Sigloch 1998 Currently working as Assistant News Editor with a regional radio station in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mr Sebastian Skyrme BCom 1998 Currently working for Accenture as a Strategy Consultant and living in London.

Mr G Tanaka MSc (SS) 1998 Responsible for running Kahler Communications Japan.

Miss Kate Thomas BSc 1998 Just back in the UK after spending four years in Tanzania where she regressed from Baboons to the Hotel Industry.

Dr Scott Weber 1998 Currently employed as Head Veterinarian and Research Scientist with the New England Aquarium in Boston, MA.

Miss Sarah Wheatley née Darrington BSc 1998 Got married in June 2002. Moved back to Edinburgh and back to social research, and bits of writing.

Miss Gillian Williams BSc 1998 Teaching in Dunbar Grammar School and really enjoying it.

Mrs Karen Wylie née Daniel BSc 1998 After completing a Diploma in Probation Studies is now working as a Probation Officer in Northumbria.

Ms Sonia Baker MA 1999 Editor / researcher for East Lothian Fourth Statistical Account. Vol 1 due out in March 2003.

Ms Martina Blum-Kusterer MSc 1999 Enjoying life as a part-time working mother with Thomas and their children: Jonas (born in 2000) and Muriel (born in 2002).

Ms Libuse Bohuslavova née Premyslovska MA 1999 Apart from Inset & Presett work in the Field of ELT, is part of a bluegrass band called 'Bodlak' ('The Thistle' in English) along with her husband.

Miss Alice Carver MA 1999 Recently spent six months travelling and learning Russian in Russia and Central Asia. Now works for the Diplomatic Service in London.

Mr Demosthenis Chronis BSc 1999 Currently working on PhD concerning Molecular and Genetic manipulation of soybean.

Mr Henry Cobbe MA 1999 Ran London marathon for St Gregory's Foundation (Russia). Moved from Schroders to Thames River Capital.

Mr Ben Crowther BCom 1999 Works in the marketing department of Sainsburys.

Rev Dr Kuruvilla George PhD 1999 Doctoral dissertation was published by ISPCK, Delhi under the title 'From People's Theatre to People's Eucharist: Recovering the Drama of Christian Worship' in 2002.

Mr Anastassios Karpodinis BMus 1999 Won a composition prize at the annual Young Composers workshops at Illegamon Uousikis Concert Hall, Athens, Greece in March 2002.

Mr Samuel Morton MA 1999 Recently set up production company, 'Twenty-First Century Media'.

Mr Levi Pay BCom 1999 Currently working as the Scottish Parliament's Equalities Manager.

Miss Catherine Read MA 1999 Currently working for Mercat Press, a leading Scottish publisher, in the role of Editorial Assistant.

Mr Richard Rendle BSc 1999 Graduated in UWCM as a physiotherapist in 2002.

Miss Sarah Russell BSc 1999 Currently working in graduate recruitment for an investment bank.

Dr Lucy Skillman PhD 1999 Enjoying life and work in New Zealand. Little boy in 2001.

Mr Berend Slingenberg MA 1999 Trying to further his knowledge of a transdisciplinary subject (ecological economics) whilst undertaking a part-time MSc in Biodiversity and Conservation at the University of Surrey.

Miss Jane Smith BSc 1999 Currently working in London as an information scientist for Diabetes UK.

2000s

Miss Susan Barlow BVM&S 2000 Would like to send a message to all 2000-2001 vet graduates from RDVC to request we organise a reunion for 2005 (5-year reunion).

Mr Douglas Beck MA 2000 Now working for Feisean Nan Gaidheal, doing theatre-in-education.

Mr Ioannis Chatzikonstantinou MSc 2000 Currently working in Risk Management Department of General Bank of Greece.

Mr William Gelling MA 2000 Will be taking up a posting to Islamabad, Pakistan in October 2003 as 2nd Secretary, Political.

Mr Costas Hadjoannou MA 2000 Currently Head of English Department, Forum Tutorial Centre.

Miss Katherine Herdman MA 2000 Practices as a Sesame trained Dramatherapist, based on Jungian Psychology. Works with adults with learning difficulties (mostly non-verbal) and children with ASD.

Mr Alastair Humphreys BSc 2000 Will shortly be attempting to cycle round the world to raise funds for the charity 'Hope and Homes for children'.

