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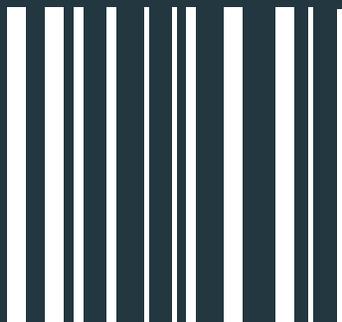
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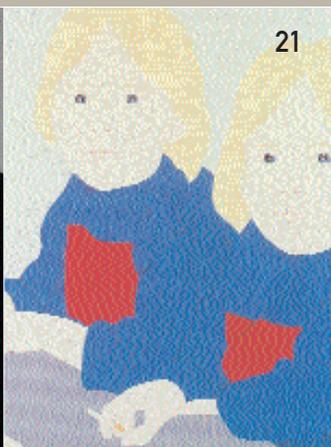
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LAST YEAR, only one issue of EDiT appeared. While caused in part by the sad death in late 2001 of our founding editor, Anne McKelvie, we were also able to use this period to review the future pattern and form of the magazine.

We now start a new volume, reinstating twice-yearly publication, in January and May. Within EDiT - alongside the customary news and features, regular columns and specific alumni and development pages - we welcome the Billet section from the General Council, which was formerly separately published, but will now become accessible to all graduates twice a year.

With the same aim of keeping Edinburgh's publications cost-effective - as well, we hope, as relevant and appealing - this issue contains a brief summary of the University's Annual Report, in place of sending individual copies to all graduates, though with an option for any who wish to access the full text.

It has, in my final year at the University, been a pleasure to produce EDiT, before handing over the editor's chair to Clare Shaw, who has recently joined the Communications team at Edinburgh. I hope our readers will continue to enjoy the magazine and to keep in touch.

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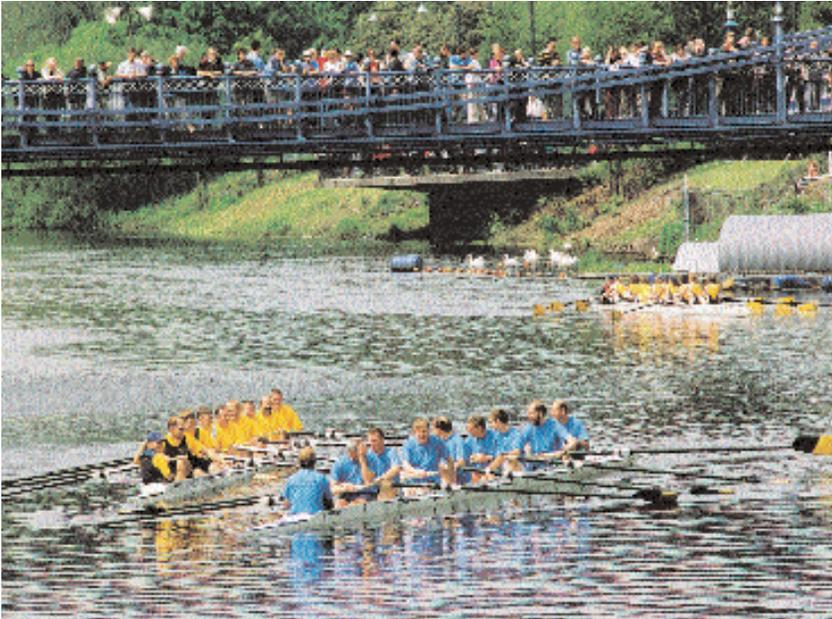
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TIDE TURNS IN BOAT RACE

THE TIDE OF fortune turned in Glasgow University's favour during an exciting day's competition at the Walter Scott & Partners Edinburgh-Glasgow Boat Race on the River Clyde in June of last year.

Edinburgh's second women's eight opened the racing with a four lengths win. There were victories too for Edinburgh's women's graduates and mixed graduates teams. However, Glasgow went on to win four of the seven races.

In the best race of the day, the women's first eights - involving Sydney Olympic Silver Medallist and 2001 Edinburgh Alumna of the year, Katherine Grainger - the lead changed hands three times until Glasgow eventually crossed the line first. The men's first eights race was more one-sided, with Glasgow leading from the outset and winning easily despite a late challenge from Edinburgh.

Racing for the Edinburgh graduates' men's crew was race sponsor, Walter Scott, whose investment management company has supported the development of the event since 2000.

NATIONAL AIRPORT FOR SCOTLAND?

RESEARCHERS FROM the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow are currently undertaking a joint feasibility study into the potential benefits of a central Scottish airport.

The idea of a single airport to replace both Edinburgh and Glasgow airports was mooted 20 years ago but the cost was thought to outweigh the benefits. Since then, however, air travel has become much more popular and economically much more important. Passenger volumes have risen dramatically but both Edinburgh and Glasgow airports are thought to lack the potential for much expansion, and lack the necessary transport facilities to cope with much greater numbers.

The Universities' study will focus on the long-term benefits that a new airport could offer, and a report is expected in early 2003.



UNIVERSITY FLAG IN ORBIT

THE UNIVERSITY of Edinburgh was honoured by one of its alumni when he took a specially-commissioned flag bearing the University logo on his first mission into space.

Dr Piers Sellers, who graduated with a BSc in Ecological Science in 1976, fulfilled a lifelong ambition when, in October, he boarded the Space Shuttle Atlantis on a mission to expand the International Space Station's structure. The successful ten-day mission was the fifteenth shuttle flight in the construction of the massive complex and saw the team undertake three space walks.

Piers e-mailed the request for a UoE flag to his former lecturer, Professor John Grace. The two had kept in touch since a reunion in Brazil ten years ago, but Professor Grace was both surprised and delighted to hear that his former student was to travel into space and that he wanted to take the University's flag with him.

The flag, made by tailoring and textile specialists Walker Slater in Edinburgh, measures 4ft x 2ft and had to meet strict space administration safety regulations. It is believed that Edinburgh is the first United Kingdom university to be represented in space.

Piers is only the third UK-born astronaut, and the second ever to walk in space, which he described as "breath-taking".



UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR OPENS NEW MEDICAL PRECINCT

IN AUGUST the Chancellor, HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh, opened the new Medical School building - The Chancellor's Building - at Little France to the south of the city, alongside the New Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. This represents a major milestone in the history of medicine in Edinburgh. It is the most modern facility of its type in Europe and in it the doctors of the future are being trained, using some of the most innovative approaches to the teaching of medicine.

The Chancellor visited the Clinical Teaching Resource Centre (below) and learned about the increasingly-sophisticated methods used to teach clinical skills, involving simulators, computer-aided learning and also mannequins for students to practice intubation, inserting drips and other techniques.

While touring the facilities the Duke of Edinburgh also presented prizes to the winners of a children's art competition, organised in conjunction with the Royal Hospital for Sick Children. The children were asked to draw a picture showing what doctors need to know to be good doctors.



CHANCELLOR INAUGURATES NATIONAL E-SCIENCE CENTRE

THE CHANCELLOR of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown officially opened the National e-Science Centre (NeSC) in the Spring of last year in Edinburgh, proclaiming it a "clear demonstration of the Government's commitment to science and research, which includes specific funding for genomics, basic technologies and e-Science... and, a bold, exciting and worthwhile initiative which provides the e-Science community with a permanent home where it can share resources, ideas and facilities."

The Centre, run jointly by the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, will spearhead the UK's work on major e-Science initiatives that require huge computing resources and collaboration between scientists and industrialists both in the UK and around the world. It is housed in the converted church on South College Street formerly occupied by Edinburgh Research and Innovation.

More than 180 visitors heard from a wide range of speakers addressing the major issues facing the e-Science community and saw a number of pilot projects ('demonstrators') in action, showing how 'Grid' computing - using the combined power of distributed computers - could solve real-life e-Science challenges.

Underpinning the Grid is the idea of virtual organisations created to tackle specific projects, sharing computing resources and information. The challenge is to create the technology, working practices and organisational thinking that will allow members of virtual organisations to have ready, secure and seamless access to all shared resources.

A significant challenge in most scientific areas is the massive increase in the amount of data now available and used by researchers. In order to process, analyse and store this information new computing hardware and software needs to be developed; this is at the heart of e-Science. In the longer term this research will also benefit business, commerce and education.

ROYAL LAUNCH FOR SPORTS EXCELLENCE

IN OCTOBER, HRH The Princess Royal opened the brand-new world-class sporting facilities in the University's Moray House School of Education. The facilities, which will be used to train Scotland's Physical Education teachers and other sports professionals, include four gyms, an international-size sports hall, and a six-lane, 25-metre swimming pool with adjustable floor.

Professor Dave Collins, Head of Physical Education, Sport & Leisure Studies, points out: "The Department is growing from strength to strength. We are the major centre in Scotland responsible for the training of Physical Education teachers and we have two world class research units which are highly influential in the policy and planning of sport and exercise provision throughout the UK. In the Outdoor Education world, Moray House has long been a watchword for quality and innovation whilst the Department also boasts the largest collection of performance sport specialists within any Sports Science unit in Britain."

IBM SHARED RESEARCH GRANT FOR INFORMATICS

THE UK e-Science programme has received a major boost from IBM with a Shared University Research (SUR) award to the University's School of Informatics, including the donation of IBM's flagship 'Regatta' server, valued at over one million pounds.

The project will develop advanced techniques for managing huge rafts of scientific information. Aside from the sheer scale of the exercise, the challenge is to tackle very varied data collections all over the world that have been compiled in such different ways it makes it difficult to compare them and obtain meaningful insights.

The challenge is to simultaneously address: heterogeneity, scale, distribution and autonomous evolution, in such a way that it becomes much easier to obtain insights for the total collection of data. This could lead to major advances in many fields including astronomy, biology and medicine.



UNIVERSITY PICKS NOVEL AND BIO WINNERS

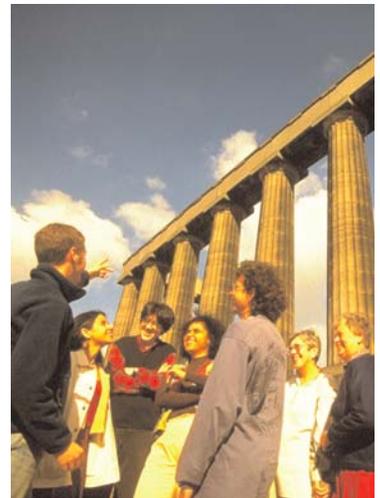
THE 2002 WINNERS of Scotland's oldest book award, the James Tait Black Literary Prize, were Sid Smith and Lord Robert Skidelsky (pictured above, right and left).

Smith picked up the fiction prize for *Something Like a House* while Skidelsky won the prize for biography for *John Maynard Keynes: Fighting For Britain 1937-1946*.

Sid Smith is now working as a sub-editor on *The Times* and *The Guardian*. He spent his early working life as a dustman, docker, builder's labourer and railway worker before moving into journalism full-time. His second novel will be published shortly.

Robert Skidelsky is Professor of Political Economy at the University of Warwick and Chairman of the Social Market Foundation. He was Principal Opposition Spokesman, Treasury Affairs in the House of Lords from 1998-1999, when he was dismissed for his opposition to the Kosovo war. He lives at Tilton, Keynes's old house in East Sussex.

The James Tait Black Memorial Prizes are awarded annually for the best work of fiction and the best biography published during the previous year. Previous winners include D H Lawrence, E M Forster, Evelyn Waugh, Iris Murdoch, William Golding, James Kelman, Doris Lessing, Graham Swift, Beryl Bainbridge and Peter Ackroyd.



NEW COURSES ON OFFER FOR ALUMNI

THE UNIVERSITY'S Office of Lifelong Learning is offering an exciting range of short intensive summer courses in 2003, with a 10% discount of fees for University alumni.

Courses cover everything from the geology of Scotland to making your own radio programme. To find out more, call 0131 650 4400 for a brochure, or visit www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk.



HOLYROOD CELEBRATION OF INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURIALISM

ACADEMICS, BUSINESS leaders and venture capitalists gathered at Holyrood Palace in August to celebrate the innovation and collaboration that has given the University of Edinburgh a commanding role in the world of academic entrepreneurial achievement.

The event was hosted by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and organised by Edinburgh Technopole, the University's Science and Technology Park. Guests included Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind QC; Iain Gray MSP; financier Sir Angus Grossart; keynote speaker David Wilhelm, former campaign manager for Bill Clinton's successful bid for presidential office; and the then Principal, Lord Sutherland of Houndwood.

Inaugural innovation awards were presented to academics who have successfully developed their research into commercial enterprises, including Peter Denyer, founder of the Vision Group; Professor Sir Kenneth Murray, who developed the first vaccine against hepatitis B; and David Milne, founder of Wolfson Microelectronics (pictured centre left).

Technopole's director, Sharon Bamford, commented: "It's a tribute to our wonderful business and academic community that we can showcase the valuable contribution the University has made on a global stage."



DARWIN IN EDINBURGH

THANKS MAINLY to an initiative from a trio of Edinburgh-linked Professors, Roger Short now at the University of Melbourne, Aubrey Manning and Seth Grant, Charles Darwin's eighteen months as a very young medical student, in the mid -1820s' University, is now publicly honoured on the site where he lodged with his brother Erasmus.

A handsome bronze plaque, incorporating a portrait of the young Darwin - somewhat unlike the better-known heavily-whiskered photos of his later life - has been erected on the south façade of the Royal Museum of Scotland, where Darwin's Lothian Street lodgings once stood.

Support for the project came from the University, the National Museums of Scotland and the Darwin Trust, which was established by UoE academic and inventor of the Hepatitis B vaccine, Professor Sir Kenneth Murray.

The plaque was unveiled by Sarah Boyack, one of Central Edinburgh's representatives in the Scottish Parliament, on 22 November and this was followed by a well-attended half-day seminar at the Museum. Entitled, 'Celebrating Darwin', the seminar, among other things, looked at what Darwin learned in Edinburgh from his brief medical career (thereafter dropped in favour of other pursuits....)

So the person who is described by the *Edinburgh Evening News*, as the 'City's most famous dropout' is at last properly and publicly commemorated in his erstwhile student home town.



ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS AT THE MET AND LA

AROUND 70 friends and American alumni of the University attended a private viewing of a major exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art entitled *The Legacy of Genghis Khan: Courtly Art and Culture in Western Asia 1256-1353*, to which the University Library recently agreed to lend two priceless Islamic art manuscripts.

Rashid al-Din's *History of the World* (a part of which was illustrated in the last issue of EDiT) and Abu al-Raihan al-Biruni's *Chronology of the World*, are two of the most significant works of Islamic art and are being displayed for the first time in the US.

According to Richard Ovenden, Director of the Library's Special Collections, "The manuscripts demonstrate the role the Mongol empire played in connecting the artistic traditions of China, Islam, and the west, and they stand at the beginnings of the great tradition of Persian manuscript painting."

The exhibition will run in New York until February 2003 before moving to the LA County Museum from March until July. American alumni of the University who live on the West Coast are being encouraged to attend the LA private viewing on 24 May.

photo (above): Principal, Professor Timothy O'Shea (left) is seen here with the Islamic manuscripts at the New York Met, alongside Associate Curator of Islamic Art, Dr Stefano Carboni.)



ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND BURSARY AWARDS

RECIPIENTS OF this session's Royal Bank of Scotland Access Bursaries and their families met last term with representatives of the Bank and the Principal, Professor Timothy O'Shea, at a reception in Old College to receive their awards for this year.

Since the Royal Bank of Scotland's University Access Programme was launched in 1999, the Bank has awarded 15 new Access Bursaries each year as part of the University's widening participation programme, and also supports the University's LEAPS Summer School.

This year's students - who will receive £1,000 a year for the duration of their course, plus the option of a paid summer work placement - came from all over Scotland and beyond, and are studying courses ranging from Civil Engineering and Chemistry to Primary Education and Fine Art.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Bursaries are part of the University's Access Bursary Programme. Currently, around 55 bursaries are awarded each year to students from state-funded schools or colleges who may otherwise not have attended university, although the University aims to increase this number to 150.

HOLLOWAY QUESTIONS LECTURE

THE RIGHT REVEREND Richard Holloway, former Bishop of Edinburgh, will deliver a public lecture for the University on 10 February, within the current Edinburgh Lectures series. Regarded as one of the most controversial and outspoken figures in the modern Church, he has written extensively on the problems of religious belief in the modern world, confronting and questioning complex ethical issues in the areas of sexuality, drugs and bio-ethics.

In his lecture, Richard Holloway will address *The Freedom to Question*, arguing that it is fundamental to moral and social evolution.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Richard Holloway has been a reviewer and writer for the broadsheet press and a frequent presenter on radio and television. He has written more than twenty books on religion and ethics, including *Godless Morality*, *Doubts and Loves* and his most recent publication, *On Forgiveness*.

This lecture will be held in Playfair Library, Old College at 6.00pm on Monday 10 February 2003. For advance tickets, contact the Usher hall on 0131 228 1155.



Facing the challenges

PROFESSOR TIMOTHY O'SHEA succeeded Lord Sutherland of Houndwood as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University on 1 October. A graduate of Sussex and Leeds Universities, he was a researcher in the Department of Artificial Intelligence at Edinburgh between 1974 and 1978, and subsequently worked in the United States and at the Open University, before joining the University of London where he was Master of Birkbeck College from 1998, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of London from 2001 and Provost of Gresham College from 2000. Ray Footman interviewed Timothy O'Shea following his appointment.

The University of Edinburgh is a world class institution with extraordinary strengths, and, over the next ten years, I intend to do all I can to ensure that the University is placed firmly at the intellectual heart of Scotland and the UK," explains Professor Timothy O'Shea.

"From that solid foundation, we can engage with our peers around the world. Edinburgh is a deeply international institution and has been since the eighteenth century," he continues. "Our Medical School has influenced medical education around the world, our engineers trained engineers the world over and nowadays our computer scientists from the School of Informatics are also pushing forward the frontiers of science and placing Edinburgh firmly in the lead."

"We, and other universities in our peer group, have performed outstandingly well over the last fifteen or so years; however, unless there is a radical change in public funding we will continue to face serious financial challenges in the immediate future, to which we will have to respond entrepreneurially," he explains.

Whatever the outcome of the Government's much-delayed higher education funding review - now due in January and about which speculation is currently rife - he is highly sceptical about whether 'full' tuition fees can provide a magic solution, either for the University of Edinburgh or for the higher education system as a whole.

Such fees are not on the UoE agenda and their introduction would not, in his judgement, be "an obviously intelligent move". Clearly he does not want to see higher education

inadvertently becoming more selective. He is also sceptical that, even if ministers were prepared to face down potential opposition among the electorate, governments would really allow universities to benefit fully from the proceeds. Government grants might simply be reduced and universities could be left with similar problems to those they have now. In addition, the opposition to tuition fees in Scotland - which saw them dropped by the Scottish Parliament, in favour of a £2,000 'endowment contribution' from students after graduation - would make the notion of high-level tuition fees even more unlikely for Scottish higher education.

But there is widespread and growing recognition that, if standards are not to be put further at risk, government and universities must somehow realistically address the under-funding issue, given that the real value of money per student from public sources has virtually halved over the last couple of decades. But even the most optimistic would not see a solution being fully realised in the short term.

It therefore looks as though for the immediate future, universities will have to continue to devise ways of meeting their commitments within tight budgetary constraints - which is where some of his thoughts both about changing ways of supporting the teaching and learning process, and about looking for other sources of income, come into play.

In his judgement, the political champions of earlier generations, willing to put the case for supporting higher or liberal adult education, have been sadly lacking until recently. The political agenda has tended simply to focus around 'more students' or the 'knowledge economy', without encompassing the means adequately to support these. It is all-important now that there should be a continued exertion of pressures over the resource issue and he would like to see "university leaders and politicians working together to convince larger communities that greater tax support is merited".

Timothy O'Shea does not see as likely any early reduction in the demands placed upon universities, but his manner is far from pessimistic; he is well aware of Edinburgh's many achievements, the quality of its teaching and research and its international standing. He clearly regards the financial factor as a challenge which must be solved, rather than as a depressingly insurmountable barrier.

GIVEN HIS WORK, both at the Open University and as head of the University of London's Birkbeck College which has long

provided a part-time path through higher education, it would be surprising if he did not show a personal enthusiasm for access issues and wider participation.

He explains: "when we look at the overall pattern of entries to university and combine this with the weakness of school exam grades as predictors of success at university then it is quite clear that we have still more to do to make our admissions processes more equitable." He goes on to cite Birkbeck as an example of a selective institution that has demonstrated a pattern of First and Upper Second degree results comparable to those of University College and LSE, and uses admissions criteria that do not "predominantly rely on 'A' levels."

There is certainly no suggestion in his conversation that universities of high standing and with patterns of high demand for admission, such as Edinburgh, can or should somehow opt out from the access challenge. "I would say that access is particularly important for high status institutions like Edinburgh," he asserts. "In terms of equity and of identity it is clear that a university like Edinburgh has to work harder than many other universities to widen participation. Nevertheless, it is part of our mission to pursue excellence and improving access is part of this. We need to build on the hard work already being done in this area to get it right."

He also relates the demand for wider access to the current and prospective nature of the society and economy in which we now live where, for example, the need for mastery of facts and skills - including non-trivial, intellectual ones - in the population at large is already significant and will, in his view, continue to rise. This also reinforces the case for accepting the life-long learning process as a necessity, and for an overall pattern of higher education which is better articulated to the needs of those who may require to return repeatedly to education through their working lives.

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If the pressures upon traditional personalised teaching patterns arising from expanded student numbers will not ease, one part of the response, according to Timothy O'Shea, must be to develop more of an emphasis on supporting the learning process - rather than thinking you can teach 'more' - whether through new forms of digitised library resources or by other means. "Clearly supporting learning in different forms is vital.....the technology provided allows all sorts of ways of providing support which previously weren't available. And there will be almost no career where using the new technology won't be a part of it". Therefore "using new technology has got to be part of the experience of being a student and then, on top of that, there are particular ways in which technology can support individual learners or groups of learners.... where the tutor doesn't have to be physically present. We are only just at the very start of that." Without making use of such media, it is difficult to see how declining staff:student resources can either provide for adequate teaching or protect academic staff time to sustain research. Timothy O'Shea believes that in teaching, as in many areas of its operations, the University's great strengths in information technology can work to its advantage.

Measuring success and the returns from higher education are also areas that attract his interest. To attempt to measure outputs is certainly valid he asserts, but you need to use the right criteria; to judge the success or significance of higher education simply on graduates' occupations some 6 months after degree attainment, for example, is a 'totally-flawed process'. These issues can only be properly addressed if you look at career trajectories over 15 to 20 years. Similarly, crude data on initial non-completion rates by full-time students - low though these are in Britain, compared with many other higher education systems - do not tell us very much, without proper subsequent follow-up.

In the field of research, he says: "I hold the slightly unfashionable view that the (periodic national Research Assessment Exercises) RAE, conducted over the last fifteen years or so, have improved research in the United Kingdom", and is sympathetic to a system based on "open competition that any university can participate in", which allows for potential to develop. "We know that the most important and creative

research very often happens at the boundaries, not in well-specified areas that map your current structures, so there has to be some open-ness and the possibility of change." Partly because of these changing boundaries, he welcomes the recent academic restructuring changes at Edinburgh, one objective of which is to make the University better prepared for trans-disciplinary initiatives.

Yet the top-level research performance currently being delivered by universities such as Edinburgh, with its 'extraordinary strengths' is not being properly supported. The present RAE-based financial allocations formula simply attempts to 'spread the butter' too thinly. What is needed, he argues, is for the system to include provision for the top really-excellent 10% or 15% of research results to be funded at the highest rate, instead of believing a largely-fixed sum should simply be reallocated as more units get higher assessments.

Thus we currently have a situation where "teaching is under-funded a lot, research is under-funded a bit in recurrent terms and ..(we are).. certainly under-funded quite a lot in capital terms". And also embedded in the recurrent under-funding is the serious fall in the value of university salaries compared to other sectors.

TIMOTHY O'SHEA is also an enthusiastic supporter of collaborative ventures, as "a highly rational thing to do in all sorts of subject areas", particularly, again, with the wide-spread availability of the new technology, which makes such collaborations much easier. Each potential instance needs to offer "obvious added value to both partners and there has to be unambiguous value to Edinburgh", with its standing and fine teaching and research structure. Such arrangements, he argues, can "have a lot of mileage, a lot of benefit for both students and for research capability, and each side can also say to the taxpayer: 'you are getting more value as a consequence of the partnership'".

There is little doubt, he says, that universities are - and will be - key players in the country's future economic success. Promoting 'knowledge-based industry' will be vital to Scotland's economic prospects. It is very important that universities - and particularly institutions like Edinburgh, with their great strengths in the relevant disciplines - should continue to work in partnership with

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government, industry and agencies such as Scottish Enterprise, to try and see there is effective technology transfer and maximum take-up of university advances in research.

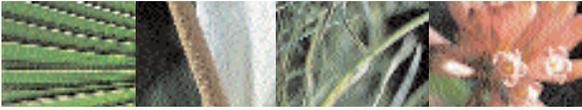
Edinburgh, he believes, given its standing, is also particularly well-placed for trans-national collaborative projects, whether with other universities museums and galleries, or even industrial laboratories. Globalisation, in his view, is now a 'very real' dynamic affecting higher education. The University is well-placed to take an active role in this, and "engaging with international students on and off campus and with high status overseas institutions that complement Edinburgh's special strengths, is part and parcel of this process. It is very important for Edinburgh, given its age and location in Scotland's capital, to continue to...operate as an international university".

