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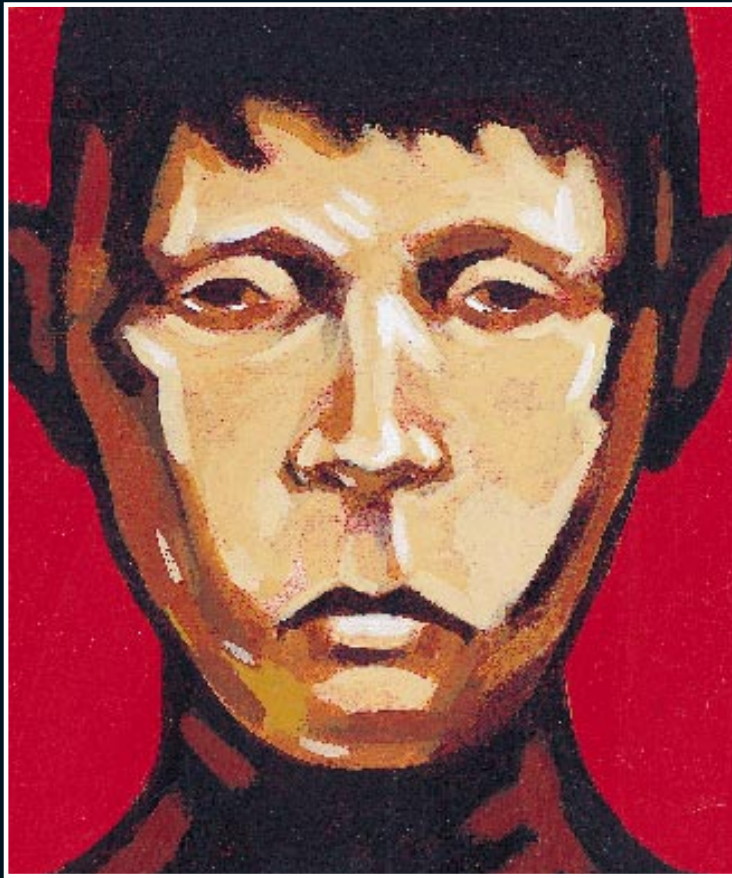
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**IMAGINE** you are a young child. You move to a foreign land where people talk a strange, incomprehensible language. The sounds are meaningless, all merging into a confusing chorus of human noise. You are cut off, isolated in a lonely cell constructed out of fragments of failed communication.

Sadly, many children living today do not have to imagine such a scenario or travel to a foreign land to experience it. For them, the frustration of not being able to communicate properly with the people around them is an everyday occurrence. They suffer from a condition known as Specific Language Impairment and it affects around one child in every 100.

# T H E L A N G U A G E S A R R I E R



report BRYAN CHRISTIE

illustration ROSS GILLESPIE

**J**ust as children with dyslexia have difficulty making sense of the printed letters on a page, children with SLI cannot properly absorb sounds and turn them into meaningful sentences. They are as intelligent as the children around them but their lack of basic comprehension can leave them looking slow and stupid, leading in many cases to underachievement in later life.

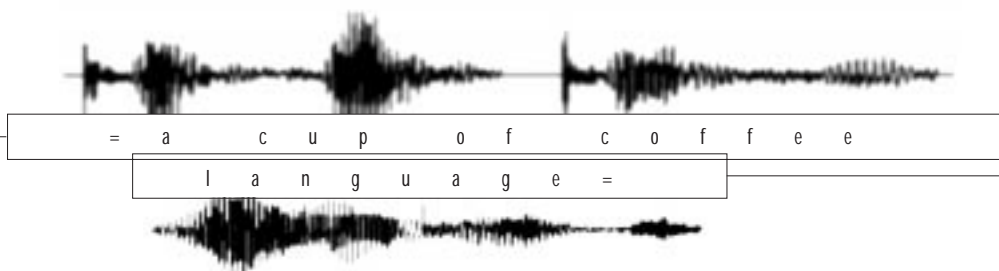
Now researchers at the University of Edinburgh are setting out on an important investigation to see if they can find the biological cause of this impairment and offer help to the countless thousands of children around the world who suffer from this condition. In the process they may also uncover some fascinating insights into one of the great unanswered questions of all time - how did humans develop language? What happened in the lost generations of time that gave us and no other species the ability to communicate verbally?

The study will involve working with around 200 Scottish families affected by SLI to see if the condition is caused by a basic genetic fault. Dr Jamal Nasir, the principal investigator in the study says he is confident that it will result in the identification of genes which have an important role in different aspects of speech and language. It

may provide vital pointers to show whether or not humans possess a 'language gene'.

"What makes SLI particularly fascinating is that language is what really defines us as humans. It is what separates us from all other species. There has been this tremendous fascination with language, and language impairment will hopefully offer us some clues to the biological basis of language - such as how it evolved and what are the biological mechanisms behind it," he says.

The three year project, which is being funded by a £162,000 grant from the Scottish Executive, is a collaboration between researchers at the University's Molecular Medicine Centre and Dr Anne O'Hare, a paediatrician with a special interest in speech problems who runs the speech clinic at the Sick Children's Hospital in Edinburgh. Dr O'Hare says most children with SLI are seen around the ages of two or three when parents become concerned about their failure to learn to speak. But why they should develop such a problem is still unclear. Dr O'Hare says some specialists believe it is linked to the auditory perception of sounds at a central level, while others believe it is related to the complex development of syntax and



grammar. “Why children develop this problem is the million dollar question. It is about the essence of human beings learning language - and that is still hotly debated,” she adds.

What has become increasingly clear is that genetics play a major role. That is illustrated in the case of one young girl with SLI who has been treated at the Sick Children’s Hospital in Edinburgh. When questions were asked about her family background, it became clear that her uncle - her mother’s brother - had suffered similar problems and was treated at the same hospital more than 20 years previously. However, the girl’s mother had never displayed any problems. The project is keen to learn how one family member can avoid SLI when another is affected.

Jonathan Seckl, Professor of Molecular Medicine, says one study with an extended family in the United States has identified a single gene which seems to be important in the acquisition of language. Another study conducted among 3,000 twins concluded that 73% of the variation in speech and language among children has a genetic basis. He says that may be an exaggeration but adds: “Even if it is only half, it tells you that there is lot of genetic input into the development of language.”

**W**hat the Edinburgh study plans to do is to identify families where there is a known SLI problem. They will then be assessed using the latest techniques to come to a firm diagnosis and then blood samples will be taken to screen their genes for common factors.

A pilot study found 75 families with more than one family member affected, and the researchers believe it will be possible to meet their target of recruiting 200 families to the study.

“If we can find genes that underpin half, or quarter at the most, of the cause, we can begin to do early diagnosis,” says Professor Seckl. “That is some time down the track but that would be useful.” Children with SLI who are taught in specialist language units have been shown to benefit, and early identification would allow this form of expensive intervention to be targeted at those most likely to benefit. The work may also open up the prospect of using gene therapy to correct the basic fault. “What would probably be more useful is the ability to understand how it comes about,” said Professor Seckl. “If it suggests, for instance, that a particular protein is wrong, it might suggest new ways, completely unthought of ways of treating it. It may be a receptor for a particular brain chemical and maybe we can find a way of mimicking that.”

Dr O’Hare says that anything which helps to point more conclusively to the origins of the problem would be helpful to families. “It is very worrying and very frustrating for them not knowing why this happens.” SLI can have a range of effects. In some people it gives rise to problems in acquiring written language and literacy, while in others it can result in a significant and marked delay in starting to talk. Equally, some children respond better than others to language support which is offered in specialist

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clinics in small classes of around six children at a time. “Many make quite a good recovery,” says Dr O’Hare, “while other children of otherwise normal intelligence may be going to high school with a comprehension level of a seven-year-old.”

It is a problem which has huge financial implications for both the health and education services, as well as carrying a heavy personal cost for the individuals affected. Dr Nasir says: “This condition is as debilitating and as tragic in its own way as Cystic Fibrosis and Parkinson’s Disease because of the missed opportunities for those affected. Our first aim would be to develop a diagnostic tool to offer early intervention but further down the line there is the possibility to do gene therapy to correct the disorder - but that is very much in its infancy.” Dr Nasir says Scotland is an ideal place to carry out this type of hunt for specific genes because the population has remained relatively stable over the years leaving a largely uncomplicated gene pool to investigate. In addition, Scotland can offer expertise in speech and language therapy which has already led to the

identification of large numbers of children and families suffering from this problem.

**I**t is an exciting project with enormous potential benefits, but it began over a simple cup of coffee - a conception that has delighted Professor Seckl. He was instrumental in setting up the University’s Molecular Medicine Centre at the Western General Hospital which now houses around 150 molecular geneticists and biologists who are all trying to take advantage of the huge explosion of genetic knowledge worldwide about the origins of human disease. The building was designed with a large coffee room so that scientists working on different projects could spend some time in each other’s company and exchange ideas.

As is common with people everywhere they usually talk about the football or what they were doing at the weekend, says Professor Seckl, but more productive exchanges can take place. One of these occurred when he was talking to Dr Nasir. “Somehow or other our conversation came round to SLI. We recognised there was a real lack of a co-ordinated attempt to address what is a very serious, very upsetting and very difficult problem.” Contact was made with Dr O’Hare and a strategy was mapped out for answering some searching questions about the continuing mystery of how humans acquire language. Families whose children suffer from SLI may yet prove grateful for that exchange over an everyday cup of coffee. **E**

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## Where small animals come first

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS The Princess Royal, Patron of The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, has officially opened the Dick Vet's new Hospital for Small Animals at the Easter Bush Veterinary Centre.

The new hospital is the largest of its kind in the UK with eight consulting rooms, four specialist treatment rooms, three general wards, and four operating theatres. It also provides a dedicated ward for exotic animals and a wildlife ward, which makes it unique among hospitals run by the UK's six veterinary schools. A total of £3.9 million was raised externally to fund the building of the new hospital of which over £250,000 came from alumni. A sculpture 'Sprinting Afghan Hound' by Matthew Lane Sanderson sits outside the new hospital in memory of Olive Smith, VN, MBE, Head Nurse 1971 - 1996 who loved and cared for animals. The sculpture has been kindly donated by The Olive Smith Memorial Fund.



## Funding for Firefly

**FIREFLY YOUTH PROJECT**, a Scottish charity working with children and young people in Bosnia, has been awarded nearly £157,000 by the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Since its inception, Firefly has been run and supported almost entirely by fundraising carried out by students at the University. Its founder and director, Ellie Maxwell, and secretary, Andrew Fairlie, are both students at Edinburgh. In this first round of awards for UK based organisations working abroad, Firefly is the only Scottish charity to have received funding which will be used to carry out reconciliation work and encourage communication between young people from different ethnic groups in Bosnia. It will also cover the costs of setting up an office in the UK, and employing a member of staff to run the project. Local volunteers in Bosnia will also be trained in youth work, conflict resolution, project planning, budgeting and proposal writing, with the intention that when the funding comes to an end the project will be entirely staffed by individuals from the area who will ensure its survival in the longer term.



## Virtual Edinburgh

AN IMAGINATIVE USE of powerful computers has enabled the streets of Edinburgh to come to life as a 'virtual' city. Users of the system can simulate flying through the streets of Edinburgh's Old Town, climbing high over the buildings and then swooping to street level. The system, called VISAGE, can also be used to see what the streets looked like years ago.

VISAGE has been made possible by the novel use of powerful computers in a collaborative effort involving the Edinburgh Old Town Renewal Trust (EOTRT) and EPCC, a technology transfer centre based at the University. Using a computer model of the Old Town commissioned by EOTRT, EPCC was able to generate animated sequences simulating a fly-past. The most obvious practical application of this comes in planning as the powerful computing technology at the heart of VISAGE allows assessment of the impact of new buildings on an existing built environment.



## The University in the City

**IN JANUARY 2000, the University is mounting a major exhibition in the City Art Centre documenting the life of the University in the final year of the Millennium.**

The photographic images by Tricia Malley and Ross Gillespie will reflect a very broad range of activities, showing not only the public face of an organisation at the heart of Scotland's capital city, but also aspects of life behind the scenes. It will be a combination of the commonplace and the exceptional. The exhibition follows the highly successful 'Portraits of Excellence' at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in which Tricia and Ross presented 26 portraits of academic staff of the University.



## Pulling ahead

**THE UNIVERSITY'S ROWING** crew on their way to winning the Edinburgh-Glasgow Universities Boat Race 1999. A crew of eight top oarsmen, selected from the University's Boat Club, competed over a 2.5km course from the straight at Rutherglen Bridge to the Monument on Glasgow Green.

The race which had been held annually since 1877 until 1996 was revived this year in the hope that it might attract sponsorship for next year. Despite being the underdogs on paper, Edinburgh won both the men's and women's races.

(See p39 for news about the alumni boat club)

## Finance Director scoops award



**University Finance Director George Sutherland has been named as public sector Finance Director of the Year in the Bank of Scotland Awards.**

George won praise for his work at the University after 20 years with Shell International and then a year as finance director of the World Bank \$3 billion Construction Project in Pakistan. The Principal, Sir Stewart Sutherland, who had nominated him for the award, said, "When he moved from the private to the public sector in 1994, George brought the best and most relevant private sector experience to positive influence on University practice, strategy and policy." George was presented with the Finance Director of the Year Award by Glasgow's Lord Provost Pat Lally.



## Lottery boost for sport in Scotland

**A RECENT AWARD** of £1.6 million from the Lottery Sports Fund to create a National Training and Competition Centre for Hockey - as part of a £3 million project to redevelop the University's 27 acre Peffermill playing fields - is good news for the University, Scottish Hockey and the development of sport in general in Scotland. Following the recent merger with Moray House Institute of Education, the University carries responsibility for the training of Scotland's physical education teachers, leisure managers and sports scientists.

The development at Peffermill - which also boasts an extensive range of grass pitches, tennis courts, and golf teaching and practice facilities - will involve a resurfacing of the existing artificial pitch for dedicated hockey use, a second state of the art artificial pitch, integral services, training track, additional high quality changing facilities, a grandstand and improved car parking and access arrangements, as well as University teaching accommodation. Funding, for new tennis courts, has also come from the Pollock Trustees.



## IAN RANKIN Alumnus of the Year

**THE 1999 UNIVERSITY** of Edinburgh/Royal Bank of Scotland Alumnus of the Year is Scottish crime writer Ian Rankin, the creator of Inspector John Rebus. The Award is made annually to a former student for services to the community, achievements in arts or sciences, in business, public or academic life.

Ian Rankin was born in 1960 in Cardenden, Fife, and graduated from the University of Edinburgh MA in English Language in 1982. His earliest writing successes were with poetry and the short story, one of which developed into his first novel *The Flood*, which was published by Polygon in 1986.

In 1988 Ian Rankin was elected a Hawthornden Fellow, and in 1992 he won the prestigious Chandler-Fulbright Award. The first of a number of literary prizes came in 1994 with the award of a Crime Writers Association Short Story Dagger, followed by another in 1996, culminating in 1997 with the CWA Gold Dagger Award for the best crime novel of the year for *Black & Blue*. In February 1999 Ian Rankin had 10 books in the top 20 Scottish bestsellers list; and in April he was elected Chairman of the Crime Writers Association. A television series based on the Inspector Rebus novels is due to be broadcast shortly.

Nomination forms for the 2000 Alumnus of the Year Award are available from Development & Alumni Services, Old College, Edinburgh EH8 9YL, and should be returned no later than 31 March 2000.

## Ford Gift of Support to Management School

**LORD TROTMAN**, former Chairman and Chief Executive of Ford Motor Company, has presented a US \$500,000 Ford Gift of Support to the University's Management School.

The donation will be used to support the establishment of The Management Information and Research Access Centre and Learning Environment (MIRACLE), which will act as an electronic hub for the School, and enhance and support the learning opportunities available to staff, students and members of the business community. It will link with learning centres in the University's Faculties of Science & Engineering, Medicine and Education, and to the major management databases world-wide through the Internet.

The gift will also support a Management School Master Class Programme by eminent visiting chief executives and senior managers.





**No.8** The Jean Goermans/  
Pascal Taskin  
Double-Manual  
Harpsichord,  
Paris 1764/83

**P**ascal Taskin was one of the finest harpsichord builders of all times. He was born sometime between 1723 and 1729 in Theux in the Province of Liege, now a part of Belgium. From Theux he came to work in Paris in the atelier of François-Étienne Blanchet II. After the death of Blanchet in April 1766, he became

a journeyman (maître) harpsichord builder, married Blanchet's widow, and took over Blanchet's workshop on the Rue de la Verrerie.

Jean Goermans was the founder of a family, of Flemish origin, of harpsichord and piano builders. He came to Paris and lived on the Rue de la Verrerie, the same street where Pascal Taskin was living and working for Blanchet.

The harpsichord was originally built in Paris by Jean Goermans in 1764 with the classic French disposition, but this was later altered by Pascal Taskin in 1783/84. At the time Taskin and Goermans were working in Paris, harpsichords by the Ruckers and Couchet, built over a century earlier in Antwerp, were being altered and updated to give them a contemporary compass and disposition. These altered harpsichords sold for prices 10 times or more than those of the locally-produced new instruments, and much counterfeiting and faking of Ruckers and Couchet instruments took place. In the case of the 1764 instrument, Taskin obliterated Goermans' signature, altered Goermans' rose to look like the rose of Couchet, stained the soundboard dark brown to try to make it look as old as a Couchet, and probably sold it off as a Couchet instrument at a great profit.

This stunningly beautiful instrument is made of a variety of materials, including oak, poplar, lime, cherry, beech, fir, pear, walnut and ebony. It is one of the most copied, most famous and finest surviving harpsichords in the world.

(See p49 for details of how to view the Russell Collection)



above: fine detail  
of the instrument





# Starter for 10

ELAINA RICHARDSON

## ◀ Elaina Richardson,

Editor-in-Chief of the US edition of ELLE, graduated MA from the University of Edinburgh in 1982. She oversees a magazine with a readership of 2.4 million women and a staff of 78.

"My job is to set the tone and vision of the magazine; approve every image and word that is in each issue; supervise the staff; maintain budgets; represent the magazine at events, in interviews, and on television; and keep the approval of my boss - the readers."

WHICH SINGLE WORD sums up your University experience?

Eye-opening.

Did you enjoy being a student?

For the most part, yes. Obviously some months and years were better than others, but on the whole I loved being an undergrad.

What is your best memory of University?

Hearing, at the end of my first year, that I was placed at the top of the English Lit. class - up until then, I'd had all those classic "I'm a fraud and shouldn't be here" anxieties. That was a very liberating moment. I also remember strolling around McEwan Hall after exams with someone I was totally in love with and thinking life couldn't get much better.

What is your worst memory of University?

Being broke and living in an off-campus flat that I just hated.

If you could choose again, which subject would you study?

Medicine.

Did any member of staff have a lasting influence?

Dr Michael Phillips in the English Lit. department was a great friend and tutor: someone who added sophistication to his students' literary tastes and to life in general. Dr Sarah Crichton was my first-year tutor and incredibly encouraging and supportive. I also had a tutor once, a man called Mr Womack, who was completing his PhD and gave me a timely reminder, after I'd superciliously trashed Wordsworth in an essay, "that the poet has thought much longer and harder about every word" than I had!

What advice would you give to new students?

Realise fast that this is not a dress rehearsal - there's nothing worse than living with the fact that you blew opportunities. Also, know that this is not the destination: it's tempting to think you've worked towards University as a goal, and that you can switch off once you get

there. It isn't a destination, it's a springboard. Despite what career experts say, try to ignore thoughts of "relevance" to a future job market: it's really a nonsense concept. Just pursue as energetically as you can the things that capture your mind.

Do you think your University education prepared you for the competitive world of women's magazine publishing?