Miss Kirstie Knowles BSc 2000 Currently a student again! Studying for MSc Tropical Coastal Management at Newcastle University. Research thesis on MPA (marine protected area) Management in the Philippines. Interest sparked from trip in 1998, supported by numerous Edinburgh University funding bodies.

Ms Sally Knowles MA 2000 Currently working in Oxford as an editor for an educational publisher - a perfect job for someone with tendency towards pedantry - or so she has been told.

Rev Frank Makoro MTh 2000 Managing and equipping faith based organisations including church leaders to engage in community development, in particular HIV/AIDS care and counselling for infected and affected people.

Miss Caroline Marriott BSc 2000 Researcher with the BBC Natural History Unit. Currently working on a series, 'Journey of Life', to be transmitted Autumn 2004.

Miss Sarah Parkin MA 2000 Moved to West Cumbria with Dan. Whilst Dan worked at Sellafield, Sarah volunteered at the local mining museum and charmed them into giving her some paid work. Both are enjoying peaceful beauty.

Miss Sally Reeves BSc 2000 Currently working at the NCDL rehoming centre in Wichhamford. Caring for stray and abandoned dogs and finding new homes for them.

Miss Mary Reid MA 2000 Currently undertaking a PGCE in Primary Education with specialisation in Humanities. Hopes to return to Scotland in the near future.

Miss Andrea Robinson MA 2000 Currently training in Bath to become a middle years English teacher, with a particular interest in joining the Ethnic Minorities Achievement Service (EMAS).

Mr Jonathan Sutherland BSc 2000 Currently converting to the Boeing 737 - should start domestic & European services in the middle of the year.

Professor Irena Backus Hon DD 2001 Book

forthcoming from Brill Academic Publishers, 'Leiden in 2003: Historical Method and Confessional Identity in the Era of the Reformation (1378-1615)'.

Mr David Brown MA 2001 Currently studying library and information studies at MSc Postgraduate level, after spending a year working for the Civil Service.

Mr Jonathan Brown MBA 2001 Presently business consulting in Dubai, UAE. Alumni most welcome to contact him: alljmb@easynet.co.uk

Miss Rosalind Gillis BSc 2001 Half way through an MSc, which is proving extremely interesting. Hopes to continue her studies onto a PhD in ancient DNA work.

Mr Philip Kaisary MA 2001 Currently studying for a masters in English Literature at Sussex University and training for an 'Ironman' triathlon in June 2003.

Mr Bryce McCall-Smith MBA 2001 Married with one son, Struan, born 14/02/02.

Miss Deborah Mir BVM&S 2001 Small animal vet in Birmingham. Left in April 2003 to go to Philippines reef mapping. After which, hoping to do a surgery residency and gain a certificate in small animal surgery.

Mr Edward Nascon BSc 2001 Currently studying for a PhD in Molecular Genetics at Cambridge.

Mr Timothy Reid BSc 2001 Currently studying for a PhD in Environmental Science at Nottingham University. Looking forward to spending six months collecting data in the wilds of Antarctica later this year.

Miss Vikki Reilly MA 2001 Commencing an MPhil in Publishing at Stirling University in September 2003.

Mr Ian Rogers BMus 2001 Director of Music at the Old Parish church of Peebles.

Miss Heng-Ru May Tan MA 2001 Currently pursuing an MSc in Neural and Behavioural Sciences at the International Max Planck Research School/ Universitat Tübingen. Hopes to get back to Edinburgh if opportunities arise.

Miss Hannah Townley BSc 2001 Completed an MSc in Human Genetics at Leeds following Edinburgh degree.

Mr Robert Annan BSc 2002 Currently studying medicine as a postgraduate at the University of Edinburgh.

Mr Richard Bilbas MBA 2002 Studying for a PhD in Finance at the University of Arizona.

Mr John Davidson BSc 2002 Completed a leveraged buy-out of the acrylics business from ICI PLC in 1999, sponsored by Charterhans Development Capital.

Miss Alison Dougal MA 2002 Studying for a PG Diploma in Publishing, Oxford Brookes University.

Ms Jenni Fuchs MA 2002 Studying as a postgraduate for an MA in Museum Studies at the University of Leicester.

