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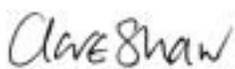
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Welcome to the new issue of *Edit*. My thanks to all of you who returned the questionnaire enclosed with the Summer 2003 issue. As you'll see, we've already implemented a number of changes, giving the magazine a fresh new look while, at the same time, keeping the features that have made *Edit* such a success over the last decade.

I hope you continue to enjoy the magazine, but please do let us know what you think of it. You can send your comments to: *Edit* Editor, Communications & Public Affairs, The University of Edinburgh, 7-11 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9BE, or email [Edit.Editor@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Edit.Editor@ed.ac.uk)



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## Alumnus of the Year



The University of Edinburgh/ The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Alumnus of the Year 2003 is Duncan MacLaren, Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis – one of the largest international aid and development agencies in the world.

Duncan MacLaren was presented with the award, at a ceremony on 3 December in McEwan Hall, by Sir George Mathewson, Chairman of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group.

Mr MacLaren studied for the MTh in Theology and Development at the University of Edinburgh in 1992, whilst serving as Executive Director of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. He was chosen as Alumnus of the Year in recognition of his contribution to the global community through exceptional service to international aid agencies.



## Chancellor presentation for award winners

The inaugural Chancellor's Awards were presented by HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh at a dinner held in the Palace of Holyroodhouse in August.

The awards recognise excellence in vital academic areas such as teaching and research and are awarded to members of staff on the basis of innovation, relevance, creativity and personal dedication. Nominations were sought from across the disciplines covered by the University, and the awards made on the recommendation of the Principal and Heads of Colleges.

The winners were Professor Ian Deary, Professor of Differential Psychology in the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, and Professor Peter Ghazal (pictured receiving his award), Professor of Molecular

Genetics and Biomedicine and Director of the Scottish Centre for Genomic Technology and Informatics.

Professor Deary's principal research interest is human cognitive abilities, especially the origins of individual differences and the effects of ageing and medical conditions. His best-known research programme studies several hundred Scottish octogenarians known as the Lothian Birth Cohort 1921.

In the wake of the completion of the Human Genome Project in 2003, Professor Ghazal's research explores the phenomenal opportunities for the medical and scientific communities to reduce human suffering by revolutionising the diagnosis of disease.

### Our times are changing

From September 2004 the University of Edinburgh's academic year will be divided across two semesters rather than the current structure, which is based on three terms.

The new structure will relieve a current problem of examinations clashing with teaching periods and

will allow courses to be offered on either a full-year or a half-year basis, creating uniformity across the University.

This structure is becoming the norm in Scotland's universities. Stirling, Strathclyde and St Andrews have long been on similar systems, while Dundee and Glasgow are also in the process of changing.

### The University of Edinburgh:

**An Illustrated History**, written by three of the University's eminent historians, is now available for purchase through the University of Edinburgh Centre (for details see page 15).

The book covers the history of the University since its origins in the late sixteenth century.

The authors of the book are:

Robert D. Anderson, Professor of Modern History; Michael Lynch; Sir William Fraser, Professor of Scottish History and Paleography, and Nicholas Philipson, Reader Modern History, University of Edinburgh.

## Smart show from Edinburgh spin-outs

University spin-out companies won 40% of the awards made to science-based start-up companies at the 2003 Smart:Scotland Awards. The nine companies were presented with their awards by Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning, Jim Wallace. The awards recognise ideas that have high potential for commercial success, and provide additional funding to help them on their way.

The awards were made to: Axiope Ltd, CriticalBlue Ltd, DEM Solutions Ltd, Ingenza Ltd, LinearB Ltd, LUX Biotechnology Ltd, Renewable Devices Ltd, Simulistics Ltd and Stem Cell Sciences (UK) Ltd. In advance of the award ceremony, presentations were given by previous award winners, including Wolfson Micro-electronics Ltd and Rhetorical Systems Ltd, from the University of Edinburgh.

Commenting on the successes, Nigel Paul, Director of Corporate Services at the University and Chairman of Edinburgh Research and Innovation, said: "These awards are a great recognition of the quality of our research at the University, and the effort and commitment of many people to look for and develop commercialisation ideas."

## Gordon Brown's hat trick



During the summer graduation ceremonies, the Right Honourable Gordon Brown returned to his alma mater to receive his third degree from the University – an Honorary Doctorate. VP Professor Michael Anderson paid tribute to Gordon Brown's academic history, his political career, and his days as a student. "In conferring an honorary degree upon Gordon Brown, the University acknowledges his intellectual stature, and celebrates the achievements of a remarkable man who is one of the leading politicians of today," Professor

Anderson said. "He is a historian who himself has made history, and has sought not only to interpret the world but also to change it."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was one of 2003's 18 honorary graduates. Also included in the list were Susan Rice, who was the first woman to head a UK clearing bank; Dr Lindiwe Mabuza, the High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to the UK; and one of the most acclaimed artists of the 20th century, musician and poet, Alan Davie.

## Bursary Awards support wider access

Recipients of this academic year's Royal Bank of Scotland Access Bursaries and their families met with representatives of the bank and the Principal at a reception in Old College, as they received their awards.

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 LEAPS Summer School, in which the University is a partner. The students, from families with no history of higher education, will receive £1,000 a year for the duration of their course.

## Books for Baghdad

Last year the University launched its Books for Baghdad appeal to collect books for the Iraqi universities whose holdings were subjected to looting and vandalism following the collapse of the Saddam regime.

The aim of the appeal, launched in partnership with the *Sunday Herald*, is to collect between 50,000 to 100,000 items in English to restock Iraqi universities' libraries. Major donations have been received from Edinburgh University Press, Taylor and Francis, Routledge Publishers, Elsevier Science Books International, St Jerome Press and Cannongate Press in Edinburgh. Sizable individual donations of books have also been made to the appeal. The British Council has undertaken to receive the books in

Baghdad and distribute them to the Iraqi universities.

The campaign team hope that some Edinburgh alumni may be able to contribute to this campaign in the following areas: medical and veterinary science; engineering; computer science; physical sciences; biological sciences; mathematics; management and business studies; social sciences; linguistics; English language and literature; Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. Non-humanities and non-social science books should be recent (post 1990) because of the rapid advances in these areas.

Individuals wishing to contribute can contact Dr Ian Revie at [ian.revie@ed.ac.uk](mailto:ian.revie@ed.ac.uk)



## New phase for University activities in America

The development of Edinburgh's network in America entered a new phase during the summer, when Principal Timothy O'Shea, accompanied by Joanna Storrar, Development Director (North America), spent a week meeting US-based alumni.

As well as providing a focus for raising the profile of the University and its fundraising campaign to American alumni, the trip also marked the formation of a new structure for the American Friends of the University of Edinburgh (AFUE).

A busy schedule included meetings with influential alumni, a meeting of the North American Development Committee, and a private viewing of the "The Legacy of Genghis Khan" exhibition at Los Angeles County Museum of Art. This was followed by a special lunch where former and current Directors of the AFUE were presented with awards to recognise the important contribution they have made to the University's alumni community in the US. The AFUE has been

reorganised to function solely as an alumni group. Fundraising will be undertaken by the University of Edinburgh USA Development Trust, an independent organisation incorporated in Virginia.

Joanna Storrar said: "There is a huge reservoir of goodwill towards the University in North America. We had a wonderful response from our alumni who are very keen to help us raise our profile and to raise funds. We look forward to working with them to develop an active and sustainable programme."

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## James Tait Black winners announced

In September the University announced the winners of the 2002 James Tait Black Award – thought to be the oldest literary award in the world. The judges awarded the fiction prize to Jonathan Franzen for his novel *The Corrections* and the biography prize to Jenny Uglow for *The Lunar Men: The Friends who made the Future*.

The James Tait Black Memorial Prizes are awarded annually for the best work of fiction and the best biography (or work of that nature) published during the previous year. Previous winners have included D.H. Lawrence, E.M. Forster, Evelyn Waugh, Iris Murdoch, William Golding, James Kelman, Doris Lessing, Graham Swift, Beryl Bainbridge and Peter Ackroyd. The 2001 winners were Sid Smith and Robert Skidelsky.



## New student accommodation will rival best in Europe



The University launched its new flagship accommodation development when Principal Professor Timothy O'Shea formally opened the building at the end of September. The multi-million pound complex, situated on the Pollock Halls residential campus, provides 526 bedrooms and is one of the largest student residences in Europe.