As to Edinburgh's 'positioning', Timothy O'Shea argues that "a large 400 year-old University has got to have multiple identities" comprehending the Edinburgh, Scottish and international dimensions. All can apply and the University will continue to operate at many levels, but he returns to the same theme: "each thing that is done should be done to a very high quality". And he does not overlook the public dimension in gaining the further public understanding and support for universities which he would like to see developed. He points to the ways in which he has encouraged colleagues to devote lots of energy to explaining their work through the media and other means. He is now also playing a lead role, in liaison with Lord Trotman, Ian Russell and Sir Malcom Rifkind, in furthering the University's Development Campaign, some of the early fruits of which - the ambitious plan for the new state-of-the-art £52million Medical Research Institute and the Scholarships Programme - are referred to elsewhere in this issue of EDiT.

Timothy O'Shea is the first Principal at the University since Michael Swann was appointed in the 1960s to have previously been on Edinburgh's academic staff and he is delighted to return to the University and the City. 

ROOT AND BRANCH INTELLIGENCE





Jennifer Trueland interviews PROFESSOR TONY TREWAVAS on his theory that IQ may extend into the plant kingdom

PROFESSOR TONY TREWAVAS says he doesn't tend to read articles about himself in newspapers. That's a shame, because it means he hasn't seen the superb job that the Scottish tabloid *Daily Record* made of his theories. Responding to his central concept - that plants are intelligent - the newspaper mocked-up a University Challenge between St Flowers, Oxford and Veg College, Cambridge (sample question: "Why do potatoes make good detectives? ... because they've always got their eyes peeled").

Aside from spawning mischievous news features, however, Tony Trewavas knew his views, reported in both the *New Scientist* and the respected journal *Nature*, would attract controversy. He believes that study of individual plants, in the wild, shows that far from being our dim-witted cousins, they behave in whatever way will maximise their chances of surviving and reproducing. In other words, they are intelligent.

For example, individual parasitic plants decide where to settle themselves depending on where they'll get the best nutrients - rather like a stray dog choosing the butcher's bin, not the greengrocer's. Others, such as the stilt palm, will even move their base to ensure they get the most sunlight, which is the key to their survival.

"It's time for people to go out and look at individual plants in the wild, to do what David Attenborough did and record what's actually happening," he says. "I'm convinced that we'll find plants out there responding in a variable way to optimise their chances of survival - which is a definition of intelligence."

Professor Trewavas, of the University's Institute of Cell and Molecular Biology, smiles as he admits that his theories have not been well-received by plant biologists. Orthodoxy suggests that plants do not have intelligence, they have reflexes. Orthodoxy also says that we test plants in laboratory or hothouse conditions and finally, to be cynical, it all but insists that plant research has to lead to some financial good, such as crops which are grown more economically. None of the above can be said for proving plant intelligence.

He also confesses that some of those who have shown support have been, as he politically-incorrectly puts it, 'nuts'. It's easy to see why. Labelling plants as intelligent surely smacks of some more extreme movements. Is he a fruitarian, for example, someone who goes beyond vegetarianism to refuse to eat anything

which hasn't fallen off a plant or tree and therefore 'died naturally'? To Tony Trewavas, is pulling a carrot from the ground to an untimely death akin to murder? Will we, in several years time, see a bill of rights for vegetables in the same way as we are now recognising that animals deserve better treatment as a matter of course?

"No," he laughs. "I don't believe that plants feel pain. They don't have a nervous system. But I do believe we should treat all living organisms with respect. I'm not vegetarian, but I believe farm animals should be treated with respect. The same is true for plants. I don't think we're heading for a Gaia backlash."

Tony Trewavas, a keen exponent of genetically-modified organisms, does not appear at first to be a keen follower of the earth goddess and he will, without hesitation, debunk any

Tony Trewavas believes that study of individual plants, in the wild, shows ...they behave in whatever way will maximise their chances of surviving and reproducing. In other words, they are intelligent.

suggestion that talking to plants, for example, has any effect at all (*pace* Prince Charles). But there is real sincerity in his plea for plants, like animals, to be shown respect. His own favourites are giant trees, particularly redwoods which have taken hundreds of years to grow and whose trunks would span twice the area of his office (which is rather large for King's Buildings accommodation).

SO WHAT have plants done to deserve this respect? According to Professor Trewavas, we underestimate them because we assume that intelligence requires mobility. So, as plants generally stay put, they cannot have that elusive thing called intelligence, which characterises animal life. But he disputes that definition, pointing out that it all depends on context. The chess-playing computer which beat Garry Kasparov didn't move (although the pieces did), showing that movement could not be a pre-requisite.

Tony Trewavas believes that plants did not have to become mobile because unlike animals,

they rely on the sun for sustenance, so do not have to move to find food.

That's not to say they don't take decisions on how and where to grow, based on an apparent assessment of how to make the best of the environment.

He quotes research on the dodder, a parasitic plant which appears to assess how much it will be able to exploit a new 'host' plant within an hour or two of first making contact.

If the host appears to have an abundance of nutrients, the dodder will wrap itself around it with a number of coils and suckers that are related to how much the parasite hopes to get out of it. If the larder appears more bare, the dodder - which sounds as though it could have a walk-on part in *Dr Who* - will move away and seek a better place elsewhere.

This is not reflex behaviour, says Professor Trewavas, pointing out that the plant actually fits into animal models showing how cows behave to get the best out of pasture. "It's about optimal exploitation of resources. The dodder seems to have a similar capacity to make an assessment before deciding on the level of investment."

So is there any research to show whether some are more intelligent than others? Taking the adage of brains and beauty rarely going hand in hand, can we assume that the rose is stupid while lowly bindweed is the brightest plant on the block? Sadly, there's no evidence to sort out the sheep from the goats in the garden or even in the forest.

Nor, as yet, are there explanations to show how plants manage to think. They do not have a brain, after all.

PROFESSOR TREWAVAS believes that plant cells and tissues communicate with each other using proteins, nucleic acids, hormones and numerous other vehicles - quite a lot for each little cell to handle. He readily admits that we don't know how it happens, and believes it's a fertile area for research. But, he says, you won't find plants exhibiting any kind of IQ under glass. "There's no point in looking for intelligence in house plants or in the laboratory. You've got to go out and look at wild plants or try to set up conditions like in the wild." In other words, there's no intelligence in the lab - in plant life, at any rate. **E**

Jennifer Trueland is a freelance journalist and graduated in English from the University in 1988.

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Starter for **IO** IAN RANKIN

IAN RANKIN, novelist and creator of Inspector Rebus, graduated from the University of Edinburgh MA in 1982

Did you enjoy being a student?

Loved it. Loved the freedom, the sparking of ideas, meeting people with the same interests as me, dipping a toe in various waters (writing, putting together a magazine, drama, music...). Pity all those lectures, tutorials and essays got in the way.

Extra-curricular activities?

I joined the Poetry Society in Freshers' Week, rose to the giddy heights of 'President'. We were given funding and were able to pick and choose poets to come and talk to us, followed by drinkies afterwards. It was great. I also joined the Film Society, ended up writing some programme notes. Became involved in a student-funded magazine called... no, the title escapes me. *Sharp Edges* maybe?

Best memory?

Nights in the pub with one particular tutor. Four pints of Eighty-Shilling, and suddenly Joyce's *Ulysses* started to make sense! I met my future wife on one of those nights...

Worst memory?

Due to a shortage of housing, I wasn't allowed to go into the halls of residence. I was expected to travel from home instead (an hour away by train). I spent my first term in a shared room in a grim motel on Peffermill Road, feeling excluded from the vibrant city centre existence other freshers were enjoying.

Which subject would you now study?

I'd still study Literature, but maybe with more emphasis on

Scottish rather than English... and with some creative writing modules if possible.

Any member of staff have a lasting influence?

Colin Nicholson was a big influence, because he was down to earth but also had a passion for his subject. And I was always bothering the various writers in residence, one of whom, Allan Massie, was a huge help in shaping my writing.

Did your degree prepare you for life outside?

I didn't last long in the world of work. After graduation, I bounced around a series of short-term jobs, until I realised I didn't like the cold harsh reality of the commercial life. I applied for funding for a PhD, and ended up back inside the University. Once there, I started writing my novels. The first one to be published was accepted by Polygon Books, which at that time was funded by the University's Student Publications Board. My editor was a fellow student; so was the jacket designer. The proof reader was a lecturer! I hope they kept their copies. The book now fetches a four-figure sum on the collectors' market!

Advice for new students?

Don't be shy. If something interests you, get involved. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity.

And to new graduates interested in becoming writers?

You need buckets of self-confidence, because you're going to get rejections and knock-backs. So: believe in yourself. At the same time, learn to accept useful criticism. You'll also need luck... lots of luck.

What single word sums up your University experience?

Rebus. (I was a student when I created him. Eighteen years later, he's still with me.)



Music : the universal language

Jackie McGlone talks to **Professor Nigel Osborne** about the Edinburgh Music in the Community initiative that moved out as far as Bosnia

HERE'S A RIDDLE: how do you get an orchestra into a back-pack? The answer's easy - you send for Nigel Osborne. The Reid Professor of Music at the University of Edinburgh is adept at packing all the musical paraphernalia required to create anything, from a full-scale symphony to an opera, into a rucksack. Even if all that can be carried is a collection of triangles, wooden claves, maracas and Tibetan bells, he and his students are practised at making marvellous music under duress. For they regularly bring the solace of music to parts of the former Yugoslavia.

A prolific composer, Professor Osborne has written operas for the English National Opera, Opera Factory and Glyndebourne, as well as for the National Theatre of Sarajevo. A human rights activist, he is deeply serious but good-humoured. He is politically and intellectually committed and burns with righteous anger at man's inhumanity to man. Not for nothing is he nicknamed the 'Pied Piper of Mostar' - a reference to the creative arts therapy he founded a decade ago for traumatised children, many of them trapped in refugee camps after seeing their homes and schools razed, and their families destroyed in the carnage of the war.

He is therefore an exceedingly busy man. His friend, the poet Craig Raine, calls him 'the invisible man', because you can never get him on the phone. "He has an answer machine but it just rings and rings". The one time he answered I nearly had a cardiac arrest. Indeed, it takes two weeks of calls, endless voice mails and e-mails for us to arrange our meeting in his department at the University.

Bushily-bearded like a gentle giant, Professor Osborne hurries in and says breathlessly: "We can't stay here - I won't get a moment's peace". So we repair for coffee to the foyer of the nearby Festival Theatre, where at least three people want to have a

conversation with him. We talk for a couple of hours during which he will once again have presumably convinced several more people that he is invisible.

Nigel Osborne may not always be in evidence, but his perceived 'absence' is obviously a way of creating enough space for himself to do everything he has to do. For in addition to teaching - with colleagues he also runs the University of Edinburgh's hugely successful Music in the Community programme - he carries on making new work. His most important opera, *The Electrification of the Soviet Union*, based on Boris Pasternak's novel, *The Last Summer*, has been touring Britain in a chamber version. Every summer, he tirelessly composes new pieces, including full-scale operas, while working with dispossessed children in the Balkans.

So he has 'parallel lives'. Yet another is at home in the Borders, where he lives with his Polish wife. It's just a question of finding out where his 'musical genome' is most at home, he says thoughtfully, while sipping coffee.

Born in Manchester, Nigel Osborne won a string of prizes, including the Gaudeamus Award, at the University of Oxford, where he studied composition with Egon Wellesz, Arnold Schoenberg's first pupil. In the early seventies, he spent some years as a post-graduate student in Poland. On his return he supported himself by

teaching music in various secondary schools, but he also had a 'secret musical existence' composing new works, which by the mid-seventies had won golden opinions and a number of major European prizes.

As a young man he had worked in music therapy. So it seemed logical, when he became a music professor at Edinburgh, that he should launch a pilot scheme aimed at developing a Music in the Community course. The course was introduced into the undergraduate curriculum in 1991. "At the time there were considerable changes taking place in the musical world, which meant there were some exciting new professions for young musicians. I felt I had something to contribute", he says.

For example, the use of music in social care had become increasingly evident, as had its application in various forms of rehabilitation. Music was also seen as having an extended role in education - "creativity was at last becoming important in schools". The then Faculty of Music had always been proud of being very academic and rather conservative. "We wanted to remain so. We still wanted to teach eight-part Palestrina counterpoint and Bach double fugues, but we also wanted to do something radical and new, something much more cutting edge". It is also vital, he insists, for musicians not simply to sit on concert platforms performing but for them to become involved in



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Certainly, Professor Osborne has become involved. A frequent visitor to the former Yugoslavia since his teens, he refused to sit back and watch as Milosevic’s campaign of terror and territorial conquest began in Bosnia. In 1992, he played in the front line in Sarajevo with Bosnian cellist Vedran Smailovic. His opera, *Sarajevo*, was performed at the South Bank in London in 1994; then he wrote the opera, *Europe*, which opened 1995’s Sarajevo Winter Festival. He was determined to participate in the country’s cultural regeneration and indeed continues to do so, overseeing the Mostar Sinfonietta and conducting regular music therapy workshops with the charity War Child and such luminaries as the rock star Brian Eno.

Many of Nigel Osborne’s students have joined him in the Balkans, especially at the summer camps he started, but closer to home they have also worked with primary and secondary schoolchildren in the Lothian Region, as well as with the health, social and prison services, in partnership with the pioneering Scottish Chamber Orchestra and the education authorities. He talks with a burst of enthusiasm about the December 1991 project that produced a microcosm of the world’s rainforest musics in the glasshouses of Edinburgh’s Royal Botanic Gardens. “We had literally hundreds of people there!” he exclaims.

In another sort of ‘glasshouse’ - Edinburgh’s Saughton Prison - students have run music workshops with inmates, one of whom was even moved to compose a three-act opera. Students, community groups and members of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra built a gamelan orchestra, using pitched and unpitched musical instruments salvaged from the Green Belt around the capital. The instruments used included an old VW Beetle - the resulting work was performed in the atrium of the Royal Museum of Scotland in Chambers Street.

The award-winning Music in the Community course has put students on a series of inspirational placements, ranging from schools and hospitals to centres for children with special needs. “I think we must have collaborated with more than 70 institutions in Scotland over the years,” recalls Professor Osborne. “We hope our students bring fresh faces and a lot of energy to the various professions, but in a respectful spirit. Certainly, we believe everyone gains.” Students have even worked with the blind, developing tactile notations, and with victims of head injury and trauma.

Never in his long academic career has he known a course to be more formed by its students than Music in the Community. “I offered the crumbs, but the students made the bread”, he says. “They

asked for a Part 2. We had had a kind of mosaic of experiences in Part 1, so we decided they should specialise with a year’s placement in one environment and there have since been many marvellous inter-disciplinary projects. In Part 2, students write dissertations about the work and are required to ask profound questions about music. So the course has grown and grown with many worthwhile research projects. All the time we have been making music too. In fact, I have a theory that this is where the real new music is taking place”.

“As a composer, I often feel the official music field has betrayed itself in terms of musical creativity because of economic circumstances,” he says. “I think real creative power and inspiration has migrated into these fringes. Indeed, perhaps knowledge of the human condition has migrated to the margins. In mainstream society everybody seems to be dashing by on some kind of superficial agenda, slightly numbed by hyper-information and media lies. Most of us seem to live in some strange narcotic dream. I think real knowledge is on society’s frontiers.”

The dispossessed, the suffering, the poor are always with us, sighs Professor Osborne. His own work using music with children brutalised by conflict developed coincidentally. “There was so much pain, we just wanted to do something joyful. It was a massive job. I saw that we needed lots of help and, to the University’s credit, I was allowed to take my students to the Balkans on placement.”

Out of that ongoing work came the Emmy award-winning BBC documentary about Professor Osborne and his team. The film helped to raise the money for War Child to build Mostar’s Pavarotti Centre. “With music you don’t need words,” says Professor Osborne. “It’s a universal language. You can communicate with anyone in distress - if you choose the right notes.” **E**

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ANNUAL REPORT

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The Heart of The Matter

At the heart of University of Edinburgh are its students.

UNDERGRADUATE and postgraduate student populations show a healthy growth, both in numbers and in diversity of backgrounds. The latter is a product of an ongoing process to ensure our admissions process is as fair as possible, so that we are accessible to able students from all backgrounds. Opening our doors to excellence continues to be a priority and this year has seen much progress.

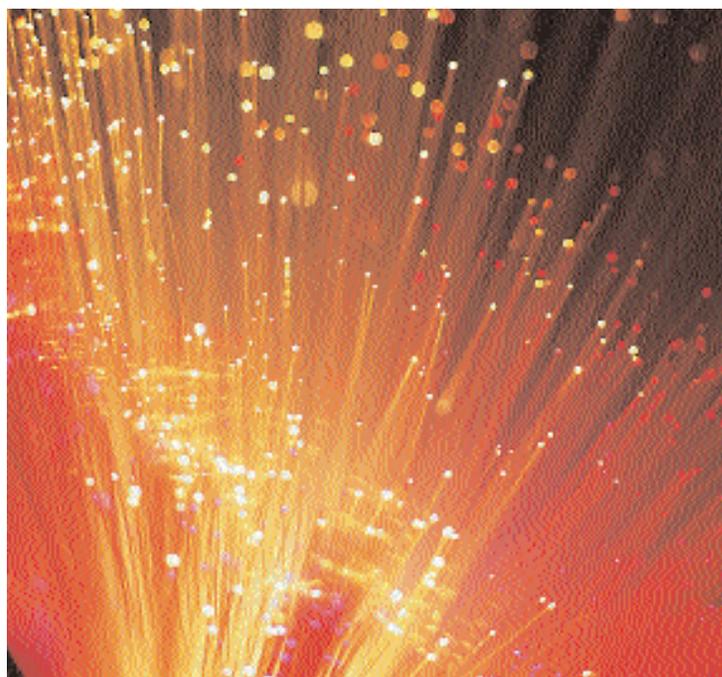
Applications from international students continue to rise. With some 4,000 international students from more than 120 countries, studying at Edinburgh is a truly cosmopolitan experience, for home and international students alike.

Student life has never been more vibrant. Alongside ever-popular activ-

ities such as societies, drama and an award-winning student newspaper, our students now enjoy some of the finest University sports facilities in Europe.

The halls of residence too are evolving with the opening this year at Pollock of Chancellor's Court, a brand new hall of residence with en suite bathrooms and internet access in every room, encouraging vacation conference/course bookings, as well as enhancing student facilities.

Edinburgh's alumni continue to show their appreciation of their time spent in the University. Some donate money to the Development Trust, some organise and attend alumni events, from Hong Kong to New York, and one graduate, NASA Astronaut Piers Sellers, in 2002 even took a University of Edinburgh flag into space.



Edinburgh on the World Stage

AS A TRULY international institution, currently with students and staff from almost every country, Edinburgh's influence is felt the world over, via the life and work of its alumni and academics. This global tradition continues and 2001/2 was a year rich with international projects.

A formal agreement with Stanford University for Informatics was signed in February. It aims to push forward the frontiers of research into commercially-viable innovations that will enhance the way people interact with technology.

Edinburgh's partners in industry continue to multiply. The Japanese pharmaceutical company Fujisawa is helping our neuroscientists get closer



to new medicines for the treatment of strokes and Alzheimer's Disease. Nearer home, companies such as IBM, are involved in many collaborative research projects with the University. In the School of Electronics and Engineering, links with industry are yielding an impressive scholarship programme with companies like Agilent and Thales.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

THE UNIVERSITY is a major force in the economy of Scotland and one of the largest employers in the Lothians. It currently generates a spin-out company a month, translating our intellectual strength into commercial strength. This brings advantages to the employment market and extends the products of such advances - whether in medicine or other fields - to the wider communities.

Investment in research and innovation also provides internal returns. Research commercialisation plays a part in attracting to Edinburgh the international scholars who see further such opportunities for their own work, thus benefiting both academic life generally and the student body.

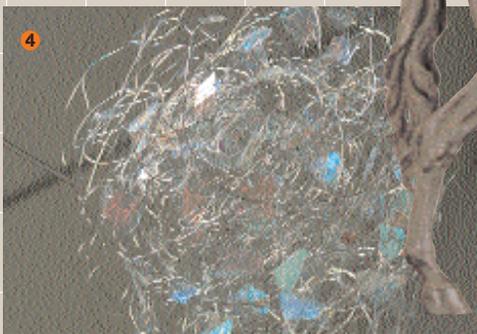
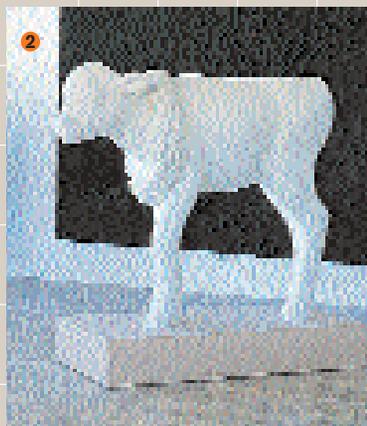
Financial Developments

FOR THE FIRST time the University's total income has exceeded £300 million, rising to £315 million from £285 million last year, due to continued growth in research successes and steady rises in student numbers. The University boasts a healthy cash balance thanks to the £40 million bond deal two years ago. The financial situation this year permitted £32 million of investment in the estate, of which £13 million came from external grants. Financial margins remain tight, however, and a commitment to maximum utilisation of resources continues to be essential.

AS FROM THIS YEAR, as part of the process under which communications with graduates have been reviewed, the University's Annual Report will no longer be sent to all as a separate item, but is covered in summary on this page of Edit, on the understanding that any reader who

would like to see the full Annual Report - containing financial summaries and more news from the newly-established three academic Colleges (Humanities & Social Science/Medicine & Veterinary Medicine/ Science & Engineering) - may either access this online

via www.cpa.ed.ac.uk, or request a printed copy by post, via The University of Edinburgh Centre, 7-11 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9BE. Printed copies will also be tabled for all attending the meeting of the General Council in Old College on Sat 8 February 2003.



THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH COLLECTIONS

11 January - 1 February

An opportunity to view works from The University of Edinburgh's collections. The Hope Scott Collection, which is on show at regular intervals, includes work by international artists such as Picasso and Bonnard. The UoE Collection also contains works by many notable 20th-century Scottish artists such as Joan Eardley and the innovative abstract painter, William Johnstone.

KENNY HUNTER REALPOLITIK!

14 February - 22 March

Work by one of Scotland's foremost sculptors, Kenny Hunter. Hunter's work combines a knowledge of classical sculpture with an ironic critique of society, producing sculptures that are toy-like and larger-than-life.

REALPOLITIK! at the TRG will be a contextual study of the artist's work, bringing together a number of existing sculptures and a reworking of particular pieces. Up to six life-sized resin-based works will be shown in the main exhibition space of the Gallery, including a cast of *Citizen Firefighter*, a work that has gained such prominence since September 11th. The upper floor of the Gallery will be a designed display exploring the artist's public practice. It will include drawings, photographs, models and video film.

JAMES REILLY

14 February - 22 March

A selection of Reilly's uneasy figure paintings, responding to news items from television and press, will be shown in the Round Room.

LUCY FOTHERGILL

5 April - 3 May

Recent Edinburgh College of Art graduate, Lucy Fothergill, will create an installation of woven wire vessels exploring molecular patterns for the Round Room space.

OLIVIA IRVINE ALICE AND THE INFANTA

30 May - 19 July

New paintings by the Scottish artist, Olivia Irvine, will be shown in the Round Room.

JO GANTER

5 April - 3 May

Glasgow-based artist Jo Ganter is known for her delicate lithographs and screen prints. The Talbot Rice exhibition gives the artist an opportunity to show a series of paintings and lightworks alongside a suite of new prints.

OBJECT LESSONS

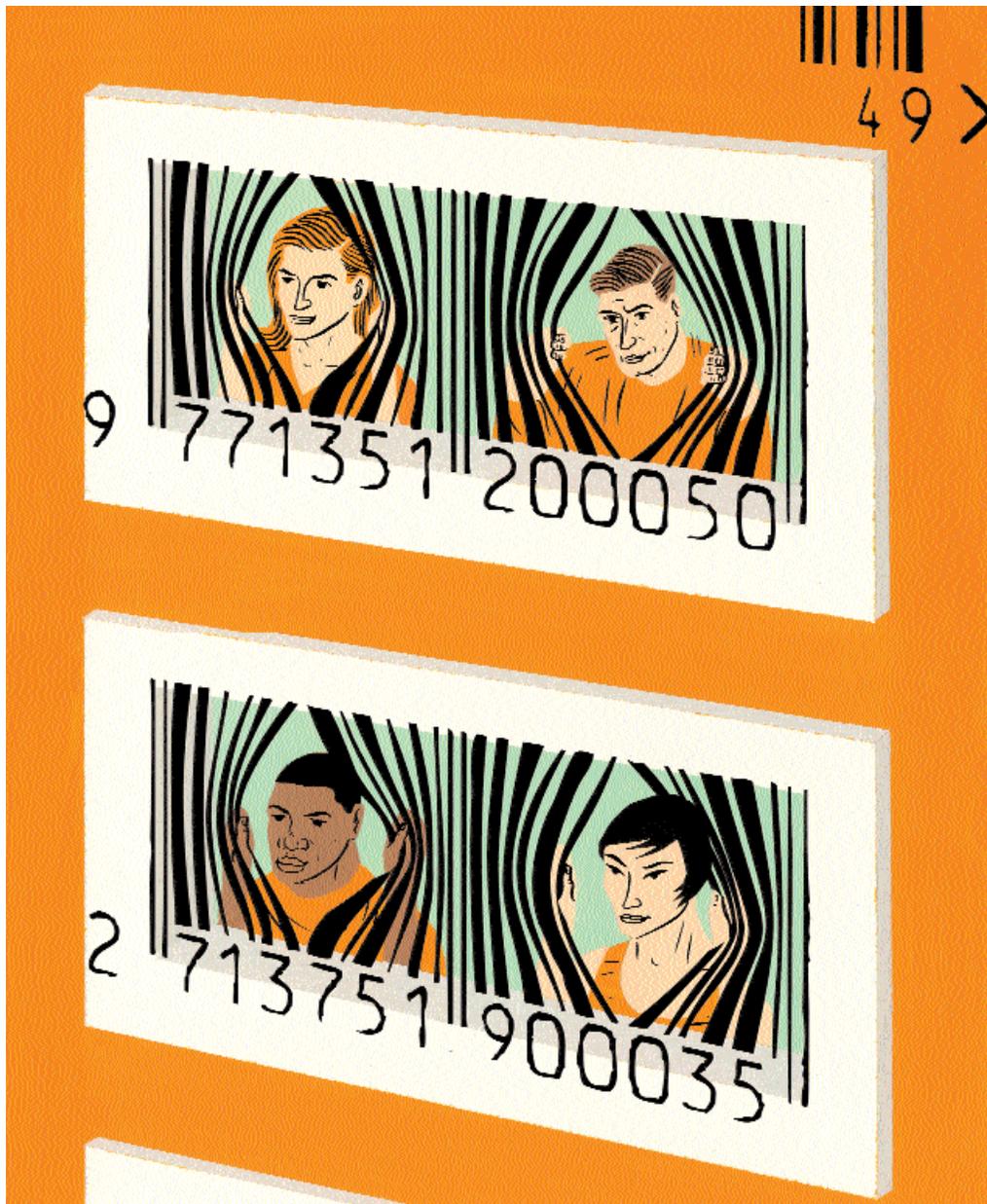
30 May - 19 July

Objects chosen by Curators from The University of Edinburgh. A chance to view the treasures of the University of Edinburgh's Special Collections, including fine art artefacts, design objects and rare manuscripts, and a demonstration of their enduring place in the intellectual and imaginative life of the University.