Mr Alasdair Harris BSc 2002 Awarded British Sub Aqua Club Medal by the Duke of Edinburgh in November 2002 at a ceremony in Buckingham Palace. Given the award in recognition of his achievements in underwater exploration, and for raising awareness of the need to conserve threatened habitats.

Dr Michael Kay PhD 2002 Developing a corporate wine-tasting venture and entering the world of wine writing (interested parties please feel free to contact me!).

Ms Natasha Millar BEd 2002 Just started teaching. Phew ! What a tough job! Thought it would be easier without the pressure of academia, but now it's worse - got the pressure of 22 primary 7 kids!

Mr Alastair Reed BCom 2002 Currently studying for an MSc in Journalism at Napier University.

Miss Shirley Webb BSc 2002 Competed in the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester - throwing the hammer.

Miss Henrietta Wheal BSc 2002 Studying Masters Degree in Science at Strathclyde University.

Professor Richard G Morris Awarded the medal for 'Outstanding contribution to Neuroscience' by the British Neuroscience Association (2002).



LETTERS

EDiT WANTS TO HEAR your views on the issues raised by contributors. The writer of the most distinctive letter to the next issue will win a prize for their efforts. All letters are welcome and should be addressed to The Editor, EDiT, Communications & Public Affairs, The University of Edinburgh Centre, 7-11 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9BE. Email Edit.Editor@ed.ac.uk

A question of identity

I HAVE JUST READ the article by Professor David McCrone in the winter edition of EDiT. I am Scottish by birth and Australian by choice, having come here in 1965 with an English (now also Australian) husband and three children.

When we came here, a surprising number of Australians talked about Britain as "home" even though they had never been there. And most of them actually said, "England". Not many talk of it as home now but they still, by and large, say England when they mean Britain. My husband, who should know better, lets that pass. I don't.

I am also occasionally asked if I am English, to which the reply is always the same: "No. Scottish, but Australian now." (I'm always astonished they ask because I say words like where, what, why, whale and whatever with the h before the w - in other words, properly! Not to mention the odd slip-up of a glottal stop now and again having been born about five miles from Ian Rankin, but a lot earlier.)

I don't actually feel that being a Scot or an Australian matters a great deal to me. It doesn't define who I am. I just won't agree to being English!

Catherine Laughlin, Netherby, South Australia

I REFER TO the article Identity Matters by Professor David McCrone in the winter issue of EDiT.

Ever since the Treaty of Union, Scots have been irked by the failure of the English to recognise their identity, as exhibited by such examples as Nelson's signal "England expects", hoisted by a Lewis man, and Masfield's "When England stood alone". British monarchs have taken the English nomenclatures and almost all British films and TV programmes, concerning wars in which Britain was engaged, refer only to England.

In Collins English Dictionary, a definition of "the English" is given as "the natives or inhabitants of England or (loosely) of Great Britain collectively" and Englishman/Englishwoman as "(loosely) a citizen of the United Kingdom". Also, in their Robert French Dictionary, Collins gives a definition of Anglais as "British people, the British" and, when I took issue with them on the latter definition some years ago, their reply was, "That is how French people speak". It is therefore little wonder that foreigners get it wrong. US citizens refer to the Queen of England and a girl once asked me if Scotland was in England.

It is my opinion that the continual denial of our identity is synonymous with the rise of the SNP and is likely to result in the break up of the United Kingdom. I, for one, will not rejoice if this happens, but many, like me, are more concerned with identity than with economic gain - if any.

Ian M. Malcolm (by email)

Rectorial elections past

IN ABOUT 1954 I was a medical student frequenting the Students Union, as this was where my mail came from home in Southern Rhodesia. One Friday lunchtime I was told I had volunteered to paint a slogan on the roof of a neighbouring building, extolling the merits of Sir Sydney Smith, holder of the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence, a favoured candidate for Rector. That night as I had finished painting the said slogan, a firm Scottish voice called on me to get down from the roof. On looking down, there were my two accomplices held by two large policemen. Without removing my handy work I left the roof and was escorted to the nearest police station, my feet barely touching the ground.

Here we all gave our details. The two policemen could not believe that my home address was Bulawayo and promptly rang my digs in Edinburgh. Luckily the phone was answered by my girl friend's friend, who identified my place of residence in Edinburgh. If my girl friend had answered she swears to this day (she is still my original wife) that I did not live there.