Each bedroom has en-suite facilities and is provided with a television set. Beds are capable of being separated into two, allowing rooms to be converted to twin beds for commercial letting. Students in Chancellor's Court are connected to the personal data and telephony service, ResNet, which enables them to contact other students in University accommodation, free of charge.

The five entrances to the complex are protected by swipe card locks and monitored by closed circuit television linked to a central monitoring station. The incorporated café bar, Absorb, is open to all residents, guests and staff on the site.

Director of Corporate Services Nigel Paul said: "The University of Edinburgh has always been in the forefront of providing good quality accommodation for its students. Scotland's first hall of residence was created in 1887 when Patrick Geddes founded University Hall in Mound Place, which later became part of the Mylne's Court complex. Now, in 2003, we have Chancellor's Court, a prestigious development designed to meet the University's needs for both student and commercial business."

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## Boat Race Battle

The 2003 Edinburgh-Glasgow Universities Boat Race, which took place in May on the River Clyde at Glasgow Green, saw victory for the Edinburgh teams in four out of a total of seven races.

Edinburgh won a closely fought Women's Race, although the Glasgow men's first eight took first place in the flagship race.

The event was again sponsored by Walter Scott & Partners. The 2004 Boat Race will take place on Saturday 15 May.

## Strong case for forensic links



A collaborative initiative has been set up between the Universities of Edinburgh and Florida enabling students to benefit from an e-learning programme in forensic science and medicine.

The course will enable forensic experts to share knowledge and research and build up key skills for use in crime detection, investigation, prosecution and prevention.

Forensics is big business on both sides of the Atlantic, employing several thousand scientists, plus many more in related disciplines who require an understanding of forensic medicine and science for their work.

The University of Edinburgh is internationally recognised as one of the leading centres for forensic medicine. It brings its extensive pathology expertise, based on professional practice and academic excellence, to this joint programme. Police officers, lawyers, prosecutors and others will all

be able to participate in the programme and benefit from the specialist skills of both institutions.

Both Universities hope that if the initial collaboration on the Masters course is successful, it could lead to new and exciting opportunities in the provision of forensic science and medicine education and training.

Professor of Pathology David Harrison, from the School of Molecular and Clinical Medicine, welcomed the link with the University of Florida, saying: "This is an exciting development as the Forensic Medicine Section at Edinburgh approaches its 200th anniversary."

Photo: Sherlock Holmes casts an eye over Dr William Riffee, Associate Provost, Distance Continuing and Executive Education Dean, College of Pharmacy at the University of Florida (left), Principal O'Shea, and Professor Ian Tebbett, of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy (right).

## Gift encourages creative coffee drinking

An appreciation of the role of the humble cup of coffee as a catalyst for pushing forward the frontiers of medical science has led one Edinburgh graduate to make a substantial donation to the University. And the purpose of the donation is to make sure that coffee drinking is positively encouraged at the new Research Institute for Medical Cell Biology.

Gina Fyffe, who graduated from the University in 1979 with a BSc (Hons) in Physiology, recently gifted £100,000 to the Institute, for an informal meeting area where scientists from three areas of research within the building can talk and exchange ideas. The Institute, scheduled for completion in 2005, will bring together three work-related centres under one roof: the Centres for Reproductive Biology; Inflammation Research; and Cardiovascular Science.

Mrs Fyffe said: "Communication between disciplines is so important and so difficult to achieve. Perhaps by providing a desirable environment, people will want to go there and will mix, and who knows what ideas will be sparked over a decent cup of coffee? Meetings are often so formal and people communicate ideas better in a relaxed environment."



Left to right: Professor Malcolm Atkinson, Director, National e-Science Centre; Lisa Pavey, Director of Networking Technology & SunLabs Europe, Sun Microsystems; HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor.

## Informatics Campaign launched in style

A high-profile event at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, hosted by the Chancellor, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, marked the latest stage in the development of The Edinburgh Campaign, the University's major fundraising initiative.

The Campaign is promoting specific fundraising initiatives throughout the University with a view to enlisting the support of businesses, funding organisations and individuals – many of them alumni of the University. Money raised will go to key projects aimed at ensuring that the University is at the cutting edge of research and education well into the 21st century (see page 12).

Edinburgh's School of Informatics is considered the best in Europe and is aiming to consolidate its position with a £40m custom-built centre which will bring together

researchers, students and industry under one roof. It is predicted that the centre will create thousands of jobs in the future.

A number of major IT and finance companies attended the launch of the project, including Samsung Electronics; Sony Business Europe; Hewlett-Packard; Toshiba Information Systems (UK) Ltd; IBM; Sun Microsystems; Intel Corporation (UK) Ltd, Wolfson Microelectronics, Microsoft Research UK, Perot Systems, and Citigroup Corporate and Investment Bank.

Speaking to assembled guests, the Principal, Professor Timothy O'Shea, said: "The combination of scientific, academic and economic progress promised by this project makes it a very exciting prospect for The University of Edinburgh. This is the first in a new generation of facilities, where industry and academia are brought together under one roof to deliver economic and scientific benefit."



# PRECIOUS TIME

CREATOR OF THE  
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AGENCY, PROFESSOR  
ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH,  
TAKES TIME OUT TO TELL  
JENNIFER TRUELAND ABOUT  
HIS WORK.

## If Edinburgh had a competition for a literary corner, Alexander McCall Smith's address would certainly be a contender.

Situated where the leafier part of Polwarth melts into Merchiston to the south west of the city centre, it's home to more than one illustrious author.

Asked if he lives near Harry Potter creator JK Rowling, McCall Smith says matter-of-factly: "She lives round the corner. I sometimes see her walking along the road to collect her daughter from school.

"And that's Ian Rankin's house over there," he adds, gesticulating out of the window to the home of the author of the Rebus novels – who is also a University of Edinburgh alumnus.

McCall Smith himself has been best known around the University as professor of medical law. He also holds a number of influential positions on UK organisations, including the vice chairmanship of the Human Genetics Commission. But he is increasingly garnering fame of a more international nature as a writer.

His series about the No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency, based in Botswana, has sold millions of copies and won him fan letters from across the world – including America's First Lady, Laura Bush.

The books are about Precious Ramotswe, a Botswana woman (although she'd probably prefer to be called "lady") who decides to set up as a detective after the death of her father. In the first five novels, Mma Ramotswe's agency deals with anything from unfaithful husbands and wives to finding out which finalist in a beauty pageant has a moral character and deserves to win.

All the cases are solved using a judicious mix of common sense, intuition and an innate feeling for what is morally right, washed down by copious cups of bush tea. So you can't help feeling that an academic career grappling with questions of right and wrong must have been a good preparation. "I suppose there's quite a lot about responsibility in human action," he muses. "Some of these issues come out."

McCall Smith first met the inspiration for Mma Ramotswe in 1980 when he had been seconded by the University of Edinburgh to teach in Swaziland. Staying with some friends in Botswana, he saw "a large woman in a red dress, chasing and killing a chicken". The idea came to him that he'd like to write something about a cheerful Botswana woman, but it wasn't until 1997 when he actually got down to it, writing a three-page short story. When on holiday in France, he turned it into a novel, which was published by Polygon.

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“ I saw a large woman in a red dress, chasing and killing a chicken ”

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Although the book was well-received, it took time for his work to become as hugely popular as it is today – he’s rarely off the bestseller lists. But it was in America that they really made a breakthrough. “It’s been organic, they call it a publishing phenomenon,” says McCall Smith, explaining that Random House, a major publisher, is now on board. “It’s been quite unsettling. I have found that I’ve been catapulted into prominence. I get some very fancy invitations, particularly in the US. I go to a lot of events. It’s remarkable seeing places and meeting people.”

Perhaps the reason Americans love the books so much is their straightforward morality, which seems to hark back to a simpler time. McCall Smith believes it’s easier to set Mma Ramotswe’s conundrums in Africa because morality is more vivid there. “Moral problems are more straightforward in Africa. If people have very little, then the moral issues can be very clear. There’s a moral and spiritual direction. But in our society, the moral waters are much more muddied.”

He hopes people take two main messages from his books: that there’s a lot of good in Africa, which is rarely reported, and that fiction doesn’t have to focus on the pathological. He certainly doesn’t practise what he calls “Scottish miserablism”.