- 1 James Reilly
- 2 Kenny Hunter
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- 4 Keiko Mukaide
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KEIKO MUKAIDE FESTIVAL

Edinburgh-based artist, Keiko Mukaide, will create an installation in glass, titanium and plastic, for the central space of the White Gallery. The exhibition will also include a new sound work, film and photography.



A MATTER OF IDENTITY

text by PROFESSOR DAVID MCCRONE illustration by PAUL BLOW

Let me ask you something.

“Who do you say you are?” Think about the question. I am not asking: “who are you?” or even, “who do you think you are?” “Who do you say you are” implies that you can choose from an array of options, that you make a conscious decision to present yourself in a particular way. In certain contexts you will no doubt highlight some features over others; you will interact with some people differently from others.

IN A PROGRAMME of research which began in 1999 and runs until 2004, funded by The Leverhulme Trust, we are exploring 'national' identity, that is, being Scottish, English, British, and so on. It is not, of course, the only form of identity which matters to people, and indeed, you may reply that there are far more important aspects of your life: being a parent, your gender, what you do for a living, the church you belong to, and so on. More about that later.

Our reason for focusing on national identity is that, at the moment, it is especially salient in the UK, and in these islands generally. The setting up of the Scottish Parliament, and the Welsh National Assembly, might be thought of as the expressions of the growing importance of being Scottish and being Welsh. It might even be that 'devolution' has become the catalyst for people in England feeling more English, that as Scots and Welsh become more assertive of their nationalities, people in England don't want to be left out. Look, for example, at the revival of the flag of St George as the English national symbol. There is, too, the issue of what it means to be British these days. If, and it is only an if, people are becoming more Scottish, more English, more Welsh, is this happening at the expense of being British? Perhaps people still feel British, but are they using the term to mean different things in different contexts?

Your reaction to these sorts of questions might be that you don't tend to think of them very much; that your national identity doesn't figure as a major issue in your life. That's a very common response. For most people, national identity is literally something you are born with, over which you have no control. We do, however, live in interesting, and mobile, times. Many more people these days are on the move, crossing borders and boundaries, settling in places other than where they were born. For example, there are now about 400,000 English-born people who live in Scotland, and 750,000 Scots-born people who live in England, to say nothing of the many hundreds of thousands whose ancestry and roots are elsewhere.

You yourself may well find this applies to you. Perhaps you were born in England, came to Edinburgh for your university education, then went somewhere else to work. If I asked you to tell me about your national identity, you might reply that you had no say about where you were born, but somehow that is something you simply are, and it may or may not be important to you. Perhaps you would tell me about your family, its diverse roots, how your children have a different conception of themselves from you, their parents. Then there is the matter of how other people see you, who they think you are on the basis of the signals they read off - your accent, your name, your knowledge of place, for example. You may reply by saying that you have made a conscious commitment to live in a place, and that confers a much stronger sense of identity than simply an 'accident of birth'. In other words, you feel you can come to see yourself differently. It's a matter, you may reply, of where you want to go to, not where you've come from: in other words, of routes, rather than roots.

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These are the kinds of questions which our programme of research is designed to tackle. We are focusing mainly on Scotland and England because the future of the United Kingdom in constitutional terms will depend mainly on how these two nations redefine their identity relationships. Our team of social scientists is made up of sociologists, social psychologists, social anthropologists and political scientists. It is co-ordinated through the University of Edinburgh, and involves colleagues at St Andrews, Dundee, and Lancaster. Together, we are carrying a series of large-scale surveys at key time points over the five year period. We are also doing a series of in-depth interviews with a sample of people in Scotland and England - both 'nationals' (Scots- and English-born residents) and 'migrants' (Scots-born living in England, and English-born living in Scotland). To see whether the same people's views change, and if so, why, we are interviewing them three times over the five year period.

Important though it is to focus on individual people in these ways, we are also exploring how people 'do' identity in organisational settings, in this case a hospital and bank, where national identity matters may or may not be part of the everyday world people inhabit. Identity too is a question for agencies and institutions. We may get a lot of our sense of what it means to be Scottish, English, British, and so on, from the media, and from the way organisations - like universities, even economic development agencies - choose to present themselves in 'national' terms.

WHAT, THEN, are we finding, after two years of research? The usual health warnings apply, that our definitive findings will not emerge until this programme is complete. After all, we are interested in real-time change, and this very important period in Britain's constitutional history, and no-one can really tell what the long-term outcomes in identity terms will be. Certain things, however, are beginning to emerge.

In the first place, national identity, notably in Scotland, is as important as people think it is. It is certainly on a par with people's sense of themselves as parents, and more important than their social class, religion, and gender, even among women. Being English in England, on the other hand, is more muted, and is certainly not as salient as it is in Scotland. In other words, there is clear asymmetry on both sides of the border. Scots are much more explicit about

their national identity than the English, who find the distinction between being English and being British more problematic.

Not so in Scotland, where Scots find it easier to distinguish national (Scottish) identity and state (British) identity than people south of the border. In short, 'identity-politics' are done quite differently in England and in Scotland. When Scots migrate to England, they generally take their strong sense of being Scottish with them, while adopting a firmer sense of being British as an inclusive form of identity.

For English-born migrants to Scotland, there is something of a learning curve. Many say that they never thought of themselves as English until they came to live in Scotland, but adapt quite comfortably to living in what they see as a different country, with different traditions and practices. In short, they often go native and enjoy embracing the differences. They find that the new Scotland with its new parliament offers them an inclusive, territorial, sense of belonging, because it gives them the right to vote and to participate in shaping the country.

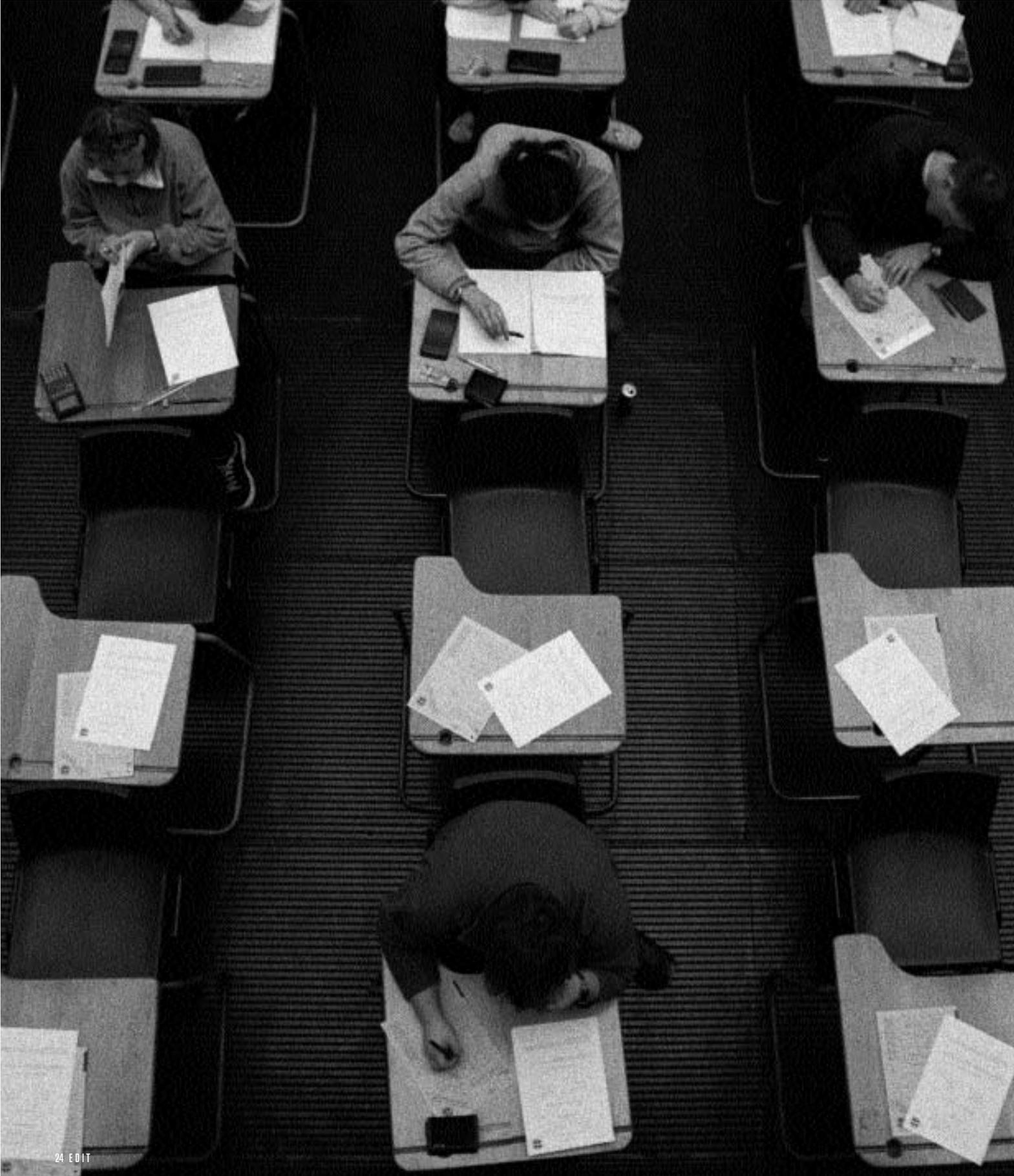
What seems to be happening is that a 'civic' sense of being Scottish is being strengthened vis-à-vis an 'ethnic' sense based on birth and ancestry. These still matter, of course, but there is a growing feeling of an inclusive sense of Scotland based on who lives here. England is a much bigger country, and we are finding that, just as people are more willing to define themselves as 'English', so there are important north-south differences such that, certainly in the north, regional identity plays an important role in self-definitions. Being British still matters to people north and south of the border, and certainly in England it does the job of spanning a diversity of ethnic groups, and is used much more to reflect racial inclusiveness in a society where almost 9% belong to an ethnic minority compared with just over 1% in Scotland.

How do people in England view developments in Scotland? There is a much more sophisticated understanding of devolution south of the border than one might imagine. There is clear recognition that Scotland is a different country, and that its distinctiveness and distance from Westminster makes a devolved parliament sensible and practicable. It may irk many Scots that the English use 'England' and 'Britain' too interchangeably (but not as often as in the past), but they have learned to tolerate the essential asymmetry of identity-talk in the two nations.

In short, our mid-term report suggests that the peoples of these islands are more relaxed and sanguine about their identities than some in the press would give them credit for. They are well able to be many things at the same time, and to invest new meanings in old national concepts. Being Scottish, English, British - and increasingly, European - all take on new significance in our rapidly changing world, for they are not fixed labels but emblems of who people want to be in the 21st century. ■

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EXAMS: THIRTY YEARS ON Harry Reid offers some personal reflections.



WHEN I WAS APPOINTED education correspondent of *The Scotsman* in 1973 I thought, ingenuously, that I would be writing a lot about educational theory and development.

I had done a four-year apprenticeship, working as a general reporter, sports writer and feature writer. Now I was to have a chance to become, in time, something of an expert. I would be writing commentaries and think pieces as well as straight reports. I might even help to influence Scottish educational policy. The reality proved rather different. It was almost as if I had been appointed a political correspondent, an industrial correspondent or even a war correspondent.

In the mid 1970s, Scottish education was a battleground. The three most prominent figures were all very left-wing. The first had recently served as chairman of the Labour Party (very different from today's New Labour Party) in Scotland; the second, who was much younger, was to have that honour in a few years time. The third was simply disgusted with the Labour Party for betraying its principles.

The first figure was John D Pollock, a brilliant Ayrshire headteacher who had just been appointed general secretary of the Educational Institute of Scotland, the teaching union which dominated Scottish primary and secondary, if not tertiary, education. The EIS had been infiltrated by militants and although John detested these people his way of dealing with them was to embrace militancy himself. Teachers were then grotesquely underpaid and after considerable agitation the newly-elected Labour Government of 1974 set up the Houghton Committee to produce a report on their pay. But the Committee was dilatory in its deliberations and soon the whole of Scotland was engulfed in a series of devastating teachers' strikes. John was a forceful leader; his aggressive conduct of the disputes alarmed and infuriated his old mentor, the Secretary of State for Scotland (also from Ayrshire), Willie Ross.

Even more charismatic than John Pollock was personality number two, a long-haired student who had recently been elected Rector of Edinburgh University. He insisted on chairing the monthly meetings of the University Court which was his right - but what antagonised the establishment even more was his forging of an alliance between the student body and NUPE, the union which then represented most of the University's non-academic staff. These were bitter years for the University, which found itself subjected to a series of protests, disruptions and strikes, which for a time made its very functioning problematic. This man was of course Gordon Brown, friend of Michael Foot and future Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The third figure was Robert Mackenzie (known universally as 'RF'), a radical educationist who had in the 1960s been surprisingly appointed head teacher of Summerhill Academy, a large comprehensive on the west side of Aberdeen. (Not to be confused with the famous progressive Summerhill School in England.) After a consistently controversial and eventful headship, Mackenzie was suspended - in effect fired - by Aberdeen Education Committee in 1974, because he could not control his own school.

John and Gordon and RF were three of the most intelligent people it has ever been my privilege to meet, and in their different ways, they were educational idealists. But in these years both John and Gordon, it seemed to

me, had scant time for educational theory, for the bigger picture; they were too busy running campaigns of direct action. They were involved in the time-consuming detail of micropolitics and their habitat was smoke-filled rooms.

There were of course those figures in the educational world who were supposedly concerned with far-sighted development. The Scottish Education Department set up two important inquiries, into discipline and truancy on the one hand, and examinations on the other. Yet I soon concluded that everything official was mired in short-termism, petty pragmatics, and managing the system. Those in authority seemed to prefer tinkering and bureaucratic meddling to real change. They also seemed excessively scared of union militancy.

There seemed to be relatively few visionaries around; and those who could have been exceptional visionaries were, as I have suggested, much involved in industrial dispute and Labour Party politics.

The one truly prophetic figure I encountered was RF. As I got to know him we had many discussions about what was wrong with education. I was honoured when he asked me to write the foreword to his book about his experiences at Summerhill, *The Unbowed Head*.

Mackenzie was a winsome man, yet he could be roused to intense, scornful anger, and nothing made him angrier than the examination system. He likened the Scottish Certificate of Examination Board to a bunch of religious zealots, tyrannising ordinary folk to keep them in their place. He thought the entire education system was rotten and he reckoned that at the heart of this rottenness were examinations. I admired him, but I did think that he was a bit wild.

He predicted to me that the entire British exam system would one day collapse in confusion. There would be more and more exams; teachers and pupils would find the exam system more and more demanding and debilitating; the system would lose all educational and practical credibility; and at last it would implode.

Now, from the hugely different perspective of almost 30 years on, I wonder if he indeed was a prophet without honour.

"Mackenzie complained, constantly and eloquently, about children having their potential for creativity, for invention and for fulfilment being crushed by an insidious and capricious exam system....he predicted to me that the entire British exam system would one day collapse in confusion."

DO WE REALLY NEED EXAMS? A month or so ago I was staying with an old friend in Oxford who must remain anonymous, but he is - how shall I put it - not unconnected with Oxford University.

He told me that most, if not all, the Oxford colleges, when they were assessing applicants, had so little faith in public exams that they more or less ignored them when it came to deciding to whom they would offer places.

Meanwhile I have also become aware that, unofficially, many universities routinely exercise positive discrimination; for example, they will regard a B or a C grade awarded to a pupil at an inner city comprehensive as worth more than an A grade awarded to one at a leading independent school.

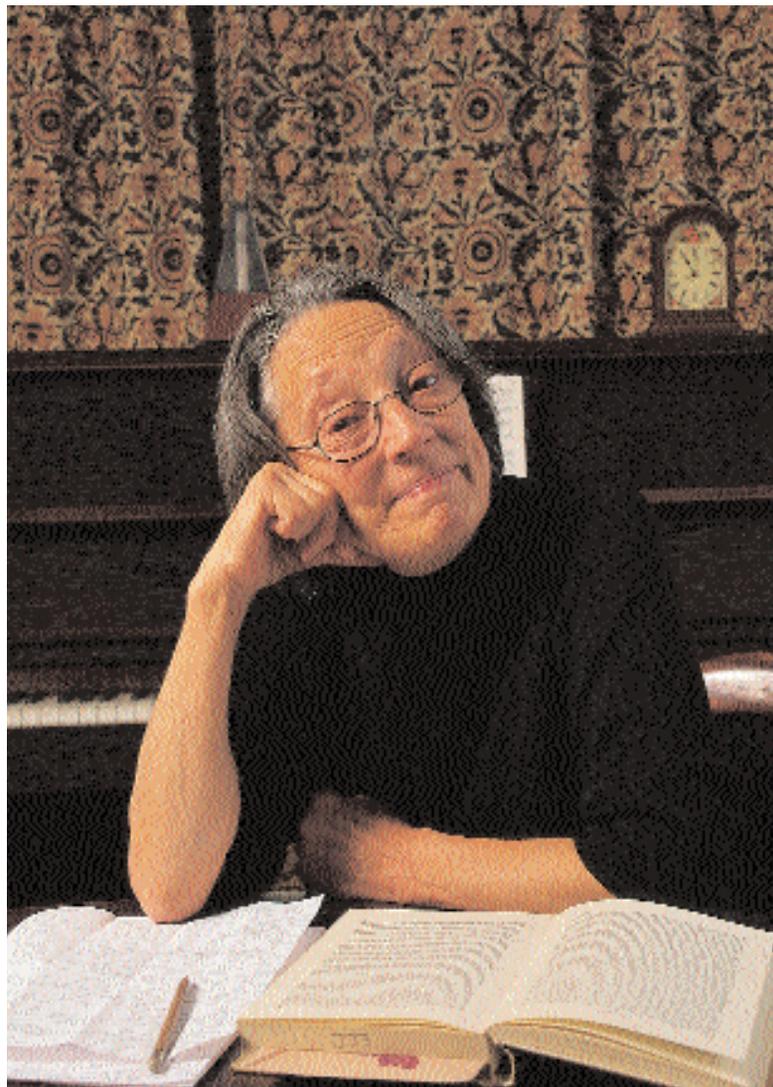
When the Editor asked me to write this piece I trawled through the previous few days' newspapers, looking for any references to exams. There were many; every single one of them was negative. Here are just three of these stories, chosen at random:

- Dom. Tony Sutch, head of the exclusive Roman Catholic school Downside, resigns because he is "exhausted" trying to reconcile his duty to bring out the talents of every child in his school with the requirements of forcing them through an exam system that seems designed to kill off their creativity and curiosity.

- Dr Geoff Lewis of Aberdeen University's education faculty says that almost half his students training to be

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MEET THE

Landladies

Successive generations of students who stayed in 'digs' often retain firm – and fond – memories of their landladies. TRICIA MALLEY and ROSS GILLESPIE turned the camera on a few of those who currently provide a 'home from home' for Edinburgh students and listened to their comments.

"Having young people around certainly keeps you on your toes!"

"I'm still in touch with quite a few of my students – including the very first. She was a science undergraduate then, and now she's got three big girls of her own!"

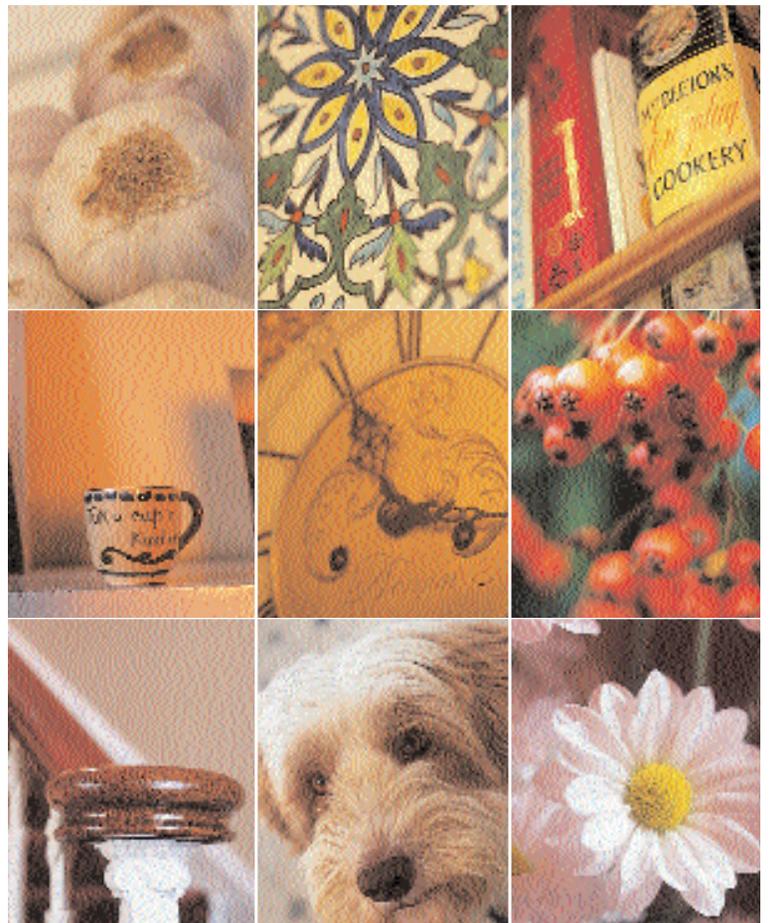
"On the whole, I'd recommend it to anyone who likes having people around and doesn't mind sharing a kitchen. In fact, some of my students have even cooked me very nice meals!"

"My student lodger is German... We've had a lot of laughs together, and I think it's helped with her English, too."

"The only bad experiences are people who don't pay their rent or give you cheques that bounce."

"Our current postgraduate student walks our dog every day. We even had Japanese students who performed a whole tea ceremony for us."

"My own family have grown up, but I still like to have young people around the house."





WHAT LINKS James Boswell to Julius Nyerere, Jennie Lee to Joseph Lister, or Mungo Park to the early 19th century Miranda who managed to secure an education and practise medicine by living as James Barry?

The answer is they are all alumni of the University of Edinburgh but that they are also among those individually featured in a series of bronze plaques, instituted for the new millennium as part of a policy to try and acknowledge more publicly some of the distinguished and famous names associated in the past with the UoE.

The initial twenty six chosen in 2000 have now been joined by a further eleven and it is the intention to go on adding a further four or so each year until the University has done more justice to at least a good selection of those who have featured in its history over the course of more than 400 years.

Selection is far from easy, for the names suggested always exceed the number that can be chosen in any one year, and it is the aim to try and get some balance, if possible, between the different centuries, disciplines and roles, to say nothing of gender - particularly difficult since women have only featured on the graduation roll for the last hundred and ten years.

These plaques are only being mounted on the exterior of University buildings and currently range across Old College and the George Square area, High School Yards, King's Buildings, Easter Bush, Holyrood and the New College precincts.

There are already two Nobel laureates, three famed novelists and two signatories of the American Declaration of Independence among the thirty seven.