I had to appear before the Borough Clerk for a dressing down and promised never to repeat my misdemeanour. Having been involved in the winning campaign I attended the celebratory dinner at the Wee Windaes Restaurant, which was on the High Street if my memory serves me right. After the dinner, as the speeches followed I had a torrential epistaxis (nose bleed). Fortunately the master of ceremonies was none other than Dr Abbey Thomason, who, at that time was also the resident of "Top Lugs". He rushed to my aid and quelled the bleeding as any resident of "Top Lugs" at the R.I.E. would. I never set eyes on Abbey again until four years ago, though I knew he had also come to North Queensland. We met for dinner and talked of time long gone. Abbey is still a broad shouldered, charismatic Viking from Shetland, with a twinkle in his eye and able to spin a good yarn.

This is one of his stories that makes me laugh to this day. He lived in a tenement flat on the 5th floor in Marchmont. One day the adoring father of one of his mates, a man of the cloth, made the long trip to attend the Wee Free Church synod. He also determined to visit his medical student son. He pulled the correct door knob to enter the building and stood at the bottom of the stair well and shouted up to the face that appeared on the fifth floor landing, "Does so and so live here?" To which the reply came back "Yes, just carry him up stairs". Abbey Thomason remembers the actual name of his unfortunate friend who is also a respected medico.

Patrick William Gasson M.B.Ch.B. Ed. 1956

The EDiT Prize Letter

YOU HAVE ASKED for information on Rectorial elections and addresses over the years. One of the most notable must be that associated with Alastair Sim. It marked a break with the repetitive boredom of prominent legal, political and academic luminaries - self or otherwise thrust into the stratosphere of academe. They had to be prepared to subject themselves to ridicule by the student body as the address was traditionally punctuated by the casting into the space below the balcony of the McEwan Hall of various domestic fowls, the cacophony of amateur wits with more to say than to express, and a shower of paper, feathers, and more liquid contributions which did nothing for the composure of the more decorous seated in the stalls. For this torture the Rectors were rewarded with only an accolade as they seldom, if ever, were vocal representatives on the University Court, of the student body which had elected but so grossly humiliated them.

In 1948 all that changed. The Dramatic Society mounted an unstoppable campaign which chaired the inimitable bald-headed actor to a sweeping victory. Alistair Sim's delivery of the address was a masterpiece of crowd control. The rowdier elements of the student body were all prepared to repeat previous performances of fowl and instrumental interruption. Sir Sydney Smith, Dean of Medicine, in his foreword to the published account of the occasion, refers to "an exhibition of undergraduate boisterousness" as the academic procession wended its way to the platform. Within minutes of the start of Mr Sim's speech, the audience were in the palm of his hand.

The substance of the address was a revelation. It is best distilled in the orator's own words: "The scholar has honoured the truant. The Cap-and-Gown has exalted the Cap-and-Bells." He proceeded to regale us with a potted autobiography interspersed with hilariously related anecdotes from which were conjured a tapestry of wisdom and advice.

You also enquire as to the identification of the signatories to a letter of appreciation to R. S. Scott. One of these was F. Sandeman. The Sandeman family has an extensive family tree, but unfortunately, F. Sandeman does not feature in the main list, with any birth date which would be compatible with his undergraduate status in 1847. In the fragments whose lineage could not be linked to the main family, there is a Farquharson Sandeman born in 1801 in Brechin and another Farquharson born in 1810 but these do seem to be remote, geographically as they are from the North-East, and in age from likely enrollment in 1847. I hope others may be more successful than I.

T. F. Sandeman (M.D. 1963, M.B.,Ch.B. 1950)

Donald Wintersgill has sent his thanks to all who responded to his request for stories about the rectorial elections.

Letter from Edinburgh

IN RESPONSE TO Mr Freshwater's please in the last issue of EDiT, the signatory S. S. Laurie may be identified with Simon Somerville Laurie (1829-1909), Secretary to the Church of Scotland Education Committee, Visitor to the Dick Bequest, and Bell Professor of the Theory, History and Practice of

Education in the University of Edinburgh (1876-1903), MA 1849, LLD 1903, St Andrews 1887, Aberdeen 1906. He was the author of a large number of works on education, of which his Institutes of Education, 1892, (in the older sense of Principles, cf. Calvin's Institutes of Theology) was probably the most important. In addition, under the pseudonym of Scotus Novanticus, he wrote several philosophic works which no doubt reflected the teaching received in the Logics & Metaphysics class of 1847.