But having said that, his novels have a rather individual take on what is just and what is moral. Mma Ramotswe rarely seems surprised at what humans get up to and she doesn’t rush to judge. She also has a strong sense of rightful retribution. For example, one man, who has since grown rich, stole a radio in his youth. Mma Ramotswe comes up with a fitting response – he has to make it up to the victim of his theft, including giving money for a child with Aids.

So is this McCall Smith himself talking? “The author doesn’t stand in a position of total neutrality to his or her characters,” he says carefully.

So we’ll take that as a “yes”, then. Although it’s difficult to equate the tall, white, very British-looking, highly educated, male McCall Smith with Mma Ramotswe, who is female, black, has no further education and is, as he charmingly puts it, “traditionally built”. “Yes, I think Mma Ramotswe came up with that term,” he smiles. “I get ladies who are traditionally built themselves coming up and thanking me for it.”

Hardly surprisingly given the demands on his time, from this academic year, McCall Smith has cut his hours at the University and is now part-time. A quick glance at his diary, which includes numerous overseas trips as well as book readings and lectures in this country, makes one wonder how he can keep it up.

“I enjoy my work at the University, working with the students and my colleagues,” he says, “but I have got one foot in another world. Being part-time means that I can divide my time – and it gives me the opportunity to help the University when I am in that other world.”

Do his students read his novels? “Yes, a few of them have spoken to me about them,” he says.

McCall Smith has actually written more than 50 books, including specialist tomes such as *Forensic Aspects of Sleep*, children’s novels and a new series of “entertainments” about a Professor Dr von Igelfeld. Next year we can also expect to see the first in a new series, based in Edinburgh and about a Sunday philosophy club. The heroine will be one Isabel Dalhousie – perhaps a Scottish Mma Romotswe?

But fans of the Botswana books will be delighted to hear that the sixth in the No.1 Ladies’ Detective Agency series, called *The Night-time Dancer*, will also be out next year. McCall Smith is happy to give a few hints about what’s to come. “Something nice is going to happen for Mma

Makutsi,” he says, referring to Mma Ramotswe’s assistant, who, despite scoring 97% in her examinations at Botswana Secretarial College, found all the jobs went to the pretty girls.

“She’s had quite a hard life,” says McCall Smith. “But she goes to a dance class and meets someone... and it turns out he has a lot of cattle (which is Botswana shorthand for being well off).” He practically chortles at the thought of making something good happen to a character of whom he obviously feels fond.

But then, he seems to like most of his creations and to adore Botswana, where his work has been very well-received. “I feel really privileged to write about these people. I’m proud and I’m humbled by it. It sounds corny, but it’s true.”

So what would Mma Ramotswe say about his current hectic life? “She’d say ‘you’re chasing shadows, sit under a tree for a bit,’” he says. And drink some bush tea? “Almost certainly.”

Alexander McCall Smith will be the after-lunch speaker at the General Council Lunch on Saturday 14 February – see page 40 for more details.

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

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# Enlightenment in the digital age

by John Lloyd

We cannot use the word enlightenment too easily. The Scottish enlightenment was an extraordinary phenomenon, whose scope surpasses most Scots' too modest understanding of it. Its most recent historian, the US scholar Arthur Herman, wrote of it (*The Scottish Enlightenment*, 2002)

that 'before the 18th century was over, Scotland would generate the basic institutions, ideas, attitudes and habits of mind that characterise the modern age. Scotland and the Scots would...open a new era in human history'. Not many (Scots) people know that.



Herman believes that the Scots enlightenment thinkers, who included philosophers, economists, lawyers, divines, medical scholars, chemists and geologists, taught the world to think both socially and historically in ways it had not before. For the half century between about 1740 and 1790, Edinburgh really was the heart of Christendom's intellectual life: it is obvious why the University is now seeking to re-invoke it with pride, and to yoke its achievements to its own search for pre-eminence in the field of Informatics.

But here comes the caution against too great ease of association – a necessary caution, if the University is to get the most out of the parallel. The 18th century enlightenment was a vast and broad intellectual exploration, both into existing knowledge and into unknown speculative territory. It was a series of descriptions of society and economy which were

revolutionary because they gave theoretical shape and practical guidance to new movements – as, above all, in Adam Smith's early description and endorsement of capitalism in *the Wealth of Nations*.

The University's search for enlightenment in the linked fields of computer science which make up Informatics is different – the largely enclosed societies of the 18th century are, in the 21st, linked together in a global web. Knowledge has increased exponentially. Specialisation is all. But we can understand the present a little better if we measure it against the past, so long as we respect the large differences while doing so.

One common feature is an appetite for crossing boundaries, and for bringing into the study not just the computational sciences, but disciplines as distinct as engineering and physics, medicine

and the humanities – especially philosophy and linguistics. The University's ambition to house the Informatics' disciplines in one large building in the heart of its campus is a recognition that proximity helps synergy and cross-fertilisation – just as the relatively restricted society of Edinburgh's professional and intellectual community in the 18th century allowed its leading lights to argue and stimulate each other across boundaries which would have remained otherwise impermeable.

Another is openness. The Scots enlightenment sprang from a deeply religious society – one which could be, and remained for many decades, intolerant and bigoted by modern lights. But of its time, it was sometimes shockingly experimental: Presbyterianism, though punitive, also had the seeds of a radical democracy embedded within it because of its suspicion of earthly monarchs. The recent union



**14** with England had spurred the Scots to match the industry and wealth of its neighbour-cum-partner: the relatively huge English economy provided new fields for Scots talents, and the talented Scots who stayed attracted the attention and the participation of large parts of educated Europe.

Informatics is one way of describing the human mind and discovering how it works. The science of artificial intelligence, in which Edinburgh was a world pioneer and remains the European and a world leader, was an attempt to develop ever more intelligent machines, which would then take over more and more of the tasks which required human labour, and which gave to humans a range of new devices and possibilities. These include 'intelligent' homes in which appliances would respond to spoken commands, or to intelligent deduction of needs or dangers. A few of these have been realised: more remain possibilities.

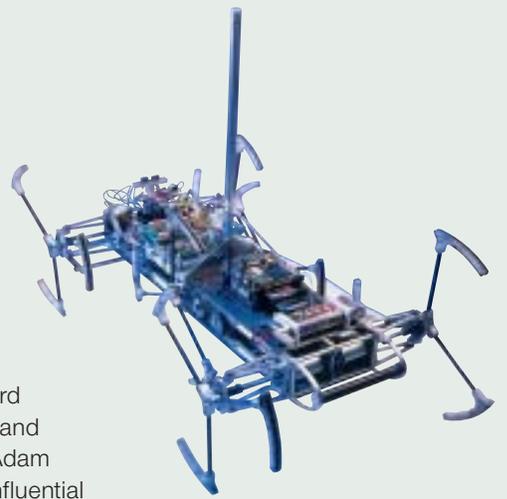
Edinburgh will remain at the cutting edge of these sciences and applications only if it embeds itself in networks of knowledge and development. If the 18th century enlightenment was an example of an intelligentsia that could revolutionise the way in which people thought about the world, the economy and even themselves because they could comprehend almost all of human science, the 21st century search for intelligence in machines works in a corner of human intellectual endeavour. But work in this corner can spread its practical outcomes through disciplines and branches of industry and creative work which presently know nothing of Informatics. Just as the work of David Hume and Adam Smith,

Frances Hutcheson and Lord Kames, William Robertson and William Patterson, Robert Adam and Adam Ferguson was influential because it gave new ways of understanding trends and movements and events yet to happen, so Informatics aspires to revolutionise the way in which both knowledge is gathered and understood, and in which machines and appliances work and communicate.

The most evident common denominator is practicality. Smith, when he proposed the division of labour, was perfectly aware that the nail-making factory which he used as an example of efficiency (where every worker performed a limited, endlessly repeatable task) would bring a different kind of monotony and drudgery to that which already existed: but he, and Hume and others, believed the rational ordering of societies was worth the loss. They thought – and they were right – that these principles when turned into applications would benefit a larger number of people than the few who had access to wealth and comfort.

Talk to the practitioners in the sciences which make up Informatics, and you will find men and women who understand the suspicion, sometimes amounting to fear, which surrounds their work – the potential which many laypeople see for their work to bring forth monsters from Frankensteinian fantasies.

A computer has beaten the word chess grandmaster (Gary Kasparov): though chess is one of the easiest of mind games to teach a computer to play, the fact that a machine can match the brilliance and unpredictability of one of the game's kings sends a premonitory shiver down the spines.