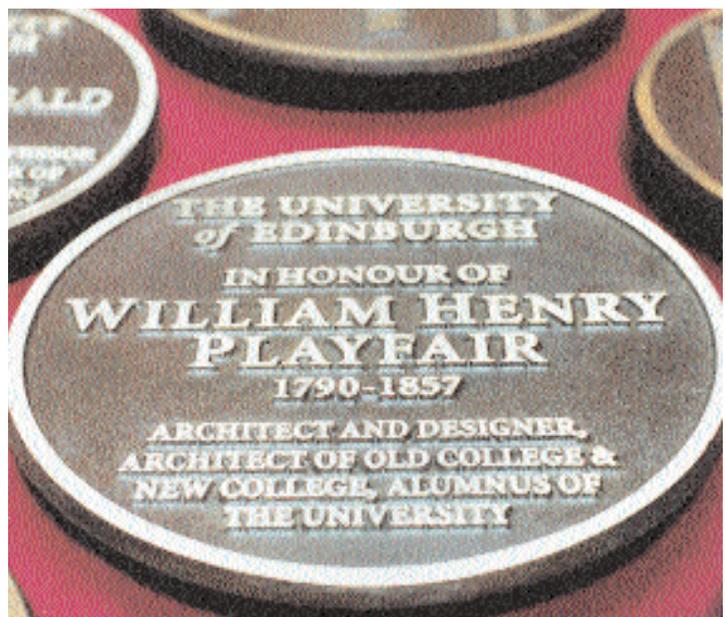
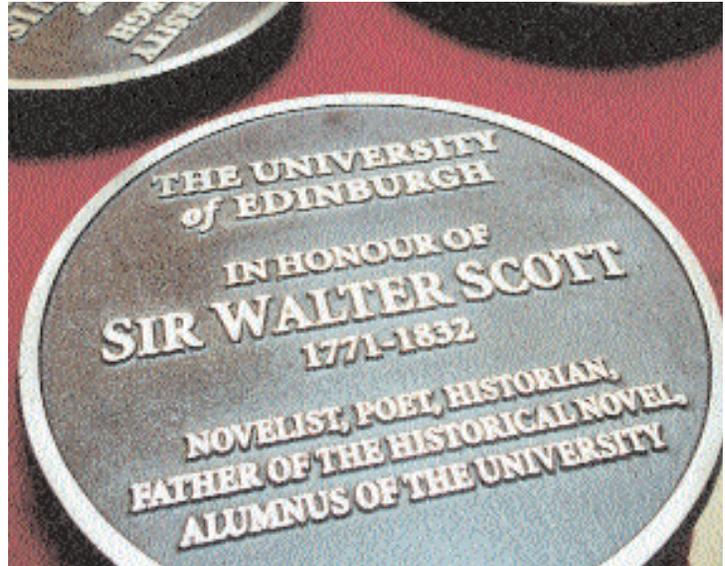
Despite the competition, the University is always interested in suggestions for future plaque subjects, so if Edit readers have any suggestions for former staff, students, benefactors or office-bearers (the living are excluded from this series..) and why, in particular, they should be honoured, they are invited to write in to Deepthi de Silva Williams at CPA (see below).

If you are in Edinburgh and would like to see the plaques *in situ*, a leaflet listing their locations is available from Communications and Public Affairs at the University of Edinburgh Centre, 7-11 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9BE.

Test your knowledge of University history. *The reason why some of the current thirty seven names appear is obvious; for others perhaps, it is less so at first sight. What was their link to the UoE and for what attributes/achievements have the following been honoured?... no prizes offered.*

Two of the well-known names featured on the plaques are illustrated here, alongside the interior of the Edinburgh works of Charles Laing & Son, where the plaques are cast.

Robert Adam, Charlotte Auerbach, Charles Barkla, James Barry, Sophia Jex-Blake, Max Born, James Boswell, Thomas Carlyle, William Dick, Arthur Conan Doyle, Patrick Geddes, David Hume, James Hutton, Elsie Inglis, William James, Jennie Lee, Eric Liddell, Clement Lital, James Lorimer, William McEwan, Sorley Maclean, Jessie MacMillan, Julius Nyerere, Mungo Park, William Playfair, John Reid, Peter Roget, Robert Rollock, Benjamin Rush, Walter Scott, Robert Sibbald, James Simpson, Robert Louis Stevenson, Charles Thompson, Godfrey Thomson, Elisabeth Wiskemann, John Witherspoon.



LETTER *from Edinburgh*

STUDENTS OF THE LOGIC & METAPHYSICS CLASS (1846-1847)



To R. S. Scott, Esq.

Dear Sir,

We, the students of the class of Logic and Metaphysics, are desirous, before separating for the season, to convey to you our united and hearty thanks for the Zeal, Ability, and Assiduity with which you have discharged the duties of the chair during the illness of Sir W. Hamilton.

It gives us much pleasure to express, in this manner, our cordial appreciation of your valuable services, leaving to us nothing to desire, which aught but the Professor's presence could supply, and to bear our testimony to the impartiality and Kindness which have characterised your intercourse with the class during Sir W.'s absence.

Edinburgh University
April 12th 1847

*John M Snody, Chairman,
John A Anderson, Robt J Brown, Thomas Spencer Baynes,
William M Begbie, John S Burnet, John Brown, Henry
Edward Coleman, Peter Cosens, Michael Cowan, Robert
Demaus, John Dangerfield. John Fraser, Georfe Fyfe,
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Nivison, A. G. Reid. J. Richardson, A. Rogerson, Alexr.
Russel, F. Sandeman, Thomas Scott, William Scrymgeour,
David Stewart, James Watson, Thomas Whyte, A. M.
Wilson, William Wylie*

*We much regret that so many of your number should
have been obliged to leave town before the address could
be signed. We have however received from them the
assurance of their hearty sympathy with its object.*

This letter has a curiously modern and familiar ring to it. The students of the Logic & Metaphysics class of 1847 were evidently grateful for a session of academic stability at a time of uncertainty and change within the University. In the wake of the Disruption in the Church of Scotland in 1843 and the subsequent formation of the Free Kirk, together with the foundation of its New College (now the School of Divinity) in 1846, the University was fighting for its independence from the Edinburgh Town Council. The charismatic and popular Sir William Hamilton, Professor of Logic and Metaphysics (and former Secretary to the Senatus) had been in the thick of the fight, which may have brought on the partial paralysis which caused him to suspend his academic activities in 1846. Hamilton remained active for another ten years, but died in 1856, just two years before the Universities (Scotland) Act of 1858 gave the universities their independence and modern structure.

A little is known of some of the names mentioned in this letter. Hamilton's assistant is probably Robert Selkirk Scott, who had first matriculated in Arts in 1840, and who then departed to study and graduate in Manchester before returning to study at Edinburgh 1844-46, then evidently taking over and teaching Hamilton's courses with success. The most famous of the signatories is Thomas Spencer Baynes (1823-1887), Hamilton's favourite student. He too became Hamilton's assistant from 1851 to 1855, and was eventually appointed to the Chair of Logic, Metaphysics and English Literature at the University of St Andrews. Another, Robert Demaus (1829-1874) graduated MA in 1850; he became the headmaster of Breadalbane School in Aberfeldy and wrote several books, including biographies of the reforming divines William Tyndale and Bishop Hugh Latimer. A third, Robert McDougall (1831-1909) went on to ordination in the Church of Scotland and emigrated to Canada as a missionary.

Can you identify any of own or your friends' forbears among the other students in the Logic & Metaphysics Class of 1847? The Editor would be glad to hear from you if you can.

The letter itself is now in the University Library's Special Collections (MS Gen 1733/10).

Peter Freshwater



Letters 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. All letters are welcome and should be addressed to The Editor, EDiT, Communications & Public Affairs, The University of Edinburgh Centre, 7-11 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9BE. Email <Clare.Shaw@ed.ac.uk>

THE EDiT PRIZE LETTER

The Callan Challenge

IT IS VERY SAD not being able to address this letter to Anne McKelvie, whom we met when we made our most nostalgic return to Edinburgh in April 1998 and, of course, corresponded with over the 'Callan Challenge' (EDiT volume 2 number 3). She will be greatly missed.

The results of the Callan Challenge (to identify the UoE graduate couple who had been married the longest) were never published, but from the letters we received, the Holmes were the clear winners. They, and the runners-up, are listed below:

● 63 years

Andrew and Margaret (née Macauley) Holmes. Both graduated in History in 1936. Married 1st November 1939

● 60 years

Alex and Nora (née Hutcheon) Smith. Both graduated - BCom and MA respectively - in 1939. Married 4th July 1942.

Ian and Katharyn (née Shaw) Callan. Both graduated BSc Botany in 1941 and 1942 respectively. Married 11th August 1942

I see in EDiT that Cowan House is to be demolished. This is not, of course, the original Cowan House, which was in George Square where I lived in my student days. Katharyn was in the women's residence, Masson Hall, which was next door (very convenient!). Both were knocked down and replaced by the new Library.

Ian Callan, Lampeter, Wales

Rashid al-Din

UPON OPENING the last issue of EDiT, I found myself looking at a very old friend. One of the illustrations to the 'JAMI' AT-TAWARIKH' compiled by Rashid al-Din in 14th century Persia.

Between 1963-1968 I was an Fine Art student under Professor Talbot Rice, and for my thesis, he suggested I try and sort out the different hands at work on the 'Jami', resulting in many happy hours studying the manuscript in the University Library. As part of my course, I had also read Islamic History under 'Monty' Watt. Thus it was natural for me to write about the 'Jami'...

After leaving University and Edinburgh College of Art, I emigrated first to Denmark, later to Sweden (1971), working as an artist and also doing other jobs part time. About 10 years ago, here in Uppsala, I saw an exhibition by a now-living Iranian artist, who works in the 'aine kari' technique, i.e. he uses mirror- and stained glass to make glass mosaics.

Although his motifs were 'modern', for me it was like looking through a window opening all the way back to the days of 14th century Persia. I later came to work with this artist, as he and I have studios in the same building, and learned more about his special technique and the way Iranian artists are trained...

I am glad to read that Edinburgh continues to be a centre for Islamic studies today. In that sense Edinburgh and Uppsala Universities have much in common. My studies in the late 60's have certainly borne fruit for me in many different ways, not least in understanding how Middle Eastern minds conceive things, which is very important in grasping their way of life.

In case it interests anyone, my conclusion was that at least four different painters could be distinguished in the 'Jami'. If I remember correctly, the Professor found he could distinguish at least one more.

Petal Joan Roberts-Leijon (née Roberts) MA 1968, Uppsala, Sweden

Dougal Haston and Islamic Studies

OPENING EDIT'S 10th anniversary issue left me utterly stunned!

Two articles, one on Islamic studies, by Prof. Suleiman, the other on Dougal Haston and climbing, by Connor have extremely close personal resonances for me.

Dougal Haston, faced me & my sister Jacqueline (on a visit from Les Diablerets) in the Mountain Bar in Leysin, where I was an assistant professor at the American University College of Switzerland. Of course, Haston really only had time for people who had climbed Everest; skiers like us, were not serious people in his realm. So it was quite chilling to discover a week later, that this truly awesome climber, had died in a mere ski-ing accident. Ski-ing Leysin virtually every day to my lecture hall, I didn't believe it & still don't; Haston could read mountains too well, for it to have been an accident...

Also at about this time, there was a dispute amongst my students, as to how (being quite young and perhaps a little dashing) I should be addressed. On one side was a Whitney (of Pratt & Whitney), who wanted to use my Christian name, Max. On the other, was His Highness Jabar Al Sabah, Crown Prince of Kuwait, who seriously wished that I be addressed as Sir or Professor Settelen. The argument raged, then suddenly I said a little jokingly,

"I have it, Your Highness, were you to knight me, then the class could address me as 'Sir Max'? Kneeling down before my most serious & ardent student, he knighted me "Sir Max" before an astonished international array of my students and I was addressed as Sir Max henceforth....

Some time much later (having worked extensively in business and development in the Gulf), when on a North American tour, I visited A.E. Ames, a Montreal merchant bank, to discuss an investment proposal & gave a guest lecture on Islamic Finance at Concordia University: which lead even later to an appointment on the academic staff as an assistant professor.

Canada now, is where I receive my copies of 'Edit' and the tenth anniversary edition will remain a personal treasure!

Max Hugh Settelen, BSc 1970, Ontario, Canada

Haston ...the spider

AT CERTAIN TIMES of year, a small spider - not quite as small as a 'money spider' - appears, and is a great friend, as it does marvels of rock-climbing, often in the sink.

I have for many years known him as 'Dougal Haston'. I have known Leysin ever since a friend was treated in Professor Rollier's clinic in the 20s. I myself become giddy looking over the railings in the Museum in Chambers Street...

W W Hutton MA 1934, London

Any Rectorial Reminiscences?

I AM WRITING a book about the Rectors of Edinburgh University 1859-2002. This will follow my book Rectors of Glasgow University 1820-2000, which was published in 2001. The present Rector of Edinburgh, Robin Harper, approves of the project and is helping me.

The roll call of Edinburgh's Rectors stretches from Gladstone and Winston Churchill to Magnus Magnusson and Muriel Gray...

Do people have any memories and stories about rectorial elections and installations, or old campaign leaflets, posters or photographs? If so, I would love to receive information of this kind. Much rectorial material has been lost. What survives is well worth saving.

For example, were any graduates involved in 'scrapes' when they were students and were in rectorial election campaigns? What are the inside stories that have never been told about rectorial elections? How were candidates picked? Perhaps just

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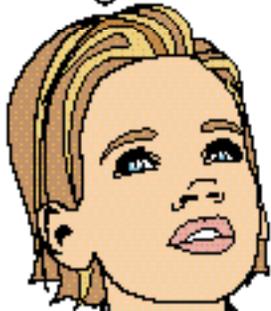
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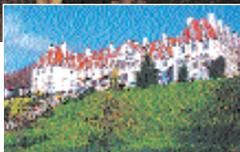
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primary teachers have problems with writing English. “Most worrying is that all these students have passed Higher English. This has to raise questions about validity of the exam,” he is quoted as saying.

● The eminent historian Professor Simon Schama says he would prefer history teaching in schools to be abolished altogether rather than have pupils cramming in rigid modules imposed by the exam system.

I had a faint sense of déjà vu. This was the sort of thing I was hearing in the mid 1970s; it was only the intensity of the criticism that had changed. (The other thing that has undoubtedly changed is the apparent decrease in competence of exam boards).

I started this piece in subjective mode and I would like to conclude it in similar vein. Since I graduated in 1969 I have had little personal experience of exams, except when I served as an external examiner at

two universities, one in England, one in Scotland, and vicariously through my daughter’s experiences as an examinee. But I have to say that hardly anything I have heard about exams (with the significant exception of final university exams) throughout my adult life has been positive.

For example: Employers have told me time and time and time again, over three decades and more, that they distrust exams; academics have told me the same, if less virulently, as have politicians. It sometimes appears that the only people who have tried against the odds to maintain a belief in exams are parents, students and pupils; and, for the most part they are outside the system, even if they are its consumers.

I suspect that the time has come to abolish exams for everyone except final year university students. Their exams should be rigorous and yes, unashamedly elitist. At all other stages, different forms of assessment should be developed. This is exactly what R F Mackenzie proposed,

in his conversations with me, all these years ago.

Belatedly I have come to the conclusion that this man, contemptuous of politicians and educational bureaucrats as he was, may have been the one we should have been listening to. He complained, constantly and eloquently, about children having their potential for creativity, for invention and for fulfilment being crushed by an insidious and capricious exam system.

Looking back on these years, I wonder also if the most able of our politicians had their potential for creativity and vision knocked out of them by the pettiness of quotidian political in-fighting and power-broking. Those who should have been rethinking our entire education system, and its excessive reliance in exams, were locked into short-term disputation and conflict. ■

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as interesting, what people were approached but declined to stand? And why did they decline?

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Donald Wintersgill

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Charles Barkla in Song

The letters about Professor Barkla in the 2002 edition remind me that I studied under him. But what I remember is not his academic work, but his singing. He was a guest at the annual party of the student 'Physical Society', but he sang for his supper. His party piece was a spirited rendering of Schumann's 'The Two Grenadiers'.

Ettrick Thomson MA 1937, Suffolk

Islamic studies and Richard Bell

It was with pride and pleasure that I saw the reference to Richard Bell, my great-uncle - a lovely and impressive man who wore his learning with humility - in the paper by Professor Yasir Suleiman in the last issue of EDiT.

Bell was a Dumfriesshire farmer's son, a 'lad o' pairts', who became Dux of Dumfries Academy. Then, after a distinguished career at Edinburgh University where he won the medal for Ecclesiastical History 1899-1900, he entered the Ministry at Wamphray Church and returned to the University as Reader in Arabic Studies and subsequently was honoured with a Doctorate in Divinity. As a youngster, it was my joy to browse his extensive library at home in Blacket Place.

Thank you for such an interesting magazine, which keeps me up-to-date on University affairs.

Moira Bell Young (nee Liddiatt) MA 1957, Northampton

Participating in the Grid and typefaces

I enjoyed the (last) edition very much - that is, the parts I could read! Some of the fonts you use are almost illegible to a 75-year-old, even with his reading glasses on! Please note for the future.

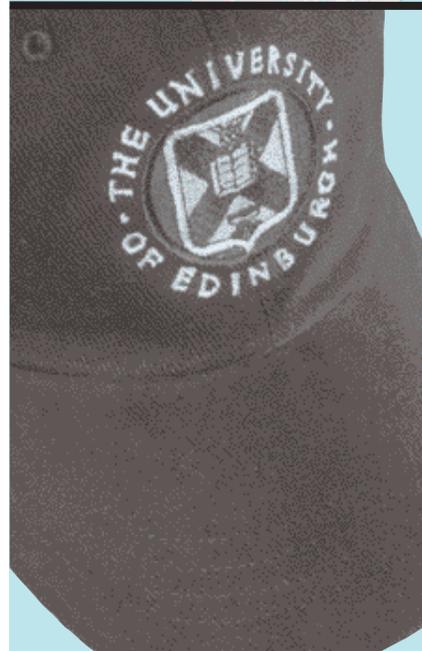
However, my main purpose in writing to you relates to the article, "Making the Grid", by Professor Richard Kenway. I struggled through this with reading specs and magnifying glass to find a reference to United Devices, an American computing grid - but to no avail.....

My interest in UD arises from my modest domestic computer being part of UD's grid and, unbeknown to me, my PC's chips are working away in the dark watches of the night making their small contribution to cancer research. In the twelve months of my membership of UD my computer has been used for over 100 equivalent days and has yielded 179 results on the problems it has been set (don't ask me what those were). On the UD website the data on my contribution is updated two or three times a day...

UD has 850,000 members worldwide, donating 1.65 million computers to the grid and in the two or three years it has been in operation, they have contributed 130,000 computer years that yielded 140 million results....

David Brown BSc 1951, Belfast

David Brown's observations about type size, shared by some other readers, are well-taken. We shall try to do better in future. Richard Kenway was indeed aware of other Grid enterprises, but the focus of his article and considerations of space did not allow him to acknowledge all of these. David Brown has also contributed an extract from his autobiography, about his time at Edinburgh from 1947-51 as an ex-services student, which has been lodged in the University's Special Collections. Ed.



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Help is at hand, however, through Development & Alumni. If you need advice on how to get your fellow alumni together for an unforgettable reunion, you can obtain a copy of our *Guidelines on Organising a Reunion*. Simply contact Development & Alumni using the contact details at the bottom of this page.

Winner of January 2002 Questionnaire Prize Draw

Thank you to everyone who returned their annual alumni questionnaire for 2002. The winner of the prize draw for a weekend break at The Bonham Hotel, Edinburgh, was Ms Pamela Cooke (MA 1971). "I had two nights at The Bonham. It was a lovely break and the view from my bedroom overlooking the Dean Valley, the south city, the Firth of Forth and Fife was breathtaking! Thank you very much."

2003 Reunion Programme

1953 BSc Biological Sciences

May 2003, Edinburgh
Contact: Dr Eric Horton MD FRCPE, 6 Kepplestone, Staveley Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 9JY
Email: DOULOS@ergon28.freemove.co.uk

1960 MB ChB (Mini-Reunion)

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

1961 MB ChB

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

1963 MB ChB

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

1970 MB ChB

3-5 October 2003, Dunkeld House
Contact: Professor Gerry Fowkes, Wolfson Unit for Prevention of Peripheral Vascular Diseases, Public Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh, Teviot Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9AG Tel: 0131 650 3220

1973 BDS

20-21 June 2003, Point Hotel, Edinburgh
Contact: Mr David Torgersen,

Drumalbyn, Highlandman, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 3QL

1978 BSc Mathematics & Related Subjects

2003, Date & Venue TBC
Contact: Mr A Charles Herbert, Eckler & Partners Ltd, Iac Building, Lower Collymore Rock, St Michael Barbados

1978 MB ChB

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

1983 MB ChB

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

1987 BSc Civil Engineering

September / October 2003
Contact: John Douglas, 38a Inverleith Place, Edinburgh, EH3 5QB
Email: John.Douglas@let-it-be-thus.com

1993 BSc & MA Geography

September 2003, TBC - Edinburgh
Contact: Peter Bovill, Flat B, 11 Rumsey Road, London, SW9 0TR
Tel: 020 7737 1075 (H), Email: peterbovill@driversjonas.com

1993 MBA

Date: TBC, Venue: TBC
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Email: alan.macrae@ltsbsaf.co.uk or Ms Carol Creech, Email: clcreech@optonline.net

Edinburgh University Dramatic Society ('Dramsoc' or 'EUDS') 40th Anniversary Reunion

17 May 2003, London
Contact: Philip de Grouchy, 260 Winchester Road, Shirley, Southampton, SO16 6TJ or Brian Pow at brian.pow@lineone.net with the subject line 'euds 2003'

Forthcoming Events

Edinburgh-Glasgow Universities Boat Races

Walter Scott & Partners Edinburgh Glasgow Boat Races
Saturday 17 May 2003, Glasgow
First race 2 pm

We want to hear from experienced alumni rowers who would like to take part in this year's Universities' Boat Races. A new course, further down the River Clyde, will test your skills and will provide a better event for competitors and spectators alike.

Last year's post-event dinner and ceilidh was a great success. Alumni and guests are, again, invited to join the crews at this year's dinner/ceilidh in The Thistle Glasgow Hotel, starting at 7 pm. Tickets, costing £45 per person, include a pre-dinner wine reception.

Contact us by email, phone or letter if you would like to take part in one of the graduate races (men, women, mixed), or would like to have information about the dinner and ceilidh.

EUBC & Alexandra Club Ball

Saturday 1 February 2003, The Caledonian Hilton, Edinburgh. Please contact Maureen Clowe in Development & Alumni.

Manchester Edinburgh University Club

Burns Supper, Friday 24 January 2003, 8.00pm
Freemasons Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester
Cost: £24.00 per person. Please note that vegetarian haggis is available if you let Michael Gourley know in advance. Please contact: Mr Michael Gourley (Secretary), 107 Mellor Road, ASHTON UNDER LYNE, Lancashire, OL6 6RW Tel: 0161 330 5000 Email: mahrgourley@ntlworld.com by 20th January 2003.

Edinburgh University Club of London

Burns Supper and Dancing, Friday 31 January 2003, St Columba's Church Hall, Pont Street, SW1 6.30pm for 7pm. Highland dress, black tie or dark lounge suit. Cost £35 per person, plus a cash bar for drinks and table wine. Members of the Aberdeen and Glasgow University Clubs in London are also invited. To book, please contact: Peter Stephenson, PERSONAL, CE's Grouping, Sutton Council, Civic Offices, St Nicholas Way, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 1EA. Tel: 020 8770 5863 Email: pms_sutton@hotmail.com

Edinburgh University Football Club

125th Anniversary Dinner, 20 September 2003
During the season 2003 - 2004, EUAFC will celebrate its 125th birthday. All past players are invited to contact the Club to indicate their interest in attending not only the 125 Dinner in September, but also other 125 events during next season. The Club, with the assistance of the Alumni Office, is currently contacting former players to establish interest in these celebrations. Those who have not been contacted can obtain more details of both the 125 Dinner and other events by contacting: EUAFC, c/o Sports Union Office, Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9UE. or by e-mail: euafc@ed.ac.uk

General Council

Meeting & Lunch Saturday 8 February 2003
All members of the General Council, their families and friends are welcome to attend the Reception and lunch to be held in the Playfair Library, Old College, which will follow the half-yearly meeting of the General Council of the University of Edinburgh. Judge David Edward of the European Court of Justice will give the after-lunch address. For further information see page 49.

Alumni De L'Université D'Edimbourg en France

8 March 2003: Annual Dinner.
14 - 15 June 2003: Weekend outing to the town of Aubigny-sur-Nere, "La cité des Stuarts", a town with strong Scottish connections situated 180 km to the south of Paris.
For details of both events, please contact: A.U.E.F., c/o SDMC, 55 avenue Kléber, 75008 PARIS.

For details of other services we offer to alumni, including the Passport to The University of Edinburgh, and details of our alumni clubs and groups across the world, please see our website at www.dev.ed.ac.uk. You can call us on 0131 650 2240 or write to us at the Freepost address at the bottom of page 37.

Club Events

French Final Honours Class of 1962

The French Final Honours Class of 1962 reconvened after 40 years on Friday 5 July 2002 at the French Institute in Edinburgh. Thirteen alumni and five partners - coming from Australia, Portugal and Germany as well as the UK - enjoyed wine and lunch in Odile's restaurant within the Institute. A University quach was presented to organiser Jimmy Inglis, and thanks were given to Grant Lindsay.

Georgia Alumni Group in USA

The Georgia Edinburgh Alumni Group continued its promotion of the University at the 30th Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games which took place on October 19-20, 2002 near Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The Games, which showcase traditional Scottish music, dancing and athletics, draw tens of thousands of people each year. Visitors showed a keen interest in the numerous options for study at the University and in the city of Edinburgh. This was the second year that Georgia Alumni Group showcased opportunities to study at the University.

Edinburgh University Alumni in Singapore

On 23 August 2002, Mr David Chong Xy-Fang, President of the University of Edinburgh Alumni of Singapore, attended a Welcome Dinner organised by the British Graduates Center where he met up with some committee members of other British university alumni bodies. There was a good mix of attendees from various professions and some guest speakers who spoke about entrepreneurship and industry. During his opening address, Mr

Setyadi Ongkowidjaja, the Principal of the British Graduates Center, thanked the International Office of The University of Edinburgh for their financial support.

Edinburgh Alumni Association of Australia (Victoria)

On 12 July 2002 the Association held its annual Robert Burns Supper. The sterling performances of the previous year which included a memorable rendition of Burns's Twa Dogs offered a hard act to follow, but there was no doubt on the part of those present that this year's Supper was one of the best and most enjoyable of our tributes to the Bard. A last minute success in obtaining the services of one of Victoria's best known Highland pipers and the high standard of speeches and performances from Michael McLaughlin, Gus Cummings, Sarah Cullican and Sandy Robb made it a memorable night for all.