H. M. Knox MA 1938, Edinburgh

I NOTED WITH interest Peter Freshwater's observations on R. S. Scott who "departed to study and graduate in Manchester before returning to study at Edinburgh in 1844-46".

I graduated at Manchester in 1960 and stayed on to do my PhD there. As a scientist, I took a keen interest in the history of science at Manchester and later in Dundee, during my med studies, I explored a little of the history of higher education in the UK, especially in Manchester and Dundee. I was therefore very surprised to see a reference to graduation in Manchester in the 1840s. The founding college, Owens College, was opened in 1851 and until the creation of the Victoria University in 1880, the College prepared students for London degrees. The Victoria University of Manchester – the correct title when I graduated – was chartered in 1903. Unless there was some form of graduation at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, which existed from the early 1800s, or R. S. Scott had simply studied somewhere in the Manchester area and taken a London degree, I cannot see how he could have graduated in Manchester.

I am aware that attempts were made from about 1830 to set up higher education provision, at first based in a small college in what is now Warrington. This was essentially a technical college. However, there may be some information about university classes in Manchester which has not yet come to light. If you can enlighten me, I would be grateful and inter alia know more of the story of R. S. Scott.

Roy Partington, BSc, MEd, PhD, Dundee

The Callan Challenge

I HAVE FOLLOWED with great interest the letters from Ian Callan over the last few years. They were of particular interest since in my first year at Edinburgh (1939-40), I lived in Cowan House, in the room next door to Ian Callan's on the top floor. I don't expect he will remember me since I was a "fresher" when he was, I think, in his final year, but I well remember the attractive young lady who used to visit him for Sunday afternoon tea (the only time we were permitted to have lady guests).

My wife Dorothy (née Bell) and I both graduated BSc in chemistry and technical chemistry respectively, and were married on 19 August 1944, so we can only be also-rans in the Callan Challenge, but are hot on his heels.

Our son followed our example by going to Edinburgh, and resided in the new Cowan House for his first year. I see this is being demolished and hope the name will be retained in some future residence so that our grandsons might follow in our path.

C. R. Bryson, Cleveland

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 <http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk>.

THIS IS THE SECOND *Billet* that comes to you within the University magazine *EDiT*. I have been very pleased with the positive reception that so many of you have given to the *Billet*'s new form, and am very grateful for all your helpful comments on how we might improve it further.

We congratulate Tam Dalyell MP on his election as the new Rector of the University, and we are looking forward to joining the platform party at his Installation on 24 April. We shall all welcome him to the half-yearly meeting of Council on Saturday 28 June, which he will chair for the first time. The meeting will be held in the new Medical School building at Little France, and I do encourage you to attend. We are also looking forward to welcoming Michael Shea, former Press Secretary to HM The Queen and now Chairman of the Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh, who will address us after the General Council Lunch.

The Business Committee continues to keep actively before it the University's strategy on student admissions, and is looking forward to discussing this shortly with Vice-Principal Gordon Kirk, Convener of the University's Admissions Strategy Group. The Committee has taken an interest in the proposal to transfer the Reid Music Library from Alison House in Nicolson Square to the Main Library in George Square, which has attracted the attention of the Scottish press; a number of members have written to us about this.

The Academic and Finance and Statistics Standing Committees have continued their rounds of briefing meetings and discussions with the Heads of Colleges and of University Support Services. The Constitutional Standing Committee is updating Council's electoral procedures, and has flagged the need to review other aspects of Council's Constitution in the light of the University's restructuring, and

of the adoption of the University's new academic year from 1 August 2004. The Public Affairs Standing Committee has been concerned with the University's museum, gallery and library collections, especially with the forthcoming exhibition in the Talbot Rice Gallery, 'Object Lessons', which we invite members of Council to view on 26 June (details on page 42). Details of the work of all four Standing Committees will be reported in the Annex to the *Billet*, which is available on application to the General Council Office.

Plans for the February 2004 half-yearly meeting in Edinburgh, and for holding the June 2004 meeting in London are underway. We have been delighted by the enthusiastic welcome to the latter that we have received from the Edinburgh University Club of London, and are planning this event in consultation with the Club. It promises to be a great occasion.