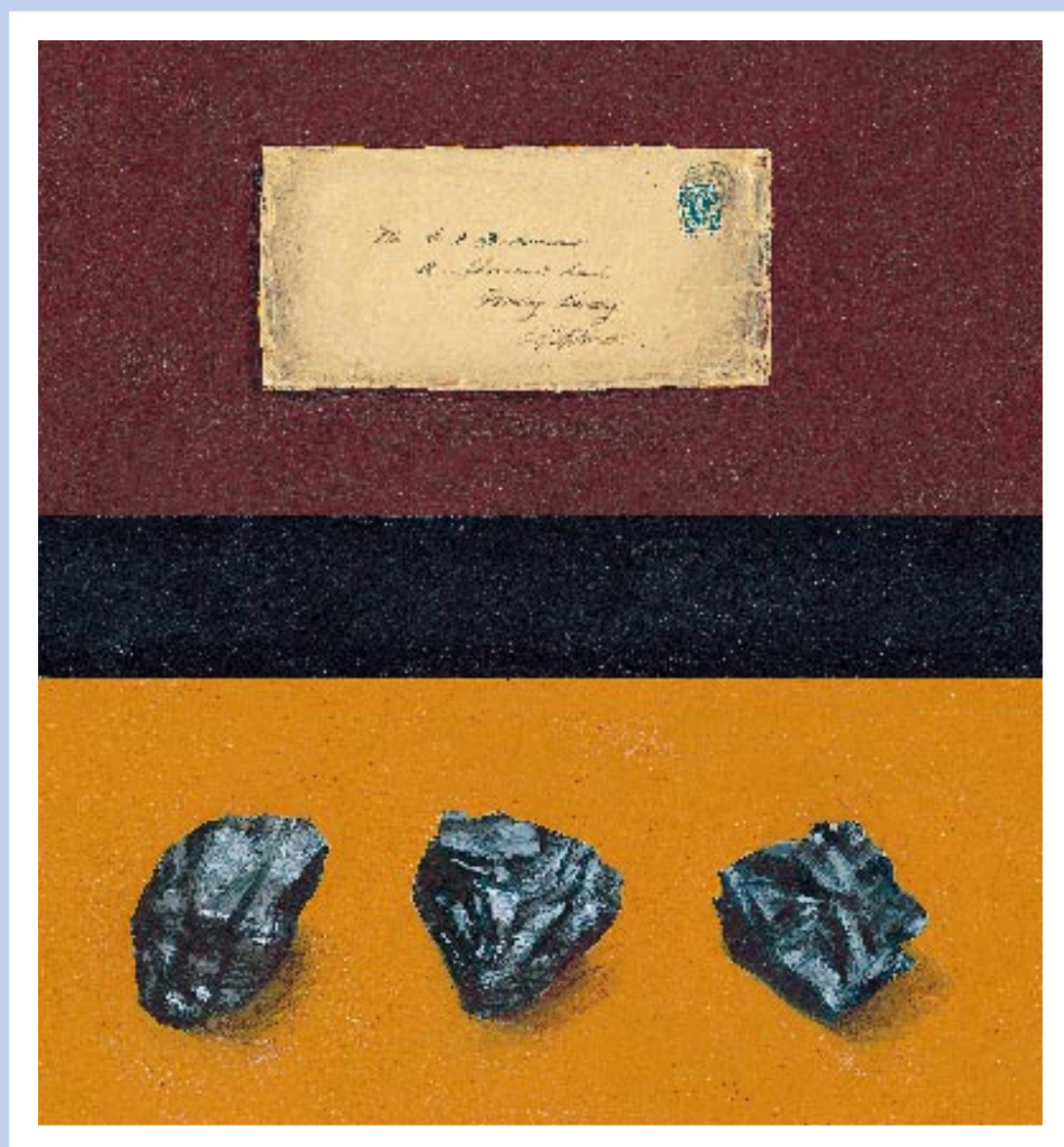
Magazine journalism attracts highly literate, highly ambitious people who have great confidence in their opinions and feel entitled to pass judgement on a whole range of topics. As the person who tries to harness all of these opinions (not to mention egos!), I have to be completely sure of my instincts and decisions: Yes, this is worth covering; No, this is dull. I feel my education gave me a very solid, broad sweep of information about a range of topics (literature, language, politics, philosophy), and the ability to build an argument and defend my conclusions - that has certainly been a plus.

What advice would you give to students interested in pursuing a career in magazine publishing/journalism?

Well, I know what you're supposed to do: get involved in student journalism (if possible, launch your own publication); get an internship every summer vacation; baby-sit for people with really senior jobs in publishing; learn Russian, Chinese or Arabic so that you can be sent to an exotic overseas bureau, etc., etc. I didn't do any of those, though, so my only first-hand advice would be: Say 'yes' to whatever opportunities arise and put yourself in situations where you're likely to meet writers, editors, and/or art directors.

Do you sometimes find it difficult to take the world of fashion and beauty seriously?

All businesses are ripe with the potential for satire (think law, academia, politics), and mine is no exception. The *AbFab* stereotype, however, really is just that: a stereotype. Fashion and beauty are multi-billion dollar, global businesses: there's nothing frivolous about the bottomline.





# LETTER *from Edinburgh*

In the autumn of 1894 Nicolaas J. Brümmer arrived in Edinburgh from the University of the Cape of Good Hope to further his studies at New College. These two letters were written from his lodgings in Edinburgh to his parents at home in Lady Grey.

illustration PAUL BLOW

*38 Warrender Park Road  
6 Nov. 1894*

*My dear parents,  
Lady Grey*

Dear Father and Mother,

I am very grateful to the Lord that, thus far, He has greatly blessed me with health and all that can contribute to my well-being. I also hope to hear from you all before long. I was very pleased to learn that all is well with you and you are both in good health. The last time I had word of you, Mama was suffering from a whitlow on a finger. I hope that this has now cleared up.

The professors here have already been very friendly towards me. I have already been asked to dinner by most of those with whom I have contact, invited to their 'tea meetings', and introduced to some of the private men's graduate associations by Professor Seth and Professor Calderwood. They are very friendly, although the Scots are on the whole very shy and reserved. It is generally the case that the Scot is not the first to come forward, but if you behave as we Baptists behave - show friendship - then they are obliging and useful. One thing which often rubs me up the wrong way is that a Scot always makes out that he knows everything, even about a subject about which he simply knows nothing at all. I've heard Scots speak about things about which they know absolutely nothing in the world, and yet you would get the impression they could swear by what they say.

The country is beautiful even at this time. Much of it is reminiscent of the Cape. It has not been cold up to now but cold weather is expected. There hasn't been any snow in Edinburgh, but there has been in London. This is, of course, not as bad as Lady Grey where it snows between Christmas and New Year.

Edinburgh is a large and beautiful city, magnificent buildings of all kinds, and an immense number of churches. There is a large church every couple of hundred yards. I prefer to leave to one side the question of whether the people are really so very good. There is an inconceivable amount to learn. I would like to take advantage of so many opportunities and privileges, but it is impossible because I cannot divide myself up. I expect to learn more here in six months than in three years at Stellenbosch.

I send greetings to all friends and acquaintances, especially Uncle Ben, Uncle Willem and so on.

With best wishes from your dear son - Nicolaas

.....

*38 Warrender Park Road  
22 Nov. 1894*

*Mr B. J. Brümmer,  
Lady Grey*

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to report to you that through the love of God I am in good health, and hope to have word of you again in the near future. It takes quite a long time to get a reply to letters from here.

The weather is by no means unpleasant; you soon get used to it and don't notice any more when it's bad. However, I should here add that the coalfire burns all day long in the study fireplace. This is common practice here, even when it is by no means cold. Coal is, in fact, so cheap that they can do that sort of thing.

One of the most unpleasant things you notice in the streets here are the coal-sellers. Great numbers of them run up and down the streets, one after the other, and make a painful noise to announce to those living on the fourth or fifth floors that there's coal for sale in the street. The poor creatures have a hard life hereabouts. They must work hard to have something worth selling, and then they have to trudge from house to house to sell it. Sometimes you see a cart-load of chairs, benches, tables and wickerwork etc going up and down the street, a couple of women carry one or two of the articles for sale, but although the work is very fine and they ask very little, the poor Scots women have a tremendous struggle to sell it. And so it is with a great many other things. One of the most striking things is to see the many fishwives arriving in the city every mornng. They are all well-built, strong, healthy and often handsome people, but the loads of fish which these women carry in big baskets on their backs, hanging by a strap round their foreheads, is a painful sight for anyone not used to seeing women do such heavy work. And yet they are happy and healthy. They are better developed than those who don't work.

Here there is much, very much which seems inhuman to someone from Africa, yet is quite normal here, but on the whole there is also much to learn here. It would be really good if our poor white people of Africa were left to their own devices here for a while, so they can learn to value the great privileges they enjoy and desist from their idleness.

My work is going very well indeed. Of course, I must make best use of my time and there is a great deal of everything to learn here. Greetings to everyone.

With best wishes, your dear son, Nicolaas







# ASRAT WOLDEYES

## an extraordinary life

BY JONATHAN STEELE

I WAS LYING gravely ill in the flat of a Royal Air Force doctor in Addis Ababa when I first heard someone mention the name of Asrat Woldeyes, or simply Asrat as he was always known. Even in my semi-comatose state, the awe with which his name was used got through to me. “We must see if Asrat is free. He is the best,” a voice said. “Yes,” another chipped in, “Let’s get Jonathan over to the Black Lion.” Was this a pub, I wondered feebly, and who is Asrat? ➡

# ASRAT WOLDEYES

an extraordinary life

**H**aving appendicitis is no thrill wherever you are. Getting it in Ethiopia, seven hours' drive from the nearest properly equipped hospital, makes it even less wise a choice of location. But the three other reporters I was with plied me with enough liquid to avoid total dehydration and we bumped back to the capital city, our famine assignment cast aside by my soft moans of pain.

Luckily for me, with several million people in dire need, Addis Ababa was unusually well-supplied with trained people from all over the world, ranging from nutritionists, paediatricians, and nurses to the RAF general practitioner who was there to help any aircrews if they fell ill while dropping grain to starving villagers in the drought-ridden highlands.

My appendix burst somewhere on the ghastly journey. While they kept me overnight on a drip to give me enough strength for an emergency operation, the discussion in the RAF doctor's centred on where to send me. Although there was one hospital to which expats usually went for relatively minor problems, no-one doubted the Black Lion hospital was the best for any serious operation, simply because of Professor Asrat. The Black Lion was Addis Ababa's largest public hospital, a multi-storeyed complex which was always full. Asrat was its chief surgeon as well as being by far and away the country's best-known doctor, and the doyen of the country's medical corps.

As was to be expected, the operation went well and as I recuperated in the days that followed I began to learn a little

more about the man who had saved my life. He saw me regularly as he did his rounds, but was scrupulously fair in not devoting more time to his only foreign patient than he did to any other. He popped in briefly, inquired how I felt, and once satisfied that there were no problems, moved on.

**I**t was mainly from the British ambassador, Brian Barder, who let me spend the last few days of my recovery in the embassy compound before I flew back to Britain, that I began to learn more about Asrat. He had studied medicine and surgery at Edinburgh University as one of the first Ethiopians to get a foreign degree, I was told. He could have stayed in the West and had a successful career, but was a strong patriot and chose to go home. He quickly rose through the medical faculty at Addis Ababa University while also working at the Black Lion, turning it into a teaching hospital.

Asrat came from the Amhara Christian élite which had long run Ethiopia and it was not surprising that he became the favourite doctor of the Emperor Haile Selassie. When the emperor and his entire political entourage were overthrown in 1974 by a group of left-leaning army officers, Asrat was re-confirmed in his university job. They even permitted him to go on treating the 82-year-old ex-monarch, by then a prisoner in his palace. Asrat's professional competence was too great for the new regime to want to lose his medical knowledge.

According to Amnesty, his prison conditions were worse than those of any other detainee. His gaolers feared his powers of argument and refused to let him speak to other prisoners. He was not held in solitary confinement in the physical sense.

After returning to Britain and making a full recovery, I returned to Ethiopia three months later just as the famine was coming under control. I met Asrat briefly to thank him, but he seemed to think it was unnecessary. He had only been doing his duty. We had a drink and parted, and I was soon swept up in other crises, including a six-year stint as the Guardian's Moscow correspondent. With the Soviet Union crumbling there was little time to think about Africa, although when I read in May 1991 that the Ethiopian regime had lost power to a guerrilla army led by Tigreans and Eritreans, the traditional rivals of the Amhara, I did briefly wonder what had happened to Asrat.

Imagine my surprise when I learnt two years ago that he had been arrested and was considered by Amnesty International to be a prisoner of conscience. It turned out that he had decided to take on a political post about a year after the new regime came in. Worried by discrimination against his people, Asrat became chairman of the newly-formed All-Amhara People's

Organisation. This was enough for him to be sacked from his university post, along with 21 other professors.

Worse was to come. He was arrested in 1994 for holding a meeting at the AAPO office in Addis Ababa where he allegedly planned violent attacks against the state. Once in gaol he was tried on two other charges, and by the time I learnt of his difficulties he was facing a fourth set of charges. His supporters said Asrat was a victim of serial injustice, aimed at keeping him in prison for ever by adding new charges every time his previous sentence approached its end.

According to Amnesty, his prison conditions were worse than those of any other detainee. His gaolers feared his powers of argument and refused to let him speak to other prisoners. He was not held in solitary confinement in the physical sense. He slept on a mat on the floor in a barracks-type hall with scores of other detainees. But they were told not to communicate with him, or he with them.

Intrigued, I decided I would try to see Asrat, if only to do whatever I legally could to help him. No-one else in the world has ever so directly 'saved my life'. The phrase sounds melodramatic. Was there anything I could do for him? The Ethiopian authorities were remarkably straightforward. I did not say I hoped to see Asrat until I had got a visa to enter the country, but they reacted favourably after the new British ambassador, Gordon Wetherell, put the case to the Security Minister soon after I arrived. Here was a British journalist with





sentimental reasons for seeing Asrat. Why not let him?

By an irony, Asrat had just been transferred from prison to hospital after complaining of high blood pressure and failing sight in his right eye after a possible mini-stroke. The hospital the regime chose for him was none other than the Black Lion.

It was odd to be climbing the stairs to the eighth floor of the hospital to visit the man who was once its chief surgeon, and who now was a prisoner in the institution he had helped to build up. Six soldiers in khaki uniforms guarded the corridor. Supremely confident, Asrat invited the security man from the ministry who was escorting me to stay in the room. As the conversation moved from polite pleasantries and a discussion of his health to political issues, I saw the strength of character which had put Asrat behind bars and kept his spirits up while there.

"The government allowed us to have an opinion, so I had an opinion. And then this. It happened like a bang. I never dreamt I would be in prison," he said, when I asked him how his chairmanship of AAPO had landed him in gaol. One of the charges was that he had called for the regime's violent overthrow. I read the speech before I left London and it was certainly a piece of super-patriotism, praising the way the Amhara had stood up to Italian invasion and suggesting the new Tigrean-dominated regime were foreign occupiers. But it was not a specific call to arms.

Asrat laughed, saying he had always been a man who tried to save life. He had never favoured political violence. He reminded me that the present government, his current gaolers, had been happy to rely on his word when it suited them. The trial of the Dergue, the former regime, was still rumbling on in Addis and Asrat had been summoned from prison to testify in the case against those who had murdered the emperor. They are charged with suffocating the old man with a pillow.

Asrat was one of the last independent people to see him alive. It was about a month before he died. "Then I was sent to the war front as a surgeon on the normal three-week tour of duty. When I got back, I was intending to give the emperor a check-up but my son was upset that I had been away. So I took a long weekend and arranged to go in on Wednesday. On the Tuesday evening I suddenly heard my name being mentioned on the radio. The Dergue were saying they had not been able to find his doctor and the emperor had died. It was as though I was somehow responsible." When he had last seen him, the emperor was in good health in spite of his age. As Asrat put it, the talk about not being able to find his doctor "was clearly a pretext to cover up the fact he was murdered".

Asrat's main differences with the new regime, which he happily expounded even though the security man was still there, were two fold. He did not like the way Eritrea had been allowed to become independent. (Shortly

after I saw him, the two countries whose guerrilla armies had been close allies in the struggle against the Dergue, went to war themselves. Many see it as Africa's most baffling and pointless war, fought by men who were once good friends and for the sake of a few miles of semi-desert.) Asrat also disliked Ethiopia's new federal system, under which all political parties had to be associated with a region. "The All-Amhara People's Organisation was designed to combat tribalism but it had to be done under a specific name. We wanted brotherhood for all Ethiopians but it was difficult to stand on a general platform when everyone was put under a different tribe. That was the paradox," he explained.

Asrat clearly relished talking, and for almost an hour he ranged over the political landscape and his place in it without any visible fear of the government which was keeping him under lock and key. I barely had to prompt him with questions. A week after my first visit I was permitted another conversation. His only companion in his private cell-cum-ward was a short-wave radio on which he listened to the BBC World Service. I brought him some books but his eyesight was poor and he could hardly read.

Other visitors to Ethiopia began to ask to see him, including members of the European Parliament, like Glenys Kinnock. Diplomats from several Western embassies took turns in visiting. I wrote Asrat's story up in a long piece for the Guardian Weekend magazine but for various internal reasons it was

not published until November last year. By then pressure from Amnesty International and various lobby groups was growing. On Christmas Day I received a phone call, saying Asrat was being released on health grounds to get medical attention abroad. Within a few hours he would be on a plane to London.

It was wonderful to visit him on Boxing Day if only for half an hour. Once again he was in hospital, though this time a free man. A dozen people crowded into his room at the Wellington Hospital in north London, and others thronged the lobby. I could see he was indeed a celebrity in his community. Asrat was tired, ill and jet-lagged, but he remained his usual smiling and resilient self.

The next day he flew to the United States to visit relatives and go to the hospital in Texas where he had had bypass surgery many years earlier. All seemed to go well and he was sent home to a nephew in Pennsylvania. Only a few weeks later he complained of pains, was admitted to a local hospital, and died.

It was a sad and sudden end to a story which had seemed to be looking up. At least Asrat died in freedom, though not in the country to which he had given so much. I cannot say I repaid him by saving his life, but if my article helped in the campaign which gave him a few months of liberty, it is more than I expected. **E**

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# Letters



## The Edit Prize Letter Sixty Years On

GRANDCHILDREN AT university now - how time passes! I wonder if they - or anyone else - would be interested in what student life was like in the '30s? Well, here goes...

The academic part of a student's life doesn't change all that much through the generations, but the style of social life has changed. (For better or worse - who are we to say?) The 'English Lit', more properly, Edinburgh University English Literature Society, met on Tuesday evenings in the Non Soc Hall, which is round about where the student shop is now. It was called the Non Soc Hall because the meetings there were of Non-Associated Societies - the Associated Societies being high-and-mighty affairs with a long history, such as the Dialectic, Philomathic and Diagnostic, which, in those days, certainly didn't admit women.

There were various office-bearers in the English Lit apart from the normal President, Secretary etc. For example, as the evening wore on and the fire burnt low, it was necessary to put more coal on and the Chairman would call on the Honorary Chief Stoker to do so. The Honorary Chief Stoker would then call on the Honorary Assistant Chief Stoker, who would then call on the Honorary Deputy Chief Stoker, which functionary would carry out the duty of putting coal on the fire. Incidentally, when at the beginning of the session the various office-bearers were installed in their offices, the ceremony of appointing the various stokers was called an inundation. Where all this came from, I don't know. It was before my time.

The rules of chairmanship were rigidly observed. If a motion was proposed, the Chairman would call for any counter-motion, amendment, or direct negative and so on. And, of course, one could always try to impeach the Chair. That was great fun!

The main business of the evening was serious, however. It usually consisted of a debate on some literary subject. One such, I remember, was that "self-consciousness is the curse of modern poetry". I don't remember which side won! Of course we also discussed books and authors - the literary lions of the time - TS Eliot, Ezra Pound, Norman Douglas, Lewis Grassic Gibbon.

At a suitable point in the meeting, the convenor of the Tea Committee, who had been keeping an eye on the urn during the

proceedings, would organise tea and biscuits. (There was a story about a biscuit which had been signed by the committee on a special occasion and was therefore part of the Society's archives. I'm afraid that by my time there was nothing left but crumbs.)

Of course the Lit had other activities which had a less literary flavour. We had a hockey team, which played teams from other Non Soc Societies in the Meadows. We had parties where we played simple-minded party games - and some literary ones as well - and where we danced foxtrots and waltzes and eightsome reels and Dashing White Sergeants to piano accompaniments supplied by a musically-gifted English Lit member. And, of course, there were the plays. I remember The Duchess of Malfi, King Lear, A Doll's House and The Anatomist - all wonderful productions in the making of which everyone, cast and behind-the-scenes helpers, had a great time! I remember on a Saturday night after the last performance of one of the plays dancing an eightsome reel in the Meadows and being slightly worried in case the noise we made - there was very little noise by present-day standards! - would disturb the patients in the Infirmary.

And in the summer, we had picnics, at Dirleton perhaps, and winter and summer we walked over the Pentlands - an Edinburgh person doesn't climb the Pentlands, he goes over them - occasionally on Saturdays during term, in the Christmas holidays, or on the Meal Monday holiday in February. A favourite walk was from Balerno - we got the bus to Balerno - over the hill by the Bore Stane to Carlops. At Carlops we had high tea. And - perhaps the best part of the whole outing - we would walk back to Edinburgh by the light of the setting sun or the rising moon according to the season. We would be strung out in a line across the road and we would be singing student songs. At Fairmilehead, we would get a tramcar home.

It was good to have been a student in the '30s. (Even if the next step was going to be Moray House, but that is another story!) But so far as we knew - which perhaps as things turned out wasn't very far - the world was stable, exciting books were being written, we would have a job to go to. The future was ours.

**Catherine Semeonoff, MA 1936  
Edinburgh**

## Shedding Light on Bright

IN THE SUMMER of 1998 my wife and I spent a busy tourist week in Budapest, Hungary. Wanting some rest thereafter, we booked a few days at the holiday resort of Keszthely at the far western end of Lake Balaton, which serves as the 'seaside' resort for land-locked Hungary. There were few foreign tourists there, and these mostly from Austria.

At Keszthely we came across Festetics Castle, a kind of mini-Versailles, once the home of the Festetics family, but taken over by the state after World War Two. We entered the castle and went to the box-office. On the wall behind the box-office is a plaque dedicated to Richard Bright whom I at once recognised as an old alumnus.

The plaque reads, first in English and then in Magyar:

*Richard Bright 1789-1858. To the memory of the English physician, scientist and traveller who was one of the pioneers in the accurate description of Lake Balaton. He lived in this building in 1815.*

On returning home I looked up a Dictionary of National Biography and confirmed that Bright had, indeed, graduated MD at Edinburgh in 1812, 'travelled on the continent, 1818-1820, and published accounts of travels, medical treatises and other writings'. Clearly the dictionary has the dates incomplete because he was in Hungary in 1815.

How did Bright reach this remote corner of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire? Was there some romantic tale? When in London last March I visited the Wellcome Institute Library and found a couple of autobiographies of Bright. No romance. In 1815 he was between jobs and decided to travel on the continent, visited Vienna, then full of statesmen arriving for the Congress designed to settle the affairs of Europe after the Napoleonic Wars, and then went on to Hungary. His autobiographies claim him as a famous Guy's man. Well, he was - but an Edinburgh graduate first.

**Dr Alfred Yarrow, MBChB 1947  
Jerusalem**



## The Cosmopolitan Club

HOW MANY OF your readers were members of the Edinburgh University Cosmopolitan Club and does it still exist?