But the applications are not the stuff of fantasies. In medicine; in food production; in environmental control; in education; in transport – the gains for a world facing the problems of a larger population than it can presently sustain outweigh the nebulous nightmares of popular science fiction. Adam Ferguson, in his *Essay on the History of Civil Society*, wrote that 'the boasted refinements... of the polished age are not divested of danger'. No more are the refinements, or new applications, of the information age: but we have even less choice in developing what the human mind can envisage than did the mid-18th century illuminati.

The enlightenment to which Edinburgh's science can contribute can bring as much relief to human suffering as did its greater forebear. If neither can be divested of dangers, these dangers speak to the use of a human, rather than an artificial, attribute – that of conscience, in making not cowards of us all but kin of mankind. To serve that – another insight of the Edinburgh intellectual revolution – would be worth all the effort, and more, which the University is now devoting to its new ventures.

John Lloyd is currently editor of *The Financial Times Magazine*. He graduated in 1967 from the University of Edinburgh with a degree in English Literature.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The University of Edinburgh's Annual Report for the year August 2002 to July 2003 is now available. In it you will find a full report of the highlights of last year including the University's successes in research and commercialisation, fundraising, financial information and lots of useful facts.

The report can either be read on line at [www.ed.ac.uk/annualreport/](http://www.ed.ac.uk/annualreport/) or you can request a printed copy from **Communications and Public Affairs** 0131 650 2252/2250



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

**Open:** Tues – Sat, 10am-5pm

### Admission Free

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

## THE GEORGIAN GALLERY

### Permanent Collection

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

**Admission Free**



## JANICE McNAB 17 January – 21 February

The work of Janice McNab shows isolation and stillness. People, objects and interiors are transformed in her paintings through cropping and abstraction, forcing the viewer to consider narrative and meaning. Her subject matter has varied from an almost politically driven study of individuals who have suffered from chemical sensitivity to discarded objects related to the leisure industry, empty television sets and broken props. The exhibition will show a new series of work by McNab and make reference to her contextual research.

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## LOUISE HOPKINS 17 January – 21 February

The work of Louise Hopkins is a challenge to our normal understanding of painting. Using everyday printed surfaces she strives to contradict and confuse our reading of imagery with over painting and concealment, fixing and replacing cognition of maps, floral print, news paper text and sheet music.

Her work has subtle beauty and mystery as the viewer contemplates her intricate painted and drawn lines revealing and hiding their image.

## MERLIN JAMES: Easel Paintings 6 March – 8 April

The works in the exhibition are in the tradition of western easel painting. Beginning to map out the perimeters of the artist's practice, the paintings are diverse and unpredictable – varying in degrees of abstraction and representation, apparently resistant to stylistic coherence – yet concerned precisely with what it is that unifies them as the artist's own. Merlin James was born in Cardiff in 1960. He has exhibited widely in recent years, including solo exhibitions in New York and Bergamo. The present semi-retrospective survey, however, of paintings and works on paper, is his first public-venue show of such scope.

round room

## ELLEN MUNRO 6 March – 8 April

Working with a wide variety of materials including fabric, threads, paint and light the artist will create a new intervention for the round room. Ellen Munro is currently completing her Master Degree at Edinburgh College of Art.

## TREASURES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH'S FINE ART COLLECTION

24 April – 29 May

Hope Montagu Douglas Scott was a member of the Younger family of Scottish brewers and wife of the grandson of the 5th Duke of Buccleuch. Her art collection was bequeathed to the University of Edinburgh in 1988 and falls into three groups: works by notable international artists Picasso, Bonnard, Max Ernst, Van Dongen and Utrillo. 20th century Scottish painting including work by Gillies and Davie. The later part of the collection consists of a large group of works by William Johnstone, the innovative Scottish abstract painter.

## VIRTUAL OBJECT LESSONS

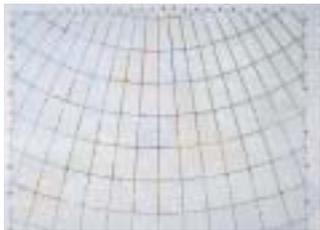
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Take a virtual tour of the exhibition which was recently shown at the Talbot Rice Gallery in 2003.

View high quality images and find out more about the University's rich and diverse collections. Don't miss Robert Barker's Panorama of Edinburgh, a phial of Alexander Fleming's penicillin, the only authentic painted portrait of John Knox and Charles Darwin's class card.



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- 1 Tank 1, river, 2003  
**JANICE McNAB**
- 2 Partly erased map, 2003  
**LOUISE HOPKINS**
- 3 For Thomas Jones, 2003  
**MERLIN JAMES**
- 4 No-eye-deer, 2003  
**ELLEN MUNRO**
- 5 Georgian Gallery
- 6 Object Lessons





# Lessons from the American intelligence community

THE HUTTON ENQUIRY REVEALS THAT THE BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM IS IN SOME DISARRAY. MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT FEAR OF IRAQ'S WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WAS THE PRIME CAUSE OF OUR RECENT WAR AGAINST THAT NATION, AND THE DISCOVERY THAT MI6 WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS THAT "OVER-EGGED" OR "SEXED-UP" THE EVIDENCE ON THE MATTER HAS BEEN A SHOCK.

How did the over-egging and sexing-up come about? Does it mean that the British intelligence service is no longer able – or inclined – to tell the unvarnished truth when the chips are down? Have we lost one of our unique, prized assets?

Lessons from America are sometimes advanced in facile or opportunistic ways, but it is just possible that we can learn something from the sad tendency of American intelligence to succumb to the wiles of the confidence man.

The CIA has long been indebted to the confidence man. In his different guises, the intelligence confidence man has publicised and sometimes conjured up one scare after another in order to boost spending on the CIA, FBI and the "community" of sister agencies. In 2001, even before September 11, America spent five

times as much on intelligence as the whole of Europe combined, and more on intelligence than Russia spent on its entire military. Since the attack, the intelligence budget has undergone a further 15 per cent increase. The efficacy of all this spending is open to question. It could be argued that the assurance of escalating financial support has made the CIA and the rest of the intelligence community intellectually soft and institutionally flaccid.

The confidence man's tools of trade – hyperbole, exaggeration, public relations, propaganda, deception – have been in evidence in US intelligence history over the past 150 years. Yet, as Lincoln observed, "you can not fool all of the people all of the time."

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Certainly, it was a mistake to try to fool Lincoln. He dismissed the Gorbals-born Allan Pinkerton from his intelligence service for exaggerating Confederate strength. Eighty years later, British Director of Naval Intelligence Rear Admiral John Godfrey noted that, in all branches of US intelligence, there was a “predilection for sensationalism.” Such evidence is testimony not just to healthy skepticism, but also to the enduring nature of the observed phenomenon, intelligence hyperbole.

The wiles of the confidence man have left a deep imprint on US intelligence history. His success stems in good measure from a cultural tradition. In 1857, Hermann Melville popularised the concept in his novel *The Confidence-Man*, a satire on social mores in the era in which Pinkerton achieved fame as a private detective. Some of Melville’s observations could have served as a primer for the 1950s CIA. For example, the CIA’s Big Lie technique relies on the principle behind Melville’s fictional “World’s Charity” scam – if you are going to tell a lie, tell the truth most of the time, and then make it a big one.

The collapse of Communism in eastern Europe was at first a boost to the CIA. “Victory” mania took hold in America, with the CIA praised for having helped to overcome the Soviet Union. More plausibly, one could argue that the CIA’s “Health Alteration Bureau” and other “dirty tricks” were a godsend to Soviet propaganda and prolonged Communism’s miserable lifespan. But the problem for the CIA was not skepticism about its former mission but the very fact that it was believed – for, if it had accomplished its goal, it now seemed sensible to disband it. One factor in the survival of the CIA and in its ultimate return to

expansionism was the support of President Bill Clinton. Clinton had an underlying respect for the CIA that stretched back to the 1960s. For in 1969 the future president, then a Rhodes scholar in Oxford, had appealed to the CIA to help him avoid military service and possible exposure to combat in Vietnam. The request suggests that Clinton was already sold on the agency.

The outcome of the post-Cold War intelligence debate may to a certain extent be summed up as the reward of failure. For example, in January 2000, the National Security Agency’s computers crashed and America had to rely on GCHQ for 72 hours. NSA chief Michael V. Hayden said more money would fix the problem. Elaborating, he said a lot more money. His campaign and those of other expansionists paid off. Although the *Washington Post* in May 2000 reported that the once-again-secret intelligence budget had increased for the fifth year in a row, both the House and the Senate intelligence committees concluded that intelligence was underfunded. The Senate committee said its “number one priority was the recapitalisation of the National Security Agency.”