Alumni De L'Université D'Edimbourg en France

Outing to Fécamp, May 2002
Ruth Thompson gave members a very warm welcome to the port of Fécamp on 25 and 26 May. A guided tour of Fécamp allowed her to show them many interesting places which the ordinary tourist would normally pass by, such as the beautiful memorial to dead seamen dating from the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century. The visit included a trip along the coast to the village of St Pierre-en-Port and dinner at a waterfront restaurant overlooking the port. Members wish to thank Ruth sincerely for a pleasurable weekend.

EU Athletics Club Reunion Charity Ball



12 October saw a black-tie reunion of around 70 former members of the Athletics Club, held in Teviot Row Union. Among those attending were six British universities champions and 1955 World Student games 5000m champion Adrian Jackson. Making the raffle draw was John L Hunter - high jump record holder of 1950 and ex-president of the old Athletic Club. Proceeds from the evening allowed around £700 to be donated to the Anthony Nolan Trust.

Anneila stars as 2002 Alumna of the Year



The University of Edinburgh/The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Alumnus of the Year Award for 2002 has been presented to Professor Anneila Sargent, Professor of Astronomy at the California Institute of Technology, by Sir George Mathewson at a ceremony in McEwan Hall on 4 December 2002.

The award is made annually to a former student of The University of Edinburgh for services to the community, for achievements in the arts or sciences, or for their contribution to public or academic life. Professor Sargent could be said to have taken the award a step further, as her achievements have gone beyond the confines of our planet.

Born and brought up in Fife, Anneila completed a BSc Honours degree in Physics at The University of Edinburgh in 1963. She is remembered by a fellow classmate as a "warm, bouncy and bright and highly

motivated student" who was quite unfazed by being in such a male environment.

Professor Sargent claims that she is not particularly ambitious, and that her dramatic rise to the top of her profession was never planned. After taking time out to concentrate on raising her two daughters, her career only really took off once the girls were in their teens. But in that brief time, Professor Sargent has built up an exceptionally strong personal scientific reputation, with interests in the fields of star formation, and the possibility of other life forms existing beyond the solar system.

In 1998 she was presented with both the NASA Public Service Medal and the Caltech Woman of the Year award, and returned to Edinburgh in 2001 as a guest speaker at the International Science Festival.

We want to know which former student of the University you think should receive the Alumnus of the Year Award next year. Please contact us for a nomination form using the questionnaire enclosed with this issue, or by visiting www.dev.ed.ac.uk/alumnus_year.htm - nominations must be received by 30th April 2003.

All Caledonia on Sixth Avenue

The great and the good from the USA and Scotland turned out in New York City on 6 April 2002 to celebrate the 5th annual Tartan Day, in recognition of the major cultural, political and economic influences that Scotland had on the creation of the United States.

Up to 10,000 pipers, sponsored by ScottishPower, marched up 6th Avenue watched by large crowds including around 150 friends and alumni of the University of Edinburgh who were invited to a reception at a hotel overlooking the parade route.

Tartan Day was established in 1998 by Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi - himself of Scottish ancestry - who wanted to commemorate the Declaration of Arbroath on 6 April 1320, said to be the basis upon which the American Declaration of Independence was modelled some 450 years later. Much more than a commemoration, however, Tartan Day has grown into a wider celebration of the modern links and relationship between Scotland and the US, and each year sees the events schedule growing significantly.



Take me to the river

A group of active alumni and their spouses took advantage of Swan Hellenic's 'Delights of the Danube' cruise on 4-17 June last year. The itinerary started with a pre-cruise tour of the historic city of Prague, and from there the group flew to Budapest to board *Swiss Crystal* and begin the river trip.

From then on, stops were made at Esztergom, Bratislava, Vienna, Melk, Grein, Linz, Passau and Regensburg before transferring to Munich and the return flight to London. Making up the alumni group for 2002 were, from left to right, Prof Alastair McDonald LLB 1949, Doreen McDonald née Cook MA 1948, Sheila Jackson née Picken MBChB 1967, Christine Lessels MA 1960 & LLB 1969, Betty Boyden MA 1948, Dr Freda Wilson MBChB 1954, Sheila Tennant MA 1949 and Moira McMillan BVMS.



University of Edinburgh wins top cruise company award

The University of Edinburgh's Development & Alumni Office was presented with Swan Hellenic Discovery Cruises' 'Top Performing Alumni Association 2002' Award in London recently. Maureen Clowe, Alumni Manager, collected the Award on behalf of Development & Alumni at a lunch on board the cruise liner *mv Minerva*, moored at Tower Bridge, London.

Since 1997 the cruise programme has been promoted to alumni in the UK with astonishing results. Commission, totalling nearly £40,000, has been donated to the Alumni Fund and some 135 alumni, family and friends have enjoyed the delights of cruising areas such as the Greek Islands, the Baltic, the Far East, and the Atlantic coast of Portugal.

Four cruises are planned for 2003, between May and December. Further information from www.dev.ed.ac.uk/alumni_travel.htm

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Reception packs in the alumni

ALMOST 200 of the University's most enthusiastic local alumni and donors were welcomed to the new Medical School building at Little France on 2 July last year for the Annual Reception for Friends of the University of Edinburgh.

Guests were invited for a preview of the hi-tech surroundings of the academic block – named The Chancellor's Building – which was officially opened in August by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

The evening provided an opportunity for the University to thank its supporters while showcasing recent projects that they have helped to fund. Included in the hands-on demonstration was the Curling Sweep Ergonometer, which the Scottish curling squad have been using extensively in their training. Guests also attended the presentations in the impressive main lecture theatre which included a detailed presentation on the proposed Edinburgh Research Institute for Medical Cell Biology – the next phase of the complex at Little France.

Many students have benefited directly from the invaluable support of donors, such as those on the LEAPS initiative which aims to widen access to higher education. A further presentation by students who participated in the APEX Bolivia expedition, partly sponsored by the University of Edinburgh Development Trust, impressed many of the guests, who took the opportunity for further discussion at the buffet supper that followed.

For many, the event was a rare chance to meet up with fellow alumni from years gone by. The Development Office has received many letters from guests who thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



Marion Perutz, University student and participant in the Seasearch Lewis project, answers questions about the underwater survey which was made possible with funds from alumni.



Now retired as Dean of Science & Engineering, Professor Bill Hill gets to grips with the Curling Sweep Ergonometer which helped the British curling squad to Olympic Gold in Salt Lake City.

Colourful launch for medical fundraising campaign

THE CAMPAIGN to raise funds for the Research Institute for Medical Cell Biology entered its final leg in December as medical alumni, friends and academics gathered in The Chancellor's Building in the new hospital, teaching and research complex at Little France for a memorable event.

Marking also the inauguration of a magnificent tapestry designed by Scottish artist Alan Davie (EDiT Spring 2002 p7), the Head of College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine Professor John Savill urged everyone to lend their support to the Research Institute and help make it a reality.

Two key donations from major charitable trusts were received in the latter half of 2002: £500,000 from the Rayne Foundation, and a matching £500,000 from The Norman

Salvesen Emphysema Research Trust. The campaign is now well over three-quarters of the way to its £52m target, and individual donations from alumni and friends of the University are now being sought to help close the remaining gap. Over the coming months, medical alumni will be asked to give what they can to help bring the pioneering, world-class research into the world's most prominent diseases already taking place at Edinburgh, together under one roof.

Construction of the Research Institute is due to commence shortly. You can make a gift to the medical fundraising campaign by filling in the form on page 37. Please state clearly that you would like your gift to go to the Research Institute.

The will to help others succeed

Derek and Maureen Moss

If there is one thing that motivated Derek and Maureen Moss to leave a legacy to The University of Edinburgh, it was the principle of education above all else.

So, when faced with a proposal that would allow them to provide a much-needed scholarship endowment for students of Geography, they had no hesitation in setting it up.

To leave something of lasting value to others when you die can mean making very difficult decisions. When it involves your relatives or offspring the choices are more obvious but, for childless couples like Derek and Maureen, it is extremely important to know that something useful will be done with their money when it is finally bequeathed to their chosen beneficiaries.

Having "agonised for years", as Derek puts it, over what to do with their estate, he and his wife found themselves discussing the subject with friends over dinner. It was suggested they consider higher education and this triggered the idea for a scholarships' legacy to the University of Edinburgh.

A generous proposal in itself - but made all the more remarkable by the fact that neither Derek nor Maureen have any prior connection with the University. So what was the attraction to them?

"I'd say that the most important thing in life is education", says Maureen. "This is what opens the mind to the whole spectrum of life and the more we can get of it the better."

The lives led by both Derek and Maureen go a significant way to explaining why education takes such a priority for them. Derek won a scholarship to Sutton County Grammar School for Boys in the 1940s, which was hugely fortunate given that his parents would have found the fees difficult to afford. Whilst there, he qualified for a grant to study Organic Chemistry at the University of London where he graduated with honours. Afterwards, a change in direction and he joined the staff of an insurance company, studied part-time for seven years and qualified as an Actuary. Then, a final change in direction and, from 1963 until his retirement in 1989, Derek worked for IBM being based for most of these 27 years in Paris and Brussels.

For her part, Maureen lived a very mobile childhood due to her father's role in the British Army. During the 1920s and 1930s, this meant attending around 18 schools and any further or higher education was not an



"Any investment - as I was told while studying to be an actuary - is an immediate sacrifice in the expectation of a future reward."

Derek Moss

option due to shortage of funds and a traditional expectation that girls would not take their schooling further. But the life-changing aspect of education still affected her - perhaps most significantly through a teacher who introduced her to the 'beauties' of the English Language whilst she was at school in the Himalayas.

After a spell with the WRNS, during the 2nd world war, Maureen had a very active secretarial career which included working for the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Sir Maurice Parsons.

Since they met and married in the early 1970s, Maureen and, since his retirement, Derek have had a significant involvement with various charities and seen how some of them can literally change people's lives. For example, stories flow easily from Maureen about her help to families in Brussels and Paris and her participation in a United Nations project for India to help teach women recently elected to its Parliament how to read and write.

So why is higher education the purpose of their legacy? The answer lies in their view of investing in future talent. "We regard our legacy as an investment", explains Derek. "Any investment - as I was told while studying

to be an actuary - is an immediate sacrifice in the expectation of a future reward."

Thus, future postgraduate geography students at the University of Edinburgh, without sufficient means of funding, will be given the chance to excel under the Moss' generous legacy for scholarships in this subject.

Last word to Derek: "A friend, Dr Ted Kendall of Nevada City, California, asked me a question while Maureen and I were staying with him. He said 'What's the difference between training and education?' I had not previously thought about this and Ted said 'If you're trained, you can do a limited number of things on a repetitive basis. But, if you're educated, you have the capability to do many things on an innovative basis.' I think this is so true." □

Legacies to the University of Edinburgh cover a variety of uses and recommendations, from helping support vital research facilities or lectureships in a particular specialist field, to providing scholarship or bursary endowments to widen access for students who would otherwise not benefit from higher education.

Have you considered leaving a legacy to the University? It is a special way to put something of significant and enduring value back to your alma mater, in whatever form you wish to bequeath it. You can obtain further information from Martin Hayman at Development & Alumni, Charles Stewart House, University of Edinburgh, 9-16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT. Tel : 0131 650 2240. Fax 0131 650 2239. Email : martin.hayman@ed.ac.uk

World service

1930s

Miss Jenny Wright MA 1931 Active member of the Edinburgh University Alumni Assoc. of Victoria.

Mrs Janet G Gordon née Boyd MA 1935 Sends good wishes to her contemporaries. Enjoys living with family and youngest grandchild, Abbie.

Dr Donald Black MB ChB 1936 Accepted Fellowship of the Royal College on 14 April 2002.

Mrs Katharine J Stewart née Dark MA 1937 Has had 10 books published, most by Mercat Press, Edinburgh.

Rev Dr Ian M Fraser MA 1939 BD 1942 Book published in 2002: 'Reinventing Church'. Book being prepared for publication: 'R B Cunningham Graham: a survey of his social, political and religious outlook'.

Rev L David & Mrs Cecilia Levison née Brown MA 1939 BD 1943 Celebrated Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 6 April 2002.

1940s

Miss Frances Mackenzie MA 1940 MA 1941 In 2001, in 84th year, visited relatives in the US. Has three nephews and one niece and they have two children each.

Mrs Mary E Rannie née Leask MA 1940 Dip Ed 1941 Undertaking voluntary work.

Rev Peter G Thomson MA 1942 BD 1945 Crail Church Through the Centuries' publication for the Millennium.

Mr Richard M Sillitto BSc 1943 BSc 1945 Celebrated 55th wedding anniversary in September 2002.

Dr James Sommerville MB ChB 1943 MD 1958 Vice President, Royal Association for Disability; Vice President, Lymington Society; Vice President, Lymington Community Association.

Dr Hugh Evans OBE BSc 1945 PhD 1949 Still manages to fish for trout in Yorkshire.

Professor Emeritus John M Cunningham CBE BSc 1946 PhD 1962 Honorary degree from Edinburgh University July 2001

Dr Margaret Spencer née Meek MA 1946 Took part in the International Reading Association Conference on July 28th 2002.

Ms Joanna M Buxton MBE Soc Stud 1947 Volunteer with Virtual Support Westminster, and with Westminster Volunteer Bureau etc.

Mrs Marian A McKenzie Johnston née Middleton MA 1947 Has been researching great great grandparents - Hugh & Lydia Miller.

Mr Alistair R Brownlie OBE SSC NP MA 1948 LLB



Mr Jon B Hannibalsson MA 1963 Icelandic politician and diplomat. Awarded Outstanding Speaker Award by IBC, 2000.

1950 Engaged in researching the Brownlie family tree and in writing an autobiography.

Dr Peter Green MB ChB 1948 Celebrated Golden Wedding anniversary in September 2001. Active member of the Church of Scotland Presbytery of England.

Rev Dr William S Reid MA 1948 PhD 1975 Associate Minister at Cluny Church, Edinburgh.

Mr Patrick L Winchester BSc 1948 Still interested in forestry, and therefore all environmental activities, provided they are not too strenuous.

Dr Thomas Brown MB ChB 1949 2nd book, 'Celtic Roots', is a mixture of history & fiction about the early Celts.

1950s

Mr Bipin C Asthana MA BEd 1950 MEd 1966 Will celebrate diamond wedding in 2004. 2 sons and 5 grandchildren.

Mr John R Barclay MA 1950 Dip Ed 1951 Moved south to be nearer family. Also now living close to Roger McMurtree and John Millar, both 1950 graduates.

Dr Ivor Campbell MB ChB 1950 Retired. Spends winters in Jamaica.

Mr George C Iranek-Osmecki BCom 1950 Expatriate Pole since 1939, and has lived, consecutively, in Romania, France, England, Scotland, England, France, England and finally Germany.

Professor Ved Khosla LDS 1950 Has established the Khosla Endowed Trust at the University of California, San Francisco, to encourage international exchange of surgical residents.

Mr Ronald F Wilby BCom 1950 Living in Hong Kong - occasional excursions across the border into mainland China for ballroom dancing sessions.

Professor Emeritus Pierre J Cachia PhD 1951 Book entitled 'Arabic Literature - an Overview' was published in 2002.

Rev Walter B Lang MA 1951 Although retired, still involved in preaching and facilitating of readership seminars.

Rev Dr Charles C Wallick PhD 1951 Enjoying travels, reading and watching baseball. Has two sons, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Dr Peter Davison BSc 1952 PhD 1957 Involved in a campaign to democratise education and increase accountability of authorities, resulting in the Parent's Charter.

Mr Frederick P Marriott MB ChB 1952 President - Manchester Edinburgh University Club Oct 2001 - 2002

Dr William Munro MB ChB 1952 Dip 1962 Running seminars on 'Living successfully with pressure, change and stress' for organisations in the public and private sectors.

Mr Archibald C Baird MRCVS 1954 Runs own golf museum, 'The Heritage of Golf' which is open all year, by appointment.

Professor Sheila Counce-Nicklas PhD 1954 Married to Bruce Nicklas, Professor of Biology at Duke University for over 40 years.

Mrs Margaret W Cuthbert MA 1954 Jim and Margaret Cuthbert (née Sands) now have eldest grandson studying at Edinburgh University.

Mr Anthony Dilworth MA 1954 Voluntary work for School of Social Studies. On committee of Social Poetry Library.

Mr William A Gauld BSc 1954 Part of Scottish Hill Runners who won 3 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals at the World Veteran Mountain Running Championships in Poland, September 2001. Won gold in 65-69 age group.

Mr R Graham and Mrs F Graham MA 1954 John Knox - 'Democrat' by Hale & Co just published. Working on 'The Great Infidel', a biography of David Hume.

Dr David MacKenzie BSc 1954 PhD 1956 Awarded Honorary Fellowship of Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy for 2001.

Miss Christine Matheson BSc 1954 Training in the martial art of South India - Kalarippayattu.

The Very Rev Sir William J Morris KCVO PhD 1954 Publication - 'Amazing Graces', December 2001

Mr John Morrison BSc 1954 Voluntary Work. Director Community Mediation, Devon Mediation Service.

Ms Isabelle M Ritchie MBE MA 1954 MEd 1961 Convenor - Dunfermline-Trondheim Twinning Association (Would appreciate hearing of/from any Edinburgh graduates in Trondheim)

Mrs C M Shirley Walker née Manson BSc 1954 Live in rural Perthshire where involved in some voluntary work and helping with the never-ending needs of 5 grandchildren.

Mr Terence M Holmes MA 1955 Retired on 31 December 2001 as trustee of Nestle UK Pension Fund and Chairman of its Investment Committee.

Dr June Paterson-Brown née Garden CBE DL MB ChB 1955 Lord-Lieutenant of Roxburgh Ettrick and Lauderdale.

Professor Emeritus L Gordon Tait PhD 1955 Led a one-day seminar on 'The Thoughts of John Witherspoon (1723-94)' at Princeton on 18th February 2002.

Professor Donald J Bruggink PhD 1956 General Editor of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America. Published 40th volume in Summer 2002.

Mr Andrew J Inglis MA 1956 Published a little book of Christmas plays entitled 'Praise and Plays of Christmas' in 2001.

Rev Edwin R Lee MA 1956 Attempting a PhD on 'John Buchan - Imperialist Advocate and Politician - a study in unfulfilled potential'. PhD is being pursued at Melbourne University.

Mr Eric B Russell QC MA 1957 LLB 1959 Recently retired from private practice as a senior partner of Miller Thomson, Barristers & Solicitors, Toronto, Canada.

Mrs Fleur B Bradnock née Philpott MA 1958 Retired at Christmas 2001. Rediscovering the joy and freedom of home and family and the opportunity to pursue interests which have taken 2nd place until now.

Dr John Gale MB ChB 1958 Four children (2 girls and 2 boys), all married. Seven grandchildren at last count.

Dr Donald Henry MB ChB 1958 Relinquished own practice to two sons. Pursuing a second career in church music.

Dr Colin McLwaine MB ChB 1958 Recently retired from work as consultant physician in Nelson, Belanada and short periods in Jeddah, Ontario and Queensland. Now skiing and travelling.

Mr John Geoffrey Sharps MA 1958 Honorary Treasurer of The Bronte Society. Life member of The Court of The University of Hull; author of 'Mrs Gaskell's Observation and Invention: A Study of Her Non-biographic Works'.

Dr Nicholas Galloway MB ChB 1959 MD 1970 Still in private practice. Ruby wedding summer 2002.

Mrs Frances E Gould née Baillie BDS 1959 Visit to the Lebanon with Dental students of 1959, October 2002.

Dr Clifford Gulvin MA 1959 PhD 1969 Retired from academic life. Living in France, working freelance on history of the French economy in 20th century. Anxious to hear from any 1958 History grads.

Dr Ronald Mulroy MB ChB 1959 After over 40 years in medicine, approaching graduation in History at the University of Leeds.

Mrs Elizabeth Shutte née Kerr MA 1959 Working for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Spent a year in Papua New Guinea and now rep for South West Scotland and the Borders.

1960s

Dr John Adamson MB ChB 1960 Continuing BSc studies at Open University, in Earth Sciences, mainly Geology.

Mr Ian M Malcolm MA 1960 Since retiring, has written seagoing memoirs in the Merchant Navy covering the period 1943 to 1951.

The Hon Lord Osborne MA 1960 LLB 1962 Now a Judge of the inner House of the Court of Session and member of the Privy Council.

Mrs Elizabeth Pearce née Garriock BSc 1960 Graduated in July 2001 from Liverpool University - BSc Hons (1st Class) Geology.

Mr Ian F Stewart MA 1960 Took up historical research (family & local). Gained Stirling University Certificate in Scottish Family History & Community Studies.

Dr Jean Archibald MB ChB 1961 Took early retirement from psychiatry in order to concentrate on breeding polo ponies for son and horses with eldest daughter.

Dr Raufu Balogun BSc 1961 BSc 1962 Retired October 2002 as Professor of Zoology from the Obaferan Awolowo University.

Dr Gerald Benson BDS 1961 BDS 1961 class had a very successful re-union in 2001. Graduates and spouses attended, about 50 in all.

Ms Marie Evans née Weston BMus 1961 Returned to Edinburgh in 2001 for the first time since 1961. Reunited with Ann Crawford (Thompson). Would love to hear from other 1961 Music graduates.

Professor William J Gillespie BSc 1961 MB ChB 1964 Took up appointment of Founding Dean of the Hull York Medical School in March 2002.

Mr Kenneth A Mackinnon LLB 1961 Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Argyll & Bute.

Dr Andrew Young MB ChB 1961 Dip 1973 Emigrated to New Zealand in August 2001.

Professor David E Bradley MSc 1962 PhD 1966 Writing novels, first one published in 2001. 'Harry's War', published Apr 2002 is the 1st of a trilogy. All have strong connections with Edinburgh & Scotland.

Dr Walter Davidson BSc 1962 DSc 1994 Director of National Facilities at the National Research Council of Canada in Ottawa.

Mrs D Margaret Plint née Allan MA 1962 Justice of the peace in S. Lakeland. Board of Visitors, Haverigg Prison, Cumbria.

Dr Agnes Westwater BDS 1962 Finishing PhD in Medical Anthropology 2002. Topic - 'HIV/AIDS socio-cultural analysis in Banda (Eastern Indonesia)'.

Mrs Katherine Winter Egan Certificate 1962 Certificate 1963 Since retiring has taken up skiing again (after a gap of 26 years) - back to Edinburgh University and Ski Club trips to the Cairngorms!!!

Rev George Agar BSc 1963 Now a member of the ministry team at St John's Parish Church of Greenbank and Hartford in Northwich, Cheshire.

Mrs Anne M Bain née Carmichael MA 1963 Retired from Aberdeen College in 2001. Now self-employed Moderator / Examiner for TESOL Courses

Dr Alison Kerr née Anderson MB ChB 1963 Editor of book, 'Rett Disorder and the Developing Brain', Oxford University Press, February 2001.

Dr Kenneth Rankin OBE MB ChB 1963 OBE (New Year Honours) for services to orthopaedics in Africa. Fellow of S.A. College of Medicine (Orthopaedics) by peer review.

Mr Thomas H Drysdale LLB 1964 Appointed Honorary Consul for the Republic of Hungary in Scotland in September 2001.

Dr Christopher Gillespie BSc 1964 MPHil 1978 Director of Clinical Psychology Services in a large NHS Trust.

Dr George Greig BSc 1964 PhD 1967 Enjoying retirement. Taken up playing the bagpipes again.

Mr Robert G Heath BSc 1964 Sold his children's

playground surfacing company in 2000 but continues on as President and CEO. Has resumed studying the piano and plays in a string trio.

Dr Eve Clark nee Curme MA 1965 PhD 1969 New book coming out, 'First Language Acquisition'.

Mrs Kathleen Glassman née Birnie MA 1965 Retired and lives for 9 months of the year on sailboat in the Caribbean with husband Bob.

Rev David A Keddie BD 1965 Recently returned to Parish Ministry, St. Kenneth's Church, Glasgow.

Dr Donald Macleod MB ChB 1965 Associate Postgraduate Dean (Surgery) for South-East Scotland. Also Vice-President, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Dr Ian McKee MB ChB 1965 Hoping to stand for Scottish Parliament in 2003.

Mr Andrew R Murray MA (SS) 1965 Recently returned to Edinburgh on retirement from the Foreign Office, Hoping to find interesting part-time work to leave time for golf and travel.

Mr Malcolm W Clark MA 1966 Retired from 30 years in the NHS to become a self-employed management consultant.

Mr Maxwell M Cowan MA (SS) 1966 Early retirement from Glasgow City Council in 2001. Working part-time as a planning consultant to local authorities and other public agencies.

Mr Paul F Haslam BSc 1966 MA 1966 Retired from educational administration in Northern Ireland. Still active in education as both researcher and activist.

Mr Norman W J Keith BVM&S 1966 Retired in 2001 to live in Aquitaine with wife Margaret.

Dr Ian McKinlay OBE BSc 1966 MB ChB 1969 Awarded OBE May 2001.

Dr Roger Smith BSc 1966 MB ChB 1969 Appointed Hon Secretary Royal College of Physicians Edin., 2001. Appointed Member Disciplinary Committees, GMC, 2001.

Miss Veronica Gordon Smith BSc 1967 Dip 1971 Contemplative and writer. External Music Adviser to Scottish Arts Council; Founding Fellow of Institute of Contemporary Scotland.

Dr Roger Hodges MB ChB 1967 Retiring from General Practice - continuing hospital work as Clinical Assistant. Regular singing in Tewksbury Abbey Choir.

Mr Robert M Hulley BSc 1967 Retired from Syngenta, but still active in environmental consultancy and training.

Mr Rodney R Morton BSc 1967 Retired. Now a Management Consultant as a sole trader. Various voluntary appointments.