When I became a Chemistry student in 1943, our lecturer, Dr Ludlam, recommended his class to join the Cosmopolitan Club, an undergraduate social activity which, he said, had the largest membership of any Edinburgh University club. I joined.

The club was organised by Dr Ludlam's son, a microbiology lecturer in the Medical School. He later became the Director of Public Health Laboratory Services in Leeds where I met him some 35 years after I joined the club. Meetings were held firstly at his home in Buccleuch Place and later in a University hall (?Pollock Memorial Hall) somewhere adjacent to the then Bristo Street.

The Ludlams were members of the Society of Friends which, I would surmise, would be the reason for encouraging foreign students to meet and promulgate friendship between nations.

Meetings, on Sunday evenings, usually centred on a talk by a foreign student, but the essence of the evening was a 'get together', following which some of us would go for a fish and chip supper.

My cosmopolitan contribution was that I was born, brought up and lived two streets from Buccleuch Place!

**Dr Philip Cowen, BSc 1946  
Leeds**

## Give and Take

YOUR FEATURE 'Virtuous Circles' reminded me of a somewhat different circle almost 60 years ago.

I finished high school (North Berwick High School) in June 1940 in the weeks following Dunkirk, and like most of my classmates hotfooted it straight to the local recruiting office.

I had, however, been admitted to Edinburgh University for October 1940, and awarded a bursary of fifty pounds per annum for four years. I, therefore, wrote an anxious letter to the awarding authority requesting that my bursary be placed on hold until I eventually entered the University at the end of the War.

Following several nail-biting weeks, I received a cautious reply stating that, while no guarantee could be given, I might rest assured that, circumstances permitting, my application for reactivation of my bursary would be seriously considered at the appropriate time.

When I eventually entered the University as a member of the huge ex-service class of 1946 (that class so stretched the University's facilities that Professor Pares' beginning history course was sometimes given in a local church: try taking notes in a church pew!) I was in receipt of a government grant that paid my fees and provided a living allowance of two hundred pounds less the fifty pounds of my bursary, which had in fact been held.

**Errol Mauchlan, MA 1950  
Berkeley, California**

## Down the Garden Path

I WOULD like to let you know what tremendous pleasure it gives me to receive the University of Edinburgh magazine. Of particular nostalgic interest for me was Antonia Swinson's article 'Another Time, Another Place'. The mention of George Square brought so many memories to the fore, as a very happy member of the 'Medical Women Students' inhabitants of Muir Hall, No 12 George Square.

As residents of the square, we each had a key to George Square Gardens. In those days there were still some private residences round the square. However, I think we were the only other key holders. Not even Cowan House, then across the square, enjoyed this privilege!

It is pleasing to hear that now all students can enjoy the gardens.

**Sheila Harvey (née Spark), MBChB 1952  
New South Wales**

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## Write to Edit; win a prize

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.

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# CHIPS ON THE SIDE



Flora Watkins  
serves up the  
financial realities  
of life as a  
student.



## ONE GIRL QUESTIONED IN A RECENT EUSA POLL RELAYED THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF WORKING DURING TERM TIME: "THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 2:1 AND A 2:2".

**T**he human species," wrote Charles Lamb in 1823, "is composed of two distinct races, the men who borrow and the men who lend." A little modification and Lamb's aphorism lends itself aptly to a description of the post-Dearing student population, *those who borrow and those who borrow even more.*

For the overwhelming majority of students, debt has become a way of life. Whereas a certain degree of picturesque poverty has always been part of the university experience, today's undergraduates face raising formidable sums in order to complete their education, and a plethora of organisations eager to facilitate our descent into the red.

In fact, so inescapable is debt that it has become a matter of identity. Once, sizing a fellow student up was a simple question of accent/school/exam results. Now, knowledge of their preferred method of borrowing is necessary in order to come to an understanding. Whether the classic overdraft, alluring but fiendishly dangerous credit card, monolithic student loan or, increasingly, all three, the extent of one's penury is the defining factor *par excellence*. Many a friendship has been forged in Freshers' Week during discussions over which bank gives the most generous overdraft limit, and strengthened through the shared experience of having a bank card unceremoniously spat from the cashpoint.

It came as a surprise, then, to most Edinburgh students to read the recent mini spate of articles in the national and local press heralding Edinburgh as *the* university to go to for the Brideshead lifestyle. According to figures from the Higher Education Management Statistics Group, Edinburgh has become the most socially exclusive university in Scotland, coming fourth in the UK, with nearly 80 per cent of its students coming from middle or upper class families. The Sunday Times reported that this invasion of grandees had prompted Tatler magazine to appoint a social editor with sole responsibility to write about parties that take place in the city, whilst the Edinburgh Evening News described a New Town dinner party for fifteen students which included oysters and champagne on the menu. And in the Scotsman, estate agents related accounts of parents regularly spending in excess of £250,000 on flats to house their children during their four years here.


But while stories like this produce good copy, the reality is usually far removed; indeed most students received this news with a mixture of bewilderment and amusement. Everyone is aware of this moneyed élite - but that is exactly what they are, a tiny, unrepresentative clique. And such surveys ignore the very pointed fact that comfortably-off parents do not necessarily equal comfortably-off children. Traditionalists will no doubt be glad to hear that rather than sophisticated dining, cheap drinking in the Union remains the preferred entertainment.

However, the most insurmountable aspect of the new borrowing culture comes not from bank managers or credit ratings, but parental disapproval. Whilst we become old acquaintances with the letters 'OD' and grimly resign ourselves to paying off our loans at some unforeseeable point in the distant future, parents would rather we sell our bodies to medical science than incur even a modicum of debt. Unlike the halcyon days of the early 1970s when a grant would run a small car with enough left over to support a copious marijuana habit, times have changed, but Mummy and Daddy just aren't able to get it. The mere mention of the word 'loan' inevitably encounters ferocious disapproval and glowing tales of 'someone's son who got his degree without running up debts by working every holiday, and couldn't you do that?'

'Yes' is the answer, but only if we're prepared to work several days a week during term and full time during the holidays and thereby jeopardise our degrees, minimise our social lives and miss out on extra-curricular activities and everything university is supposed to be about. Joking apart, the situation is growing desperately serious. The lucky ones amongst us, with parents who can afford to make some sort of financial contribution, are likely to get by on a combination of vacation work and limited borrowing - perhaps a couple of student loans or a gargantuan overdraft during our time here - in order to eat well, possibly travel a little and generally enjoy life. But for less fortunate students, those formerly in receipt of the old maintenance grant, matters have reached crisis point.

**F**or the benefit of anyone unfamiliar with the political machinations in Higher Education over the last two years, following the findings of the Dearing Report, the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 introduced a flat rate tuition fee of £1000 for all students, abolished the maintenance grant completely, and in its place introduced a maintenance loan system. Much ink has been spilt over the issue of tuition fees in recent months, but the arguments are more a matter of principle that education should be free to all than financial, as only students from the wealthiest background pay the full £1000. Rather, the key issue is seen as the abolition of the maintenance grant which will increase dramatically the debt incurred by students and, it is believed, prove a major barrier to university education. Studies have shown that the debt burden accrued during a four year course at a Scottish university will be around £13,880. Clearly, the prospect of this debt is a major disincentive to any prospective student - most graduates can expect a starting salary considerably less than this figure.

A study undertaken by Edinburgh University Students' Association estimated that after basic student expenditure per month - food, rent, travel etc. - was deducted from income, the result was a mere £9 to cover all other items. This means that they are forced to either run up overdraft and credit card debt, or work during term time, in many cases missing vital lectures and classes. The Clearing House, which helps match up needy Edinburgh students with jobs, reports that the number of students on their books has been "going through the roof" since the implementation of the new system. One girl questioned in a recent EUSA poll relayed the negative effects of working during term time: "The difference between a 2:1 and a 2:2".

Uncertainty about the current job market means that students are more concerned than ever about their degree results - the old chestnut: 'What do you say to an Arts graduate? Fries with that please,' has never rung so true. Term time work is becoming less viable for fear of jeopardising final grades. So what is the answer to the Catch-22 situation that most students find themselves in? Perhaps the sagest piece of advice I have been given is to remember that if we let fear of borrowing money prevent us from doing something, no-one would achieve very much in life. Accruing debts at such a tender age is both ugly and frightening, but in the absence of a more attractive option is our only choice. And all hope is not necessarily lost - the present inquiry into student funding by the Scottish Parliament may yet produce a fairer deal. Personally, the question of loan repayments isn't depriving me of too much sleep - after all, I don't have to start paying it back until I'm earning around the national average wage, approximately £16,000. And as an Arts graduate, on what I'll be earning serving up burgers, I'd say that's a long way off! 







# novel structure

The Joseph Black Building

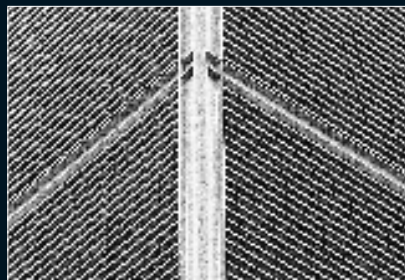
**T**he foundation stone of the 'new' Chemistry Building on the West Mains Farm site was laid on 6 July 1920 by His Majesty King George V, after whom the University's future science and engineering departments, the King's Buildings, became known. In October 1922 the first classes were held in the new building which was officially opened by HRH The Prince of Wales on 3 December 1924. It was named after Joseph Black, who was appointed fourth Professor of Chemistry at the University in 1766 and the bicentenary of whose death falls on 6 December 1999. The total cost of the building, fittings and equipment was £182,000.

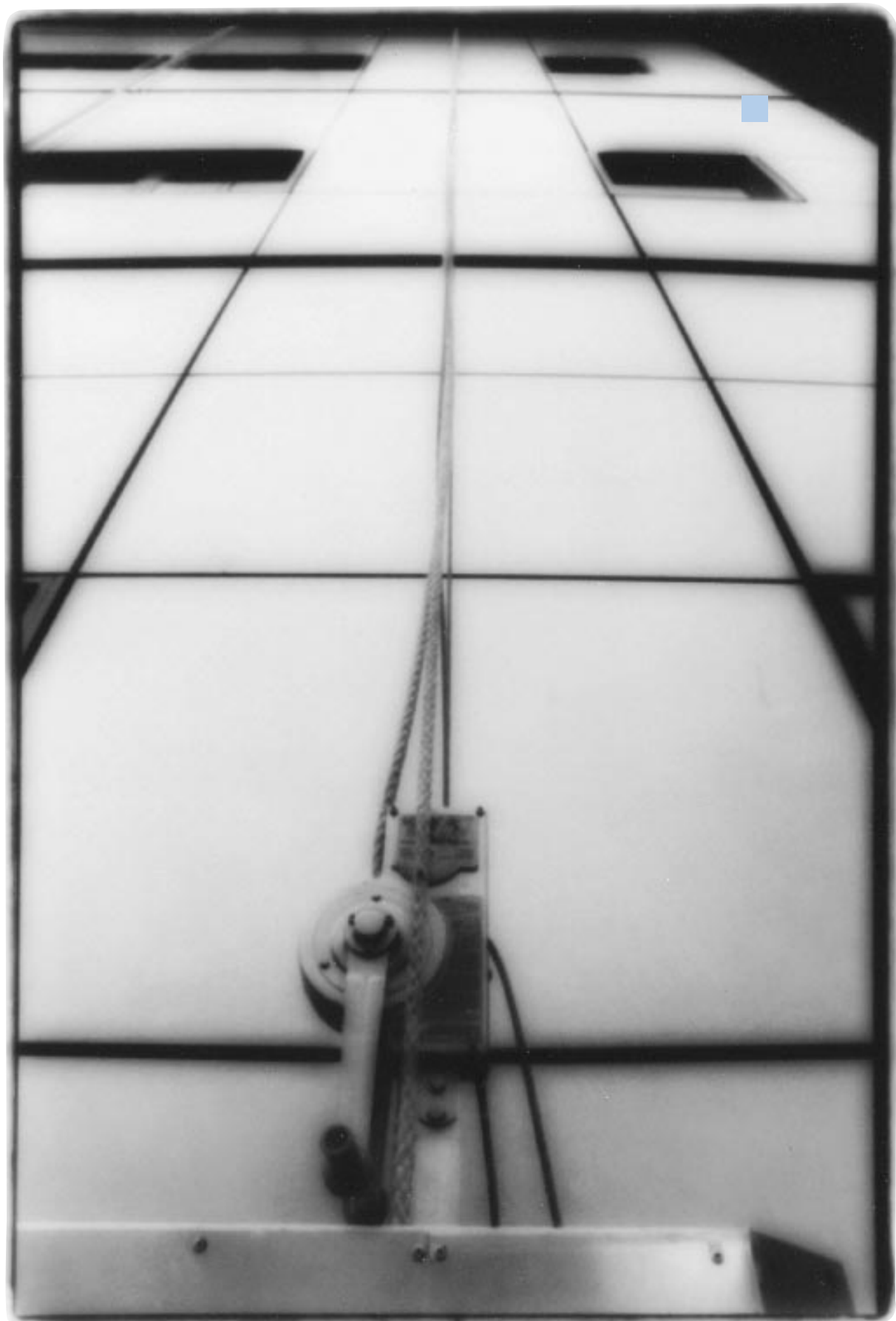
The Joseph Black Building has now been extended at a cost of just over £9 million to provide state-of-the-art facilities for Chemistry which has become one of the largest departments in the University, with top ratings in both research and teaching assessments. The three storey structure, which houses laboratory space and research facilities for some 70 scientists, has been designed by Campbell & Arnott Ltd on a modular basis for maximum flexibility.

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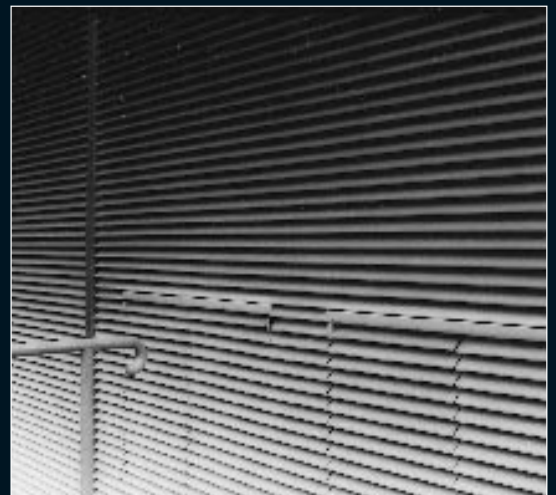




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The Scottish electorate won't be exclaiming 'hear, hear' when MSPs get to their feet. It's more likely they'll be shouting 'listen, listen'. Professor Alice Brown looks at how the Scots have taken such great parliamentary strides in such a short time, and wonders whether, in Holyrood, they're going to get the 'listening Parliament' they're hoping for.



## Listen, Holyrood

text : ALICE BROWN

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here are high hopes and aspirations for the Parliament: that it will listen to the people, that it will be accessible to all and, above all, that it will make a positive difference to people's lives.'

**This quotation by Donald Dewar**, the First Minister, in a publication marking the opening ceremony of the Scottish Parliament, reflects in a very succinct way the vision of a new Parliament which will allow the voices of people in Scotland to be heard as part of a more open and participative political culture. The re-establishment of the Parliament, after almost 300 years, follows a long campaign for constitutional reform and marks a significant event in Scotland's history and political life. Not only does Scotland have a new Parliament, but it has been elected by a new electoral system, it has new politicians or Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs), it will operate on the basis of new parliamentary arrangements with new rules of the game, and it will have a new committee structure and a new parliamentary process.

Events have moved extremely rapidly since the Labour Party won the Westminster general election in May 1997. The new government published its White Paper on devolution in July 1997, held a two-question referendum in September 1997, and published the Scotland Bill at the end of 1997 which received Royal Assent in November 1998. A cross-party

Consultative Steering Group was established to prepare draft standing orders and procedures and submitted its report to the Secretary of State in December 1998.

Elections for the Scottish Parliament were held on 6 May 1999. Labour won 56 seats, the Scottish National Party 35, the Conservatives 18, the Liberals Democrats 17, the Scottish Green Party one, the Scottish Socialist Party one, and there is one Independent. The number of women MSPs is 48 (37%) and is considerably more than the 17% currently representing Scottish constituencies at Westminster. Labour is the only party to have achieved 50:50 representation with 28 men and 28 women, the SNP has 20 men and 15 women, the Conservatives follow with 15 men and 3 women, and the Liberal Democrats have the lowest percentage of women with 15 men and 2 women. All the three other MSPs are male, giving a total of 81 men and 48 women. As anticipated, no single party obtained an overall majority, and a coalition government between the Scottish Labour Party and the Scottish Liberal Democrats was agreed under a Partnership for Scotland on 14 May.

The new politicians - 129 in total - took their seats on 12 May and went on to elect their Presiding Officer (and Deputies) and the First Minister. The Executive of 22 Ministers and Deputy Ministers was then formed and the new government published its programme for the first year with eight bills covering Land Reform, Abolition of the Feudal System of Land Tenure, National Parks, Education, Transport, Local Government (code of conduct), Incapable Adults, and Financial Procedures and Auditing. The Parliament was officially opened by the Queen on 1 July 1999 - an event which the Presiding Officer, Sir David Steel, described as "the most significant political achievement in Scotland for nearly 300 years". Thus a major constitutional change has occurred in a relatively short space of time.

**The new Parliament is funded through** the existing system of allocation (providing a budget of around £15bn) and will have the power to legislate over all the areas of policy not reserved to Westminster including Health, Education (from pre-5 education to Higher Education), Training, Local Government, Social Work, Housing, Economic Development, Transport, Law





left and right: **Model of the new Parliament building at Holyrood**  
centre: **the Parliament's temporary home on the Mound**

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and Home Affairs, Environment, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Sport and the Arts, and Research and Statistics. In other words, a broad range of areas that affect people's daily lives. The Westminster Parliament will retain legislative power in respect of the constitution of the UK, Foreign Policy (including relations with Europe), Defence, Macroeconomic Policy, Social Security and Employment Legislation, as well as the regulation of certain professions and aspects of media and culture. However, the Scottish Parliament will be able to debate and form a view on all reserved matters.

Campaigners for constitutional reform in Scotland pressed not only for a new legislature with taxation powers, but for a Parliament that would address the so-called 'democratic deficit' in Scotland. They campaigned for a Parliament that was different from the Westminster model and one which would genuinely listen to and encourage the involvement of people and draw on the wide range of available expertise. Expectations are, therefore, high among groups in Scottish civil society anticipating a more open and participative political system and new roles in the policy-making and pre-legislative process.

There is evidence from the Scottish Election Study and the Referendum Study carried out by myself and my colleagues David McCrone, Lindsay Paterson and Paula Surridge that people in Scotland expect to have a greater say in how Scotland is governed and that the new Parliament will have a positive impact on social and welfare policies.\* Indeed a vision of a different type of politics and a new political system and culture helped fuel

much of the campaign for a Scottish Parliament. This vision was articulated through the publications of the Scottish Constitutional Convention and was subsequently reflected in the government's White Paper on Devolution, in the Scotland Act and in the work of the Consultative Steering Group.

At its first meeting, the Consultative Steering Group agreed four key principles which were to inform its deliberations and guide its work, namely Power Sharing, Accountability, Access and Participation, and Equal Opportunities. The Group then embarked on a wide-ranging consultation exercise inviting written submissions from 800 organisations, holding workshops aimed at gathering views from rural and urban communities, arranging public forum meetings across Scotland, and organising focus group sessions in different parts of Scotland to obtain the views of young people. The results of the consultation process demonstrated wide agreement with the general principles and a broad consensus of view on how the new Parliament should run its affairs. In addition, Expert Panels were set up to advise on Procedures and Standing Orders, Financial Issues, Information and Communications Technology, and the Media, as well as a working group on the Code of Conduct for MSPs. Research into the working methods of national and regional parliaments in the European Union and elsewhere was also commissioned so that lessons could be learned from the experience of other countries. Academics at the University of Edinburgh were involved as members of the Consultative Steering Group and its Expert Panels, and were commissioned to carry out some of the research involved.

**In making its recommendations to the then Secretary of State, the Group attempted to embody its four key principles in the standing orders and procedures of the Parliament.**

Firstly, Power Sharing: the Scottish Parliament should embody and reflect the sharing of power between the people of Scotland, the legislators and the Scottish Executive. Under the first principle of sharing of power it proposed inclusive and transparent arrangements for the

programming of parliamentary business; a role for parliamentary committees in initiating a well as scrutinising and amending legislation, having standing as well as select functions and in being located and able to meet in different parts of Scotland; a role for civic society and the public in participating in the pre-legislative process and policy development; and an opportunity for petitions on matters of public concern.

Secondly, Accountability: the Scottish Executive should be accountable to the Scottish Parliament, and the Parliament and Executive should be accountable to the people of Scotland. It is anticipated that the principle of accountability will be met through a code of conduct for MSPs; a strong role for committees in scrutinising the Executive; and rigorous financial systems and audit arrangements.

Thirdly, Access and Participation: the Scottish Parliament should be accessible, open, responsive and develop procedures which make possible a participative approach to the development, consideration and scrutiny of policy and legislation. In order to encourage the operation of the principle of wider access and participation, it is proposed to provide different channels for consultation and a more open and accessible committee system; to encourage the formation of a Civic Forum and forums representing the views of others such as the business community and young people; to establish expert panels or advisory groups to support the work of committees and to consider the co-option of non-MSPs as non-voting members of committees; to provide a well resourced information system; to use IT and information media to enhance communication; and to engage in public and civic education programmes.