The Officers of the General Council were honoured to represent the University and the Principal at the Edinburgh Science Festival Service in the High Kirk of St Giles on Sunday 6 April.



Before the Edinburgh Science Festival Service, left to right:

Mr Alan Johnston (Vice-Convener of the Business Committee), Mr Peter Freshwater (Convener of the Business Committee), Dr Ann Matheson (Secretary of the General Council), Mr Peter MacDonald (Mace Bearer).

GENERAL COUNCIL JUNE 2003 MEETING

The General Council will meet in Lecture Theatre B, The Chancellor's Building, The Medical School, University of Edinburgh, Little France, on Saturday 28 June 2003 at 10.30am. Please note that a bus will leave Old College for Little France at 9.30am prompt, and return from Little France to Old College at 3pm.

SUMMARY AGENDA

1. Minutes and Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of the General Council held on 8 February 2003
2. Report of the Business Committee
3. Dates of future meetings of the General Council
4. Notice of forthcoming Elections
5. Presentation by Professor Andrew A Calder, School of Clinical Sciences and Community Health, College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine
6. Any other competent business
7. Adjournment

A Full Agenda is given on pages 40-42.

MEET OLD FRIENDS – MAKE NEW FRIENDS ON SATURDAY 28 JUNE 2003

10am to 10.30am: Coffee, tea and biscuits in the Common Room, The Chancellor's Building, The Medical School, University of Edinburgh, Little France.

10.30am: General Council Meeting in Lecture Theatre B, The Chancellor's Building, The Medical School, University of Edinburgh, Little France.

After the Meeting: Lunch in the Common Room, The Chancellor's Building, The Medical School, University of Edinburgh, Little France.

FULL AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 28 JUNE 2003

1. *Minutes of the Last Meeting of the General Council on 8 February 2003*

Present: Mr Robin Harper, Rector, in the Chair; Professor Timothy O'Shea, Principal; Dr Frances Dow, Vice-Principal (Development); Dr Ann Matheson, Secretary of the General Council; Mr Peter B Freshwater, Convener of the Business Committee; and 81 other members.

The Rev. Di Williams, Chaplain to the University, opened the meeting with prayer.

1.1 *Result of the Election of General Council Assessors and Members of the Business Committee*

The Rector intimated that the two new General Council Assessors to the University Court, elected to serve for a period of four years from 1 October 2003, were: Mr Gavin Scott and Mr Robin Orr Blair. The five new members of the Business Committee, elected to serve for the same period, were: Ms Anne Paterson, Ms Carole Clarke, Mr Gavin Douglas, Mr George Lawrence Allen and Mr William Robertson Belfitt Bowie.

1.2 *Minutes and Matters Arising from the Meeting on 29 June 2002*

Dr Peter Davison asked for it to be recorded that, under 'questions', he had raised a matter of correspondence with the University. The Minutes of the meeting on 29 June 2002 were approved.

1.3 *Report of the Business Committee*

Mr Freshwater, Convener of the Business Committee, gave his report. The Committee had met four times since the last Statutory Meeting, and the Standing Committees had had active programmes. At the end of September, the Committee bade farewell to Professor John Cowan, Mr Iain MacLaren and Mr Gavin Scott, and welcomed Professor Ron Asher, Mr Michael Conway, Mr Ralph Parkinson, Mr Graham Rule and Mr Roger Windsor.

The new-style *Billet* had been sent as a section in the current issue of the alumni magazine *EDiT*, and the Convener thanked those concerned, particularly Dr Ann Matheson, Secretary of the General Council, for overseeing the new combined publication. Comments received from members had expressed approval of the principle of the *Billet* within *EDiT*.

The Officers had met with the new Principal, Professor Timothy O'Shea, and had joined other University departments in welcoming him. The Convener welcomed the Principal to his first meeting of Council, and also

welcomed Dr Frances Dow, Vice-Principal (Development). In September, the Officers of Council had joined members of the University at the farewell dinner for the former Principal, Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, hosted by the Chancellor. This meeting of Council was the last to be chaired by the present Rector, Robin Harper, who would demit office on Friday 7 March. The Convener thanked Mr Harper for his genial chairmanship of the half-yearly meetings, and for all his support for the work of Council.