Currently, the intelligence community faces a “political correctness challenge.” This dates back to 1991, when a CIA “Glass Ceiling Study” found that 45 per cent of the CIA’s female personnel complained of sexual harassment, and of being denied promotions. In 1995, CIA director John M. Deutch promised to “make the glass ceiling the glass floor”. Meantime, the CIA was showing increasing sensitivity to racial issues, and a more open attitude to gays. All this seemed to be cast

to the wind, however, in the Wen Ho Lee case, in which, as the result of “racial profiling,” an American scientist of Chinese extraction was falsely accused of betraying the technology of US mini-atom bombs to Beijing.

If such racial prejudice prevailed, what were the hopes for international intelligence co-operation? President Clinton, at least, showed some commitment to this principle. He issued a directive promising that the United States would “share information, as appropriate, while ensuring full protection of sources and methods.” United Nations peacekeeping forces benefited from this. There were, however, obstacles to the UN’s fulfilment of its potential. One was the abiding belief, within the UN, that spying is a dirty business and that it should not be allowed to contaminate the noble UN dream. There was also strong domestic US opposition to the idea of a UN intelligence service.

9/11 stimulated spooky greed and provoked a renewed debate on racial matters. Expansionists in the White House and in Congress blamed the intelligence lapse on a shortage of money, thus complementing the work of boosters within the intelligence community. Others had different thoughts. National security adviser Condoleezza Rice thought a crucial FBI memo warning about Al Qaeda plans has been missed because there was “a lot of chatter in the system”. This is reminiscent of historian Roberta Wohstetter’s classic interpretation of what went wrong at Pearl Harbor: In the parlance of SIGINT, or Signals Intelligence, intelligence had failed to distinguish the vital

signals from the noise of millions of daily electronic communications. Or in the today's parlance, US intelligence had plenty of data, but "had not connected the dots".

Socially conservative critics saw another failing in the system, political correctness. They argued that over-sensitive attitudes had prevented officials from narrowing their lists of terrorists to focus on young Arab men. But then, there was the contrasting charge that US intelligence was too insular to learn about foreign languages and cultures. Notoriously, when the CIA tried to take a leading role in the effort to root out the Al Qaeda network in Afghanistan and to arrest or kill bin Laden, it turned out that the agency had no capability in Pashto or other local languages – in spite of having helped train local, Al Qaeda-sustaining Taliban fighters in the 1980s.

To lay the surprise assault at the door of the CIA and the rest of the intelligence community is, however, problematic. The episode was an attack waiting to happen. No amount of moralising about extremists can undermine the fact that widespread terrorism reflects a deep-seated sense of injustice – the IRA, Irgun, the Mau-Mau and Hamas never operated in a vacuum.

Intelligence agencies cannot, as a general rule, predict where and when the river will burst its banks. Like generals who are good at fighting the last war, they can devise systems to cope with the last surprise attack. But surprise attack is deliberately non-systemic. Pearl Harbor and 9/11 will never be repeated. The next nasty surprise may have nothing to do with Al Qaeda. It does not take a pessimist to conjure up alternative scenarios, now that eight powers can wage nuclear war and others are lining up to emulate them.

The challenge to the American intelligence community must be understood in a context of expectations. Like the police, who can solve only a minority of crimes yet still provide a comforting illusion of protection and security, intelligence agencies largely have a psychological role to play. To shower the CIA or the new Department of Homeland Security with tax-payers' money is to drop pennies into the wishing well – it may make you feel better, but only if you are superstitious. Money cannot buy that quality now urgently needed by American intelligence, cosmopolitanism.

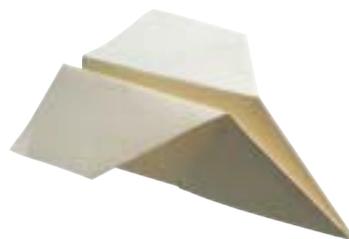
How many of these pitfalls has British intelligence avoided? In the light of American experience, here are some questions that invite discussion. Is our intelligence community in the hunt for new jobs now that the Cold War is over? If so, is that compatible with telling the truth to the politicians who "task" it, or will job-creation lead to threat-creation? Is it reassuring or otherwise that our spooks are now PR-minded? Will HM Government reward intelligence failure and solicit what the Americans call "intelligence to please"? How appropriate to our security needs are the current ratios of black, brown and yellow personnel in the intelligence agencies?

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The revised, paperback edition of his 2002 book *Cloak and Dollar: A History of American Secret Intelligence* (Yale University Press) is out in the UK now.



# letters



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## the edit prize letter

### choosing the right target...

Ruth Wishart (*Edit*, volume 3, issue 2) is wrong to consider Euan Blair to be educationally privileged because he was “one of the 39%” who went to Bristol University from “the non-state sector”. He attended the London Oratory School, which is a state school in the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. The Blairs’ home is in a different London borough, so their postcode had nothing to do with where Euan went to school. If Ms Wishart is attacking privilege, then she must choose the right target. There are many parents who do not get their offspring into the schools of their choice in their home borough or in the catchment area where they live, so how did the Blairs manage to get both Euan and his sister into prestigious state schools in a neighbouring borough?

**Eric Brown (1961-65)**  
Lincolnshire

*The Editor would like to highlight a correction to Ruth Wishart’s article which stated “Glasgow University actually has more students from down south than does Edinburgh”. This is not the case and we would like to apologise for this error.*

### a question of identity

I related to Catherine Laughlin’s letter (*Edit*, volume 3, issue 2). At least more people know where Scotland is compared to Wales; I’m Welsh-born British and Australian by choice.

British Australians refer to England when they mean Britain and may be confused that Wales is a separate country. European, Asian, American and African Australians also don’t know where Wales is. In addition, I’ve heard English people referring to Welsh towns as being part of England! Few know the difference between Britain, United Kingdom or the British Isles.

I’m becoming less comfortable about the modern (Australian) use of the terms like ‘ethnic’ and ‘culture’, because apparently I don’t have any of these!

**Sarah Berry, by email**

### where is scotland?

Catherine Laughlin’s letter, A question of identity, brought a wry smile to my lips. Delving into my memories of 40 or more years ago, I remember the German girl who told me that she thought the nicest part of England was Scotland. Another, this time elderly, German, when I remarked to him that I came from Scotland, said: “You fought on our side in the war, didn’t you?” It turned out that he had confused Scotland with Finland. Well, he got the latitude about right.

It works both ways. Here in the Netherlands, there are quite a few people with Scots names, like Stuart or McGillivray and others, sometimes with archaic spellings. I was introduced once to a lady called McGillivray and so I said: “Ah, you are Scots.” It turned out that her ancestor had come over here in the 16th century, as near as she could make out.

**JP Ward, the Netherlands**

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### looking deeper

I thought I would drop a quick note to say I entirely approve of the recently announced changes to admissions policy. I don't know if you are getting any adverse reactions, but as a graduate of the University, I am extremely pleased to see that you will look deeper than just exam grades when selecting future students. Relatively modest grades achieved by students who have not had an expensive and intensive education may indicate greater talent than straight A grades from someone who has had these benefits.

My recollection of the students I met was that very often the most dedicated were those who had come in the 'hard way', especially as mature students. They may not have had top grades but they benefitted a great deal from their time at Edinburgh, and enriched the University by their presence and experience as well.

Please don't be talked out of this move by people or groups with vested interests.

**Archie Flockhart, by email**

### an encouraging liaison

As one Editor to the other, I send congratulations on your appointment to *Edit*. Your questionnaire is an exciting venture which should enable you to initiate new ideas in response to reader demand. Wearing my graduate's hat I will complete my own copy.

I note that you publish twice a year. Perhaps readers would be interested to note that our Association publish the *Edinburgh University Journal* twice yearly. We actively encourage liaison between *Edit* and the Association.

**Valerie D Robertson BEd MEd**  
Editor, EU Journal

### consider the practicalities

We both did BSc Hons at Edinburgh and have always been proud of the University's high standards. It was especially precious to me to go there coming from Zimbabwe.

I am (still) a Science teacher and Head of Biology at a comprehensive school and my husband is a farmer. Like many of our Edinburgh friends, we have worked hard to send our children to independent school to give them the best chance of getting the exam results they need to get to Edinburgh and other leading universities. We are the alumni the University is asking to donate funds and we are shocked and insulted by this policy which is discriminatory against our children. Do you not want them because their parents are graduates?