Dr Peter Samuel MB ChB 1967 Clinical Director of Head and Neck Directorate.

Dr Humphrey Smith BSc 1967 PhD 1973 Continuing with research. Owner of three ancient woodland sites in Herefordshire; being managed for wildlife conservation and sustainable forestry.

Mrs Margaret V Stark née Ross MA 1967 Set up own secretarial business working from home.

Dr James Wallace MB ChB 1967 Elected a 'Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association', Houston, Texas, USA in 2000, the second UoE alumnus to receive this accolade.

Rev Robert H Younger MA 1967 Retired in June 2000 - pursuing a 20+ years love affair with Poland.

Mrs Barbara O Barker née Acheson BSc 1968 Keeping livestock - rare breeds of sheep and Aberdeen Angus cattle for grassland conservation management.

Mr Hugh A Douglas BSc 1968 Recently appointed Relocation Programme Director for the Met Office.

Mrs Lesley Milne née Steedman MA 1968 Married in 2001 to Mr Harvey L Milne.

Mr James G Rennie BSc 1968 Early retirement. Currently clerk to Skye District Salmon Fishery Board and Secretary of Isle of Skye Deer Management Group.

Mrs Petal J Roberts-Leijon MA 1968 One man

show at the Theatre Gallery, Uppsala, Sweden - 'Legends of the Rainforest'.

Miss Mary Vaughan MA 1968 In second year as a rehabilitation worker after self-funded training.

Dr Patricia Williams MBE MB ChB 1968 2002 MBE

Mr Graham D Wilson BSc 1968 Enjoying a complete change of work and environment as Hardware Manager at the University of Dar Es Salaam computing centre.

Rev R M L Chilton BA MA Dip Eur Hum BD 1969 Graduated from the University of Hull, BA (Hons) Dutch Studies 2001. Now researching 17th century Dutch philosophy for a PhD.

Dr Neil Cross PhD 1969 Non-Exec Director of Alliance UniChem, Close Tech & General, Dawson Hgds. Incoming Chairman of the RSA.

Professor Ronald B Hatch PhD 1969 Associated Professor of English at the University of British Columbia. Also President of Ronsdale Press in Vancouver, BC.

Rev Canon I Mackenzie MTh 1969 Retired from Canonry at Worcester Cathedral. Two books soon to be published.

Dr Brian Perry OBE BVM&S 1969 MSc 1975 Leads the Epidemiology and Disease Control group at the International Livestock Research Institute in Nairobi, Kenya. Awarded OBE in Queen's New Year Honours.

Rev Nigel Pounce OBE MA (SS) 1969 Returned to church ministry following a year at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and gaining a Masters in Sacred Theology.

Mr Peter Robertson BSc 1969 Elected Vice-Chairman of Chevron Texaco Corporation.

Mrs Marion E Salmon née Kyles MA (SS) 1969 Given up teaching! Now running a small, tasteful Bed and Breakfast. Email : oldorchardhouse@amserve.net

Professor Alexander J Trees BVM&S 1969 PhD 1976 Appointed Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Liverpool in August 2001.

Professor Dayantha Wijeyesekera PhD 1969 Vice-Chancellor of University of Moratuwa & Professor of Civil Engineering.

1970s

Mrs Teresa M Burrows née Rankin BSc 1970 First book published. Working to highlight the Tibetan spirit in the interests of the peace of the Earth.

Mrs Lesley J Dodds née Purdie MA 1970 Self-employed reflexologist and Reiki therapist with own practice.

Dr Mayer Hillman PhD 1970 To mark 70th birthday, presented with Festschrift titled 'Ahead of Time!' - contains 15 birthday letters by distinguished contributors.

Miss Alison Kinnaird MBE MA 1970 Awarded a Creative Scotland award 2002, for a project combining glass & music.

Mr Brian M Shanks BVM&S 1970 Son Daniel Shanks, started at University of Edinburgh in October 2001 studying BSc Biological Sciences.

Mrs Ursula B Baugh née Rayska MA 1971 Area Manager for Cheshire, National Trust.

Ms Jennifer Macfie née Baker BSc (SS) 1971 Part-time fundraising work for Scottish International Relief, a charity which runs an orphanage in Romania. Also writes weekly gardening column for the Sunday Herald colour magazine.

Mr William W Neill MA 1971 Published poetry collection in 2002 - 'Caledonian Cramoblock'.

Dr William Samson PhD 1971 Heritage Officer at the Mills Observatory, Dundee, the UK's only full-time public Observatory.

Mr Francis G Shennan LLB 1971 Leading writer on employment, law and finance. Won 3 press awards in last 3 yrs. Chairman, The Scottish Executive

Council of the National Union of Journalists.

Ms Rozina G Visram MLitt 1971 'Asians in Britain: 400 Years of History' published in April 2002.

Mrs Anne Brockleby née Blaikie BSc (SS) 1972 Involved in local area with community groups and is a school governor.

Mr David R Hingston LLB 1972 Returned to the fiscal service in April 2001, practising as a solicitor.

Mrs Madeleine J Lefebvre née Huck MA 1972 Appointed President Elect of the Canadian Library Association, with effect from 2003. Member of British and Canadian Equity, and has appeared in several films and TV productions.

Dr Michael McMordie PhD 1972 Presented with the 2002 Gabrielle Leger Award for lifetime contribution to heritage conservation by the Heritage Canada Foundation

Eur Ing William Mitchell BSc 1972 Watson Council of Alzheimer Society and acting chair of CJD Support Network.

Mr Kenneth G Morrison LLB 1972 Chairman of Eric Liddell Foundation UK.

Dr Rohan Wickramasinghe PhD 1972 Recently selected by the French authorities for the award of Chevalier dans l'ordre des Palmes academiques.

Dr Colin Anderson BSc 1973 PhD 1977 Appointed Visiting Professor in the Department of Marine Technology, University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Mr J Brian Dick MA (SS) 1973 Climbed the Matterhorn in July 2001. Umpire in Scottish National Leagues & Scottish Cup.

Mr John G Millican BSc 1973 Honorary President, Edinburgh University Rugby Club.

Professor Frederick W Powell BSc (SS) 1973 Author: The Politics of Social Work (2001).

Mrs Clare D Thomson née Ward BSc 1973 Head of Physics, Bromley High School. Married to Christopher - met in Edinburgh - and have two children.

Mr Stephen R Bourne MA 1974 Appointed Chief Executive of Cambridge University Press.

Professor O James Garden BSc (M) 1974 MB ChB 1977 President elect of Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland.

Ms F Hlanze nee Sturrock MA 1974 Working in the voluntary sector in the field of disability in Dumfries and Galloway.

Mr Alistair W Kerr LLB 1974 BA 1975 Currently serving as Environment Attache at the British Embassy, Paris. Previous postings include Kenya, Ivory Coast, Sudan and other 3rd World countries.

Mr John R Meikle MA (SS) 1974 Now Head of Employee Relations for Syngenta.

Dr Shahpur Patel BSc 1974 Elected to the Board of the Supply Chain Council based in the USA.

Mrs Frances A Plummer née Brownless BA 1974 Studying for a BSc in Speech & Language Therapy at De Montfort, Leicester.

Mr Michael Russell MA 1974 Shadow Minister for Education and Member of Parliament's Education Committee.

Mr David L Spaven MA (SS) 1974 Senior consultant with Carl Bro, the international multi-disciplinary consulting group.

Mr Andrew Corbett MA 1975 Headmaster of Holmewood House, a leading Prep School in the South East.

Mrs Clare Ibbott BMus 1975 Cellist in the La Scala Orchestra in Milan, with husband Paolo Mantegazza.

Vice Admiral Sir Ian L McGeoch KCB DSO MPhil 1975 Accorded Fellowship of the Royal Institute of Navigation.

Rev Dr Malcolm A Rothwell PhD 1975 Written & published book entitled 'Journeying With God'.

Dr Mary Thomson BSc 1975 PhD 1979 Working full time for the scientific instruments company that

husband started.

Miss Rosemary Weir BSc (SS) 1975 MPhil 1988 Completing book, 'A History of Nursing Education in Scotland', which includes a chapter on the Department of Nursing Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

Professor Humayun Azad née Kabir PhD 1976 Major poet, novelist, critic and linguist in Bangladesh. Has published more than 60 books since 1976.

Ms R A Dixon BSc 1976 Part-time post with Cambridgeshire County Council as e-learning adviser for Corporate HR.

The Very Rev Graham J Forbes BD 1976 Chairman of the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission.

Mr Graham C Griffiths BMus 1976 Returned to the UK (Jan 2002). Hopes to meet with colleagues and friends from cherished Edinburgh days.

Mrs Julie A Lupton née McDonald BA 1976 Returned to the UK permanently in April 2002.

Dr Carla Luzzani née Spadavecchia PhD 1976 Language Teacher (Lettrice Ruolo from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) at the University of St. Andrews. Preparing to return home to Italy.

Mr Ian R Manning MA 1976 Working for Arriva in Guimaraes in Northern Portugal.

Mr David L McMillan MA 1976 Director of Rail Restructuring in the Department of Transport.

Dr Angus Nairn BSc 1976 Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University. One daughter, Isobel Anwyn.

Dr Alison Stephen née Eggo BSc 1976 Director, Research at the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Dr Reid Stewart PhD 1976 Interim pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Irwin, PA.

Mr David Baird BSc 1977 Managing Director of Industry and Marine Business centre, Babbie Group. Honorary Professor of Structural Engineering at Heriot Watt University.

Mr Andrew Eaglesfield BSc 1977 Working for a major worldwide contractor in charge of their building operations in Scotland.

Mrs Petra G Eaglesfield née Kemer BSc 1977 Working for SNBTS in their pharmaceutical factory making blood products. Married with 2 teenage children.

Rev Dr A R Neal Mathers BD 1977 In 16th year as senior minister of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Nottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Ms Philippa Dawson MA 1978 MD of own PR/Training company. Lives outside Bath with daughter, cats, fish etc.

Mr Lindsay D Foulis LLB 1978 Appointed resident Sheriff in Perth, June 2001 and Honorary Professor in Law, University of Dundee, Dec 2001.

Mr Hugh M Langmuir MA 1978 Moved to Paris as Managing Partner of Cinven Paris, Investment



Mr Ronald A Skeoch MA 1969 At age 76 is currently renewing Pilot's Permit. Travels regularly to Spain on business/pleasure, and is collecting parts to rebuild father's production car of 1921.

World service

Managers.

Dr Anthony Martin PhD 1978 Partner & Senior Vice President, The Stanbach Company - DTZ Tie Leung (Atlanta, GA).

Mr Neil T Nicholson MA 1978 Cataloguing post in the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford.

Dr Eileen Scott BSc 1978 Winner of Adelaide University Postgraduate Students' Association Supervisor of the Year award 2001.

Mr Scott P Simpson MSc 1978 Completed a law degree at Strathclyde University (as a mature student!). Now working for the Procurator Fiscal's Office in Glasgow.

Mrs Eileen Balfour née Fenton BEd 1979 Secretary of the Edinburgh District Exchange Teachers' Club.

Mr David R Bethune BSc 1979 Seconded part-time to the SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority) as Development Officer for Computing.

Miss Susan Donald MA (SS) 1979 Investigative TV reporter on BBC Frontline Scotland. Won Royal Television Society award. Proud mother of one daughter.

Dr Thomas Pedersen PhD 1979 Director of the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria. Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Dr Johannes Volker BSc 1979 PhD 1983 Back in Scotland after 18 years across the border/overseas.

1980s

Mr Stephen P Harrap MA 1980 Regional Accountant, Inland Revenue, advising Inspectors on accounting matters - a case of poacher turned gamekeeper!

Mrs Shuna C Hartley née Munro BVM&S 1980 Now living in Bradford. Married to a vicar. 4 children, one has Downs Syndrome and one is autistic. No time for vetting!

Dr Anastassios Kotsiopoulos PhD 1980 Married to Elisabeth Chalkiopolou. 2 boys.

Mr Adam C Ogilvie-Smith BSc 1980 Working for Thales (the merger of Thomson-CSF and Racal) in Paris. Commuting at weekends to wife and two daughters in Oxfordshire.

Mrs Jennifer A Orme née Johnson BSc 1980 1998 Managing Scottish National Heritage 'National Core' Programme.

Mr Harry K Small LLB 1980 Sheriff, based at Hamilton Sheriff Court.

Miss Monica Spence BSc 1980 Principal Medical Representative, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals Ltd (insulin manufacturers).

Dr David Watson BSc 1980 First book, a biography entitled 'Of Fish and Men' published.

Mrs Leslie A Bryce née Stewart MA 1981 Moved to the US with husband Richard (BSc (M) 1978, MB ChB 1981) in order that he take up post as Senior Director, Medical Affairs, ILEX Oncology.

Miss Marian Douglas BA 1981 Employment

Service representative on management board of a Social Inclusion Partnership in Perth.

Miss Patricia Dunlop MA 1981 Commercial Manager, Heritage Services, Bath & NES Council.

Mr Robert W Frazer LLB 1981 Director of Rugby at Edinburgh University. Council Member of the Law Society of Scotland

Dr Murdo Macdonald MA 1981 PhD 1986 Book published, 'Scottish Art'.

Rev Dr Edmund J Ryden MA 1981 Director of a Peace Institute. Authored two books on peace studies in a Chinese context and edited three books on human rights dealing with Asian values, the human person and opposition to the death penalty.

Mr David A Skinner MA 1981 Living in Surrey with partner and two children. Director - Investment Banking Division, Barclays Capital Group.

Dr Duncan Campbell BSc 1982 Living in Wakefield and married with two sons. Head of a Public Analyst's laboratory serving most of the Yorkshire & Humberside region.

Dr George Clarkson BSc 1982 Recently launched a new medical communications agency with two colleagues.

Mrs Alice M Eastaugh née Hopkins MA 1982 Teaching French & Italian part-time in a prep school. Also practises therapeutic massage and would like to develop & work further in complementary therapies.

Mrs Katherine Etheridge née Reid BSc (SS) 1982 Married to Kevin (BSc Engineering Science 1981). Now living in Great Ayton, and discovering the North Yorks Moors with children Graeme and Stuart.

Mr Michael J Farnworth MA 1982 General Manager in Purchasing Dept at BMW (UK) Mfg Ltd, Oxford. Married to Clare; 2 children - Rachael and Edward.

Professor Emeritus John O Forfar MC MD Form Prof 1982 Author of 'From Omaha to Scheldt: The Story of 47 Royal Marine Commando'.

Mrs Sylvia W Putnam née Watson BVM&S 1982 Working part-time. Married to Graham. Two boys, one dog 'Ellie', one fabulous horse 'Magic', chickens and guinea-fowl.

Mr Simon P White MSc 1982 After 5 years in Paris, 4 in New York and 4 in Brussels, moved with family to the UK in 2002.

Mrs Patricia M Fairbairn née Robb BDS 1983 Heading back to Australia after 15 years in Africa - don't know how the children will cope with having to wear shoes!

Mrs Iona Finlayson BSc 1983 Two children, Andrew & Calum. Working for Scottish Natural Heritage, as an Education Officer and living in Ross-shire.

Rev Alistair J MacKichan BD 1983 Church of Scotland Minister in Drumchapel, a notorious area currently regenerating.

Miss Susan Richardson BVM&S 1983 Lives in Devon with partner, Mike. Baby girl, Emma, born 6th September 2001.

Mr John R Stalker MA (SS) 1983 CEO of Festival Theatre and King's Theatre, Edinburgh.

Dr Ann-Marie Thomson née Pringle MA 1983 PhD 1997 Back in clinical speech therapy as Head of Department in Astley Ainslie Hospital.

Dr William Aird MA 1984 PhD 1991 Continuing research and publication on Anglo-Norman medieval history.

Mr Graham H Chalmers MA 1984 Published music website (www.charmonline.co.uk), which evolved from a printed magazine of the same name which ran for four years.

Miss Michelle Lindsay BVM&S 1984 Married with a 4 year old daughter. Works part-time in a local practice and locum work.

Rev (Mrs) Marjory MacLean LLB 1984 BD 1990 Acting Principal Clerk, General Assembly, Church of Scotland.

Mr John Macmillan BSc 1984 Running an 1800he rural estate in East Anglia whilst completing an MBA at Cranfield University.

Miss Helena Petre MA 1984 Co-writing 1st book, on the Pilates exercise system, to be published 2003. Re-training as a clinical aromatherapist.

Mrs Wendy M Aryeh née Dover LLB 1985 Married with 3 children, living in Israel, working for KPMG as a Chartered Accountant.

Ms Nancy Billias Mardas née Billias MTh 1985 Married. Transitioning from a career in psychoanalytic psychotherapy to a career in university teaching (philosophy and literature). Would love to hear from old friends.

Mr Leslie G Binet MPhil 1985 European director, DDB Matrix. Married to Jacqui Gray (MA History 1984). Living in South London.

Mr Stephen Davies MA 1985 Completed Sloan Masters Programme at London Business School and moved back to Singapore.

Mrs Gina Di Muro MA 1985 Still thoroughly enjoying being a teacher. Would love to hear from old friends.

Dr Paul Hullah MA 1985 PhD 1992 *Unquenched*, a poetry collaboration with Scottish artist Susan Mowatt. Director of the Iris Murdoch Society of Japan. Writing a series of textbooks for Japanese university students.

Mrs Penny J Marr née Clayton-Mitchell MA 1985 Completed a postgraduate degree in Psychology.

Mr Roy H Martin MBA 1985 Head of Human Resources for the Scottish Qualification Authority.

Mr Peter A Reid MA 1985 Completed HNC in Computing.

Mrs Sarah E Auger née Beddows BSc 1986 Retrained to become a sports therapist and started own business. Should have done it years ago!

Mrs Tracy De Jongh Eglin MA 1986 Seven month career break working as a sales facilitator for an American company. The children, Jamie and Rebecca, continue to grow - and my MRI scans remain clear - yipee!

Dr Alan Dent BSc 1986 PhD 1991 Chief designer of a £250 million contract. Married with 2 boys.

Mrs Cathrine Y Edge née Perkins BSc 1986 About to give up the ease of full-time motherhood to do a PGCE at Bath Spa University College.

Mr Ian A Gray BSc 1986 Relocated to the United Arab Emirates. Recently had third child, Caitlin. Working with ADNOC group of oil companies.

Mr Angus J Keddie BSc 1986 Took the plunge into the world of independent work, establishing an Industrial Facilitator company, BusinessSynergy.com.

Miss Helen Murphy MA 1986 Membership secretary of the PG Wodehouse Society (UK).

Dr Andrew Pedley BSc 1986 PhD 1998 Working for Swiss bank Zürcher Kantonal Bank. Responsible for managing online central account mgt systems for the entire bank. In other words, looking after all the money!

Dr James Scobbie MA 1986 MSc 1987 ESRC Research Fellow

Miss Louise Bainbridge Dip 1987 Appointed Architect to Bristol Cathedral.

Dr Simon Duffy MA 1987 PhD 2001 Married to Nicola with 1 son, Jacob. Working to improve the rights of people with learning difficulties.

Mrs Linda M Finlay née Cochrane MA 1987 Happily married to a BA pilot with 3 daughters to keep me busy.

Miss Jane Humphries MA (SS) 1987 Authored/edited a book called 'A Buyers Guide to Irish Art'.

Mr John Mayer BCom 1987 NGU 1988 Author: 'Nuclear Peace'.

Dr Steven Wilkinson MA 1987 Assistant Professor of Political Science at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Married to Elizabeth with 1 child, Alexander.

Mr Philip A Black MEd 1988 Awarded Scottish Qualification for Headship (SQH) from Edinburgh University.

Mr James A Garry MSc 1988 Involved in Scotland's first managed retreat flood management project on the Firth of Forth near Alloa.

Mr L W Allardyce Mallon BMus 1988 In charge of music for Expo 02, Switzerland's world fair.

Rev Dr David W McHardy BD 1988 BD 1990 Principal teacher of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen. Also a Moderator in Philosophy for the SQA.

Dr Alexander Parikh JYA 1988 Fellow in surgical oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston. Married to Melinda, 2 children - Madeleine and Macallan.

Dr Ruth Spencer MB ChB 1988 GP in Parkhead, Glasgow and a Medical Officer for the Homeless Addiction Service.

Mr Richard P Attisha LLB 1989 Living in Vancouver with wife, Melissa & 3 children. Practising barrister. Retired from rugby, but still giving legal advice to National Teams' Players Association.

Mr Philip M Burge MBA 1989 Set up a consulting company specialising in technology and business strategy.

Miss Tracy Cudworth MA 1989 Returned to study for a Master of Landscape Architecture.

Mr Michael J Douglas BSc 1989 Qualified in advanced road crash investigations with a City and Guilds of London Institute Certificate within the Police Service.

Miss Sheila Graham BSc 1989 Moved to London from Perth, Australia. One daughter.

Dr Claire Maden née Brunt BSc 1989 PhD 1993 On maternity leave following birth of first child, Jacob John Maden, in January 2001.

Rev William McLaren BD 1989 Chaplain at Dublin City University and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Mrs Jane M Wilkie née Green BSc 1989 Second son, Scott was born 18th November 2001, brother for Ross.

Ms Juliet Wilson BSc 1989 First Poetry collection 'Bougainvillea Dancing' published. All profits to charities working in Malawi.

Dr Sarah Zurbuchen née Vellacott MB ChB 1989 Married to a GP with 3 children. Working 20% in husband's practice doing gynaecology.

1990s

Mr Julian H Chapman MA (SS) 1990 Dip 1991 Working in 3D computer graphics and multimedia. A son Samuel, born on 2 August 2001.

Ms K Cockburn MA 1990 Working 2 days for Eno Baylis, remaining 5 day week looking after Hugh Arthur Laughton (b 12/12/2000).

Mr Nicholas J Cook BSc 1990 Now working as Imaging Scientist at Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand. Returned to Scotland to get married, May 2002.

Mr Michael T Cummings BEng 1990 Living in Wellington, New Zealand and working in the energy industry. Married to Elizabeth nee Goodstadt (BA(SS) 1990) with 2 daughters.

Dr Elaine Dale née Stewart BSc (M) 1990 MB ChB 1992 Working in community paediatrics in East Lothian. Two sons - Steven and Fraser.

Mrs T Feller nee Helmsing MA 1990 Accompanying husband on a 2.5 year project with the German Development Service in Nepal. Continuing to translate for German and Swiss customers and has 2 children.

Mr Andrew B Geyer BSc 1990 Married to Justine Crowe with 2 children. So enamoured with having kids, now retraining as a primary school teacher!

Mrs Lucy Seymour-Dale née Johnston MA 1990 MEd 1996 Had a baby in 2001. Returning to work part-time at Salisbury College.

Mr David L Wilkie BSc 1990 Married to Vicki, a teacher. Enjoying life in Arizona. Still travelling, skiing when Arizona weather permits, and driving too fast.

Professor Emeritus Peter N Wilson CBE FRSE Form Prof 1990 Recently published autobiography, *Purchase Two Kilts*, with foreword by Sir Stewart Sutherland.

Dr David Burgess BSc 1991 Moved to Silicon



Ms Helen Krasner BSc 1972 Gained professional helicopter pilot's licence in November 2001. In same year, won prestigious 'dawn to dusk' international flying competition.

Valley in California. Married to Margot with a young son, Callum. Senior Software Engineer for an e-commerce company.

Ms Bina Carr JYA 1991 Mother of two boys, Avi and Micah. Works part-time as an epidemiologist and does consulting work for health plans and not-for-profit organisations.

Mr Daniel Gottis MSc 1991 Recently graduated from Heriot-Watt University with an MBA.

Mr Jochen Haardt NGU 1991 Now a teacher for English and Theology at a German Grammar School. Visits Scotland regularly.

Mrs Elaine Hopley née Crawford BSc 1991 Married N. Hopley on 3rd January 2002.

Mr Sidney D Johnston BEng 1991 Studying part-time for a postgraduate MBA.

Mrs Frances C Mitchell née Hobb MA 1991 Married to Paul with one son. Works 2 days a week in Baby Gap, and loves spending time with child, husband and cat!

Miss Natasha Nicholson MA (SS) 1991 Partner in architecture and design practice, Charlick & Nicholson.

Dr Elspeth Paterson BSc (M) 1991 MB ChB 1993 Obstetrician in a mission hospital in Pakistan. Back in UK on a one-year sabbatical.

Mr Andrew Pollock LTh 1991 Graduated BA (3rd Class Hons) with the Open University in 2001.

Miss Kerry Sinclair MA 1991 Enterprise Education Support Officer based in Inverness but covering a large part of the Highlands and Islands.

Ms Eva C Bayerlein MA 1992 MSc 1993 After all these years, martial arts is still what keeps me sane! Best wishes to all friends.

Mr Martin C Bell LLB 1992 Dip 1993 Now working for the Scottish Council for Development & Industry. Married Emma Moyes (BDS 1993) on 5th May 2001 and now living happily ever after in Dunfermline.

Mrs Mary Bon née McCreight MA (SS) 1992 Prof qualified architect. Recent design studio tutor for 3rd yr students at Bath University. Married to a French Pastry Chef.

Mr Roderick D Davidson BEng 1992 Married to Elaine and living in Hertfordshire. Engineering/IT Consultant to Utility and Infrastructure companies.

Mr Julian G Day MSc 1992 Studying for MSc in Applied Statistics at Oxford University.

Dr Tamasin Evans BSc (M) 1992 MB ChB 1994 Back living in Edinburgh. Married to Michael Gray.

Mrs Suzanne Fraser née Hewitt MA 1992 Married to David with one daughter - Amy Hannah. Still working as a market service owner for Guinness UDV.

Mrs Justine Geyer née Crowe BSc 1992 Married to Ben and has 2 children - Anna & Alec. Expanded practice to include 1 day a week in Dunfermline.