The Convener outlined the work of the Standing Committees since the last meeting of the General Council. He also noted that the Officers had held a very positive and cordial meeting with the President and Vice-President (Representation) of the Students' Association. The General Council Dinner in the Raeburn Room, Old College, in August had been an enjoyable evening, and thanks were due to Alan Johnston, Vice-Convener, for organising the occasion.

The report of the Business Committee was approved.

The full text of the Convener'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 Draft Amendments to 5.7 and 5.8 of the Constitution: Composition of the Business Committee.*

The Motion, the details of which were set out in the February 2003 Billet, was unanimously approved.

THE NEXT DECADE

1.5 *Report by the Principal*

The Principal introduced the Annual Report for 2001/02. Student numbers were rising and a key issue was widening participation. Last May, Senatus had adopted the following statement, 'In a just society it is right that all students who have the ability and potential to benefit from, and succeed in, the academic programmes of the University, should have an equal opportunity to do so. Diversity in the student body is educationally as well as socially desirable in a civilized society. It enhances and enriches the educational experience and contributes to greater tolerance and understanding which benefits the individual, the University and the wider community.' This statement is wholeheartedly held by the vast majority of staff in the University.

The University had appointed a new Vice-Principal, Professor Gordon Kirk, with responsibility for widening participation. One of Professor Kirk's briefs was: 'The University

is committed to the development of admissions arrangements that are fair, transparent, consistently applied and publicly auditable'. This meant that notions that the University might initiate or advocate quotas, whether quotas in relation to students in England or quotas in relation to students from particular social categories, was completely wrong. It was vital that the University adopt a positive stance in relation to widening participation and access.

The University greatly values its Alumni, in different ways, with one of the most important being funding. It is important that people donate, particularly those who have benefited, and the University had held events in locations ranging internationally from New York to Hong Kong. The Principal asked that Alumni try to give publicly because the more that is donated publicly to the University, the more an example is set to others.

The restructuring of the University had been a great success, and the new schools structure was working well in terms of new interdisciplinary research projects and new interdisciplinary courses. Within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Vicki Bruce had been appointed as Head of College. The College has been successful in securing about £1M funding for the National Centre for Intellectual Property and Technology Law. In the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine, Professor John Savill had succeeded Professor Bird. In August, the Chancellor opened the new £40M Medical School at Little France. In Science and Engineering, Professor Bulfield, famous for heading the Roslin Institute, has been recruited as Head of College. Within Informatics, a partnership had been secured with the University of Stanford, arguably the leading university in the world in terms of Computer Science.

In regard to the next decade, the Principal spoke under four headings: the context the University finds itself in; its great strengths; the challenges it faces; and its overall goal. Higher education was growing worldwide, even in the current financial circumstances. Participation in the United States is about 65%; in Scotland about 50% of the age cohort, and in England about 40%. In Scotland, more than 50% participation fits very well with the Scottish commitment to higher education. This University and the other universities have strong support from the Scottish Executive, from Scottish Enterprise and from Scotland's Parliament. In Scotland, the University is up against up-front top up fees. In England, about a quarter of universities are in the Russell Group, major research-led universities like Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, with medical schools; a quarter of universities are small and beautiful

like York and Sussex, with no medical schools but very strong research reputations; a quarter are massive new universities; and a quarter of English universities are in difficulty. Scotland is quite different. Edinburgh is the biggest university in Scotland, and 60% of all 5*s awarded in Scotland are in this University. It has the largest budget of any university and that makes it vulnerable. The English sector is about nine times larger than the Scottish sector. More than a third of Edinburgh students, and more than half of the staff, come from England. Through the White Paper, the Secretary of State has made some dramatic changes in funding. Over the next three-year period there will be a 20.5% rise. Currently, Scotland has a funding advantage over England in the order of 4% compared to the typical English university. Over the next three years, that will move to a disadvantage of about 16%. England has introduced differential fees - which this University is opposed to - of the order of £3,000 per annum. The English universities in the Russell Group, of which Edinburgh is also a member, have all announced that they intend to charge differential fees. We very much welcome the rise in funding to English universities, but if it is not matched in Scotland, then Scottish universities will have a problem. The University's strengths are its research reputation; its very broad curriculum base, one of the broadest in Europe; the Scottish broad four-year under-graduate degree; its magnificent library; and its history. It has two key 21st-century strengths that every university wants. It is unambiguously strong in computer science, one of the very strongest in the world. It is unambiguously strong in the medical science and the life sciences. In terms of informatics, one of my great pleasures as Principal has been to sign the final contract for the high performance computing centre for the UK, where its massive £53M computer will be the most powerful civil computer outside the United States. The University's strengths include the great support of its students, former staff and alumni, also the tremendous commitment of its staff. What are the challenges the University faces? The new College and School structure, and the new division with a Director of Corporate Services, are fit for purpose. The University has an extraordinarily strong research, teaching and administrative and support staff. The challenges are essentially financial and are also the speed of change. The financial challenge: last year the Chancellor of the Exchequer put 1% on National Insurance. What was the impact for this University? Straight away the University had to find £2M. Almost 90% of the University's £590M assets are buildings and insurance bills were going up anyway. In terms of trying to manage a