Please consider the practicalities of the policy to real people, and what is said in Ruth Wishart's article, which looks superficially so politically correct.

I have taken down the posters advertising Edinburgh always displayed round my laboratory and will not promote it again to my A level students until I have an assurance that Edinburgh welcomes applications from all students whatever their background.

**Mrs Lucy Lloyd**

### it's all in the delivery

Dr Sandeman's letter (*Edit*, volume 3, issue 2) brought back memories. I too was in the Usher Hall when Alistair Sim charmed and cheerfully controlled us all. If I remember correctly his topic was 'Words'. The written text didn't amount to much but his delivery and personality made it seem as if his message was profound.

**RM Strang, BSc [For.]1950, PhD [London]1965.**

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## 24 Clubs and Reunions

### Edinburgh at the heart of Europe

Edinburgh University Brussels Society launches with a bang



Smiles all round for the launch of EUBS: including Gabriel Goldberg (far left), Donald MacInnes (third from the left), Gavin Hewitt (third from the right) and Simon Zekaria (second from the right)

The University of Edinburgh and Brussels appear from many perspectives to be a match made in heaven. A renowned university with worldwide reputation for excellence, and a broad expatriate community in a city driving change at the heart of Europe.

On 26th June 2003, the two came together in one place and one time.

After months of fact-finding and correspondence, Edinburgh alumni Gabriel Goldberg and Simon Zekaria co-organised, under the patronage of Scotland Europa, the launch of Edinburgh University Brussels Society (EUBS) at Scotland House in Brussels. The event was a great success, with over 80 graduates of all ages and backgrounds, from sectors including industry, journalism, consultancy, government and law, coming from far and wide all over Belgium to share drinks and memories of the Scottish capital.

Donald MacInnes, Chief Executive of Scotland Europa, and British

Ambassador to Belgium, Gavin Hewitt, gave warm speeches (liberally garnished with true Scottish humour) at the reception, before the evening was rounded off with a vigorous cellidh – hastily choreographed to (near) perfection after two days rehearsals!

EUBS is a society hoping to tap into the considerable links of Brussels, as political capital of the EU, to connect the University to the city and to Europe. It is a non-political, open-forum society based on the sharing of ideas and the liberal learning for which the University is famous. Through partnership with other Scottish associations, Goldberg and Zekaria – joined by alumna Claire Schonbach – hope to organise events, public debates and lectures to promote the University's position and Scotland's place in Europe. Not forgetting of course the many social meetings, where the alumni can be found in the many fine watering-holes of the city!

"We wanted to recreate the fantastic spirit we were fortunate to experience," said Zekaria at the launch. Goldberg also added that it is a society aiming for an active membership. "Everybody who wants to actively contribute to EUBS development will be able to participate and help the society at some level," he said.

It is fortunate that the launch of the society coincides with one of the most influential and dynamic periods in Scottish political history. Devolution and the creation of the new, avant-garde Scottish Parliament at Holyrood is bringing Scotland into a new and brave political reality – and it is a reality shaping the nation's place in Europe.

Watch out for EUBS events – and if Edinburgh alumni ever find themselves in the Belgian capital, be sure to check us out and share a couple of the nation's famous beers with us..!

**Simon Zekaria, MA 2001**

**Organising a Reunion – a brief guide**

**Get Started** Team up with a few fellow graduates to spread the workload.

**Choose a Date, Time & Venue** Think carefully about the date, as it will influence the type of venues available; also, you may have to take such things as school holidays into consideration.

Edinburgh? London? Paris? Town or country? University facilities or someone's home? Weekend or midweek? Evening, all day or full weekend? The possibilities are endless and limited only by your budget and your ambition.

**Put Together a Programme** Consider ideas such as a meal and a chat; a tour of "old haunts" (academic and not-so-academic!); formal tours of the University and the city of Edinburgh; a sports event; visits to places of interest; seminars; invited speakers; an archive exhibition; a separate programme for spouses or partners.

**Decide Who To Invite** Your class, fellow graduates from a particular year, fellow members of a sports club or society, fellow residents in a student house.

**Set Your Budget** Calculate the ticket price per head. More and more reunion groups are choosing to think imaginatively about how they can support the University through their get-together.

**Make Contact With Your Reunion Group** Development & Alumni can help with this and, if you wish, we will undertake the initial mailing for you.

More details of the services we provide can be found in our free booklet *Guidelines on Organising a Reunion*. Why not request a copy today? See page 27 for contact details.

## Reunions in 2004

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**5th July 2004, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh**

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**1954 MB ChB**

**28th-29th May 2004, Royal Colleges of Physicians & Surgeons, Edinburgh**

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**1956 Classics**

**5th July 2004, Old College, Edinburgh**

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**September/October 2004, venue tbc**

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**August 2004, actual date TBC, Venue TBC**

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**May 2004 (actual date TBC), Venue:**

**Central Edinburgh - drinks & dinner**

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**Edinburgh Graduate Theatre Group**

**29th-30th May 2004, Edinburgh**

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**Date & Venue TBC**

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### Children's Holiday Venture

In order to celebrate 40 years of CHV, past members were this year invited to join the current students at their Annual Ball. Two tables of alumni attended and were made to feel very welcome. We were greatly impressed by the organisation, the dedication and, above all, the professionalism of today's society members, but we were totally unprepared for the amount of interest expressed in learning about the society's history. There gradually dawned the slightly uncomfortable realisation that we were the history! Following the ball, a small local group has completed

a short history of the early years and is looking at ways of expanding this and of supporting the present group. We are also exploring alumni website possibilities.

If you have received a CHV questionnaire, please return it! If you were a member of CHV and would like to be in touch, please contact May Cruickshank (née Meiklejohn), 20 Alnwickhill Gardens, Edinburgh, EH16 6NF. Tel: 0131 664 7909 or email [maydotty21@hotmail.com](mailto:maydotty21@hotmail.com).

### Edinburgh Global Partnerships

E.G.P, formerly H.E.L.P (Scotland), is currently working to set up an alumni club for past volunteers, hoping to inform you of our development as an organisation and to hear any feedback you may

have. If you would be interested in joining our alumni and receiving our newsletter please send your details to: EGP, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ.

### Calling all former University musicians...

Were you a member of the University Wind Ensemble (now Wind Band) in its earlier days?

Old Blowers, the alumni association of Edinburgh University Wind Band, aims to put former band musicians in contact to organise re-union events and catalogue the history of the band to date.



The band itself, now its 22nd year, continues to thrive with over 100 members, two annual concerts and an annual overseas tour! (most recently to Dublin). We are very interested in learning about the band's previous members and exploits and look forward to hearing from our former players.

Visit [www.oldblowers.org](http://www.oldblowers.org) for further information.

Pictured: Edinburgh University Wind Band - Museum of Scotland Concert, Easter 2003 (prior to Dublin tour)

# Forthcoming events

For further information on Alumni events, please contact:

Development & Alumni  
The University of Edinburgh,  
Charles Stewart House,  
9-16 Chambers Street,  
Edinburgh EH1 1HT

Tel: 0131 650 2240  
Fax: 0131 650 2239  
Email: [development@ed.ac.uk](mailto:development@ed.ac.uk)  
Website: [www.dev.ed.ac.uk](http://www.dev.ed.ac.uk)

## Edinburgh University Club of London

The Edinburgh University Club of London is delighted that the General Council has chosen to meet in London. It is organising a programme of events to follow the meeting and lunch on 26 June 2004 and hopes that those attending General Council and Club members will enjoy the remainder of the day together.

During the afternoon there will be a flight on the London Eye. As well as being one of the most visually striking structures in the world, the London Eye offers a new perspective on the capital's famous streets, churches, palaces and monuments and, on a clear day, views that stretch 25 miles to Windsor Castle.

Those who would prefer will be able to visit the Gilbert Collection. This is beautifully housed in newly-restored Somerset House, one of the country's finest and largest 18th century buildings. The collection comprises 800 works of art formed over the past 35 years by Sir Arthur Gilbert.

In the evening, there will be a dinner for everybody at a nearby venue.

Details of booking arrangements will be available in due course.

### Quarterly Dinner

*First Thursday of the last month in each quarter*

*Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London*

All members are invited to dine at the Caledonian Club. No need to book. Meet in the bar at 7.30pm for 8pm. Jacket and tie are required for entry into the Club. Cost to be shared on an agreed basis at the end of the evening. Transport to Victoria, Paddington and various points west can be provided afterwards.