Mr Inge Hilland MBA 1992 Started up Scandinavia's first pan-Nordic wine import company with a partner. Now have offices in Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo.

Dr Christopher Huckle MA (SS) 1992 1996 Working for Baillie Gifford as a Client Service Manager for clients in North America.

Dr Susan Shenkin BSc (M) 1992 MB ChB 1994 Specialist registrar in geriatric medicine in SE Scotland, and currently undertaking a 3 year MRC Clinical Training Fellowship.

Dr Willy Spat PhD 1992 Friends, flatmates and fellow Canoe Club members are invited to make contact when in Vancouver to share water sports and perhaps some of the Province's excellent wine.

Ms Alison C Wagstaff Dip 1992 Chaplain in St Columba's Hospice in Edinburgh.

Miss Anne Dorrance BSc 1993 Married to Daniel Edward Bollman in Ann Arbor, Michigan on 8th of June 2001 & again in Anstruther Parish Church on the 8th of September 2001.

Mr David Farrell MSc 1993 Published first book, an anthology of short stories entitled 'Over The Top'. Presently finishing second book, to be titled 'Mixed Messages'.

Mr Andrew H Long BSc 1993 NGU 1994 Currently heading products and vertical sales division of

Easynet, a provider of broadband ISP services. Living and working in London.

Dr David and Dr Claire Maden PhD 1993 Working for 3M Healthcare Ltd. Now have a son, Jacob, born 20/01/01.

Mr Graeme G McKay MA (RS) 1993 Appointed minister of St John's Presbyterian Church, Toowoomba, Australia.

Dr Kathleen Munro MEd 1993 Completed Doctoral in Education at University of Strathclyde in 2001.

Mr Enock D Phiri MSc 1993 Chairman for the national task force on curriculum design for agriculture colleges in Zambia.

Mr Oliver Stegen MA 1993 NGU 1992 Third child, Silas, born June 2001. Continuing research in Rangi language and culture. Preparatory steps for bible translation into Rangi language. Plans to return to Edinburgh for PhD are under way.

Mr Martin Third BSc 1993 Has been working at Edinburgh Airport behind the scenes trying to get your flights away on time!

Dr Robert Williams PhD 1993 Awarded an Advanced Diploma in Local History from Oxford University, 2002. Director of own Education and Information Technology Consultancy.

Dr Nicholas Beare MB ChB 1994 Son, Arthur Harris Gladstone, born on 19th November 2001.

Mrs Marion L Burnyeat née Elliott MBA 1994 On maternity leave and enjoying new son, Thomas, (born 5th January 2002) along with husband, Mike.

Dr Steven Clapcott MSc 1994 Moving to Toronto, Canada, to take up a post doctoral research fellowship in genetics at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

Mr Nicholas J Cowley BSc 1994 Married to Lee Anne with one daughter, Alexandra, born March 2001. Business consultant in Toronto.

Mr Shahram Falati BEng 1994 Employed by the Fiat Group as part of their international development programme.

Mr Matthew P Gardner BEng 1994 Working for WS Atkins Consultants in Birmingham & currently seconded to the Highways Agency.

Mr Toby G Griffiths MA (SS) 1994 Married to Victoria Pope, a fellow hockey player from Oxford. Currently assistant housemaster and head of maths at the Dragon School in Oxford.

Mr Craig J Halblander LLB 1994 Joined Simpson, Wigle Barristers and Solicitors in Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

Mr Johannes Harsche NGU 1994 Regards to all Agriculture Students in the academic year 1993-94, especially to Artemis, Nikos, Elena, Linda, Anne, James, Jen & Vicky.

Dr Richard Hopkins PhD 1994 Associate Professor and father of a happy two year old. Still spending spare time training rugby, farming and building stables for wife.

Miss Tracey Jennings BEng 1994 Living in London working as an assurance manager for the Algeria asset, BP Exploration.

Miss Karen Jones MSc 1994 Veterinary director to a UK based animal welfare charity, SPANA.

Mrs Heather L Kale née Robertson MA 1994 Married to Simon and settled in Bath. Two sons; Hamish and Alfie. Voluntary work with a local toy library and NCT (National Childbirth Trust) - training to be a breastfeeding counsellor.

Dr Felicity Keating née Riding MB ChB 1994 Married to John Keating and had a beautiful baby boy (Campbell Wills Keating) on 1st October 2001.

Dr Alexander Lee BSc 1994 Completed PhD Glaciology. Working as Hydrogeologist & seeking to return to Edinburgh.

Mr Ross M McGregor BSc 1994 Currently studying survival rates in West African birds towards a DPhil from University of Oxford.

Mr George Panayides MA 1994 Successfully completed a Postgraduate Diploma in management in 2001, attaining a distinction.

Miss Anne Torgersen BVM&S 1994 Undergoing specialisation in field of small animal surgery.

Dr Louise van Delft née Michaelis MB ChB 1994 Married Dr Frederick William van Delft on Saturday

21st July 2001 in St Andrews. Paediatrician at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Mr Paul S Wesbroom BCom 1994 Accountant at Weeks Group Plc in Maidstone. More importantly, now married to Debbie and celebrated birth of Beth Mary Elizabeth on 4th February 2001.

Mr Nigel P Brookes BMus 1995 Spent several years as a freelance singer. Now a police officer in London, and wife is expecting our first child.

Mrs M Jean Campbell née Mill BSc 1995 Daughter Anna, born 15th May 2001.

Mr Timothy M Chapman BSc 1995 Living in Halifax, writing about business, science and strangeness for a variety of magazines.

Mr Mauro Ciacchio MSc 1995 Gillian is enjoying the OU and Gergio and Lydia are a font of continuous amazement. Edinburgh will always remain in our hearts and our thoughts.

Mr Jeremy D Everest MA (SS) 1995 Continuing PhD in Dating Termination of last Ice Age in Scotland.

Dr Mehmet Firat PhD 1995 Appointed Head of the Biometry and Genetics Unit, Dept of Animal Science, Aldein University. Carrying out intensive researches on Bayesian methods applied to livestock breeding and wishes to communicate with researchers in the same field.

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

Miss Rachel Hazell MA 1995 Working as a book artist, teaching workshops round the world, exhibiting and doing lots of Yoga in between.

Miss Rebecca Maxey LLB 1995 Recently launched own law practice specialising in immigration and refugee law in the United States.

Miss Cathy Ratcliffe BSc 1995 Returned to UK after almost 3 years working in Milan. Taken a research associate position in Oxford with new government funded initiative.

Ms C Ross MBA 1995 Currently living in London and running an intranet consultancy business. Enjoys sailing and was part of the crew in the 2001 Fastnet race, representing London Corinthians.

Miss Julie Selkirk BSc 1995 Moved to the USA having been awarded PhD in Pharmacology / Biochemistry.

Mrs Morag Senior née Bruce BSc 1995 Daughter, Eleanor Ruth Senior, born on 22nd August 2001.

Dr Ian Sharp PhD 1995 Still living in Norway, hugging trees, skiing up & down hills, and learning to keep a sea kayak the right way up. Beer has yet to become tax-free. Ali is still putting up with me.

Dr David Sharrock PhD 1995 Finally stopped family building at 3, now time to see the world. First stop, a move to Germany. Just hope to use my degree(s) one day!

Mr Jason R Went BSc 1995 Working as an outdoor instructor for several years now. Took 3 months off last winter to go climbing and travelling in Chile & Argentina, and is now working in the Forest of Dean.

Mr Russell A Young MA (SS) 1995 Returned to the University in December 2001 as Procurement Officer.

Mr Lars F Brazier MA 1996 Married Deborah Harrison (BSc Microbiology 1996), November 2001.

Dr Eugenio Da Costa E Silva PhD 1996 Recently made a partner of Machado, Meyer, Sendace E Opice Adrogados in the area of corporate and anti-trust law.

Ms Emma A Goldberg BSc 1996 It took 5 years, but finally found the job she'd been looking for - working for nature conservation of woodlands. Pleased to still be working in ecology - makes it all seem worthwhile.

Ms Zoe L Hall MA 1996 Working in marketing and living with Toby, the same boyfriend from 2nd year of Edinburgh - 8 years!

Mr James R Hayes BSc 1996 Fabulous job working for the Scottish Parliament. Also has recently become a homeowner!

Mr Elton James-Rae BSc 1996 Started up own business selling pasta. Still racing motorbikes and playing rugby. Living in Southwest London area.

Mr Gideon Katz NGU 1996 Currently an MBA student at NY University Stern School of Business.

Professor Ursula M King DD 1996 Received a third honorary doctorate in divinity from the University of Dayton, Ohio October 2002.

Mr Robert C MacSwain MTh 1996 Ordained to the priesthood, February 2002.

Ms Nicola C McEwan MA 1996 Married Nicola York in December 2000 and have a baby boy, Alaid.

Dr Graham McIntosh MBA 1996 Married to Elizabeth Grant. Began new career as Vice President, Technology in Reno, Nevada, USA. Enjoying walking and photographing the sierras.

Dr Emmanuel Melissaris MSc 1996 PhD 2001 Successfully completed PhD in Legal Philosophy at the University in 2001.

Mrs Gillian Norval née Fairley BSc 1996 Married to Ken Norval on 26th January 2002. Still living in Edinburgh.

Mrs Kirstie Papworth née Drummond MA 1996 Married Edmund Papworth (MA 1996) in December 2001, after getting engaged in November 2000 - on the steps of EUMU!

Mr Justin A Parker BEng 1996 Living in Aberdeen and working for a drilling contractor as an offshore drilling engineer.

Mr Alexei J Rosin BSc 1996 Working for Moët Hennessy looking after the London wholesalers and a team of five.

Dr Christopher Stocks BSc 1996 Worked with 'Health Prospects Abroad' in Tanzania in 2001. Currently researching 'The recycling of galvanizing acid waste.'

Mr Guy Strachan MBA 1996 Co-founded Reith Lambert Commercial Property Advisers. The company has since expanded and moved to new offices.

Ms Jane Strudwick née Godson MA 1996 Married to Piers Strudwick (BSc (SS) 1993) with 2 young children. Returning to Edinburgh for a year, so would love to catch up with anyone who may be about!

Ms Katherine M Turner MA 1996 Undertaking expedition with fellow graduate Alexandra Tolstoy (MA 1996) to raise money in support of ActionAid - riding 3,000 miles on horseback from Mongolia to Siberia.

Ms Caroline A Wallace BSc 1996 In final year of PhD studying genetics of diabetes. Got married in 2000 and has been living in London for 5 years.

Ms Theresa K Wilson MSc 1996 Linguist/translator working as a member of SIL in Manus Province, Papua New Guinea. SIL members work to preserve ethnic languages, translate various literature, produce vernacular literature and teach reading and writing.

Mr Georg Bergmann NGU 1997 Married Judith Lang (Alumna 1997) in summer 2001 (met during our exchange year). Since returned to Germany.



Mr Sandy Brechin MA 1993 Busy touring with six-piece Celtic rock group, 'Burach'. Recently recorded on Donny Munro's new solo album which is to be released March 2003.

Ms Victoria Cannon-Brookes MA 1997 Has caught up with many Edinburghites who have passed through Sydney. Moved to USA in July 2002.

Mr Terence P Cassidy MSc 1997 Employed by European Commission, working in its food & Veterinary office based in Co Meath, Republic of Ireland.

Dr Edward Donnelly NGU 1997 MSc 1999 Passed PhD on 25th February 2002.

Mr James H Drummond MBA 1997 Published first book in autumn 2002.

Ms Tara T Evans BEng 1997 Working as a site engineer in London for a year. Just bought first flat and living with partner, Malcolm Glover (BEng Civil Engineering 1997).

Mrs Alison Falkiner née Mitchell LLB 1997 Married Max Falkiner in October 2001 in Ayrshire. Now a financial accountant for Mondi Europe, a subsidiary of Anglo American plc.

Dr Abigail Franklin BSc (M) 1997 MB ChB 2000 Defecting to Cambridge to demonstrate for 6 months but will come back as it's too flat down there!

Ms Alice Gumpert MA 1997 Married Mr Sam Boileau, summer 2002.

Mr Alan F Hall BSc 1997 MTh 1999 Studying for an LLB degree with the Open University.

Mr David P Hart NGU 1997 Graduated 2002 with a JD in Law from the University of Missouri, Columbia, USA.

Mr John G Heald BSc 1997 Continuing study of river bed sediment transport through discrete particle simulation.

Miss Christiane Mackenzie MSc 1997 Still living in Stuttgart with partner, Dr. Michael Kleczka. Working as ed/project manager for PONS Dictionaries & self-study.

Dr Ian Maitland Hume MA 1997 PhD 2001 Lecturing in Scotland and the USA on topics of interest to the Scottish American Community.

Dr Rashneh Pardiwala MSc 1997 Completed PhD in Ecology in December 2001.

Mr Piers Pepperell BVM&S 1997 Continuing a career in large animal veterinary medicine, and has become one of the main speakers on the WI circuit. In spare time grows specialist herbs and is proud chairman of the Devonshire Pastry Society.

Mr Alasdair I Reid BSc 1997 Moved across the Atlantic in the summer of 2002 to live and work in Kansas City.

Ms Linda M Rickis MA 1997 Taken on the challenge of teaching in the state sector having spent four years at Mary Erskine's in Edinburgh.

Ms Luminita Rolle MSc 1997 In Switzerland, where history starts with Julius Caesar, Celtic civilisation is utterly ignored! In order to make it known gave 2 conferences at the University of Geneva & one in May at the Art Club.

Mr Justin K Schmidt NGU 1997 In graduate school at the University of VA in Charlottesville,

studying Landscape architecture.

Miss Megan Sellman JYA 1997 Married Stephen Frank (Alumnus 1997) in December 2002. Met while both studying at Edinburgh.

Mr Ceri P Stagg MSc 1997 Started an MSc in Computer Science at Lincoln College, Oxford, in October 2002.

Mr David A Stewart BVM&S 1997 Recently appointed BVA Treasurer & Scottish Representative for Dumfries & Galloway Division & Local VBF Liaison Officer. Maintaining interests in dermatology, kayaking & mountaineering; most recently summiting Aconcagua (6962m) in Argentina.

Mr Simon J Walker BEng 1997 Moved jobs to Victrex as Plant Process Engineer. Achieved Chartered Engineer status (1 CHEME).

Ms Kathryn E Windsor MA 1997 Returned to Edinburgh to work in PR as part of Firefly Communications.

Dr Mohammed Al-Kahali PhD 1998 Recently appointed Vice Dean for College of Science, Sana'a University.

Mr Nigel Anderson LLB 1998 Teaching children with Special Educational Needs in London.

Miss Helen Arnold MA 1998 Got married in June 2001 to Alan Maccausif, a gorgeous Scot from Glasgow, no kids yet!

Mr J Beattie NGU 1998 Received law degree in 2002 from George Washington University, Washington DC and started work as a prosecutor in Manhattan, September 2002. Got married August 2002.

Mr S Bishop MA (SS) 1998 Currently a British Fulbright Scholar reading International Affairs at Columbia University, New York. Hopes to attain a Masters in International Affairs (MIA) in May 2003.

Ms H Blackburn BD 1998 Actively involved in the Catholic Women's Ordination Movement, and has appeared on BBC Radio Scotland to talk about the subject.

Dr Ian Burke BSc 1998 Currently living in Southampton having finished PhD studies in Geochemistry.

Miss Ruth Burt MBA 1998 Married Kees Sterk in Zeist, the Netherlands on 10th of November 2001.

Mrs Jenny Crapper née Buckley BMus 1998 Married to Dr Martin Crapper, 2nd February 2002 at St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh.

Mr J Duncan BSc 1998 Competed for Great Britain in 2002 World Championships and World Cup Series in orienteering (came 15th in IOF World Cup & GBR came 4th in relay).

Mr D Elsworth MA (SS) 1998 Recently promoted to Project supervisor, Oxford Archaeology (North), Lancaster University. A practitioner of the Institute of Field Archaeologists.

Mr Jose Fernandez-Arroyo LLM 1998 Associate with Spanish law firm P&A working within the International Commercial and Corporate Department.

Mr P Havaritotis MSc 1998 Working for IBM Hellas in the Global Services Department (eBusiness) as an IT specialist.

Mr H Hollwitz LLB 1998 Admitted to the German bar and working for Holters & Elsing, Berlin office.

Mr Alistair J Kerr BSc 1998 Working for PWC in Glasgow. Not playing football but trying to stay fit.

Mr C Kidel BSc 1998 Currently studying medicine at Manchester University -having a great time!

Mr S Sinawat MSc 1998 Won Oral Communication Finalist Award from the 17th World Congress on Fertility and Sterility held in Melbourne, Australia, 2001.

Dr Brajraman Sinha DSc 1998 Arranged an International Conference on Structural Massing for developing countries in Brazil, September 2002.

Mr Alan Smart MSc (SS) 1998 Married Isobel A. Carr, 7th April 2001

Miss Rachel Stephenson BEng 1998 Married Steven Hodges in June 2001 and have moved to New Zealand for a few years.

Mr A Walker MA (SS) 1998 Currently managing the start-up phase of a unit for emotionally disturbed teenagers.

Miss Emily Boyle MA 1999 Studying clinical psychology and training in Glasgow at Gartnavel Royal Hospital.

Mr Christopher Bramley MA 1999 A year into cartography and map research for the tourist market. Started a PG Diploma in Magazine Journalism at Cardiff in September 2002.

Rev Janice Faris BD 1999 Recently inducted to the Charge of Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn, Church of Scotland.

Mr Gustavo Galvan-Duque Sanchez-Renero MBA 1999 Baby girl (Natalia) born on 11th January 2002.

Mr Tomasz Koncewicz LLM 1999 Finishing PhD on the Court of Justice of the EC and completing clerkship in the Court.

Miss Milli Legrain MA 1999 Interviewed in EL Pais Semanal, the Sunday magazine belonging to El Pais, the Spanish newspaper in March 2002 for a report on women of the 21st Century to celebrate International Women's day.

Miss Gemma Modolell Boira LLM 1999 Currently legal adviser for the Spanish Ministry of the Environment on International Relations.

Mr James O'Connor BSc 1999 Recently set up a dive centre with girlfriend, 'Balearic Diving', in Mallorca.

Miss Julie Pickering MSc 1999 Working in Uganda on a Phase II Clinical Microbicidal trial. Hoping to start a phase III multi-centre field trial in the near future.

Miss Emma Swainson BSc 1999 Currently studying Arabic full-time prior to first posting in Amman, Jordan.

Mr H Wasenmiller 1999 Project manager for a construction firm which builds custom upper-end homes in the Seattle area.

Mr Ian Wright MSc 1999 Living and working in Edinburgh as the head coach to Warrender Baths Club, one of Britain's leading swimming clubs.

2000s

Miss Maria Bertolino MSc 2000 Opened a department of reproductive health at a very well-known clinic in Argentina (Helituz).

Mr Ian Cowe BSc 2000 Now working in Aberystwyth working for Forest Enterprise as technical support officer to operations. Enjoying the new challenge and beginning to learn Welsh.

Mr Jonathan Davies BSc 2000 Recently completed a seven week trek along the length of the Pyrenees, from Hendoye to Banyals, Atlantic to Mediterranean in order to raise money for the children's charity, Action Research.

Ms Anna English LLM 2000 Married Dr Mark Edward Tookey in 2001 in Salado, Texas. Residing in Dallas, Texas and working as an attorney.

Miss Georgina Hunter MA 2000 Currently living and working in London. Sharing a flat in Clapham with two boys - one being John Davidson-Kelly, another Edinburgh Uni graduate.

Miss Giulia Innocenti MA 2000 Still training (in final year) at the Ecole Internationale de Theatre in Paris.

Miss Mehalah Jowers MA 2000 Living in Cairo, Egypt. Search for a job that she would enjoy has been slightly interrupted by the happy appearance of baby Khadiga.

Dr Amy Juhala PhD 2000 Teaching English composition at two institutes of higher education.

Miss Polly May BMus 2000 Shortly releasing debut album 'Songs from the Exotic'.

Miss Simone Medonos BSc 2000 Studying for an MSc in oceanography at Southampton Oceanography Centre (part of Southampton University).

Miss Elizabeth Roberts-Miller MA 2000 Currently editing a novel and pushing for its publication. Also writing a novel and has entered some writing competitions.

Miss Sarah Smith MSc 2000 Currently working for Ordnance Survey and has just begun a PhD which is sponsored by them at University College London researching 3D modelling.

Mr Craig Statham MA 2000 Researching self-help groups (such as free gardeners, foresters, freemasons, co-operatives) for a local council museum service.

Mr Thomas Steuart Fotheringham MBA 2000 Became a father on 30th September 2001 to Sandy.

Mrs Fiona van Aswegen née Ward MBA 2000 Currently embarking on an eight-month overland trip across Africa in a landrover.

Miss Elizabeth Waite BSc 2000 Graduate student at the University of Texas in Austin, USA, studying Science Education. Will receive MEd in 2003.

Mr Michael Wodzicki MSc 2000 Foreign Policy Advisor to the Canadian Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa.

Mr Andrew Barnham MA 2001 Joined the Army. Hang on a sec, how did that happen? One moment an (almost) carefree student and now at a military academy learning how to be responsible in the art of leading men. Some things you can never plan.

Miss Kate Barsby MA 2001 Studying for a Masters in Development Studies at Manchester University funded by ESRC.

Miss Elizabeth Elliott MA 2001 Currently studying for an MA in Medieval English Literature at York.

Miss Amelia Joicey MA 2001 Currently studying cultural heritage management at the University of Wales, Lampeter.

Miss Fiona Moodie BSc 2001 Studying for a PhD, still two and a half years to go - must be mad!

Mr Jonathan Morgan MA 2001 Higher Education Researcher at Saxton Bampfylde Hever Plc.

Dr Alan Roy PhD 2001 Working at Southampton University on a research capacity in electrical power engineering.

Mr Timothy Sparrow BVM&S 2001 Married Tracy Morrison on 7th of July 2001. Clinical Internship at the Hospital for Small Animals, R(D)SVS, Easter Bush, Roslin.

Dr Yiannos Toliis PhD 2001 Currently Research Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), UoE.

Miss Catriona Young BSc 2001 Studying medicine as a postgraduate at Dundee University.

Other alumni

Miss Julie-Ann Macqueen OBE On retirement in 1988, a charitable trust was set up in family name, the Macqueen Trust. The aim is to raise funds for the alleviation of single parents and their children.

Dr Philip McKean Built a house on the coast of Maine and enjoying 'semi-retirement'. Serving (part time) for a health care foundation and various community projects and philanthropies.

Ms Kacey H Parlatore Received an MA degree in Pre-Columbian Art History from the University of Florida, USA in 2002.

Ms Sandra Peirce Thrilled to be co-pastor with a New College graduate, Andrew Headden (BD 1980). While our time at New College was co-terminus, we only met 5 years ago when he moved to California to join our staff.

Mr Roland Preuss Employed as a journalist at the Seuddeutsche Zeitung, the German newspaper with the highest circulation of the non-tabloid papers.

Ms Priyeha Vahali Attending Yale University Law School.

Ms C Wei Nearly finished with Master's degree in Technical Communication at the University of Washington in Seattle.



Mr Mwape D Mumbi MSc 1994 Senior level in the restructured Civil Service in Zambia.



UPDATE

by Peter Freshwater, Convener of the Business Committee of the General Council



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

AS YOU READ THIS, you will be aware that this is the first 'new-style Billet' that has been sent to you as pages in the new twice-yearly combined publication for all members of the General Council and other alumni. I warmly commend it, and hope that you find it relevant, readable and, above all, interesting. The publication still appears under the *EDiT* banner, and retains many of the features of its first two volumes. All members of the General Council will therefore receive the June *Billet*, as well as the February one.

Participating in the planning of the new Billet within *EDiT* has occupied a proportion of the General Council Officers' time since June. Other matters have been the changes that have taken place this summer in the structure and management of the University. The Officers have met with the new Principal, Professor Tim O'Shea, and have joined the other University departments in welcoming him to his new charge. We have bidden farewell to the former Principal, Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, thanked him for all that he has done for the University during his eight years in office, and wished him well for the next stage in his life. We have begun holding briefing meetings with the new Heads of Colleges in succession to the former Deans of Faculties; you, too, will have the opportunity of hearing from them at future summer half-yearly meetings of Council. We are planning to bid farewell to the Rector, Robin Harper MSP, whose term of office ends in March 2003, and to welcome his successor at the summer half-yearly meeting.

At the summer meeting in June 2002 we floated with you the suggestion that Council consider holding its summer meeting in 2003 in London. The meeting received the suggestion positively but with some caution, and asked the Business Committee to investigate its feasibility. After detailed consideration and discussion by the Officers, the Committee agreed that the necessary preparations, including the need to publish the practical details in the preceding February Billet, were such that there was now not enough time to plan realistically for summer 2003, and that it was preferable to plan for such a meeting in June

2004. Preparations have therefore begun to hold a London meeting in June 2004. We intend to announce the practical details in the February 2004 Billet; so please watch this space!

Members and their guests who attended the General Council Festival Dinner in August have agreed that it was a most enjoyable evening. Our sincere thanks are due to Alan Johnston and Jean Gibson for organising the evening. We hope to repeat it in two years' time.

I look forward to seeing you at the half-yearly meeting in February 2003 in Old College, and at the lunch afterwards in the Playfair Library Hall, and with you to meeting the new Principal and our guest of honour at lunch, Judge David Edward of the European Court of Justice.

The General Council will meet in Room G175, School of Law, Old College, on Saturday 8 February 2003 at 10.30am.