Fourthly, Equal Opportunities: the Scottish Parliament in its operation and its appointments should recognise the need to promote equal opportunities for all. It is recommended that the fourth principle of equal opportunities should be realised by mainstreaming equal opportunities into the work of the Parliament supported by an Equal Opportunities Committee and an Equality Unit; to agree a working pattern for the Parliament that is 'family friendly' and arrangements that are equally

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Listen, Holyrood

attractive to men and women and meeting times that coincide with normal business hours and school holidays; and to encourage the use of simple, clear, inclusive and non-gender specific language.

In delivering the CSG report to the Secretary of State at the end of 1998, the chair of the Group, Henry McLeish, remarked: "In all our deliberations we have been struck by the degree of consensus that exists. In particular, that the establishment of the Scottish Parliament offers the opportunity to put in place a new sort of democracy in Scotland, closer to the Scottish people and more in tune with Scottish needs. People in Scotland have high hopes for their Parliament, and in developing our proposals we have been keen to ensure that these hopes will be met. In particular, our recommendations envisage an open, accessible Parliament; a Parliament where power is shared with the people; where people are encouraged to participate in the policy making process which affects all our lives; an accountable, visible Parliament, and a Parliament which promotes equal opportunities for all."

An important key to what is likely to happen in the future is in the role envisaged for parliamentary committees. Sixteen committees have been established to date, eight covering statutory functions (Audit, Equal Opportunities, Europe, Finance, Procedures, Public Petitions, Standards, Subordinate Legislation) and eight subject committees which shadow ministerial portfolios (Education, Culture and Sport, Enterprise and Lifelong Learning, Health and Community Care, Local Government, Justice and Home Affairs, Rural Affairs, Housing and the Voluntary Sector, Transport and the Environment). It is intended also that there should be cross-cutting committees with a view to delivering what is described as more 'joined up' or 'holistic' government.

**From the description of developments** to date, it will be evident that there is the potential for the Parliament to be different, to be a listening Parliament and to be genuinely inclusive. Committees held meetings over the summer during the parliamentary recess to discuss ways in which they can gather views and draw on expertise. In the pre-legislative process they may decide to call on individuals for

advice or to have advisory groups or expert panels, as well as considering other mechanisms for consultation and participation, and practice may vary between the different committees. Therefore, while it will be for the elected politicians to make the final decisions, there is scope for the development of policy to be much better informed, and a wide range of groups and organisations are gearing up to contribute to the new policy process.


In welcoming the advent of the Scottish Parliament and the culture of accessibility, openness and responsiveness, the Address to the Scottish Parliament from the four ancient universities of Scotland - Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews - states "...we look forward once more to being at the service of the Scottish Parliament, to working with its Members and Administration to promote Higher Education and create a strong science base for the new Scotland."

Given the Parliament's areas of responsibility and the new type of pre-legislative process envisaged, there is clearly the opportunity for academics in this University and others to make a positive contribution to the development of public policy in Scotland in the future. The Governance of Scotland Forum established by the University last year is one vehicle for facilitating this type of relationship. Another is the recently launched Scottish Universities Policy Research and Advice (SUPRA) network co-ordinated by the Research Centre for Social Sciences at Edinburgh and the University of Strathclyde. SUPRA has been created to respond to the anticipated increase in the need for information generated by the new Scottish Parliament.

### **So, in theory, the new Scottish**

Parliament could be a genuinely listening Parliament, but what about the practice? At this stage there are still more questions than answers and it is far too early to tell. There are also significant constraints. Many of the things for which activists campaigned have been delivered - Scotland has a new Parliament, it has a wide range of powers including taxation power, it was elected under a new more proportional electoral system, and it has new standing orders and procedures which allow for

much greater participation in the development and implementation of public policy. But setting up a new institution is one thing - changing the political culture is quite another. In addition, there are likely to be tensions, between the Parliament and the Executive, between the parliamentary committees and ministerial departments, and, not least, between the politicians and groups in civil society anticipating change. Disillusionment could set in if the Parliament is not seen to be operating on fundamentally different lines and to be more relevant to the lives of ordinary people. What is clear is that the realisation of the vision of a new democratic system and political culture, and of a listening Parliament, will not occur automatically and will require an ongoing process of political pressure and change.

With the establishment of a Scottish Parliament there can be no return to the status quo ante and Scottish politics has entered a new and unpredictable era. The Parliament offers many opportunities for positive engagement with the political process. The challenge for the politicians is to harness the goodwill that exists in a way which helps deliver the type of Parliament and policies that can genuinely make a difference. In making his remarks quoted at the beginning of this article the First Minister, Donald Dewar, acknowledged that in four years' time, when people in Scotland return to the polls, he and the other MSPs will be judged on whether the high hopes and aspirations for the Parliament have been fulfilled. 

\* Brown et al, *The Scottish Electorate*, Macmillan, 1999

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email: [Lindsay.Adams@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Lindsay.Adams@ed.ac.uk)





**one** Doctors: spicy bean burger. **two** Buffalo Grill: pork and lemonpepper sausage with sweet potato, bean and coriander mash. **three** The Bookstop Cafe: pecan and chocolate biscuit. **four** Number One Brasserie: mixed tossed salad. **five** Nicolsons: terrine de campagne with piccalilli and walnut toast. **six** Favorit: pasta olivera (short pasta with pan fried veg & pulses in a tomato and bean sauce with herbs). **seven** Festival Theatre: focaccia with tuna and gruyere cheese. **eight** Doctors: cheese and tomato sandwich.

# out to *Lunch*

As a meal, lunch just isn't what it used to be. No longer a leisurely repast, it's now more varied and more rapidly consumed than ever before. Lunch certainly means different things to different customers of some of the many new bars and restaurants in and around the University.





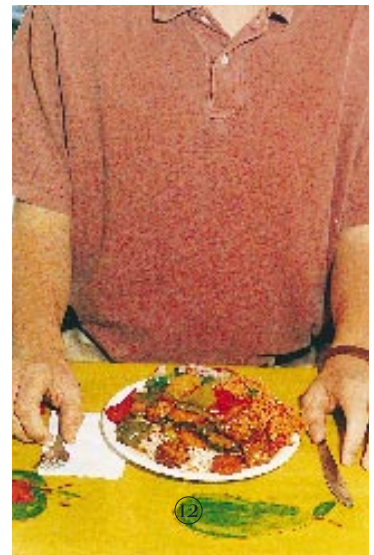
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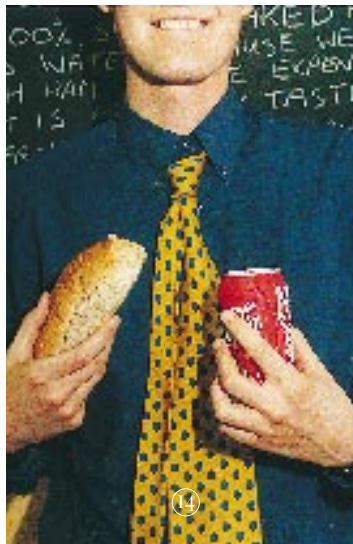
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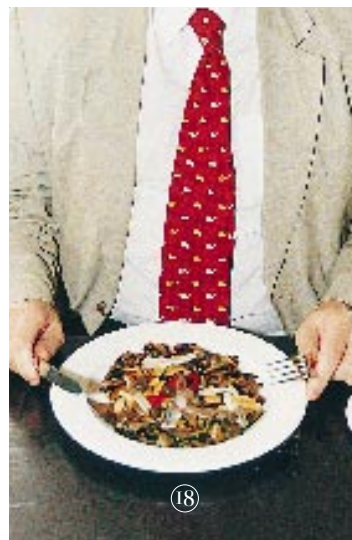


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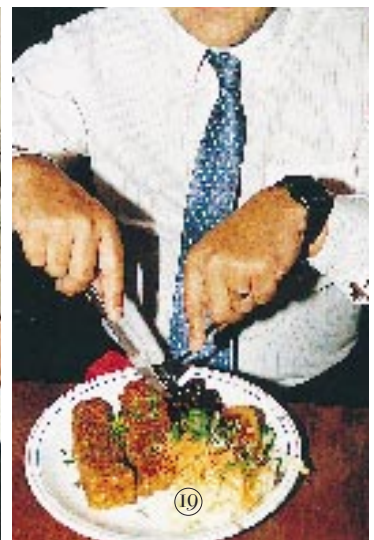
*nine* Chapterhouse: haddock fillet with mustard and mussels baked in filo pastry. *ten* Iguana: iced coffee, waiting on roast beef and horseradish sandwich. *eleven* Phenecia: tuna and olive salad and garlic bread. *twelve* Susie's Wholefood Diner: stir fried veg, carrot and rice salad. *thirteen* Elephant House: strawberry tart.

*fourteen* Archies: ham and mustard mayo and can of coke. *fifteen* California Coffee Co.: caffe latte with cinnamon. *sixteen* Maxies: cream of mushroom soup.

*seventeen* Buffalo Grill: quarter pound Blue Mountain burger. *eighteen* Nicolson's: antipasto misto with capers, anchovies and garlic chips. *nineteen* Maxies: fried brie



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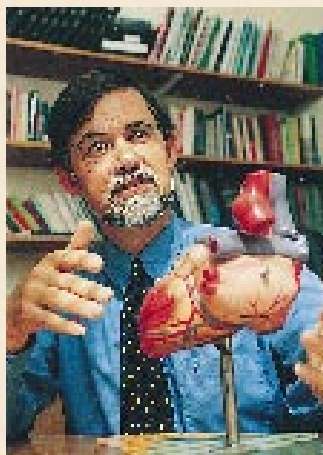




Getting his oar in: Andrew Ellis, EUBC member, trains for competition

## Team Spirit

PRESENT AND PAST members of the Edinburgh University Boat Club have had some spectacular success raising money to help fund equipment and participation in competitions. A new club - Alexandra Friends of EUBC - has been set up to maintain links between current students, ex-members, and all those with an interest in the well-being and development of the Boat Club. Donations and pledges from Alexandra members now stand at over £6,000. EUBC also raised nearly £3,000 for the club through a sponsored indoor Atlantic row and was granted a £2,500 Small Project Grant from the Alumni Fund. (See p9 for news of the Club's success in the Edinburgh/Glasgow Race).



## Heart to Heart

A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION by the British Heart Foundation has been made towards achieving the University's plans for a new medical research building. The award of £5.1 million, to a team led by cardiologist, Professor Keith Fox (pictured), is to go towards housing a new research institute. The new institute will bring together some of the UK's most promising medical research programmes under one roof. The critical mass of the latest techniques and equipment that will become available and the scope for interaction between leading scientists and clinicians - focused on major public health issues, including heart disease - will have profound benefits to the whole community. The University will shortly be launching a major fundraising campaign to provide additional funds towards this project.

## Scholarships

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS of the University have responded magnificently to the University's efforts to raise significant funding for scholarships. Concern for the welfare of students and for maintaining Edinburgh's ability to attract able students has inspired many of you to give generously through the telephone and mailed appeals. One donor commented, "I shall always be grateful to the Bursary donors who provided the Bursaries and Scholarships which enabled me to attend the University of Edinburgh and obtain degrees which launched me on a professional career which would otherwise have been inaccessible. It was therefore a great pleasure to learn that 50 bursaries had been awarded this year, partly funded by the Alumni Fund." Another graduate has anonymously pledged £20,000 per annum to help expand the scope of the scholarship scheme to include students from schools and colleges in the whole of the UK. Exact details of the extended programme will be announced soon.

## Direct Lines

THE THIRD TELEPHONE campaign took place successfully in the spring, bringing the total raised in this way so far to £650,000. These donations are primarily channelled to the Alumni Fund, which supports the scholarship scheme, small research projects, and other priorities. The University would like to thank all those who agreed to speak to the student callers. Many who could not make a donation nonetheless expressed their interest in the University's work and wished us well. The next campaign will take place in October and November.

## Legacies Fund Research

A £384,000 LEGACY from Dr Scott L Forrest has enabled the University to establish the Development Trust Research Fund and helped the Neurological Sciences' Brain Scanner Appeal reach its target.

The Development Trust Research Fund will provide grants to researchers in Arts and Humanities. It is often difficult for work in this area to attract external funding in the way that scientific and other disciplines can. The Fund will grow with the addition of more legacies and lifetime gifts and grants from the Alumni Fund. It is hoped that it will become a significant source of support across the whole University, making a major contribution to keeping Edinburgh at the forefront of academic endeavour.

Other legacies received this year include:

- £153,000 for the Alumni Fund from the estate of Dr Robert Crawford
- £51,000 from Miss Mary McLean to benefit Social Work
- £31,000 from Mrs Dorothy Collins for the Dick Vet Animal Health Fund

For some people, pledging a legacy can be a way of demonstrating a level of commitment to the University's work which they would be unable to make during their lifetime. For others, it is the culmination of a lifetime's giving.

A legacy of whatever size is a valuable gift to the University and it is simple and easy to arrange. For a copy of the University's guide to leaving a legacy to Edinburgh, telephone the Legacy Manager, Frances Shepherd on 0131 650 2240 or tick the box on the Information Please coupon.

# ALUMNI 2000

CELEBRATE & REUNITE

Friday 1 to Sunday 3 September



Would you like to celebrate the millennium in the Festival City?

YOU are invited to ALUMNI 2000, our alumni millennium party.  
Bring your family and friends and join in the fun.

#### What does ALUMNI 2000 have to offer?

First and foremost the opportunity to join together in celebrating what the University of Edinburgh is today, in looking to the future and in enjoying this finest of all cities. Then there's jazz at Pollock Halls, wine in George Square, lunchtime music in St Cecilia's Hall, Bucks Fizz in the Talbot Rice Gallery, visits to the Royal Observatory and Dynamic Earth, exhibitions, presentations, tours, reunions, and much, much more.

#### Will I meet any of my contemporaries?

ALUMNI 2000 is for everyone, from the most recent alumni to those who graduated 50 years ago or more. Whether you come alone or with family or friends there will be plenty to do and lots of people to share memories with.

Join us for wine and canapés in George Square on Friday evening to meet old friends and make some new ones, or reserve a table at the special Saturday evening Gala Dinner for a memorable celebration. If you would like to contact old flatmates, get together with former fellow members of one of the University's many student clubs or organise a major class reunion, we can help.

If you are celebrating a special anniversary of your graduation do get in touch with us. We will help you to build your reunion

programme around ALUMNI 2000 and also help you to trace your fellow graduates.

#### Where can I stay?

We've reserved a limited number of rooms at Pollock Halls, all en-suite and all with full Scottish breakfast included in the special price.

#### I want to be there, what do I do next?

Tick the box on the Information Please form to register your interest and to receive a programme and booking form.

Graduates living in the UK should already have received a letter of invitation from the Principal with a brochure and reservation form. We are delighted to include a special pack for our non-UK alumni with this edition of EDIT.

*The hotline address is*

Tel +44 (0)131 650 2240 Fax +44 (0)131 650 2239  
Email: [Development@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Development@ed.ac.uk)

Development & Alumni Services, University of Edinburgh,  
Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL



## 2000 Reunion Programme

### 1950 BSc (Chemistry)

#### 50th Anniversary Reunion

1 June 2000, Norton House Hotel, Edinburgh  
CONTACT: Dr Ted Mitchell, 26 Junction Road,  
Norton, Stockton-On-Tees TS20 1PL

### 1950 MB ChB

20 - 22 June 2000, Peebles Hydro

CONTACT: Dr Ethna Drever, 16 Craigtintny  
Crescent, Edinburgh

### Cowan House Residents

#### 1955 - 60

Alumni who were resident in Cowan House  
during the period 1955 - 60 are invited to a  
reunion, early/mid July 2000, Edinburgh

CONTACT: Mr Anthony Benfield, 24 Gascoigne  
Avenue, Barwick in Elmet, Leeds LS15 4LW  
(surnames A - L) or Mr Peter Fale, The Gardens,  
Bryanston, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 OPS  
(surnames M - Z)

### 1958 BSc

#### (Chemistry & Biochemistry)

23 - 24 June 2000, Edinburgh

CONTACT: Dr J D Eric Carson, Cobblers Corner,  
20 Whitehill Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire,  
DY11 6JJ Tel: 01562 752459 Those who left the  
group in 1957 after Chemistry III would also be  
most welcome.

### 1960 BSc

#### (Chemistry & Chemical Engineering)

9 - 11 August 2000, Edinburgh

CONTACT: Lt Colonel Jack G Wishart, Milton House,  
Milton of Balgonie, Glenrothes, Fife KY7 6PX

### 1960 MB ChB

1 - 3 September 2000, Peebles Hydro

CONTACT: Dr Thomas M Kennedy, Four Winds, 7  
Hillside Crescent, Langholm, Dumfriesshire DG13  
0EE Email: tklangholm@aol.com

### 1975 BSc (Civil Engineering)

Date & venue tbc

CONTACT: Mr Norrie Pillans, 6 Townsend Crescent,  
Kirkcaldy KY1 1DN

### 1975 MB ChB Silver Reunion

22 - 25 June 2000, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Royal  
Mile, Edinburgh

CONTACT: Dr Elaine B Melrose, Meldon House,  
103 Bentinck Drive, Troon, Ayrshire KA10 6HZ  
Tel: 01292 314339

Fax: 01563 577975

Email: michelem@naysrshire.scot.nhs.uk

### 1980 MBChB

November 2000, Peebles Hydro

CONTACT: Dr Carolyn Thompson, 11 Inverleith  
Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LS Email:  
dyson@zetnet.co.uk

### 1985 BSc (Chemistry)

May 2000, Edinburgh

CONTACT: Miss Angela Valente, 7 Panmure Terrace,  
Dundee DD3 6HP

### 1990 BEng

#### (Chemical Engineering)

July/August 2000, Edinburgh

CONTACT: Dr John Currie, 1 Westbourne Road,  
Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan CF64 3HA

### The General Council

#### Sherry Reception & Lunch

Saturday 12 February 2000

All members of the General Council, their families  
and friends are welcome to attend the Reception  
and Lunch which follow the biannual meeting of  
The General Council of the University of  
Edinburgh. For further information and tickets,  
please contact Mrs Jean Gibson, The General  
Council Office, University of Edinburgh, Old  
College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL Tel:  
0131 650 2152 Email: Jean.Gibson@ed.ac.uk

### Seventh Annual SRC

#### Founder's Dinner

Saturday 22 January 2000

This ever popular event, comprising a reception and  
dinner in Old College, is open to all former members  
of the SRC. For further information, please contact:  
Tom Hopkins, Vice President Representation,  
Edinburgh University Students' Association,  
5/2 Bristo Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9AL.

### Janet Buckley Memorial Prize

#### Fund Concert

Saturday 30 October 1999, Reid Concert Hall,

7.45pm. An evening of music performed by Peter  
Evans (piano) and other professional musicians who  
are former students of the Faculty of Music. The  
programme will include Faure's Piano Quartet no.1  
and songs by Faure, Wolff and Duparc.

Tickets £8 (£5 concession, £3 students) on sale  
from 1st September from the Queen's Hall Box  
Office Tel: 0131 668 2019.

### The University of Edinburgh Graduates' Association and its Journal

The first alumni organisation of the University was  
inaugurated in 1924 as the Edinburgh University  
Alumnus Association. Seven years later it changed  
its name to the Edinburgh University Graduates'  
Association and as such is celebrating its 75th  
anniversary this year.

Branches of the Association exist in various parts of  
the UK and overseas and they organise social  
activities from time to time. The Association's  
University of Edinburgh Journal, which features  
news about the University and its alumni in many  
parts of the world, obituaries, articles of general,  
University and cultural interest, and reviews of  
books, is published twice yearly.

All Edinburgh University graduates are eligible as  
members of the Association; for further  
information please contact the Secretary, University  
of Edinburgh Graduates' Association, 5 Buccleuch  
Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LW. Tel 0131 650 4292/3.

### History Graduates' Association Reunion Lunch

Saturday 2 September, The Raeburn Room,  
Old College

As this event is taking place during the ALUMNI  
2000 weekend, it is hoped that many History  
graduates will be able to attend. The event is not  
confined to members of the History Graduates'  
Association. For further details, please contact  
Camilla Cowie, 20 Blacket Place, Edinburgh,  
EH9 1RL

## Events & Reunions



R. Kyle Samperton

### Tartan Day in Washington DC

Professor Sir Stewart Sutherland, Dr Lloyd J  
Ogilvie, Chaplain to the Senate and New  
College alumnus, and Mrs Mary Jane Ogilvie  
celebrate Tartan Day in the USA and the  
anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of  
Arbroath, at a reception in the British Embassy  
in Washington DC for alumni and guests of the  
University. The event, on 6th April, was jointly  
hosted by the Principal, accompanied by Lady  
Sutherland, and the British Minister at the  
Embassy, Stephen Wright.

Over 170 people, many wearing tartan,  
were piped in to The Rotunda at the Embassy  
and enjoyed an evening of greeting old friends  
and meeting new ones, chatting over past times  
in Edinburgh and hearing about the University  
of today and the future.



### University Rugby Football Club

Pictured above - reunion of members  
from as long ago as 1945.



### Forestry Class of 1959 40th anniversary reunion



### Classics Department Reunion 1986-1991



# World service

## 1920s

**Mr Laurence C Greig** BSc 1923 Aged 97. Failing sight restricts intellectual interests, but still enthusiastic about new developments within the University and the world generally.

**Mr John M Douglas** BSc 1925 After seven weeks in hospital, feeling age (94) for the first time.

**Dr Eva G John** MB ChB 1926 Celebrated 100th birthday on 3rd January 1999.

**Mrs Jean A Landon née Halliday** MA 1928 Aged 93. Very much retired.

**Dr Ernest L Godfrey** MB ChB 1929 Recently celebrated 50 years' practice as a qualified homeopath. Continues, in spite of now failing health, to work as he approaches the 70th anniversary of his graduation.