### Edinburgh University Burns Supper 2004

*Friday 30 January 2004  
St Columba's Church,  
Pont Street, London, SW1  
6.30pm for 7.00pm*

Cost: £36 per head

Those wishing to attend either of the above should contact Rosalind Topping: [rosalindtopping@aol.com](mailto:rosalindtopping@aol.com), 0207 307 5630 (day), 0207 221 6861 (evening and weekend).

## Edinburgh University Club of Manchester

### Burns Supper

*Friday 23 January 2004  
Freemasons Hall, Bridge Street,  
Manchester*

Michael Gourley tel: 0161 330 5000,  
email: [mahrgourley@ntlworld.com](mailto:mahrgourley@ntlworld.com)

## American Friends of the University of Edinburgh

### Burns Supper

*Monday 26 January 2004  
6pm for 7pm  
Clancy's (2nd Ave between  
51 and 52 Streets)*

Cost: \$20 per head. Those interested in attending should contact Simon Cunningham: [cunningham@un.org](mailto:cunningham@un.org)

## University of Edinburgh Club of Toronto (EDUCT)

### Burns Night Supper

*Saturday 24 January 2004,  
6pm to 11.30pm  
Old Mill Restaurant*

Cost: \$75 per person

Contact Maggie Armitage  
Tel: 416 207 2004

### Tour of Queen's University

*Summer 2004, Time TBA*

Cost: TBA

Guided tour of the architecture and history of Queen's University, a river cruise, and overnight stay in the dorms.

Contact Liz McBeth: [liz@mcbeth-media.com](mailto:liz@mcbeth-media.com), Tel: 416 291 9400

## Music Faculty Event

*4 April 2004*

A voluntary multi-art project will be taking place over the coming months aiming to familiarise students and alumni with the sounds, images and traditions of the Eastern Mediterranean region. Through music, acting, dancing and painting, the project will create a dialogue between western and eastern culture, and a celebration of the universals of music. Weekly workshops will lead up to a performance of a music theatre piece involving up to 70 participants. Musicians,

actors, dancers and painters are required, and, above all, people with a passion to share a unique experience of artistic interaction and communication. The workshop will be conducted by Dimitra Trypani, a Greek composer and conductor, who is currently completing her PhD studies at the University's Music Department, with the support of Reid Professor of Music, Nigel Osborne, and director and choreographer, Roxanna Pope. Alumni interested in participating in this project are invited to contact Dimitra: [D.Trypani@sms.ed.ac.uk](mailto:D.Trypani@sms.ed.ac.uk)  
Tel: 0044 7906 404 232.

## General Council Meeting and Lunch

*Saturday 14th February 2004*

The next Half-Yearly Meeting of the General Council will take place on Saturday 14 February 2004 at 10.30 am in Lecture Theatre G175, The School of Law, Old College.

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available in the Moot Court Room from 10.00 am. The meeting will be followed by the General Council Lunch, which will take place in the Playfair Library Hall, to which all alumni and their guests are most warmly invited. Professor Alexander McCall Smith, Professor of Medical Law in the University of Edinburgh, and creator of Mma Precious Ramotswa and The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, will give the after-lunch address.

Please contact Jean Gibson, The General Council, The University of Edinburgh, Charles Stewart House, 9 - 16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1HT, Tel: 0131 650 2152  
[General.Council@ed.ac.uk](mailto:General.Council@ed.ac.uk)

## Edinburgh Dental Alumni Society

*25 September 2004*

The annual AGM, Scientific Meeting and Edinburgh Dental Ball will be held on Saturday 25 September 2004. Further details will be given in the President's Newsletter (published in January), or from the Honorary Secretary, EDAS, at the Edinburgh Postgraduate Dental Institute, Lauriston Building, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh EH3 9YW. Tel: 0131 536 4965.

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## 28 Scholarship profile

### New scholarship for China

Students from China can now benefit from a scholarship initiative funded by alumni in Hong Kong, and supported by the Edinburgh University Association (Hong Kong). The scholarship, awarded annually, provides assistance towards the fees of a one-year postgraduate course.

Only residents of China (minimum three years) are eligible to apply for the award, which is offered on a competitive basis to students of outstanding merit and research potential.

The first student to benefit from the scholarship, Sandy Lai, recently completed an MSc in Computer Science and has now returned home to start a new job in Hong Kong. The most recent student to take up the scholarship is Jianrong Chen (right).



### Student Profile

**Name** 'Jacky' Jianrong Chen

**Age** 25

**Previous occupation** Software engineer working on government commercial administration systems including e-commerce

**Born and Brought up** Guangzhou, China

#### What made you choose The University of Edinburgh?

I decided that I wanted to develop expertise in parallel computing. I did some research and discovered that Edinburgh is one of the best places in the world to study the subject. The Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre (EPCC) has one of the biggest supercomputers in the world. It was important to me to find a university offering a combination of academic, practical and commercial aspects of the subject, with expertise in all these areas – which Edinburgh does.

#### What difference has the scholarship made to you?

Coming from China, it is expensive to study in Edinburgh. It is fantastic that my fees are paid for me as this cuts my expenses by half and makes things a lot easier for me financially. I was really lucky to get the scholarship as I had to compete against a lot of good candidates.

#### How will you benefit from doing the course when you go back?

I think that having studied at one of the top universities for Informatics will be a major selling point on my CV when I go back home. Edinburgh is a leader in the field of grid technology, the successor to the internet. I will be able to bring new skills in this latest technology back to China and I'm sure this will greatly improve my career prospects.

#### What are your first impressions of Edinburgh?

I think Edinburgh is one of the most beautiful cities I've ever seen. I've only been here for a month, but I'm really enjoying the life here. The people are very friendly too. It is very different culturally from China so it's a totally new experience for me. I would highly recommend it.

### More legacy pledgers join Carlyle Circle

More and more alumni and friends are pledging legacies to the University. With 70 new pledges in the last year, membership of the Carlyle Circle, which recognises legacy pledgers, has now reached 500. All members receive regular invitations to University lectures and events as a thank you for their support. Anyone interested in leaving a legacy should contact Martin Hayman on 0131 650 2240 or email [martin.hayman@ed.ac.uk](mailto:martin.hayman@ed.ac.uk)

### New way to give

You can now give on-line to The Edinburgh Campaign by logging on to [www.enlighten.ed.ac.uk](http://www.enlighten.ed.ac.uk)

### Prize Draw

Please help us update your details. We are currently updating our database of alumni to make sure that we keep you informed of the latest news and the services we can offer to help you to stay in touch with old friends. Fill in your details using the enclosed questionnaire and you will be entered in a prize draw, with the lucky winners receiving a case of champagne donated by Great Grog [www.greatgrog.co.uk](http://www.greatgrog.co.uk)



# Looking back to the future

With a long history that stretches back to 1889, The Edinburgh University Union is a place where many of you will have spent time during your student years. As a past student of Edinburgh you are also a past member of the Union. I hope it has a place in the hearts and minds of many of you, as it does in mine.

I once spoke to a student whose father had been at Edinburgh. He showed me the board in Teviot's Sportsman's Bar, with the names of all the winners of the historic boat race drinking competition, and said "that was my dad's team". Even if it is ability at speed drinking we all leave our own mark on the Union.

It is for that reason that as a Union we value our life members. I know that many of you will already be life members and I would like to invite you back, be it for a drink in the Union bar to see what has changed or perhaps for your wedding, as many have done before. All four Unions are available for life members; this includes the sports facilities at Kings Buildings, the Nightclub at Potterrow, the Cabaret Bar at Pleasance or the wide variety of facilities in Teviot Row House.

The Union also benefits from the experience of our life members with representation on the Committee of Management and the Finance Committee. These committee members offer a range of expertise and experience that is often not available in the student body.

We have been working with the General Council to offer more and better facilities to our life members. We are also looking at ways of improving communication with our life members through the channels of the General Council. This is an opportunity that I hope to be able to tell you more about in the future.

If you would like to know more about life membership of the Union, please write to me at the Potterrow Students Centre, 5/2 Bristo Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9AL. You can also email [VPS@eusa.ed.ac.uk](mailto:VPS@eusa.ed.ac.uk) or telephone us on 0131 650 2649 for more information.