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3. Report of the Business Committee
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8. Adjournment

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MEET OLD FRIENDS - MAKE NEW FRIENDS: ON SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2003

10am to 10.30am: Coffee, tea and biscuits in the Moot Court Room, School of Law, Old College

10.30am: General Council Meeting in Room G175, School of Law, Old College
After the meeting: Lunch in the Playfair Library Hall (see page 49 for details)

POSTAL ELECTION

Candidates for Postal Election of General Council Assessors to the University Court

The following nominations have been received for the election of two Assessors to serve until 2007:

Mr George Lawrence Allen, BL 1961, FRMS, FRSA
Proposed by Robert Black, LLB 1968, LLM, QC, FRSE, FRSA, FFCS

Seconded by Anthony Busuttill, Regius Professor of Forensic Medicine, OBE, MOM, KHS, MD, FRC Path, DMJ(Path), FRCP(E), FRCP(G), FRCS(E)

Solicitor and Notary Public (formerly, practising Advocate, Scots Bar). Edinburgh University OLL Tutor. Member, Health Technology Board for Scotland, Advisory Council; Member, representing The City of Edinburgh Council, the Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee. Former Member, the Business Committee, and Curriculum and Quatercentenary Subcommittees, of the General Council of Edinburgh University. Immediate Past Chair, Lothian Victim Support; Immediate Past Chair, Victim Support Edinburgh; lately Member, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council, Policy Committee; lately Company Secretary, The National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital (Action for Sick Children); lately Honorary Legal Advisor, Scottish Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux (Citizens Advice Scotland).

Mr Robin Orr Blair, LLB 1963, MA
Proposed by Sir Kenneth Scott, MA 1952, KCW, CMG

Seconded by Sir Charles Fraser, MA 1953, KCVO, WSDL

Mr Blair was a Solicitor for thirty-five years, principally as a Partner in the Edinburgh law firm of Dundas & Wilson from 1967 to 1997,

being Managing Partner for twelve years. He has also held many business Directorships. He was Purse Bearer to the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland from 1989 to 2002. He was appointed Lord Lyon King of Arms and Secretary of the Order of the Thistle in February 2001. He co-authored two publications in the 1980s on the use of information technology in the legal profession.

Mr John Mayer, BCom 1987

Proposed by Peter Freshwater, MA 1964, MCLIP, FSA Scot

Seconded by Sheila Kirk, BA 1977, LLB

I am deeply grateful for my Edinburgh University education and am proud to serve the University again. The bridge between the ongoing work of the University and the alumni is vital for maintaining overall standards and confidence within and outwith the University. The quality of that link is obviously equally vital. As a 50-year old Advocate with good inter-personal skills, and my Business Committee experience, I am best placed to securely, accurately and effectively communicate to and from the Court. It would be a privilege and a personal honour to further serve our University as a General Council Assessor.

Mr Gavin Scott, BCom 1976, CA, MBA

Proposed by Ann M Sutherland, MA 1960

Seconded by Peter Freshwater, MA 1964, MCLIP, FSA Scot

As a former member of the Business Committee and Convener of the Constitutional Standing Committee, I would be proud to represent the General Council on the University Court. Returning to the UK after a period with the UN in West Africa, I took up a position as Director of Finance and Administration within the Scottish Higher Education sector. In 2000 I studied for an MBA at Heriot Watt University, prior to moving into Management Consultancy. In my spare time I coach junior cricket, watch rugby and act as chauffeur to my children.

Mr John Geoffrey Sharps, MA 1958, BTh, MLitt, MEd, CPsychol, AFBPsS, FRGS, FRSA

Proposed by James Morrison Noble, MA 1958

Seconded by John MacArthur, MA 1958

Former Member of the Business Committee of the General Council of Edinburgh University; Life Member of the University Union, of the University Graduates' Association, of the University Library; Member of Hull University's Court; Life Member and Former Honorary Treasurer of the Brontë Society; Life Member and Former President of the Gaskell Society; Author of Mrs Gaskell's Observations and Invention: A Study of Her Non-Biographic Works; fully subscribes to Edinburgh University Court's Total Endorsement of the Nolan Public Life

Standards and Principles (Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership); some-time Member of the Church of England York Diocesan Synod.

Mr William Alastair Paterson

Weatherston, MA 1957, CB

Proposed by Peter Freshwater, MA 1964, MCLIP, FSA Scot

Seconded by Mrs Margaret Tait, BSc 1965

Married with grown-up family. After graduation and National Service I joined the Scottish Office in 1959. After thirty-six years serving in various Departments I retired in 1995.

Final post as Under Secretary with responsibility for further and higher education.

Secretary of the General Council from 1997 to 2001 and, therefore, familiar with the work of the Business Committee and Council.

Would seek, if elected, to maintain relationship between the Council and Court.

Concerned about issues like lack of priority being given to higher education expenditure in Scotland and the financial position of the University.

Candidates for Postal Election of Members to the Business Committee

The following nominations have been received for the election of five members to serve until 2007:

Mr George Lawrence Allen, BL 1961

Proposed by Robert Black, LLB 1968, LLM, QC, FRSE, FRSA, FFCS

Seconded by Anthony Busuttill, Regius Professor of Forensic Medicine, OBE, MOM, KHS, MD, FRC Path, DMJ(Path), FRCP(E), FRCP(G), FRCS(E)

Solicitor and Notary Public (formerly practising Advocate, Scots Bar). Edinburgh University OLL Tutor. Member, Health Technology Board for Scotland, Advisory Council; Member, representing The City of Edinburgh Council, the Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee. Former Member, the Business Committee, and Curriculum and Quatercentenary Subcommittees, of the General Council of Edinburgh University.

Mr William Robertson Belfitt Bowie, BSc 1961

Proposed by Dr Howard Frederick Andrew, BSc Hons 1960, PhD, DipEd, FRSC

Seconded by Sheila Kirk, BA 1977, LLB

I am a Chartered Civil Engineer. After training as a structural engineer I joined a construction company. In 1972 I went overseas (Uganda, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Ethiopia and China) where I built roads, bridges, dams and wharves. From 1981 I was the MD of an overseas company.

Ms Carole Clarke, MA 1991

Proposed by Elizabeth M Rose, MB ChB 1939

FRCOG

Seconded by Gavin W T Scott, BCom 1976, CA, MBA

Before becoming a full-time mother of young children, Carole did amongst other things work for a University Lifelong Learning Department. She now keeps a live connection with Edinburgh students by supporting the University Chamber Choir, with whom she occasionally performs as a soloist.

Mr Gavin Douglas, MA 1953, RD, QC, LLB

Proposed by Mrs Margaret Tait, BSc 1965

Seconded by Rev John W M Cameron, MA 1953, BD

MA, LLB (Edinburgh). Sub-editor, The Scotsman, 1957-1961. Advocate 1958.

Parliamentary draftsman, 1961-1964. Counsel to Scottish Law Commission, 1965-1996.

Counsel to Board of Trade, 1965-1971. QC 1971. Chairman, Industrial Tribunals, 1966-1978. Temporary Sheriff, 1990-1999.

Counsel to Secretary of State for private legislation, 1969-2002.

Mr Lorimer David Maurice MacKenzie, MA 1964

Proposed by Peter Freshwater, MA 1964, MCLIP, FSA Scot

Seconded by Martin Hayman, BSc 1994

I spent thirty-seven years in public service, variously with the Scottish Office and the European Commission. I recently retired as Director for the Promotion of

Entrepreneurship. I continue with voluntary advisory and editorial work in this field. I was recently appointed Chevalier in the Ordre national du mérite of France.

Sir Francis McWilliams, BSc 1945

Proposed by Peter Freshwater, MA 1964, MCLIP, FSA Scot

Seconded by Sheila Kirk BA 1977, LLB

The candidate worked as a Civil Engineer for twenty-three years. He returned to UK in 1976 and was called to the English Bar in 1978. He was elected an Alderman of the City of London in 1980, and was Lord Mayor of London in 1992/93. He resides in East Lothian.

Ms Anne Paterson, BSc 1968

Proposed by Elizabeth M Rose, MB ChB 1939

FRCOG

Seconded by Gavin W T Scott, BCom 1976, CA, MBA

After graduating Anne moved to London, trained as a social worker, and worked in a hospital and two area teams. She subsequently worked in a detached youth work project in Glasgow, and is now the co-ordinator of a cancer awareness project. Her interests include health, equal opportunities and anti-discrimination.

Mr Alan David Reith, BSc 1957, FHSM, FBIM

Proposed by David Burton, BSc 1958

Seconded by Alastair D Howie, BSc (1968) MB ChB, FRCP

Educated Edinburgh, Manchester Universities. Active in SRC. NHS management trainee, then senior administrative posts - Maudsley, St Thomas', St Bartholomew's Hospitals, London. Retiral occupation included Secretary Scottish Health Board Chairmen's Group and pharmaceutical liaison with Scottish Parliament. Keen supporter, Graduates Association. Currently completing BA (French) Stirling University. British Council visit co-ordinator.

Mr John Geoffrey Sharps, MA 1958, BTh, MLitt, MEd, CPsychol, AFBPsS, FRGS, FRSA

Proposed by James Morrison Noble, MA 1958

Seconded by John MacArthur, MA 1958

Former Business Committee Member; Life Member of the University Union, of the University Graduates' Association, of the University Library; Member of the Court of Hull University; Life Member and Former Honorary Treasurer of the Brontë Society; Life Member and Former President of the Gaskell Society; English Association Life Member.

Voting Papers are enclosed and should be completed and returned in the pre-paid envelope addressed to Development and Alumni. Please tick the box on the envelope flap to indicate that your Voting Papers are enclosed.

FULL AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 8 FEBRUARY 2003

1. *Result of the election of General Council Assessors and Members of the Business Committee*

2. *Minutes of the Last Meeting of the General Council on 29 June 2002*

Present: Mr Robin Harper, Rector, in the Chair; Dr Lyn Collins, Vice-Provost, Law & Social Sciences Faculty Group; Dr Ann Matheson, Secretary of the General Council; Mr Peter B Freshwater, Convener of the Business Committee; and 63 other members. Father Simon Gainie, deputising for the Chaplain to the University, opened the meeting with prayer.

2.1 *Minutes and Matters Arising from the Meeting on 9 February 2002*

The Minutes of the meeting on 9 February 2002 were approved. The Convener of the Business Committee reported that the officers of the General Council had required to declare the election to the Business Committee of one of the candidates at the February 2002 elections invalid. The matter was at present sub judice.

Points were raised in connexion with the procedures for motions, and on St Cecilia's Hall. The Convener said that the former matter would be referred to the Constitutional Standing Committee, and that the second had been raised with the Director of Estates & Building, who had confirmed that the fabric of the building is sound but there is an overall lack of resources for further developments.

2.2 *Report of the Business Committee*

Mr Freshwater, Convener of the Business Committee, gave his report. Exploratory discussions had begun with Development & Alumni and Communications & Public Affairs to examine whether there was scope to co-ordinate publications and mailings to General Council members and other alumni. A Working Group was being set up to look at the feasibility of a combined Billet and EDiT publication. The Business Committee would consider the Group's report at its September meeting. The General Council agreed in principle that the final decision should be taken by the Business Committee at its September meeting.

The Convener welcomed the appointment of Professor Tim O'Shea, Master of Birkbeck College, London, as the next Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh; and the Heads of College in the University's restructured organization: Professor Vicki Bruce, Humanities and Social Science; Professor John Savill, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine; and Professor Grahame Bulfield, Science and Engineering. He also welcomed the appointments of Mr Nigel Paul, the new Director of Corporate Services, and Mr Ian Conn, the new Director of Communications and External Affairs. Ms Catrin Tilley, Director of Development & Alumni, had been appointed by the University Court to be the new Registrar of the General Council, and the Convener and the other Office-bearers looked forward to working with her. The General Council Register was now available for consultation on CD-ROM in the major sites of the University Library.

It had been suggested that the General Council hold the half-yearly meeting on Saturday 28 June 2003 in London. There was a large number of active and interested members of Council and of the Edinburgh University Club of London living and working in the south of England, and travel to London would be convenient for members living in the Midlands and North of England. The suggestion had been discussed by the Business Committee, which commended it to the meeting of Council as a one-off experiment, and subject to the costs of holding the meeting being containable within available resources. The meeting accepted the proposal in principle, subject to further investigation in terms of feasibility and cost.

The report of the Business Committee was approved.

The full text of the Convener's remarks, and the

discussion following the presentation, are contained in the Annex to the Billet.

2.3 *Motion*

Proposed by: Miss Cecilia E Giles, CBE, MA(1945)

Seconded by: Sir Alan Hume, CB, MA(1934)

Supported by: Duncan H McVie, MB ChB(1950)

(Mrs) Mary W McVie, BSc(1946), MB ChB(1950)

John G Sturrock, QC LLB(1980), LLM

John C Bartholomew, MA(1950)

J A R MacLean, BSc(1939), PhD, CChem, FRSC

(Mrs) Mary W MacLean, MA(1941)

(Mrs) E D'Arcy G Howell (née McGeorge), MA(1951)

A R Mills, PhD(1962)

(Mrs) Jennifer M Munro (née Cochrane), MA(1959)

(Mrs) Frances Dawson, MA(1950)

The Very Rev. William J G McDonald, MA(1949), BD(1952), Hon DD(1987)

David Millar, OBE, MA(1951)

(Mrs) Helen Josephine Millar, LLB(1956)

Iain Ferguson MacLaren, MB ChB(1949)

(Mrs) Mary Noble, MA(1954), PhD(1958)

(Lady) Camilla Cowie, MA(1976)

(Mrs) Lydia Skinner, MA(1951)

'That, at a time when circumstances have necessitated the conclusion of the existence of Faculties and of Deans, the General Council records its recognition of and gratitude for the outstanding and distinguished service given to the University, over many generations, by Deans of the Faculties, whose dedication, leadership and loyalty has contributed so much to the well-being of the Alma Mater'.

The Motion was unanimously approved.

2.4 *Dates of future meetings of the General Council*

The 2003 General Council meetings will be held on Saturday 8 February and Saturday 28 June 2003. Any motions for discussion at the General Council meeting on 8 February 2003 should be received in the General Council Office by 20 November 2002.

2.5 *Notice of forthcoming Elections*

The election of two Assessors to the University Court and five members of the Business Committee to serve from 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2007 will take place in February 2003. Nominations on forms that are available from the Secretary of the General Council should be received in the General Council Office by 20 November 2002. Any motion for discussion at the General Council meeting on 8 February 2003 should be received in the General Council office by 20 November 2002.

A TIME OF CHANGE

2.6 Presentation by Dr Lyn Collins, Vice-Provost, Law and Social Sciences Faculty Group

The sub-title of Dr Collins's presentation was 'Déjà vu with some differences'. He noted that this was the last time that there would be a report from the Faculty Group of Law & Social Sciences. In 1997 Professor MacCormick had explained why the University had set up faculty groups such as the Faculty Group of Law & Social Sciences. Some years ago when the University faced acute financial difficulties, it had employed consultants to examine ways of managing its affairs. They had recommended dividing the strictly academic activity into four main units, each with a responsible budget-holder. Faculties continued to report to the Senate of the University, but they were grouped together for management purposes, and Faculty Groups were presided over by Provosts.

In 1997 Professor MacCormick had said that it would be his successor's task to argue, discuss and help the overall vision of the University to succeed in keeping a balanced view of the whole republic of learning, and he believed that Faculty Groups must accept better focusing and stronger prioritization. This also mirrored the views of the then new Principal, Professor Sir Stewart Sutherland. The question that he put to all Heads of Planning Units was, 'What are you good at, what are you not so good at, and what are you going to do about it?' That is the most challenging question you can put to any academic institution. The present restructuring process is a bold attempt to address many of these issues. The diminishing unit of resource is a particularly worrying problem. We teach more for less. From 1997 student staff ratios in some large core departments have risen to thirty to one. We have to recognise that if Government believes that 40% of school leavers should be given the opportunity of a university education, as they do in many other countries, then clearly we cannot provide the same level and type of university education as we did when only 11% of school leavers went to university. In the University we must change the way we organize ourselves, change the way we teach, and change how much and what we teach, if we are to maintain our level of research activity to secure necessary income.

The restructuring will involve the creation of three colleges within the University: the College of Science & Engineering, the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The major challenge is for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. In the first two Colleges, most of the structures are already in place but in the

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, six Faculties with their own traditions and practices are being brought together to act as one. These are the Faculties of Arts, Divinity, Music, Education, Law and Social Sciences.

The main event of 2002 was the unprecedented Senate vote on 29 May to decide the future structure of the academic year. After a full year of intensive work by a working party, many communications on the academic year website and countless consultative meetings, three options were put to a special meeting of Senate. The result was a resounding victory for option C, which is now scheduled to start in the academic year 2004-2005, and will mean that the new academic year will begin in mid-September. The second term after Christmas will be for teaching only with no examinations, and the third term will be for examinations only.

A full text of Dr Collins's presentation is contained in the Annex to the Billet.

2.7 Any other competent business

No matters were raised.

2.8 Adjournment

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

Father Simon Gainé closed the meeting with a benediction.

3. Report of the Business Committee

4. Motion

Proposed Draft Amendments to 5.7 and 5.8 of the Constitution: Composition of the Business Committee

(1) Change 5.7 by replacing it with the following:

The Business Committee shall be composed of:

- * 20 members of the General Council, elected by the General Council, or co-opted hereinafter provided, and serving as hereinafter provided,
- * a Convener and a Vice-Convener appointed and serving as provided for in clause 5.8 hereof,
- * 3 assessors to the University Court, elected and appointed by the General Council and serving as ex officio members of The Business Committee,
- * the Chancellor's Assessor and the Secretary of the General Council, both serving as ex officio members of The Business Committee.

Elected members of The Business Committee serve for a period of up to four years from the first day of the October immediately succeeding the date of their election. On the expiry of said period of service they shall be

eligible for re-election at the annual February meeting of the General Council immediately succeeding the expiry of their four-year period of service.

A member of The Business Committee who is appointed the Convener or the Vice-Convener of The Business Committee shall serve in that capacity for a period of four years from the date of taking up such office, notwithstanding that their period of service of four years has expired or expires during their term of convenerhip. A member of The Business Committee who is appointed Convener of a Standing Committee of the Business Committee serves in that latter capacity only until the expiry of their four-year period of service as a member of The Business Committee.

Where the number of members of The Business Committee falls short of 20 by reason of the expiry of an elected member's period of service, the vacancy or vacancies thereby created shall be filled by election by the General Council at its next annual February meeting.

Where the number of members of The Business Committee falls short of 20 by reason of the appointment of a member as Convener or Vice-Convener of The Business Committee or by reason of the death or early retirement of a member of The Business Committee, The Business Committee may co-opt to its number to fill such vacancies. A co-opted member shall serve for the unexpired period of service of the member they replace, and they shall be eligible, during their last year, for election to The Business Committee for a four-year period of service as an elected member. Co-opted members shall have the same powers to vote and rights to be nominated to office as have elected members.

Where at any time a Vice-Convener of The Business Committee is appointed as Convener of The Business Committee, he or she shall then serve in that capacity for a period of four years from the date of taking up office as Convener.

(2) Retain 5.8 as drafted, but deleting 'as thus constituted' from the first line, and inserting immediately after 'years' at the beginning of the fourth line the words 'from the date of their taking up office'.

Proposed by the Business Committee.

The Constitution text (May 2002) is available at: www.general.council.ed.ac.uk/constitution.doc. Copies of the relevant sections will be available at the meeting on 8 February, or may be obtained in advance by applying to Mrs Jean Gibson, Assistant to the Secretary of the General Council, Charles Stewart House, 9-16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT.

5. Dates of future meetings of the General Council

6. Presentation by the Principal of the Annual Report of the University

7. Any other competent business

**7.1. Student admissions policy
(Mr William R B Bowie)**

8. Adjournment

The Annex to the Billet contains supporting papers for the Agenda, including communications from the University Court, full Standing Committee reports, a transcript of the presentation, and the Business Committee's report to the meeting on 29 June 2002.

General Council members may either collect the Annex from half-an-hour before the Council meeting or request it by post from: Mrs Jean Gibson, General Council Office, Charles Stewart House, 9-16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT. Tel. 0131 650 2152; Email: General.Council@ed.ac.uk



Elizabeth Minas

Before the General Council Lunch on 29 June 2002, left to right:

Mr Peter B Freshwater (Convener of the Business Committee), Dr Ann Matheson (Secretary of the General Council), Mr Alan Johnston (Vice-Convener of the Business Committee), Professor Nigel Osborne (Dean of the Faculty of Music), who gave the after-lunch address, Mr Robin Harper (Rector), and Dr Lyn Collins (Vice-Provost, Law and Social Sciences Faculty Group).

OFFICERS

Chairman: His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT
Secretary: Ann Matheson, OBE, MA, Dip.Scottish Studies, MLitt, PhD, Hon DLitt
Registrar: Catrin Tilley, BSc, MIMgt, MICFM

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ex officio

General Council Assessors on the University Court:

Robert D D Bertram, MA(Oxon), LLB(Hons), WS, ATII
Christina M Vaughan-Griffiths, MA, DipSoc, DipMan, CIPD, FRSA
Margaret Tait, BSc

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Business Committee:

Convener: Peter B. Freshwater, MA, MCLIP, FSA Scot
Vice-Convener: Alan Johnston, MBA, CChem, FRSC, CBiol, FIBiol

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- A Convener of Academic Standing Committee:
The Rev. John W M Cameron, MA, BD
- F Convener of Standing Committee on Finance and Statistics:
David A Lamb, LLB, SSC
- P Convener of Public Affairs Standing Committee:
Ann Sutherland, MA
- C Convener of Constitutional Standing Committee:
Sheila Kirk, BA, LLB

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Members

'A' denotes a member of the Academic Standing Committee,
'C' a member of the Constitutional Standing Committee,
'F' a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Statistics, and
'P' a member of the Public Affairs Standing Committee:

Chancellor's Assessor:

The Rt Hon. Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, MA, LLB, QC, FRSE, FRIAS

ex officio

- A Norma Allan, MA
- P Jane Cheape, MA
- C Niall Martin, BSc, MSc, PhD
- P Fiona Rait, MA
- F John Mayer, BCom, Dip LP (co-opted)
- A Leon Pompa, MA History(Hons), MA Philosophy(Hons) PhD (co-opted)
- A John Manson, BSc, MS(Calif) PhD
- C Sir Kenneth Scott, KCVO, CMG, MA
- F Ian Smith, MA, DipMS, MIMIS
- P Neil Hynd, LVO, BArch (co-opted)
- A David Burton, BSc
- P Helen Campbell, MA
- F T Finlay Marshall, MA, FFA
- F Ian Miller, OBE, LLB
- A R E Asher, FRSE, DLitt, BA, PhD
- Michael Conway, MA
- C Ralph Parkinson, MA Geography (Hons)
- C Graham Rule, BA, FRAS, FRSSA, FRMetS, FSA(Scot)
- P Roger Windsor, MBE, MA, BSc, BVM&S, MRCVS

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Assistant to the Secretary: Jean Gibson



Judge David Edward CMG FRSE

**The February 2003
General Council Lunch**

Following the statutory meeting, members of the General Council, other alumni, partners, family and friends are cordially invited to the General Council Lunch on Saturday 8 February 2003 in the Playfair Library Hall, Old College. Judge David Edward CMG FRSE will give the after-lunch address.

Tickets at £13 include pre-lunch sherry and a three-course meal in the Playfair Library Hall. Table wines will be available for purchase. Tickets can be obtained from the General Council Office, The University of Edinburgh, Charles Stewart House, 9-16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT.

The February 2003 General Council Lunch

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

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Name(s) of guest(s) _____

Please return to: Mrs Jean Gibson, Assistant to the Secretary of the General Council, General Council Office, The University of Edinburgh, Charles Stewart House, 9-16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT. Website: www.general-council.ed.ac.uk

a
Meal
to remember



BY JOHN MARSHALL

Showing a leg in Vietnam



Doi moi - literally 'open door' - the economic restructuring programme in Vietnam, took me to the country as part of a group trade mission assessing potato production. But during one lunchtime in Hanoi, it was a more unusual food that was uppermost in our thoughts.

Flying into the city from the highlands, we had already encountered a variety of strange sights, including the enormous concrete chicken in the appropriately-named Chicken Village. By late afternoon, we were ready for lunch, and set off to the old quarter of the city to find somewhere to buy pho, Vietnamese noodle broth. So far in our trip, we had eaten well but simply: fish, pork, goat, vegetables and, of course, plenty of rice. We had decided against the snake, rat, dog and bear paws - but our culinary adventures were not over!

As we passed a street café, my eyes were drawn to a display of neatly-arranged Tiger beer cans in the window. As I looked closer, I saw what looked like small fists sticking out of them. This obviously required closer scrutiny, so we sat down on brightly-coloured kindergarten chairs on the pavement outside and ordered a couple of beers while we contemplated this odd

sight. Only then did I realise they were not hands, but were in fact birds' feet. The young chef was boiling up food in the cans in a huge pot of hot water on a makeshift gas ring. The meals were even coded, with a different beer for each food type - Ba Ba Ba was all vegetables, Hanoi was pork and so on.

As we sat there, an endless stream of Honda motorcycles drifted up and down the street, carrying young men, pretty girls and even whole families of up to five on one bike. These new customers would casually order the beer can delicacy, swiftly eating the contents with chopsticks. Some chose a take-away, where can and contents were wrapped in a Hanoi newspaper along with a small pack of salt and a quarter of a lime, all tied up in a plastic bag. This was our preferred option. We handed over sufficient dong in exchange and headed for a patch of grass to investigate 'oor cairry oot'. A local T-shirt seller watched with interest as we took lots of photos of our feast, but stopped short of actually eating it. We had a long night ahead on the express to Hue, and Vietnamese trains are not renowned for their facilities. So we set off, still unfed, leaving the T-shirt seller with the bird in the beer can, and us with two new T-shirts. 

John Marshall graduated BSc Agriculture in 1973