## 1930s

**Mr John G Reith** MA 1932 Now over 90 years of age but remains a member of the Sea View Yacht Club and the Bembridge Sailing Club, both in the Isle of Wight.

**Dr Mary J Noble** BSc 1933 PhD 1935 Is 88 years of age. Busy working on Beatrix Potter's mycology in co-operation with Professor Watling.

**Mr Geoffrey D Rouse** OBE BSc 1933 Retired as Honorary Treasurer for TROBI (Tree Register of the British Isles). Grandson, Tim Hayles, now studying Forestry at the University of Edinburgh.

**Dr Robert K McAll** MB ChB 1935 Four books published, now in 12 languages.

**Mrs Charlotte M Rawthorne née Wood** MA 1936 Retired in 1980 from post of Senior Lecturer in College of Education, Bath.

**Dr Robert L Sanderson** TD MB ChB 1937 Retired, but still relatively active.

**Mr J Hunter Annan** MB ChB 1938 Was involved in reunion to celebrate 60th anniversary of graduation, July 1998.

**Dr M J P Fleming née Walker** MA 1938 MB ChB 1941 Now 85 years of age but still on the active Elders list at Gosforth United Reformed Church, and still keeps house for husband and son.

**Miss M H D Maclean** MA 1938 LLB 1949 Octogenarians lead quiet lives!

**Professor Emeritus Ronald H Girdwood** CBE MD MB ChB 1939 PhD 1952 Organised a reunion of 1939 medical graduates, July 1999.

**Mr David Somerville** CB MA 1939 Teaches Ancient History in the University of the Third Age.

## 1940s

**Dr James F McHarg** MB ChB 1940 MD 1959 Book published in 1997: *In search of Dr John MacLure, pioneer Edinburgh physician, forgotten for three hundred years.*

**Dr H M Weaver** MB ChB 1940 Retired to Killin in March 1979. Helped local practice occasionally for five years. Has done no medical work since - now approaching 81.

**Dr James A Deuchars** MB ChB 1941 Plaque for 50 years service to St Andrew's Ambulance Association.

**Dr Arthur M Plant** MB ChB 1941 Retired after working as ship's surgeon and then GP.

**Dr James W Pretsell** MC MB ChB 1941 Aged 80. Still going strong.

**Mr Patrick D Guilbride** BSc 1943 Published book: *Far Away Cows - Veterinary vignettes from the Third World.*

**Mr Stanley U Robertson** BSc 1943 Getting much older but still singing in Ayre Choral Union and still Christian Aid Organiser for Girvan area. Growing eucalyptus for fun.

**Professor Emeritus Thomas M Fraser** MB ChB 1944 Has published several text books in the fields of ergonomics and occupational hygiene during the last 10 years.

**Dr J Malcolm Whaites** MB ChB 1944 Happily and completely retired, living in a retirement resort on the sunshine coast 100 km north of Brisbane, Australia. Three step-children and their families are only a short distance away.

**Mrs Mabel F Adam** MA 1945 For last 8 years, has written and presented the 'Book Matters' programme on Radio Tay AM. As part of the University of the Third Age, chairs a creative writing group and a book discussion club.

**Professor Asher S Kaufman** BSc 1945 BSc 1948 Hon Research Fellow at the Research Institute, College of Judea and Samaria.

**Dr Alexander G Moffoot** FRCS(Eng) MB ChB 1945 Now retired after 44 happy years in Canada of very general surgery and family practice.

**Mrs Mary Tavy Archer née Morton** BSc 1946 Lives quietly, largely doing church work and helping other aged folk since the death of all her family.

**Mr Robert I Guthrie** BL 1946 Advocate of the Scots Bar. Retired Parliamentary Lawyer, Westminster.

**Dr Frank L Rawson** MB ChB 1946 Retired from General Practice, December 1998.

**Dr Boris H Ruebner** MB ChB 1946 MD 1956 Still working part-time at Medical Centre in Sacramento.

**Mr James D Addly** BSc 1947 Member of University of Highlands & Islands Foundation. Member, Board of Management, Inverness College. Chairman, Property & Estates Committee, Inverness College.

**Dr Doreen I Littlejohn née Falcly** MB ChB 1947 Remarried October 1998 to Dr Patrick M Littlejohn (MB ChB 1947). Met at a Freshers' Ball in October 1942!

**Mr Vasant N Kamte** BSc 1947 Retired from active business. Interests: reading, music and some travel.

**Miss Dorothy H Woodward** MA 1947 Now retired, but kept busy with volunteer work with the National Trust and NADFAS, both in Richmond and London.

**Mr Paul H Scott** CMG MA 1948 MLitt 1987 Latest book, *Still in Bed with an Elephant*, published last summer. *The Boosted Advantages: The Consequences of the Union of 1707*, due to be published shortly.

Candidate for Scottish Parliament.

**Dr John S Berkeley** MB ChB 1949 MD 1975 Since retiring in 1992, has been non-exec Director of Highland Community NHS Trust and Visiting Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Aden, Yemen.

**The Hon Dame Mary Corsar DBE née Smith** MA 1949 Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

**Mr Frank S Dorward** OBE BSc 1949 Following wife's death, has moved to a smaller home in Ayton, Berwickshire.

**Mr Alan J Lees** MA 1949 LLB 1951 Publication: Church Anthems. Compositions: Concerto for Recorder and Strings; Intro and Allegro for Oboe and Cello.

**Dr John McQuaid** PhD 1949 In 'Who's Who in the World' for a second time!

**Mr Leslie Spoor** MA 1949 Founder of Scottish Green Party (formerly Scottish Ecology Party) in Corstorphine, 1978.

**Rev Ainslie Walton** MA 1949 Now retired. Honorary Teaching Fellow in Practical Theology, University of Aberdeen.

## 1950s

**Dr Robert Edmond** MB ChB 1950 Still in active medical practice.

**Mrs Marietta Jenkins née Neustein** MA 1950 Continues to do voluntary work, tutoring with Adult Basic Education Unit, teaching retarded adults to read and write and doing hospital visiting.

**Dr Alan F Phillips** MB ChB 1950 Was given the World Citizenship Award of the Hamilton Mundialization Committee for 1998.

**Dr Ian D Reid** MB ChB 1950. Medical Practitioner. Still alive and kicking!

**Dr Thomas F Sandeman** MB ChB 1950 MD 1963 Retired radiation oncologist. Enjoying wine, wife and music, plus golf, writing and discovering the joys of astronomy. The internet is opening doors and connecting old friends.

**Dr Robert H Spiro** Jr PhD 1950 Gave a lecture to a caucus of 52 members of the United Liberal Democratic Party in the National Assembly Building in Seoul, Korea. Also lectured at the University and at the Korea American Friendship Society.

**Mrs Irene Gardner née Johnstone** MA 1951 Nearly 70 years old. Interests include reading, language, piano, international relations, Spanish and the Spanish people with special reference to Andalucia.

**Professor Alastair W Thomson** MA 1951 Retired from university teaching at Chuo University in March 1999.

**Professor Emeritus Frederick W Cogswell** PhD 1952 Published 41 books of poetry.

**Professor Michael A Crawford** BSc 1952 BSc 1956 Won 1995 International Award for Modern Nutrition and the 1996 Hofman La Roche Centenary Award for Science.

**Mr David L Handley** BSc 1952 Retirement has provided a great opportunity to volunteer for the British Columbia Science Council, Nanaimo Regional Hospital Advisory Committee on Ethics, Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters and Silviculture Institute of British Columbia.

**Mr Ernest J Priestley** MA 1952 Seeks Edinburgh University cufflinks; oval shaped style in use in the 1950s. Tel 0131 552 2618.

**Mr Osmond L Tweedale** BSc 1952 Retired, aged 76. In good health. Still married with four adult children.

**Dr Sheila C Harvey née Spark** MB ChB 1953 Still enjoying retirement in one of the best spots in Australia with surfing, golf, gardening and visits from family including 6 grandchildren.



**Dr Isobel Robertson née Russell** MB ChB 1940 Celebrated 90th birthday in December 1998 with a lunch party at the restaurant behind Rhodes Memorial. Among the guests were a number of members of the Medical Women's Association of South Africa.

**Dr John D Hundley** MA 1953 Stanley Knowles distinguished visiting professor, Brandon University, Manitoba, Canada, 1997.

**Mrs Rosemary E Polley** MA 1953 Retired and still living outside Leominster, Herefordshire.

**Mrs Fiona J Aitken** BSc 1954 MSc 1961 Resigned from WRVS and from providing fortnightly clinic for local GP. Following husband's retirement as Parish Minister in Clackmannan in November 1998, moved to Saline and looking forward to pursuing a variety of interests in the coming years.

**Professor Emeritus Michael P Banton** PhD 1954 DSc 1964 Served as Chairman of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 1996 - 98.

**Dr Robin B Dean** BDS 1954 Retired. Now living in Port Owen, South Africa, enjoying boating, walking, reading and music.

**Mrs Mary C Fraser MBE née Hiddleston** MA 1954 BEd 1956 Started and then headed up Sifundzani Primary School, Mbabane, Swaziland. In 1996 started up Sifundzani High School with 160 students. Now running this school too.

**Dr Esam E Galal** PhD 1954 Founder and President, Egypt Pharmacological Society. Former Chairman, UN Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

**Sister Phoebe M Hanmer** MA 1954 Ordained Priest in the Anglican Church (Church of the Southern Province of Southern Africa) May 1997.

**Professor Emeritus R Alastair Hannay** MA 1954 MA 1958 Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh 1998.

**Mr Charles R Jackson** MA 1954 Retired in 1997 as Edinburgh's longest serving primary headteacher. More time for jazz bass playing and travel.

**Rev Dr Carol A Wood** PhD 1954 Retired since 1992. Now part-time Parish Associate, Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Mrs Margery M Griffith née Searson** MA 1955 Retired from teaching hearing impaired children 5 years ago. Still busy as Hon Secretary of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Deaf Children's Society. Eldest of three daughters marrying in 1999.

**Dr Ian M Hourston** MB ChB 1955 Retired Air Commodore. Now pursuing interests in



travel, wildlife, photography and the local community.

**Dr June Paterson-Brown CBE DL née Garden** MB ChB 1955 Appointed Lord Lieutenant of Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale in September 1998.

**Professor James R Taylor** MB ChB 1955 PhD 1974 Shifting emphasis from work to golf. Aims to write a book on applied anatomy and pathology of human spine once fully retired next year.

**Mr Ian D Bruce** MA 1956 Retired 1987. Obtained MSc from Curtin University, Western Australia, in 1991, and PhD in 1996 in neural networks and evolutionary computation.

**Rev Professor Robert E Fulop** PhD 1956 Retiring summer 1999 from position as Professor of Church History and Missiology, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

**Dr E Harriet Harvey Wood** OBE MA 1956 PhD 1972 Has just completed *William Dunbar: Selected Poems*, published shortly.

**Dr Iain M Mackay** MB ChB 1956 Retired at the end of 1995. Thoroughly enjoying a life of leisure - only regret is that retirement income no longer permits motor racing.

**Dr Graham R Powell** BSc 1956 BSc 1957 Was honoured in October 1997 when conferred with the title Professor Emeritus in Forestry and Environmental Management, University of New Brunswick.

**Mr Michael Stone** BSc 1956 Since retirement in 1995, has had contracts with Alberta Government, involving inspecting lay drug outlets and assisting with the launch of the Alberta Quality Pork Programme.

**Rev Dr Donald J Wilson** PhD 1956 Together with wife Mary Ann Lundy, has retired to live in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Mr Michael G Newton** BDS 1957 Still working as dentist.

**Dr Nicholas Petroulakis** BEd 1957 MEd 1966 Gives occasional lectures at the University of Athens, writes magazine articles and carries out duties of General Secretary of the Greek Educational Society.

**Mr William Walker** BSc 1957 Son, Forbes R Walker (MSc 1984) graduated PhD in Soil Science at North Carolina State University, December 1998, and appointed Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

**Mrs Anne P Mathieson née Henderson** MA 1958 Honorary Secretary of the Society of Friends of the Kirk of the Greyfriars.

**Rev Dr David F Summers** PhD 1958 Celebrating 50th anniversary of ordination and of marriage in 1999.

**Miss M AJ Swinley** OBE MA 1958 Retired from the British Council several years ago but still keeps in touch with organisations concerned with education and overseas students. Main hobby is keeping and breeding shire horses.

**Rev Dr Francis B Connor** BSc 1959 Recently published book: *The Difficult Traverse: From Amnesty to Reconciliation*.

**Mrs Ruth R Fluss née Lowenthal** MA 1959 Now working as a therapist with pre-school children with developmental and psychological disorders, and their families.

**Dr T K MacLachlan** MB ChB 1959 Using medicine as passport to travel the world in NHS retirement.

**Dr Isobel A Tait née Ritchie** MB ChB 1959 MD 1982 Looking forward to eventual retirement in Edinburgh once she has bought a flat.

## 1960s

**Dr Rattan S Bhatti** MSc 1960, PhD 1966 Retired in 1998 after a distinguished career in teaching and research at the University of

Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada. Has fond memories of Edinburgh and visited the University and the city in 1971 and again in 1998. Dr Bhatti named his son Robin, born in Edinburgh in 1965, to remind him of his connection with Scotland.

**Dr Thomas O Brackett** MB ChB 1960 Retired since January 1996 after 30 years of Neurosurgery in Florida. Now living in South of France and has taken up woodworking.

**Dr Patrick W Brooks** BSc 1960 MB ChB 1963 Recently retired from the Scottish Office Department of Health after 24 years' service. During this time has also been actively involved in the campaign to save the Playhouse, then later as Chairman of the Scottish Arts Lobby and more recently as Chairman of the Scottish Society.

**Mrs Kathleen E Cigno née Hudson** MA 1960 Still combines an academic post with working in social services. Past Chair (1995-96) of Cognitive Behavioural Social Work Group.

**Rev Dr Vernon G Elgin** PhD 1960 Interim Pastor in Bali, Indonesia, April - July 1999.

**Mrs Sheila M Farnsworth née Gemmell** MA 1960 Moved to Norfolk 1998 when husband took early retirement. Presently involved in tourist accommodation by letting cottage annexe to holidaymakers.

**Dr Christopher P Mayers** MB ChB 1960 Retired from general practice in 1991 and from part-time hospital work in 1996. Now working part-time as leader of mountain walks in Snowdonia, Pyrenees and the Alps. Also sailing and Chairman of Amnesty Group.

**Professor D R Fraser Taylor** MA 1960, PhD 1966 Has been awarded an honorary degree by the Pontificia Universidad Católica Del Peru, one of the most prestigious universities in Latin America, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of modern cartography in the universities and the world over the past three decades. Is the author of more than 20 books and is currently Professor of Geography, Environmental Studies and International Affairs at Carleton University, Ottawa.

**Mrs Margaret A Chirgwin née Young** MA 1961 Retired and living on Martha's Vineyard. President of the Scottish Society. Busy with choral and theatrical work and with two grandchildren.

**Ms Marie E W Evans née Weston** BMus 1961 Retired in April 1998 after 13 years as a social worker and 16 years as a lawyer. Would like to hear from classmates.

**Dr Elizabeth M Higgins** MB ChB 1961 Retired from full-time radiation oncology practice in USA in January 1998.

**Dr Michael R Higgins** BSc 1961 MB ChB 1964 Retired from full-time nephrology practice in USA in January 1998. Now practising nephrology/internal medicine part-time in Tobago.

**Mr Alexander Macfarlane** BSc 1961 Retired in January 1999 to Peebles after career with the British Geological Survey overseas in Africa, the South Pacific and Indonesia.

**Dr John Mackay** MB ChB 1961 Has worked in private practice in Hong Kong since 1963. Partially retired to climb mountains and play golf. Married to Judith Longstaff (MB ChB 1966). Two sons, one a GP in Edinburgh and the other the Environmental Officer at Cambridge University.

**Mr Christopher J Cutting** FRCSE MB ChB 1962 Retired March 1999 after 26 years as Consultant in A&E at Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

**Mr James Richardson** BSc 1962 BSc 1963 Taking part in 1999 class reunion in Edinburgh.

**Mrs Alison M Robertson née Malloch** MA 1962 Nearing completion of second degree, a

Bachelor of Music, at Alison House. "Life as a mature student is wonderful, but most of the practice pianos are ghastly; trying to fundraise through concerts, but it is a long haul".

**Dr Sonia A Wolfe-Coote née Fitch** BSc 1962 Delighted to be collaborating with *alma mater* in a Wellcome Trust funded research project on in utero programming of disease.

**Associate Professor Joan Abbott-Chapman née Abbott** MA 1963 PhD 1965 Director of Youth Education Studies Centre at University of Tasmania (not Director of University of Tasmania, as printed in last issue of ED.alumni - apologies, Editor).

**Rev David I Collins** MA 1963 BD 1966 Retired due to ill health but still very active.

**Mr C Frederick Y Lawson** BSc 1963 Stood for election to SRC, Edinburgh Council, Westminster, Holyrood and Brussels - only success so far has been SRC in 1962! Is this a record?

**Rev Dr Francez H Mitchell** PhD 1963 Lecturing on Biblical Hermeneutics of August Tholuck in October 1999 at University of Halle, Germany. Convening the Tholuck lectures at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Boston in November.

**Mrs Helen J Gillespie née Douglas** BSc 1964 Mum of three, grandmother of five. Doing supply teaching after 25 years of teaching.

**Mr Gavin A Turner** LLB 1964 MA 1966 Book published in June 1998: *New Workspace, New Culture*, with Professor Jeremy Myerson.

**Dr Helen B Hannah** MB ChB 1965 Retired. Still gardening and birdwatching. Mother, Helen Joyce Boon, who is also an Edinburgh graduate, is still very chirpy though now partially sighted.

**Mr William A Nolan** MA 1965 Elected member of the General Committee of the SRU, June 1999. Director of Connections (Scotland) Ltd, PR and Marketing Consultants.

**Dr Albert E Pilliner** PhD 1965 Now aged 90.

**Mr William G Desson** MA 1966 LLB 1969 Recently joined Law Department of Halliburton Brown & Root, based in Leatherhead, Surrey. Company is engaged in major construction and civil engineering projects world wide.

**Mrs Freda Keegan née Hassan** MA 1966 Returned to the UK with husband - now expats in own country. Husband works for Boeing.

**Mr David E Lambert** BCom 1966 Retired from J P Morgan and now reading for History degree at Kings College, London.

**Dr Judith M Mackay née Longstaff** MB ChB 1966 Has lived in Hong Kong since 1967. Left hospital medicine in 1984 to work in national tobacco control throughout Asia, and now chairs WHO global project on tobacco. Writes atlases on health, the future, and sex. Married to John Mackay (MB ChB 1961).

**Mr Peter Malone** BVM&S 1966 Since retirement from the veterinary field, has taken on job as casual postman.

**The Hon Lord McGhie** LLB 1966 Chairman, Scottish Land Court, and President, Lands Tribunal for Scotland from October 1996.

**Mr Brian L Neville** BSc 1966 Having retired as a Captain in the Royal Navy after 27 years' service, has now formed own consultancy company in training management. Currently helping a major international training company develop and roll out programmes in Europe, Scandinavia and the Middle East.

**Rev David J Randall** MA 1966 BD 1969 Recently appointed Vice-Convener of Church of Scotland's Board of National Mission.

**Mr David J Ray** BSc 1966 Responsible for scientific programme for UK-Japan meeting

on leading edge developments in medical imaging, July 1999.

**Mrs Linda Strause** MA 1966 Moved with family from Chicago to California. Two sons are co-owners of Pixel Envy, computer visual effects company for TV and film. Projects have included Titanic, the X-Files movie, and music videos for the Smashing Pumpkins and Korn.

**Dr Lillian P Wong** OBE MA 1966 Awarded OBE in 1997 for work in Rwanda.

**Mr James Dawson** MA 1967 Had to leave work due to cancer. Five years later, is now on local Macmillan Cancer Relief Committee and much involved with local church.

**Miss Sheila S Duffy** MA 1967 Just celebrated 25 years with Radio Clyde as Women's Editor. Also writes a regular column in the Glasgow Evening Times, runs own genealogy company and is an active member of Glenochil Young Offenders Visiting Committee.

**Mrs Ann A Alderson née Wickenden** BArch 1968 Works on a part-time consultancy basis for the Construction Industry Research & Information Association initiating, developing and managing research projects for the construction industry.

**Professor Ian J Alexander** BSc 1968 PhD 1973 Regius Professor of Botany, University of Aberdeen.

**Dr Michael J Butson** BSc 1968 PhD 1972 Living in Warwick but spends most of time in Brussels, managing the central unit of the OPET network under contract to the European Commission.

**Ms Susan Harvey née Bone** MA 1968 President, International Orienteering Federation since 1992.

**Professor Alexander M Johnston** BVM&S 1968 Chair of Veterinary Public Health 1998. Member of Government and EU Scientific Veterinary Committee. Elected Honorary Fellow of Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons 1997.

**Mrs Jacqueline M King née Adamson** BSc 1968 Having taught for years and raised four daughters scattered from Australia to the UK, has now retired to the garden and a stress-free existence.

**Dr Helen M Kingston née Rennie** MB ChB 1968 Enjoyed 30th anniversary reunion at Peebles Hydro in August 1998. Still a rural GP in New Zealand, and chairs the New Zealand Rural GP Network.



**Dr George A Gray** MB ChB 1948 Acts as a locum GP in Wirral and occasionally on Westray, Orkney, where the highlight of the week's activities is a visit to Papay each Wednesday.



## World service



**Professor Ian S Fraser** BSc 1964, MB ChB 1967, MD 1986 Holds a Personal Chair in Reproductive Medicine at the University of Sydney and is this year President of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Both parents are Edinburgh graduates, and both grandfathers graduated in Edinburgh, one at the University and one in Surgeons Hall like his father before him.