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balanced budget the impacts of trying to look after the insurance and maintenance and legislative things that go with an estate worth £550M are very challenging. Trying to look after a staff pay bill that involves 7,000 is very challenging. Other challenges include the obsolescence of information technology equipment; changes in patterns of applications in undergraduates; and Disability Discrimination Act costs for a University with many Georgian terraced houses. In addition, the University sector in the UK is highly volatile. Over the last ten years there have been thirty mergers, three a year. One response the University can make is to be very tough on budgets. If the University is not to run a deficit, that is bound to mean discomfort particularly in the current environment. In terms of roles, it is very important to act quickly, to have officers. Another response is, as much as possible, to have devolved budgets with local incentives and controls. Overall then, what is the University's goal? It is number one in Scotland, and if the only thing it is aware of is being number one in Scotland then ten or twenty years from now, it might be number two. So the overall goal is for this University over the next ten years to be recognised as a leading international university, obviously with a distinguished history, not forgetting its history, using modern methods to create and disseminate knowledge. The Principal finished by saying how very much he appreciated the work of the General Council, and the friendly support he had received both from the Convener and the Secretary. He very much appreciated the very productive role of the three Assessors on Court. The Rector thanked the Principal for the enormous breadth and clarity of

his report.

A full text of the Principal'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. Di Williams 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 Professor Andrew A Calder, School of Clinical Science and Community Health, College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine**

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 8 February 2003. 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 8 February 2003, left to right:

Professor Timothy O'Shea (Principal and Vice-Chancellor), Mr Robin Harper (Rector), Dr Ann Matheson (Secretary of the General Council), Mr Alan Johnston (Vice-Convener of the Business Committee), Judge David Edward, who gave the after-lunch address, and Mr Peter B Freshwater (Convener of the Business Committee).

'OBJECT LESSONS': GENERAL COUNCIL RECEPTION IN THE TALBOT RICE ART GALLERY

An exhibition of highlights of the University's rich museum, gallery and library collections is being held in the Talbot Rice Gallery from 30 May to 31 July 2003. Titled 'Object Lessons', the exhibition will show the quality and range of the University collections, their value as tools for research and their interest to the wider public. General Council members are cordially invited to a reception to be held in the Talbot Rice Gallery on 26 June from 5pm to 7pm, at which there will also be an opportunity to view the exhibition.

For catering purposes, please inform the General Council Office (tel. 0131 650 2152; email: General.Council.ed.ac.uk) by 20 June 2003, if you would like to attend.

THE JUNE 2003 GENERAL COUNCIL LUNCH



Dr Michael Shea CVO DL

FOLLOWING THE Statutory Meeting, members of the General Council, other alumni, partners, family and friends are cordially invited to the General Council Lunch on Saturday 28 June 2003 in the Common Room, The Chancellor's Building, The Medical School, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, at Little France. Dr Michael Shea, CVO, DL will give the after-lunch address.

Tickets at £13 include pre-lunch sherry and a three-course meal in the Common Room, The Chancellor's Building, The Medical School, University of Edinburgh, Little France. Table wines will be available for purchase. Tickets can be obtained from the General Council Office, University of Edinburgh, Charles Stewart House, 9-15 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT.

Website: www.general-council.ed.ac.uk.

Please send me _____ tickets for the June 2003 General Council Lunch. A cheque for £_____ is enclosed, payable to The University of Edinburgh.

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