**Rev Alastair H Symington** MA 1968 BD 1971 Appointed Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland 1996.

**Rev Dr Lyle L VanderWerff** PhD 1968 Recently retired after over thirty years of teaching biblical studies and mission at Northwestern College of Iowa.

**Professor Joseph Watson** Mlit 1968 Appointed to Foundation Chair of Modern Irish, University College Dublin, September 1998.

**Mr Syed A Abbas** BSc 1969 Closely involved with local fruit processing industry in Pakistan, providing equipment and services. This is generally enjoyable, depending of course upon the condition of the fruit!

**Mr A J A Bell** CBE BSc 1969 Awarded CBE in 1997; Fellowship of Institute of Direct Marketing 1998; Chairman of 1999 European Convention of Direct Marketing in Strasbourg.

**Professor Duncan S Ferguson** PhD 1969 Chief Executive, Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities, Louisville, USA.

**Mr Allan G MacGregor** BSc 1969 Now running own management consultancy business (MacGregor Consulting). Also a senior referees assessor for the Rugby Football Union, and has a daughter at Edinburgh reading modern languages.

**Dr Christopher F Ross** MSc 1969 Continuing mid-life career change from being a clinical psychologist to teaching and researching into the psychology of religion at Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada.

**Dr Shelton S Short III** PhD 1969 Reappointed as chairman of United Nations Day activities in Virginia, USA. The one-day annual event will take place on 24th October 1999.

**Miss Lisbeth M Thoms** BSc 1969 In December 1998 reappointed to both Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland and Advisory Panel on Treasure Trove.

**Mr Michael J Wittet** BSc 1969 Appointed Consulting Engineer for RSA Mines at the new De Beers corporate headquarters in Johannesburg in June 1998.

## 1970s

**Mr John Allan** BSc 1970 Retired from teaching April 1997. Employed as part-time sales assistant with James Thin bookseller, South Bridge, Edinburgh.

**The Hon Lord Dawson** LLB 1970 Appointed Senator of the Court of Justice (High Court Judge) May 1995.

**Mr Hugh J Elder** LLB 1970 Head of Litigation at Gordon Dadds, a small central London firm of solicitors, and President of the London Solicitors Litigation Association.

**Dr Alastair I Fraser** PhD 1970 Currently working in Indonesia. Programme Co-ordinator for large development project covering sustainable management of natural tropical forest for production and conservation, research, training and policy.

**Rev John P Purves** BSc 1970 Married to Patricia Kennedy. Son, James, at Glasgow University studying Physics. Daughter, Ellen, at Dollar Academy. Honorary Kentucky Colonel 1997.

**Mr Norman H Rose** LLB 1970 Member, Simpler Trade Procedures Board, since December 1998.

**Dr Richard B Thompkins** BSc 1970 MB ChB 1973 Completed a law degree in Adelaide in 1986 and worked for Legal Aid to Aboriginal Australians. Then reverted to medicine and became a psychiatrist. Married with 3 daughters.

**Mr James P West** BSc 1970 Had an interesting career in Industrial Process Control IT but became bored and disillusioned with modern IT developments. Now redundant and possibly winding down.

**Mrs Jennifer M Baker** BSc 1971 Moving back to the Highlands after nearly 30 years in the south, with 3 children and business, but without husband.

**Rev Russell I Birney** BD 1971 Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary 1994.

**Dr Christopher J Donegan** BSc 1971 PhD 1978 Recently established a new consultancy called The Change Navigators, aimed at helping organisations create pathways and navigate their way through change.

**Mrs Marilyn E Ramseyer** MA 1971 Has lived in Spain for 18 years after 10 years in Switzerland as a hotelier, then a language teacher. Married a Swiss mannerist in 1985. Widowed in 1996.

**Miss Joanna A Switalska** MA 1971 Currently External Funding Manager, London Borough of Merton, working on urban regeneration projects.

**Ms Diana C F Webster** MA 1971 Became Head of Map Library, National Library of Scotland, January 1999. Has one son aged 13.

**Professor Anthony J Gittins** MA 1972 PhD 1977 Appointed Bishop FX Ford Professor of Missiology, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, 1998.

**Ms Helen Krasner** BSc 1972 Recently published a book describing record breaking 5000 mile walk round the coast of Britain, *Midges, Maps and Muesli*.

**Dr Kodira A Kushalapa** MSc 1972 Retired as Chief Conservator of Forests and now settled in Mysore, India. Doing consultancy in Forestry and Environment.

**Professor Judith A Newman** MA 1972 MA 1974 Will take up post of Chair of American Studies at the University of Nottingham from January 2000.

**Rev Dr George L Pattison** MA 1972 BD 1977 New publications: *The End of Theology and the Task of Thinking about God* (SCM 1998); *Poor Paris!* (Berlin 1998); *Anxious Angels* (Macmillan 1999).

**Mr Peter C Radcliffe** BDS 1972 Retired from dental surgery through ill health and opened a

mail order business for specialist model car kits.

**Rev John S Smith** BSc 1972 Church Life Director, Evangelical Alliance, from January 1999.

**Mr J Brian Dick** MA (SS) 1973 Passed highest Open University course in French Language and Culture, October 1998. Climbed Mount Kenya and Mount Kilimanjaro in July 1997, both by 'technical' route. Near to completion of third 'Munro' round of Scottish mountains.

**Miss Keryn J Evelyn** BSc 1973 Has worked for the Dyslexia Association (Scotland) since 1993 after primary school teaching and self-employment as a designer and enameller.

**Miss P J Haywood** MD MA 1973 Book, *DIY PR, the small business guide to 'free' publicity*, reached the Scottish business books bestsellers list.

**The Venerable Nigel Peyton** MA 1973 BD 1976 Appointed Archdeacon of Newark in Diocese of Southwell, February 1999. Member of General Synod of Church of England since 1990.

**Mrs Marion C Pullen née Brownlie** BCom 1973 After 10 years in NHS management, returned to the education sector in September 1998. Now teaching A level Economics and Business Studies and responsible for developing education/business links for St Leonards 6th Form College.

**Rev Robert J Ramsay** LLB 1973 Inducted as Minister of Invergowrie Parish Church, December 1997.

**Ms Amanda E Royde-Smith** MA 1973 Had a wonderful silver jubilee with friend Sunniva Gieben, flatmates and other friends in May 1998. Everyone appreciated the renewal of contact.

**Mr Michael Van De Zande** MPhil 1973 BD 1995 Studying part-time at Glasgow University for MTh degree, 1998 - 2000.

**Rev William J Bromley** BD 1974 Became Rector of the Shropshire parishes of Sidbury and Middleton Scriven in March 1998.

**Dr Ellen McAdam** MA 1974 Appointed Head of Specialist Services, Museum of London, June 1998.

**Mr Alistair F Des Moulins** BSc 1974 Has been living and working in Calgary, Canada for the last 10 years. Still climbing mountains and ski touring. Works together with wife in contract computer consultancy.

**Rev Professor William H Frend** Hon DD 1974 Elected Bye-Fellow of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, October 1997 and re-elected October 1998.

**Mr William J Scott** BSc 1974 Conservative PSPC for Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley. Retiring after 6 years as Hill Farming Convener of Scottish National Farmers Union.

**Dr Carey B Singleton Jr** PhD 1974 Visiting Lecturer/Professor at University of Turku in Finland, summer 1998.

**Ms Leslie Sinnott** MA 1974 Returned to the US in 1984, re-qualified in law and practised first in Ohio, now in Indianapolis. Presently in-house counsel for a real estate investment trust which builds, develops and manages commercial and industrial properties throughout the midwest.

**Mr James M Sutherland** BSc 1974 Spent 1998 publicly fighting the ludicrous ban on beef on the bone.

**Rev Reginald F Campbell** BD 1975 Currently studying for Open University BA in Technology. Has just registered with National Computer Engineering Association (part-time) as a maintenance serviceman.

**Professor Anthony J Harper** PhD 1975 Emeritus Professor, University of Strathclyde, December 1998.

**Dr Eugene M Meehan** LLB 1975 Has been elected President of the Canadian Bar

Association for 1999 - 2000. Remains a litigation lawyer at Lang Michener in Ottawa.

**Mr Adrian J Price** BSc 1975 Married in 1989; twin daughters born 1994. Established PDA Group Architects and Designers with Paul Dinsdale (MA 1975), specialising in refurbishment and leisure projects.

**Mr George Brims** BSc 1976 Currently Project Engineer for Nirspec, and infrared spectrograph about to be delivered to the W M Keck Observatory in Hawaii (the world's largest telescope).

**The Very Rev Graham J Forbes** BD 1976 Appointed to the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission.

**Ms Alison C Gimmingham** BSc 1976 After 4½ years as Director of Kindrogan Field Centre, Perthshire, has now moved back to England to work with the National Trust.

**Mr K A Ihata** BA 1976 Together with wife, has been running own school in Tokyo teaching English for more than 20 years. Employs teachers on a part-time basis and would be glad to hear from Edinburgh students of Japanese doing their year abroad.

**Dr Carla Luzzani née Spadavecchia** PhD 1976 Appointed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to teach Italian at St Andrews University for three years.

**Mr Umesh B Malla** MPhil 1976 Currently engaged in technical advisory roles and consultancy activities for a number of semi-government agencies and NGOs. Actively associated with the World Health Organisation as a national consultant for the 'Healthy cities' programme, and with a non-profit group working to fulfil the housing needs of low-income people in Nepal.

**Dr Louis Appleby** BSc 1977 MB ChB 1980 Bringing out the report of the National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide by People with Mental Illness, a Government-funded project in these areas, aiming to advise the DoH on the safety of mental health services nationally.

**Mrs Sally E Buckingham née Watts** BA 1977 MA 1978 Runs a small cattle farm in NE Victoria, Australia, and has built a solar powered mud brick house. Married with three children.

**Mrs Catherine M Crawford née McIntyre** BSc 1977 Has had own business for 3 years making own lotions, gels and creams as well as giving holistic aromatherapy treatments. Has almost finished a Nutritional Medicine course.

**Dr Mary Kontizas** PhD 1977 Was elected a member of the council of the European Astronomical Society in summer 1997 and is Editor of the Society's newsletter.

**Rev Gordon Oliver** BD 1977 Minister of St Andrew's Church of Scotland, working also as a missionary partner with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Portugal.

**Professor Graham V Vimpani** PhD 1977 Truby King Lecturer; New Zealand Plunket Society; Invercargill March 1999.

**Ms Caroline R Wickham-Jones** MA 1977 Published *Orkney, an Historical Guide* November 1998. Previously published *Arthur's Seat and Holyrood Park, a visitors' guide*, in April 1996.

**Rev Andrew A Downie** BSc 1978 Recently appointed the first full-time Prison Chaplain in Scotland, employed by the first private prison in Scotland.

**Dr Willy D Engineer** PhD 1978 Currently an Examiner for IELTS conducted by the British Council, Mumbai, India.

**Mr P Kerr Fulton-Peebles** MA 1978 Now Principal of King William's College, Castletown, Isle of Man.

**Dr K H Gordon** PhD 1978 Appointed Director of the School of Social Work, King's College,



University of Western Ontario, Canada, July 1998.

**Ms Jill Hughes** MTh 1978 MA 1987 Completed Gestalt Psychotherapy training; beginning to build up private practice.

**Ms Anne C Ihata née Bates** MA 1978 Has worked for 16 years at Musashino Women's University. Was promoted to Professor in June 1998. Will begin teaching Linguistics in the Graduate School this year, and will give a short presentation at the AILA (Tokyo) conference.

**Dr Jamali Ismail** MSc 1978 Currently Associate Professor, Dean and Co-ordinator of BSc TESL programme at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak.

**Mr Alasdair M Mackenzie** BSc 1978 Now working in Abu Dhabi for ADMA-OPCO on secondment from BP.

**Mrs Hilary McQueen née O'Hare** BMus 1978 Currently studying part-time for a DPhil in Education at King's College, London. Research area is motivation in A level students.

**Miss Alexandra P Pateman** BA 1978 Recently completed a Masters degree.

**Mr Christopher J Wyke** MA 1978 Since 1996 has been in charge of Paribas Group's Australian operations, based in Sydney. Wife Penny (Penelope A Cracknell MA 1980) and daughter Clementine, aged 8, are both enjoying Australia.

**Mr Ralph A Dunn** BA 1979 In final year of an MTh in Applied Theology at Westminster College, Oxford. Will be 'licensed' as a Minister of the United Free Church of Scotland this year.

**Mrs Isobel Gillman née Wands** BA 1979 Living happily in sunny Queensland. Married to Ken, and helps him with research and publication of papers for medical journals. Has a dog and 5 cockatiels.

**Mrs Chinnamma K Gregory Stellus née Joseph** MSc 1979 Would like to say 'hi' to students of the Nursing Education (MSc) group 1978-79; would be pleased to welcome any who wish to visit Kerala.

**Mr Michael J Laing** BSc 1979 Now resident in New Jersey, USA, with wife, Sherry, and son, Jonathan. Hobbies include golf, cycling and bowling. Additional business: custom golf club manufacturing.

**Mr Graeme A Renton** MA(SS) 1979 Married with 2 children, living in Nottingham and working in Sheffield as an architect.

**Dr Mary Jane W Scott** PhD 1979 Recently completed a Certificate in Criminal Justice and works as a Victim's Advocate for a local police department in Columbia, S.C.

**Dr Peter J Thomson** BDS 1979 Recently passed the examination for lead auditor for ISO 9000 and met vocational requirement to register with IRCA.

## 1980s

**Dr Richard G Ayres** MB ChB 1980 Passed MRCP October 1998. Marrying, for 2nd and final time, in North Devon in 1999.

**Mr Michael Chihambakwe** MSc 1980 Set up own company, Encon Associates, in Harare. Encon is an environmental and forestry consultancy committed to assisting local, regional and international efforts towards achieving sustainable resource management goals.

**Dr Alison A Cullum** BSc 1980 BVM&S 1987 Vetting, farming and raising family in Waikato, New Zealand.

**Mr George M Donald** MEd 1980 Directs Edinburgh College of Art summer school in the visual arts, bringing together students of all ages from all over the world.

**Mrs Angela J Drummond née Oxley** BSc 1980 Awarded Nuffield Scholarship for a

study tour of New Zealand in 1992.

**Dr Melissa Hardie-Budden** PhD 1980 Has recently been helping to co-ordinate and promote higher education within the confines of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, a beautiful yet disadvantaged area of the UK.

**Mr Simon H Lord** MA 1980 Has own publishing company in New Zealand specialising in business publications. Publisher of the quarterly *Franchise New Zealand* and is just completing his first book.

**Miss Janet E Olearski** MA 1980 New book, *Lifestyle*, a textbook for the teaching of English as a foreign language to students aged 11 to 14 in Italian lower secondary school, due for publication 1999.

**Dr Prabhakar B Patil** MSc 1980 Currently the British Council ELT consultant for Cambridge University examinations. Visiting Professor, Shivaji University's Centres for MBA, MA and MJC courses held in Kolhapur.

**Dr Elizabeth A Reed** BSc 1980 MB ChB 1983 Two children, aged 4 and 2.

**Ms Philippa Sanders Smith née Smith** MA 1980 Qualified in 1994 as a practitioner of Feldenkrais Method: personal development by learning new patterns of movement.

**Dr Conrad White** MB ChB 1980 Consultant in Genito-Urinary medicine since 1992.

**Ms Marian J Austin** MA 1981 Still skiing, sailing and mountain biking, but work interferes too often!

**Rev Thomas C Ballentine** BD 1981 Just published a book on the Epistle to the Romans entitled *Light, Love, Life*. All profits going to palliative care unit, Braid Valley Hospital, Ballymena.

**Mrs Lorna J Coulson née McTavish** BA 1981 Now living in Devon. Would love to meet up with any friends who are local and remember her from Edinburgh days.

**Mrs Stephanie S Dixon née Little** LLB 1981 Working as tax adviser for KPMG in Glasgow and also teaching tax law part-time at the University of Glasgow. Two children aged 6 and 1. Husband is a Glasgow University senior lecturer in History.

**Professor Emeritus Alexander Fenton** CBE DLitt 1981 Visiting Professor, Department of Ethnology, University of Pécs, Hungary.

**Mr David M Hartley** BD 1981 Working as a full-time hospital chaplain and studying for a MTh degree through Oxford University.

**Ms Susan M Leslie** BSc (SS) 1981 Continues as Headteacher of rural Life primary school. Presently Scottish Chairman of the Professional Association of Teachers. Son, Callum, is now six.

**Ms Jane M Scampton née Miller** BSc 1981 Married in 1994. Son, Oliver, born October 1994. Has been with the SAUR group since 1989.

**Miss Jura M Seskus** MSc 1981 Currently working on a doctorate in Education at the University of Bristol, so does as teaching at the University of Toronto, so well as a lot of cross-Atlantic trips.

**Dr Douglas B Anskell** MA 1982 PhD 1987 Published book, *The People of the Great Faith, the Highland Church 1690-1900*, 1998.

**Mr Graham C Dane** MEd 1982 Elected Convener of Committee on Exceptional Admission to the Register of the General Teaching Council for Scotland. Chair of Currie Community Council.

**Mrs Helen J Gordon née McGeorge** BSc 1982 Settling back in the UK after 9 years in the Netherlands.

**Mrs Fiona L Power née Gilby** MA 1982 Still living in East London. Now has two children, aged 8 and 1. Still follows Raith Rovers via Teletext every Saturday!

**Mrs Tanya Swinfen-Wilkes née Swinfen** MA 1982 Son born August 1997. "He is a

delight and keeps me constantly busy. This is the best job I have ever had!"

**Mrs Alexis S Bennett née Glover** BSc 1983 Presently living in Namibia while husband works for an EU funded project in the Department of Agriculture.

**Mr Peter Harrington** MLitt 1983 Leading a group of Brown University alumni to Scotland this year, based at Stirling. Trip includes a visit to the University of Edinburgh and a talk by a University representative.

**Mrs Lucy M Owen née Coats** MA 1983 With both children now full-time scholars, there is more time for writing and redesigning 2 acres of garden. John is blissfully happy with his new venture - starting his own business - a good move for all the family.

**Mrs Ann Poyner née Wells** BSc 1983 Second daughter, Hannah, born December 1998 - little sister for Rebecca, born April 1997.

**Mrs Maryann Ross** MA 1983 Now working with Wm Raveis Real Estate and Home Services.

**Miss Caroline A Wells** MSc 1983 Opened own law office in June 1998, practising in the areas of criminal law and civil litigation.

**Miss Diana J Williams** BSc 1983 In addition to agricultural research, is a tennis line-judge and can be seen at work at Wimbledon each summer.

**Mrs Mary F Amoroso née New** MA 1984 Gave up job at the British Embassy, Rome, to follow Italian husband, Roberto, in his career with the World Bank, firstly in Washington, then Paris. Three children.

**Mrs Fiona M Holmes née Harley** BCom 1984 Worked in New York, 1994 - 1996. Two children, James and Lauren.

**Mrs Elspeth M Keeling née Robson** BSc (SS) 1984 Now lives in Bethersden, Kent, with husband and two children, Charlotte (7) and Tom (6).

**Mrs Anna M King née Le Hair** BMus 1984 Currently teaching piano at St Mary's School, Ascot, and privately. Gives recitals, both solo and accompanied. Recently made first CD with a soprano singer.

**Dr Alberto D Pettorossi** PhD 1984 Professor of Theoretical Computer Science at University of Rome.

**Ms Christine J Tiler** BSc 1984 Recently returned from 2 years working in the health sector in New Zealand. Now has twin boys.

**Mr Andrew R Wilson** MA 1984 On expert panel 'DTI - Brazil' with Mandelson. Export experience to Latin America.

**Mr Richard A Brown** MSc 1985 Article on the merits of family farming in the beef industry appeared in BCVA Congress Times, October 1998.

**Mrs Karen A Mackie** MA 1985 Married in 1991 in Italy. Now living in Central Italy and working part-time translating educational material. Two children, Nicole and Daniel.

**Mr Andrew W McCombe** MB ChB 1985 MD 1994 Appointed Editor (1997) of ENT News magazine which is published by Pinpoint in Edinburgh.

**Dr Bernard T O'Dwyer** PhD 1985 Recently published *Healthways* (1998) and *Modern English Structures and Book of Exercises*.

**Mrs Fiona Redhead née Douglas** BCom 1985 Married Clive Redhead, June 1998.

**Dr Frederick B Smyth** MSc 1985 Recently appointed Regional Epidemiologist to establish the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre for Northern Ireland.

**Mr Paul J Wilson** MA 1985 Has been unable to work for some 10 years due to ill health, but has put together The Mag Collection, an exhibition of image based art in Britain in the late 20th century, specifically for public use and as a vehicle for bringing issues into the public arena.



**Rev John M Wilson** BD 1963 With wife Mary, recently moved from East Lothian to the charge of Altnaharra & Farr in the Presbytery of Sutherland. The manse is in Bettyhill, right on the north coast, with quite spectacular scenery and a very special lifestyle.

**Mrs Sophie R Armstrong née Thornton** MA 1986 Baby Ruari was born August 1998.

**Dr Stroma Beattie née Lauder** MB ChB 1986 Has been working in South Korea doing medicine/missionary work. Now moving to Singapore to work as medical adviser for an international, interdenominational mission organisation.

**Mr Nigel T Brewster** MB ChB 1986 Appointed consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne.

**Dr Kathryn M Dearing** PhD 1986 Kiran Anselm Dearing born October 1997.

**Mrs Barbara A Ebrahim née Walker** MA 1986 Now in Cape Town trying to juggle the demands of two children, Ruby (11 years) and Yusuf (8 years) and developing graphic design skills. Also supporting son's development since he has Asperger's Syndrome, which is only just being recognised in South Africa.

**Mr Edward G Ernest Jones** MBA 1986 Civil Engineer (land development) in consultancy in Florida.

**Mr Ian A Gray** BSc 1986. Married to Madonna Witham. Two children, Hannah and Alexandra. Working with Brunei Shell Petroleum.

**Miss Sara M Hawthorne** MA 1986 Did voluntary work in San Francisco during 1997. Now working in insurance litigation with Dundas & Wilson.

**Dr Kathryn J Hoff née Dale** MB ChB 1986 Had identical twin girls in October 1998. Dr Hoff is the third woman from this class to have twins - can any other year group beat this?

**Dr Jane R Jenkinson** MB ChB 1986 Married with two children aged 5 and 2. Working as a part-time GP and involved in South Tyneside Primary Care Group Board.

**Mr Andrew H Logan** BSc 1986 General Manager, Paragon Ensemble Scotland.

**Mr Kazi K Alam** MSc 1987 Recently passed Seed Grader examination from Agriculture Canada. Wife, Selina, is continuing with studies to pass professional examinations in medicine, and three children are all promising students.

**Mr William J Bailey** BSc 1987 Working as a Geophysicist for PGS Tensor on the most advanced seismic data collection vessel in the world.

**Mrs S E C Denison née Creese** MA 1987 Continuing to paint as well as looking after one year old daughter.



## World service

**Mr Kevin A Gray** BSc 1987 After 8 years as an Officer in the Royal Navy, left to train as a Chartered Accountant with Arther Andersen in Bristol. Now working as an Accountant in Bath. Married to Rebecca with one daughter, Emily.

**Mr Andrew W Kent** MB ChB 1987 Major, Royal Army Medical Corps. Higher Surgical Trainee (Orthopaedics) at Princess Margaret Rose Hospital.

**Miss Ntombizakhe Mpofu** MSc 1987 Completed PhD in Canada in 1992. Has worked in Botswana and is now running own consultancy firm in Zimbabwe.

**Dr Elaine S Van Ravesteijn-Scott** née Scott BSc 1987 Married Oscar Van Ravesteijn from Hoogerzand, the Netherlands, in August 1998.

**Mr William D Catterall** JYA 1988 Recently completed a doctorate in history at the University of Minnesota. Currently seeking an academic position. Hopes to pursue interest in Scots migration in future work.



**Dr Esther Sirra** PhD 1987 Received the prestigious Bharat Excellence Award and Gold Medal from the Friendship Forum of India in October 1998. Published text book on nursing process, 1998. President, Nurses Christian Fellowship, India, and member of standing committee representing Central Asia.

**Mrs E C Frampton-Hobbs** née Lyon BSc 1988 Partner in equestrian and horticultural businesses. Married with two children, 3 horses and 2 dogs. Captain in Territorial Army: the Dorset Yeomanry.

**Mr Duncan C Kinnear** BSc 1988 Second son, Cullen, was born July 1998. First son, Finn, has just started Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten. Still enjoying New Zealand very much.

**Mrs Kirsty Loh** née Burnett MA 1988 Currently living in Le Vaud, Switzerland, where husband works for World Wild Life Fund.

**Rev Dr David W McHardy** BD 1988 PhD 1997 New principal teacher of RMPS at Inverurie Academy and associate lecturer in world religions with the Open University.

**Mr Lucian Phipps** MA 1988 Taught EFL in Turkey for two years. Career set back by period of clinical depression, but now more or less recovered.

**Miss Dil A Quader** MSc 1988 Did PhD in ESOL at Institute of Education, University of London, in 1992 and now teaching at Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka.

**Mr Robert B Robertson** MSc 1988 Married Alice Coxon, daughter of Alan Coxon, retired

member of University staff, October 1997.

**Mr Gordon C Sindan** BA 1988 Currently caring full-time for mother.

**Miss Fiona L Thomson** BSc 1988 Living in Cape Town, South Africa. Daughter, Elena, born August 1997. Married Richard Piller, June 1998.

**Miss Diana E Coleman** MA 1989 Died August 1998. Diana had a love for France and, after her much enjoyed years in Edinburgh studying History, she studied the French language in Nice. She then moved to Paris and worked at the Berlitz School teaching English before moving to the stockbroking arm of an International Bank where she learned the basics of the trade. Her last move was to a Stockbroker as a Trader where she was starting to establish a reputation. Her life was tragically ended by falling on stone stairs whilst leaving a friend's apartment; she suffered a fractured skull from which she never regained consciousness.

**Dr Louis J Kwantes** MSc 1989 Worked in Sultanate of Oman 1990 - 1994, then, after two years of small animal locum work, opened new small animal and exotic pet clinic in Edmonton, Alberta, where business is booming.

**Mrs Jillian M Millan** née Swan BSc 1989 Gave birth to third daughter in May 1998. About to return to work, servicing the top end pastoral industries in Australia with regard to animal health and disease investigation. As well as conventional livestock, is responsible for crocodile and emu farms.

**Dr James D Miller** PhD 1989 Dissertation, *The pastoral letters as composite documents*, published by Cambridge University Press, 1997.

**Ms Julie E Mitchell** BCom 1989 Got married in June 1998 in Aberdeen.

**Mrs Kira H Moffat** née Donald BSc 1989 First son, Thomas, born in February 1998 in Santa Cruz, CA.

**Mr James H Pardoe** MSc 1989 Seconded to Eotuos Lorand University, Budapest, in autumn 1998. Lectures on Heritage Management are to be published by Elte University Press, Budapest.

**Dr Diaa Samuel** MB ChB 1989 Training in Ear, Nose and Throat at Guy's/St Thomas' Hospitals in London.

**Mrs Kimberly J Sharp** née Holliday MSc 1989 Mother to Marilyn.

### 1990s

**Mr Stewart P Begg** MA 1990 Married in July 1997 to Lizzie Carlyle.

**Miss Dorothy M Blackie** MA 1990 Won silver medal at World Championships in September 1998 in Coxless Pairs (rowing).

**Ms Kathryn J Cockburn** MA 1990 Married in 1998. Currently working for the Baylis Programme, the education, community and outreach team at English National Opera.

**Mr Alistair J Grant** MBA 1990 Returning to Scotland after 4½ years in the San Francisco Bay area. Hopes to see many fellow alumni again.

**Mr John E Lockton** MSc 1990 Living in South Africa since February 1995 having previously worked for LaserScan based in Cambridge. Married in September 1998.

**Mr John-Paul Morrison** MA 1990 Currently teaching in the east end of London. Married Sophie Linden in 1994. Two children, Jack and Beatrice.

**Mrs Melanie R Parry** née Hanbury MA 1990 Left Chambers Harrup Publishers in December 1998 after 7 years to work freelance. Now living in the countryside with husband and baby daughter.

**Mr James C Saffery** MSc 1990 Recently returned to the UK after nearly three years in Sydney. Met and married Therese in Balmain, March 1998.

**Mrs Anita Sandhu** née Sohal BDS 1990 Achieved Diploma of Membership of the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (UK) in 1997.

**Mrs Fiona J Verpillat** née Emslie MA 1990 Had first baby, Jennifer, in November 1998.

**Dr Yumiko Arai** MSc 1991 Has been working as head of the research unit at Japan's only National Institute of Longevity Sciences since 1998. Recently won a 3 year research grant (10 million yen) on carers' burdens.

**Mr Anand Desai** LLM 1991 Set up a law firm in 1996 practising in all areas of civil law, with offices in Bombay and Delhi.

**Mr Stefan Enchelmaier** LLM 1991 Married Helen LJ Worth in Oxford on 20th December 1998.

**Mrs Sarah Grove** née Parkinson MA 1991 Life changed considerably in August 1998: got married and changed job from training to marketing.

**Dr Lynn A Hendry** BSc 1991 Obtained PhD in Fluid Engineering from Cranfield University; graduated June 1998.

**Mr Martin C Hill** BSc 1991 Settling down in Britain for a few years, working in the space industry, currently in satellite control centre software. Bought a house and a motorbike. Rallying cars this year and practising for the Paris-Dakar rally next year.

**Ms Alexia Ioannidou** MSc 1991 Has been working as an English teacher in a state secondary school in Ioannina, Greece, since 1997.

**Miss Verity Orrell-Jones** BEng 1991 Is leading mine-clearing by the Royal Engineers in Kosovo.

**Mr David J Peden** MA 1991 Together with Mr David Gillespie (BCom 1992), has set up Open Fairways Scotland, which offers reduced green fees at over one hundred golf courses throughout Scotland. Open Fairways has been in existence in Ireland for over four years, originally the brainchild of Mr Jonathan B Packham (BSc 1989) who was Peden's team-mate in the University Men's Golf Team.

**Mr Anil K Sahgal** MBA 1991 Appointed Vice President at Dundee Investment Management & Research, investment counsel to Dundee Mutual Funds, India, part of the Dundee Bancorp Group, Canada.

**Mr Colin F Teevan** MA 1991 Just appointed Head of Drama at Queen's University, Belfast. New plays opening at the Lyric, Belfast, the Gate, London, and being workshoped at the National Theatre Studio, London.

**Mrs Sophie Anderson** MA (SS) 1992 Married Charlie Anderson in July 1997. Moved to Arkesden, Essex, in July 1998.

**Mr Admassu A Berhanu** MSc 1992 Now working as head of Kombo Icha Regional Veterinary Laboratory.

**Mrs Aberdeen E Browne** MSc 1992 After 20 years as Nursing Tutor and Principal of the School of Nursing in St Vincent and the Grenadines, was promoted in December 1997 to helm of profession as Chief Nursing Officer.

**Mr Philip M Findlay** BCom 1992 Still playing for Spartans FC first team. Qualified CIMA, ACIBS, MCIBS. Married and living in Ravelston.

**Mr Shawn E Flatt** LLM 1992 Has been the Acting Financial Attaché at the US Embassy in Mexico City since January 1998.

**Dr Julian G Goy** PhD 1992 After living in Australia and Belgium, now living and working in Sweden as a Product Manager for Optima Batteries AB. Enjoying the extensive travelling the job entails.

**Dr Heidi J Goodship** MSc 1992 Due to be awarded PhD in July 1999 by University of Dundee. Thesis title: "The application of geographical information systems in crime pattern analysis - old wine in new bottles?"

**Mr Graeme E King** BSc 1992 Married Gillian Stevely (MA 1992) on 28th July 1998.

**Mr Scott Martin** BSc 1992 Passed Diploma in 1998. Will qualify as a solicitor in June 2000.

**Mr Ian McIntyre** MBA 1992 Three children and house renovation project to support. Manages a group of researchers attempting to improve the quality of the humble squeeze liquid bottle and other polyethylene items - far more interesting than it might appear!

**Miss Nicola McNeen** MA 1992 Expecting child in summer 1999.

**Rev Ernest K Mpamanda** MTh 1992 After serving as a secondary school chaplain and attending advanced studies in leadership, founded the Christian Alliance for Relief and Development, which is still in its infancy.

**Ms Laura J Shaw** MA 1992 Has been working for BBC World Service since May 1998. Attended Party Conferences and involved in lots of events for MPs, Peers, etc, including regional briefings on areas such as Indonesia, Kosovo, Russia, Nigeria and Iran.

**Dr Rebecca E Bryant** MA 1993 PhD 1997 Works as a researcher in Oxford. Married to Steffan Corley (MA 1993, PhD 1998).

**Rev Rashid M Chaudhary** MTh 1993 Principal of Baring Union Christian College, Batala, Panjab, India.

**Mr David M Findlay** BSc 1993 Moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA.

**Mrs Catriona Gambles** née Riddler MA 1993 Married to Colin Gambles, July 1998, and moved to Devon.

**Mr Christopher S Gathercole** MSc 1993 Married in April 1998.

**Mr Rory J Gilchrist** MA 1993 Returning to Edinburgh to study law after two years teaching English and Current Affairs to students in Chile. Since graduating in 1993, has also worked in the USA, Australia, Italy and Poland.

**Dr A Mark Godfrey** LLB 1993 Trainee solicitor with Simpson and Marwick WS since 1997. Recently completed PhD thesis on the early history of the Court of Session in the reign of James V.

**Mr Colin R Graham** MA 1993 Using Chinese in legal matters as training in Chinese Law. Together with Ben Walker (MA 1993) was involved in a joint ribbon cutting ceremony on behalf of respective firms in Northern China.

**Mrs Lucinda J Howells** née Eyre MA 1993 Married in May 1999.

**Mr John S May** MBA 1993 Appointed Managing Director of Cardforce Ltd in January 1999.

**Mrs Sarah C Rejchrt** née Luty BEng 1993 Married Peter in 1995 and currently avoiding children by travelling. Living in New Forest and commuting to London.

**Miss Rebecca S Rowe** MMus 1993 Recorded works: 'Shine Out, Fair Sun', performed by Cappella Nova, released on CD December 1998 and broadcast by Radio Scotland; 'Lament', performed by The Hilliard Ensemble, recorded by BBC Radio 3, released on CD October 1998.

**Mr Paul G Turner** BSc 1993 Now self-employed having started own business, Trail Riding and Tourism, in April 1998.

**Mr Iain C Waugh** BEng 1993 Has been living in Sydney for past 5 years. Now working with Fujitsu as an ASIC designer. Also working on a sun tan!

**Mr Andrew T Beardon** BEng 1994 Working for Anglian Water and living in Cambridge.

**Mrs Nancy A Coppock** MSc 1994 Together



with John, has set up a travel store in Bath called Itchy Feet, which sells travel books and guides, backpacks and travel accessories, and has a cappuccino bar upstairs. A little different from nursing!

**Dr Sarah J French** BSc 1994 Graduated from Cambridge University as a PhD completed at Wolfson College and the MRC Cambridge Centre for Brain Repair, March 1998.

**Mr Christopher Gravell** BSc 1994 Career in systems engineering with Esso Petroleum, commodities broking and telecommunications. Single.

**Mr Russell C Hall** BVM&S 1994 After graduation, set sail for Central America via Africa, South America and the Caribbean, one of three on a 40 foot sailing yacht which covered nearly 10,000 nautical miles in 10 months. About to embark on 2 year adventure, by boat up the Yangzi River to the Tibetan foothills, cycling in Sichuan and Yunnan Provinces, then trekking in Patagonia and the Andes.

**Mr David G Harvey** BCom 1994 Currently a full-time student in Theology at Queens University, Belfast. Elder and youth leader in local church. Future plans for overseas mission work.

**Miss Susan L Haysom** BSc 1994 Currently finishing PhD thesis on black grouse habitat requirements in 1st and 2nd rotation plantation forests and seeking postdoctoral employment in applied conservation biology.

**Ms Amandah Hoogbruin née Lea** MSc 1994 PhD in Nursing from UBC, Vancouver, June 1999.

**Dr Richard J Hopkins** PhD 1994 Just secured research funding which could extend to six years. Is now settled on a small farm. Increasingly involved in both farming and rugby development as sidelines to research career.

**Dr Felicity A Keating née Riding** MB ChB 1994 Married Mr John Keating, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, in Dublin in August 1998.

**Mr Percy R Lallemand** MSc 1994 Besides teaching English to Luxembourg students at secondary school level, is involved in several educational projects like film-making and radio. Also organises yearly trips for students to various UK destinations.

**Dr Katharina K Leue née Schwarz** LL.M. 1994 PhD from University of Freiburg. Qualified Lawyer. Works in Aircraft Finance Department of Hamburgische Landesbank.

**Dr Michael Leue** LL.M. 1994 PhD from University of Mainz in July 1998. Now partner in a law firm.

**Miss Rebecca K Lewis** BSc (SS) 1994 Married to Gabriele Lalatta in July 1998. Baby William Raffaello Lalatta born in January 1999. Currently living in Sardinia, Italy.

**Miss Anna S Marshall** BSc 1994 Member of Volcanology and Geohazards Research Group at Lancaster University. Completing doctorate which has included fieldwork in Kenya and a trip to the erupting Piton de la Fournaise volcano in Réunion.

**Miss Kirsty J Morgan** MA (SS) 1994 Will be leaving post as teacher of geography at Haileybury College in summer 1999 to work for an expedition organisation.

**Mr Anur R Pamudurthy** MSc 1994 Working as Director (Environment) in a mining company, exporting ornamental granite stones, manganese and iron ore. Looking after production, marketing and rehabilitation of degraded mined area by afforestation and soil and water conservation measures.

**Mrs Jennifer A Rees-Davies née Whybrow** MSc 1994 Twin babies Myrddin and Tirion April 1997.



**Mrs Barbara A Lee née Millar-Craig** BVM&S 1980 Works part-time as self-employed locum vet. With husband, owns a persimmon orchard and packhouse. President of the Persimmon Association of New Zealand.

**Dr Catrin S Rhys** PhD 1994 Settled happily in Belfast with Michelle and son Anson who was born in June 1998. Lecturing and motherhood don't leave time for much else.

**Miss Anne W Riddell** LLB 1994 After qualifying as a solicitor, spent 6 months backpacking around India, Nepal, Thailand, Malaysia and Australia.

**Dr Patrick Shiemo Nde** PhD 1994 Painstaking research efforts have resulted in domestication of *Gretum Africanum* (tropical leafy vegetable vines, both male and female) from the wild forests to farms for food, income and medicinal purposes.

**Mr Mark R Storey** MSc 1994 Recently returned to New Zealand after a three year period with the OECD. Currently working on environmental policy with the Ministry for the Environment.

**Mr Moemi R Batshabang** MSc 1995 Working for Botswana Wildlife Department co-ordinating conservation education efforts to promote community based natural resources management.

**Miss Catriona Black** MA 1995 Was selected by SNP as a Parliamentary Candidate for the Scottish Parliament (mid Scotland and Fife list).

**Mr Mark Bynoe** MSc 1995 Completed a Diploma in EU Economics at Harvard University. Currently pursuing a PhD in Environmental Economics at University of East Anglia.

**Dr Bwalya S Chuba** PhD 1995 "Three years of PhD research work at the University of Edinburgh is a life-time gain for me and my African Communities".

**Miss Claire Cunningham** MA 1995 Working as a freelance journalist for the BBC in the Midlands.

**Mr Andreas Dustmann** LL.M. 1995 Admitted as Attorney, 1998. Currently doing research for doctorate thesis at Max-Planck Institute, Hamburg.

**Mr Amal A El-Hadary** MSc 1995 Was awarded a Fulbright Senior Shofar grant and was affiliated with Yale American Studies Program from February to April 1999, then University of California, Irvine, from May to July.

**Mr Richard G Hopkinson** BSc 1995 Married Georgina Nicholson (MA 1995), May 1998.

**Mr Alister J Humphreys** BSc 1995 Currently working as a Commercial Manager for a fast-growing IT company in the City of London.

**Mr Glen A Long** MSc 1995 Together with four colleagues, has recently formed Interati, an internet start-up helping businesses to maximise competitive advantage on the web.

**Mr Graeme A Macdonald** BEng 1995 Living in Edinburgh and working for Halcrow at Rosyth dockyard.

**Miss Sarah B Meardon** MA 1995 Joined Royal Navy in May 1998. Training to be a Supply Officer (logistics).

**Miss Suzanne L Paul** MA 1995 Completed MA in Medieval Studies with distinction from University of Leeds in 1998. Now undertaking PhD at Leeds.

**Miss Vivienne J Pratt** BSc 1995 Qualified as a chartered accountant in 1998 and now living in San Francisco and working for KPMG.

**Ms Christina G Ross** MBA 1995 Moving to London to work in marketing, possibly for distance learning management education company.

**Miss Samita Roy** BSc 1995 Currently doing research into preventing acidic mine drainage using pyrite coating techniques.

**Mr Vascso D Seleaoane** MTh 1995 Working as Executive Director of an institution which focuses on skills development training.

**Dr Sarah J Skerratt** PhD 1995 Research Fellow on EU funded research project examining farmer decision-making in response to agri-environmental policy, using qualitative methods.

**Dr Derek J Skinner** MA 1995 After completing MSc in Social Anthropology at LSE and teaching English in Tokyo for 14 months, now working as Editorial Assistant for IBSS, thus combining language degree with passion for social sciences.

**Miss Samantha S Skyrme** MA 1995 Has just had first book, *Life in Viking Times*, published by Colourpoint Books. Sadly, had to leave Fife and move to London.

**Miss Rebecca M Strange** MA 1995 In first year of MA (Social Work) at Exeter University.

**Miss Tania L Strickland** BSc 1995 Presently in 3rd year of medical school at the University of Edinburgh.

**Miss Sonia K Talwar** MSc 1995 Enjoying life and work in Vancouver. Geography graduates travelling to Canada are welcome to get in touch.

**Captain Greig J Taylor** BSc 1995 Currently on second tour in Northern Ireland, serving in the British Army.

**Mrs Kerry J Walker née Henderson** LLB 1995 Married Alan Walker at Kings College Chapel, Aberdeen, in June 1998.

**Mr Jeremy Weston** MA 1995 MSc 1996 Currently in third year of PhD in the School of Scottish Studies; marrying fiancée and former classmate, Judith Mann, in summer 1999.

**Mr Nicholas C Wilding** MSc 1995 Co-ordinated the re-creation of the Centre for Human Ecology, which now is now flourishing.

**Ms Aditya Bagree** MBA 1996 Worked with Daimler Benz AG 1997 - 1999. Now returned to India from Germany and working as Chief Executive Officer, Asbesco India Put Ltd.

**Mrs Helga A Burns** BSc 1996 Moved to Kinross and has 2½ year old daughter, Erin Robyn Burns.

**Mr Benjamin J Clarke** BSc 1996 PhD is going well and should be finished by early 2000. Going on holiday to South Africa with girl of his dreams!

**Ms Philippa M Colchester** MA 1996 Has worked for Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland since 1997.

**Mr Toby D Colliver** BSc 1996 Half way through training to become a Chiropractor.

**Mr Gary W Cosgrave** MSc 1996 Has been working for over two years as a Management Consultant at Trinity Institute, Dublin.

**Dr Jon E Day** PhD 1996 After two years working at the Institute of Food Research as a Research Psychologist, has moved to ADAS Terrington to lead their pig welfare research programme.

**Dr T Arul Dhas** PhD 1996 Together with wife Ann and baby Arpana, resides at Vellore CMC Hospital campus. Work involves counselling, writing Bible studies, conducting residential day retreats and organising worship services.

**Ms Georgia Elezis** BMus 1996 MA in Electroacoustic Studies, University of Dundee, 1996. Currently teaching music at various conservatories in Athens. Owner of an electroacoustic and recording studio.

**Ms Tina V Emery** BSc 1996 Considering travelling again - 15 months after graduating was not enough!

**Mr Luke E Freeman** MSc 1996 Doing anthropological research in Madagascar.

**Ms Chloe E Gardner** MA 1996 Joined the busy marketing department at IPL magazines and is now running marketing for Country Life and other titles.

**Mr David N Geddam** MTh 1996 Organised a rally to protest against atrocities committed against Christians in Gujarat and other parts of India by Hindu fundamentalist groups.

**Mr William R D Hall** MA 1996 Recently completed MSc in Computing at Imperial College and now working in IT in investment banking. Living with partner in south London.

**Ms Fiona J Harrison** MA 1996 Working as a Marketing Manager for Waitrose. Marrying Matthew Hall (MA 1996), who is studying to be a Chartered Accountant, in summer 1999.

**Ms Lucy Kelaart** MA 1996 Travelling from March to December along ancient silk road in Central Asia and China by horse and camel with three fellow Edinburgh graduates. Currently raising funds for this.

**Ms Lindsey F Kergon** MA 1996 Spent 10 fantastic months in Kostrijk, Belgium, as an assistant teacher (English and German), speaking Flemish! Did PGCE (Secondary) course at Cambridge University and is now in first year of teaching French and German, and loving it.

**Rev Dr Emmanuel K Larbi** PhD 1996 Vice Chancellor of Ghana's first private university, Central University College, established by the International Central Gospel Church.

**Dr Flavia Laviosa** MSc 1996 Lecturer, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA, USA.

**Mrs Esther J Lendon née Goldsby** BSc 1996 Married in August 1996. Buyer for Superdrug plc.

**Ms Polly V Jones** MA 1996 Application pending for clinical psychology. Also studying for MSc in family therapy and video interaction guidance.

**Dr Helen V Kettle** MB ChB 1996 Went to Hlabisa Hospital in South Africa in August 1998 for two year stay.

**Ms Brigit R Loman** LL.M. 1996 Married in July 1998 to William Law.

**Mr Robert C MacSwain** MTh 1996 Left Brooks School in Massachusetts in January 1999 to pursue ordination in the Episcopal Church (USA).

**Mr Peter D Merry** MSc 1996 Founded Legends of Peace, an international peace education project linked to the UN International Year for the Culture of Peace 2000.

**Rev James H Milne** MTh 1996 Was ordained as a deacon in the Scottish Episcopal Church by the Bishop of Brechin in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, September 1998.

**Mr Thomas S Morton** MA 1996 Engaged to Emma James, a graduate of St Andrews



University and Moray House. Marrying in summer 1999.

**Dr Sharad Ratnarajah** MSc 1996 Currently Medical Adviser, reproductive medicine, with Organon Pharmaceuticals, Malaysia and Singapore. Pursuing an MBA with Edinburgh Business School.

**Mr Nicholas J Robinson** MA 1996 Married Tomoko in July 1996. Working at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Europe Ltd in London since April 1997.

**Ms Kate A Simpson** BSc 1996 Got MSc in conservation and utilisation of plant genetic resources from University of Birmingham, 1997 - 1998.

**Mr Kieron M Steen** BSc 1996 Lieutenant in the Royal Navy and currently half way through training as a Sea Harrier pilot. Too far away from Edinburgh and needs to get back!

**Ms Kathryn A Tingey** MSc 1996 Returned home in July 1998 after nearly three years in Edinburgh. Currently temping at local environmental agency office while looking for permanent work.

**Mr Mark W Wilson** BSc 1996 Coming to the financial end of a PhD in bird mating systems at the University of Sheffield. Absolutely no idea what he will do next!

**Mr Joseph Bazaale** MSc 1997 Has successfully utilised seed technology knowledge gained from Edinburgh in daily operations in the seed industry in Uganda.

**Mr Robert P Chansky** MSc 1997 Now working on a tactical war simulation for the US Defense Department.

**Mr Donald B Colhour** MPhil 1997 Minister, Wilshira Boulevard Christian Church, Los Angeles.

**Mrs Laura R Dalgarno-Platt née Dalgarno** MA 1997 Married in August 1996 to fellow undergraduate. Went on to do one year PGCE at Moray House.

**Ms Sophie A Davidson** MA 1997 Carries out the media relations for IBM's PC company in the European headquarters. The job continues to be challenging.

**Mr Matthew C Dobbs** BVM&S 1997 Recently finished vetting in Dorset to take up position at University of Sydney Vet School Large Animal Practice. (Real purpose of trip: surfing!)

**Rev Alistair P Donald** BD 1997 Now the Church of Scotland minister at New Deer in Aberdeenshire.

**Ms Rosalind M Easton** MA 1997 Engaged to Alan Gould. Marrying in October at Liberton Kirk, Edinburgh.

**Mr George Mark Emerson** BSc 1997 Planning to return to university to read veterinary medicine, possibly at the Dick Vet.

**Ms Tara T Evans** BEng 1997 Studied for an MSc in Environmental Engineering at University of Newcastle.

**Mr Ian Garman** BSc 1997 Gone! After much talk, Ian Garman and bike are now in Australia, where wearing of shorts is normal. Was never going to be a chemist!

**Ms Kim E Hartley** MBA 1997 Working as researcher for MSP in Scottish Parliament. Member of Edinburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce and active in Labour Party.

**Mr Scott A Hayward** BSc 1997 Studying for PhD at Birmingham University in collaboration with British Antarctic Survey. Doing research into polar terrestrial ecology and will make trip to Antarctic peninsula in early 2000.

**Ms Linda W Muckersie** BSc 1997 Currently a Research Assistant in bacteriology in Department of Medical Microbiology, University of Aberdeen.

**Mr John G Heald** BSc 1997 Doing numerical modelling of sediment transport to attain

PhD. Two years left. Possible work in New Zealand for a while next year.

**Ms Lisa A Hodgson** BSc 1997 Recently finished MSc in Developmental Genetics at Aberdeen University. Remaining at Aberdeen to complete PhD.

**Ms Louise J Hogg** BSc 1997 Now working for chemistry department at University of Edinburgh.

**Dr Andrew N Hone** PhD 1997 Married Jemma Curry in April 1998 and daughter Laura Maya was born in Rome in August. Now in Adelaide with a fellowship from the Australian Research Council.

**Ms Joanna Lenthall** MSc 1997 Has recently become self-employed running an environmental literature reviewing service.

**Mr Ian M Maitland Hume** MA 1997 Whilst researching a PhD on Scottish identity and tartan in North America, has also been lecturing both in the US and Scotland, primarily to American groups, on Scottish History and Culture.

**Mr Umar I Ibrahim** MSc 1997 Now back in Nigeria teaching animal welfare and related courses at the veterinary faculty of the University of Maiduguri.

**Mr Jose A Masse-Marquez** MSc 1997 Currently working as a research assistant at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in a joint project with the University of Rochester. Also lecturing an undergraduate course on formal languages.

**Mr Gabor Pluhar** MTh 1997 Reformed minister in a parish in Füzesgarnat, Hungary.

**Mrs Luminita Rollé** MSc 1997 Book, *Heroes in the Psyche of Europe*, written in collaboration with the Celtic Department at Edinburgh University, will be published this year in English by Hades Editions, Geneva.

**Ms Roberta J Musson** MSc 1997 Currently following a training programme designed to lead to project management in the field of IT testing.

**Mr Alasdair I Reid** BSc 1997 PhD student at the Babraham Institute in Cambridge. Investigating the role of Hox genes during development.

**Mrs Pauline A Robinson née Aitken** BSc 1997 Has remarried since leaving University. Degree helped secure present position with Architectural Heritage Society.

**Mr Richard C Scammell** BCom 1997 Now works in Winchester in international sales, frequently travelling to Latin America. Has begun clubman's supersports motor racing.

**Ms Laura K Stafford** MA 1997 Gained MSc at Napier in European Marketing and Languages. Currently working for ICI Paints (Dulux) as marketing assistant.

**Mr Ceri P Stagg** MSc 1997 Will shortly finish work on 3D realtime strategy game, Machines, due out this year.

**Mr Craig R Sutherland** BSc 1997 Has been working for past year with Denholm Ship Management in Glasgow, developing bespoke software projects.

**Mr Christopher F Catto** BSc 1998 Due to complete a PGCE at Warwick University in the summer. Starting first teaching position at a comprehensive school in Nuneaton in September.

**Mr Stephen P Sutherland** BSc 1998 Now working with Mobil Oil and BP Oil within Europe.

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## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

- ☐ Please register my interest in the ALUMNI 2000 celebration weekend and send me a programme and booking form
- ☐ Please send me the Alumni Contact booklet listing groups and clubs across the world
- ☐ Please send me a copy of your Guidelines on Organising a Reunion
- ☐ Please send me a brochure and booking form for the Italian cruise

## ALUMNUS/ALUMNA OF THE YEAR 2000 NOMINATIONS

- ☐ Please send me a nomination form (Deadline for nominations: 31 March 2000)

## MAKING A DONATION

- ☐ Please send me information on how to make a donation to the Alumni Fund, which supports a range of activities throughout the University.
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## THE KERR-FRY AWARDS

- ☐ Please send me an application form.

To request information, please tick the appropriate boxes, complete the address block and return to: Development & Alumni Services, The University of Edinburgh, FREEPOST, Old College, South Bridge, EDINBURGH, EH8 0LN, Scotland, UK

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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.

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# The Kerr-Fry Awards 2000-2001

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the above awards, tenable for the academic year 2000/2001 and available to persons wishing to undertake experimental or research work in an area of their choice.

Examples of past use of Awards are:-

- ★ Study tour of invertebrate zoos
- ★ Study tour of the Holy Land
- ★ Study tour of US Science Libraries
- ★ Study for formal qualification

*Applications are welcome from all quarters, but preference is given to applicants who are:*

Of Scottish birth or descent, not less than 25 years old, and both a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and a former student of at least 3 years' standing of George Watson's College, Edinburgh.

For further details and applications forms please tick the box on the Information Please form.

The winner of £500 worth of holiday vouchers from Cox & Kings for prompt return of the alumni questionnaire was Mrs Helen Simpson née Bradley MA (SS) 1989.

## GERMAN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, 1894-1994

Now on sale, price £10.00, from the University of Edinburgh Centre, 7 - 11 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9BE. It is also available by post from Development & Alumni Services, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH8 9YL, price (including postage and packing) £12.00 (UK) and £12.50 (overseas). The book, celebrating the first hundred years of the Department of German and the gradual introduction of Modern European Languages at the University of Edinburgh, has 41 illustrations and is 462 pages in length. The author, Sheila Wagg, was associated with the German Department for some 45 years, first as a student and then as departmental secretary until her retirement in 1996.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH COMMEMORATIVE JEWELLERY



This high quality collection of jewellery has been designed in a traditional British style, for University of Edinburgh graduates.

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Precious Metal	Silver	9ct Gold	18ct Gold	22ct Gold	Platinum
Women's Ring (9 x 11 mm)	£52.00	£130.00	£255.00	£340.00	£390.00
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Cufflinks (plain back)	£39.00	£130.00	£320.00	-	-
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Cufflink Engraving £25.00 - please add to price of cufflinks if you are ordering engraving					

\* Items exported to non EC countries do not incur VAT. If your address is outside the EC, please use the export

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ITEM	METAL	RING SIZE	PRICE	ENG	POSTAGE	TOTAL
Cufflinks	18ct Gold		£320.00	£25.00	£6.00	£351.00

Wording for personal engraving on cufflinks - maximum 12 letters

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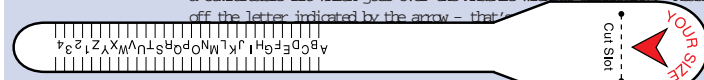
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The ring sizer works like a belt. Cut it out and make a slit where shown. Push the end through the slit to form a ring shape and slip it onto your finger. Adjust to give a comfortable fit which goes over the knuckle without difficulty. Read off the letter indicated by the arrow - that's your size.





## The Talbot Rice Gallery

The Talbot Rice Gallery in Old College is the Art Gallery of the University of Edinburgh. Opened in 1975, it was named after David Talbot Rice, Professor of Fine Art at the University from 1934 to 1972. The gallery has two spaces: the Red Gallery devoted to showing part of the University Torrie Collection of Old Master paintings and bronzes; and the White Gallery showing approximately seven temporary exhibitions per year.



Professor Duncan Macmillan, Peter Greenaway and Pat Fisher

### Peter Greenaway art works 63-98

Although recognised predominantly as the director responsible for films such as *The Draughtsman's Contract*, *Drowning By Numbers*, *The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover* and *The Pillow Book*, Peter Greenaway trained as an artist and, over the past 35 years, has amassed a sizeable body of work. Indeed, Greenaway himself refuses to acknowledge the traditional boundaries that exist between artist and filmmaker, preferring to see the two disciplines as inseparably intertwined.

From 24 September to 30 October, 'Twilight Enclosures' features sculptural photographic installation works by Jim Harold. The exhibition consists of new photographs of the University's classical antique plaster casts shown in context with images from other international collections. A conference will be held during the exhibition in the Edinburgh College of Art, with speakers from the University and the National Galleries of Scotland.

Sculpture is again represented from 13 November to 18 December when the Talbot Rice Gallery will show a group of new works in metal and resin by Ainslie Yule.

The Millennium season at the Talbot Rice opens with a retrospective exhibition, from 14 January to 19 February, of the multifaceted work of Bruce McLean. Painting, film and performance are just some of the media in which he has worked and these will be represented, together with recent public projects.

From 26 February to 25 March the Northern Ireland artist Alistair McLennan will create a new installation for the Talbot Rice Gallery which, from 7 April to 4 June, will be one of seven Edinburgh venues for the fifth British Art Show.

For further details, contact the Talbot Rice Gallery Tel: 0131 650 2085



photograph: John K. McGregor

### recent paintings by Richard Walker

Richard Walker in conversation with the Gallery's Assistant Curator, Pat Fisher:

- RW** The images are very simple things, things that I see everyday. It's trying to look at objects that are around all the time, to see them in a fresh way, just to see them as they are - but it's also what I feel about what I'm looking at.
- PF** Tell me how the process begins - are there a number of things around you in the studio?
- RW** It begins with doing a lot of bad work. First of all there are things that just don't work out. Sometimes you imagine that nothing will work, that you'll never get anything out of this subject. Particularly with the studio space - it was nothing, a very bare room and I deliberately decided to do something from that room. There was no view, the window looked onto a white wall...slowly I saw things that were interesting to me, shapes or the light ...I would paint that..... When I'm painting I'm not aware of thinking in a contemporary way, I'm just painting. I'm just painting the way I happen to paint and that comes out of my training and my traditions, paintings that I like and people that I speak to.



▲ First light, Purnululu by Robert Maclaurin

### Terra Nullius recent paintings by Robert Maclaurin

This year's Festival exhibition featured recent work by Robert Maclaurin who has returned from Australia with his strongest set of paintings to date. Maclaurin enjoys experimenting with scale and perspective both in the canvasses on which he paints and in the subjects they feature. Although obviously landscapes, Maclaurin has chosen in some cases to strip away so much of nature's handiwork that his own becomes intriguingly abstract, and in others to create honey-coloured hills in scenes that are at once both childlike and melancholic.

### In the summertime

This was a curated exhibition of the works of 11 artists selected from the WASPS network (Workshop Artists Studio Provision Scotland) of over 200 artists. Although semantics, nature and communication were an ever present thread through the exhibition, the main aim was to expose the visitor to the immediate sensual pleasure and magnetism of work that is rich, vivid and accessible.

▼ Accident Blackspot by Andrew Cranston



## The Matthew Architecture Gallery

The Matthew Architecture Gallery, housed in the University's Department of Architecture at 20 Chambers Street, has a varied series of architecture-related exhibitions throughout the year, covering contemporary and historical work, as well as associated disciplines such as design.



### *Faust* Alan McGowan

'Faust' is an exhibition of large-scale charcoal drawings by Alan McGowan produced as illustrations to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's play 'Faust: Part One', which was first published in Germany in 1801. The cycle of drawings seeks to create a contemporary and evocative interpretation of this classic text, highlighting its power and relevance to a modern audience. The works also seek to assert both the importance of the figurative tradition and the ability of illustration as an art form to deal with serious issues in a moving and powerful way.

Alan McGowan, a working illustrator and artist, is a research fellow at the University of Northumbria, Newcastle, and lecturer in illustration at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee.

*The Gallery is open during term time from 10am-8pm Monday to Friday, and from 10:30am-2:30pm on Saturday and Sunday, (10.30am-4.30 pm Monday to Friday outwith University term time).*

**For information on forthcoming exhibitions, Tel: 0131 650 2306**



▲ **Aerial Perspective Looking North**  
Production Space for Sound, Institute of Illegal Architects

### *The Illegal Architect:* **Jonathan Hill**

This project refers to two simultaneous journeys: one conceptual, from the professional architect to the illegal architect, the other physical, from the Royal Institute of British Architects to the Institute of Illegal Architects sited directly in front of it. It proposes an architectural producer, unrestrained by professionalism and responsive to the creativity of the user, who questions and subverts the laws and conventions of architecture. For the illegal architect, architecture can be made of anything, anywhere, anyhow, by anyone. Jonathan Hill teaches at the Bartlett, University College London. He is the author of *The Illegal Architect* and editor of *Occupying Architecture: Between the Architect and the User*.

### **The Historic Instruments Collection**

The University maintains Scotland's leading collection of historic musical instruments which are on display in the Reid Concert Hall in Bristo Square. On exhibition are around 1,000 items from around the world, representing the instrument maker's art over the past 400 years. Normal opening hours are from 3-5pm on Wednesdays and from 10am-1pm on Saturdays. (and 2-5pm, Monday to Friday, during the Edinburgh International Festival). Tel: 0131 650 2423



### **The Russell Collection of Early Keyboard Instruments**

Housed in the 18th century St Cecilia's Hall, on the corner of the Cowgate and Niddry Street, the Russell Collection is one of the world's most important collections of early keyboard instruments, including pianos and harpsichords, ranging from the 16th to 19th centuries. The Collection is open 2-5pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays (except public and University holidays) and Mondays - Saturdays 10.30am-12.30pm during the Edinburgh International Festival. Admission and guided tour, £1.00 (conc. 50p). Catalogues and a Guide to the Collection are on sale. Tel: 0131 650 2423 (Just one of the historic harpsichords is featured in Omniana on page 11)



### **The Natural History Collection**

This extensive teaching collection of specimens and models of all kinds of animals can be seen by prior arrangement during Easter and Summer vacations. Enquiries to the Institute of Cell, Animal & Population Biology, Ashworth Laboratories, King's Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh, EH9 3JT. Tel: Dr Pat Preston 0131 650 5477 or Dr B.E. Matthews 0131 650 5474.

Scottish rugby  
international  
**GREGOR TOWNSEND**  
savours the memory  
of Paris, 1995.

a *Meal* to remember 



## Mesdames et messieurs...

**I** HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE to be part of the historic victory in 1995 against France. It was the first time a Scottish side had won at the Parc des Princes. The result and the manner of the victory were so memorable that I can recall vividly not just the match itself, but the build-up to the game and the after-match celebrations. This included the after-match dinner which was great fun.

In the palatial surroundings of a Parisian government building the Scottish entourage were sipping champagne in a beautiful banquet hall with a jazz band creating a relaxed atmosphere. The French after-match dinner is unique in that all the players from each team are seated amongst themselves and not intermingled: a recipe for shenanigans. It must be said that it is these goings-on I remember better than the meal itself, which was typically French - beautiful food spanned out over six or seven courses.

However, as we approached the main course the champagne and high spirits seemed to make the players feel they were invisible to watching coaches and committee members. As the plates were laid at the table, they were so hot one player deduced that a tap from a dessert spoon would shatter them quite easily. There followed a domino effect of the players smashing each other's plates, and those

who tried to stick them under their arms were foiled by players sneaking around behind them and still shattering Paris's best china. In about two minutes the table looked as though a bomb had hit it, and immediately our manager came storming over to rebuke us all. Even getting our knuckles rapped couldn't shake our celebratory mood, although we were very much subdued until the end of the meal.

That is, apart from Damien Cronin. Our captain, Gavin Hastings, was determined to make his speech in French, and enlisted Damien's help as he was playing club rugby in France and could speak the language. However, Gavin obviously couldn't and Damien altered his speech in certain places. So, after Gavin read out his thank-you's to the various dignitaries, referees and the French side - all in perfect French - his final line had been tampered with by Damien, and he ended up saying, in a very dignified manner: "This has been a great day for Scotland and I am now going upstairs to have sex with my wife all night long, thank you." Needless to say, he was a bit shocked as he sat down to thunderous laughter from all the French speakers present. Definitely a meal that sticks in the mind, especially as nothing like that happens in the professional era.

Gregor Townsend graduated MA from the University of Edinburgh in 1995, and is a member of the Scotland squad for the 1999 Rugby World Cup.