**Neil Benny**  
Vice President Services 2003-04

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## 30 World Service

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

### 1930s

**Professor William Watt MA 1930 PhD 1944** Book published by Routledge, London, in March 2002 entitled 'A Christian Faith for Today'.

**Mrs Jean Gilliland née Matthew BCom 1936** Awarded Certificate of Higher Education from the Department of Continuing Education, University of Oxford in March 2003 at age of 87.

**Rev James M Ritchie MA 1936 BD 1950** Awarded MPhil in July 2003 at age of 86.

**Rev Dr Ian M Fraser MA 1939 BD 1942** Book published by Action of Churches Together in Scotland in January 2003 entitled 'Ecumenical Adventure'. Also 'One Body, Many Cells' published by the World Council of Churches.

### 1940s

**Mr John Molloy MA 1940** Awarded the International Poet of Merit award 2002. Two poems entitled 'Mayhem in Manhattan' and 'Enemy Alien' were listed in Best Poems and Poets of 2001 and 2002 books respectively.

**Dr H John Powell MB ChB 1941** 'Scalpel and Spanner - A Doctor Remembers' published September 2003. All proceeds to the Methodist Rescue & Development Funds and Nigerian Healthcare Project.

**Mr Alan J Lees MA 1949 LLB 1951** Devotes spare time to music, performing, orchestral conducting and composing. Has been fortunate to have a number of compositions published in the UK and USA.

**Rev Dr John Mackenzie MA 1949 BD 1952** Completed for publication in 2003, 'When Stars and Stripes Met Hammer and Sickle'

**Mr Alexander MacNab MA 1949** Would like to set up a network as an alternative to a class reunion. Would love to hear from anyone who graduated with Hons MA in Geography 1947-1949. Contact details: Kildun Farm, Dingwall, Ross-shire, IV15 9TR

### 1950s

**Dr William Birch MB ChB 1950** Recently celebrated Golden Wedding with Winifred A Lloyd LRCPyS Edin 1950. Chairman of the Oxfordshire Alzheimer's Society Branch.

**Mr Charles D Cooke 1950** Still pottering in his workshop - working as a technical volunteer with Technical Aid to the Disabled, the only veterinarian on the team!

**Mrs Janet D Buchanan-Smith CBE née Lawrie MA 1951** Given up active farming owing to difficulties in the industry. Still active politically and fundraises for handicapped adult and child organisations.

**Mrs Carol E Jeffrey née Wilson BSc 1951** since retiring has been travelling, mainly to Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Tunisia & Egypt and in 2003 visited Lesotho, Botswana & Namibia.

**Mr Alexander R Cram BSc 1952** Semi-retired from own forestry consultancy firm. Demitted appointment in 2002 with Army Cadet Force as Hon Colonel of the 2nd Bn The Highlanders ACF but still chairs the Reserve Forces & Cadets shooting competition.

**Dr William Munro MB ChB 1952 Dip 1962** Continues to run seminars on stress prevention and management in the public and private sectors.

**Mr J Fraser Oliver MA 1952** Honorary Secretary of the Edinburgh Spanish Circle, which celebrated its 70th Anniversary last year.

**Dr Edward Tod JP OBE MB ChB 1952** Still editing medical journals, appearing in civil actions as an expert witness and part-time Chief Executive of Association of Primary Care Trusts.

**Professor Michael Banton C.M.G. PhD 1954 DSc 1964** Author of 'The International Politics of Race' 2002.

**Mr David G Blair MA 1954** Currently engaged in writing reflections, lessons learnt and pointers for the future.

**Mrs Gabrielle Fraser née Holt-Wilson MA 1954** Runs the only USA Portuguese Group in the UK.

**Mrs Mary C Fraser MBE née Hiddleston MA 1954 BEd 1956** Truly enjoying retirement after over 40 years in teaching.

**Mr Archibald Macpherson LLB 1954** Currently writing a novel about Scots POWs in Germany in WWII, in Gaelic.

**Mrs June F Moody-Stuart née Birkett MA 1954** Recently completed editing and annotating the letters of General Robert Stuart (East India Company) to Henry Dundas, later Viscount Melville, written between 1755 and 1799.

**Dr Robert Smith BSc 1954** Finally moved back to Scotland after 43 years working in England.

**Dr Derek Anderson MB ChB 1955** Awarded FIMC by RCSEd in September 2002.

**Mr Thomas Hamilton MB ChB 1956 PhD 1968** Awarded Centenary Medal for services to Australian community as Chairman of St John Ambulance (WA) Services.

**Mr Dennis Chisholm BSc 1957** Reader in Church of Scotland and volunteer with HIV/AIDS related organisations including Project Mercury in Dumfries and Waverley Care in Edinburgh.

**Mrs Kathleen C Fitch née Goldsack MA 1957** Member of Board of Visitors at the Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre, which has been recently reopened after a disastrous riot and fire.

**Dr Thomas Scott MB ChB 1957** Moved to Adelaide to be close to daughters. Has 10 grandchildren - 6 boys and 4 girls.

**Mrs Irene Graham née Martin BCom 1958** Involved in voluntary work including School Governor and Chairman of Appeals Panels for Essex CC and Aberdeenshire CC. Has 3 grown up children and one grandson.

**Dr Margaret Abel MB ChB 1958** Worked professionally in South Africa (Eastern Cape and Kwazulu Natal). Time now shared between caring for elderly parents, being on hand for grandchildren and occasional brief turns in Kwazulu Natal rural hospitals.

**Mr James Noble MA 1958** Chair, Tweeddale Sports Council.

**Rev Dr Holmes Rolston PhD 1958** Awarded Hon DL May 2002, Davidson College, NC. Recipient of the Templeton Prize, 2003.

### 1960s

**Mrs Euphemia P Lee née McGonigal MA 1960** moved with husband, Robin, to Jamaica 4 years ago. Now mainly involved in teaching ESL at University of West Indies and privately.

**Mr David Robbie MA 1960** Retired and living happily with wife, Ann, in Staffordshire, pursuing leisure interests in history (local and family) and horticulture, and being an active father and grandfather.

**Mr Norman Achilles MA 1961** Retired from US Dept of State after 30 yrs as Diplomat concentrating on US-Asia issues. Visiting Fellow at Princeton and equivalent at Sciences PO in Paris.

**Dr Raufu Balogun BSc 1961 BSc 1962** Recently retired from Oberfemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria as Professor of Zoology.

**Dr Rosemary Booth née Fraser MB ChB 1961** Semi-retired. Enjoying continuing working as a Counsellor attached to two general practices and occasional facilitator of medical students' group.

**Dr David Clegg MB ChB 1962 DTM&H 1966** Recently visited Zambia to volunteer at a rural hospital.

**Professor Donald Gillies MA 1962** Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor, School of Graduate Studies, Ryerson University. Associate Director of Graduate Program in Communication and Culture.

**Mr Leslie T Whyte BSc 1962** After retiring moved to Burgundy, France. Lives in a renovated fermette 30 minutes from Chablis and other notable Burgundy wine villages.

**Dr Sonia Wolfe-Coote née Fitch BSc 1962** Past retirement age but still working full-time and currently editing a book on 'The Laboratory Primate' for Academic Press/Elsevier. Would love to hear from any of the old crowd: David Young, David Maule, Ruth Ellis, Jane Brown, Marjorie Smith et al.

**Dr Ian Campbell BSc 1963** Recently retired as Director of Undergraduate Programme, School of Environment, University of Leeds.

**Dr Hamish Long BSc 1963 PhD 1966** Retirement activities include: Handicap Secretary for Castle Par GC; playing the Clarsach; church bell ringing in St Mary's, Haddington; Tai Chi; and learning Gaelic.

**Dr Niall O'Loughlin MA 1963** Director of the Arts Centre, Loughborough University. Book published recently on 20th century Slovenian music, 'Novejsi glasba v's Sloveniji'.

**Mr Douglas Addison BArch 1964** Retired, which means more time for cruising, painting and golf. Has sailed his Ketch to France and Spain. Are there any other sailing alumni in Dorset?

**Mr Christopher Cumming BSc 1964 Dip 1965** Retired. Busy with short term consultancy work in the Indian Sub-Continent and catching up with reading.

**Dr Alexander Davison BSc 1964 MB ChB 1966** Retired as Consultant Renal Physician, St James's University Hospital Leeds in August 2002. Former President of the European Renal Association (EDTA).

**Rev Shirley A Fraser MA 1964 BD 1990** Works part-time with Friends International, encouraging churches to welcome the growing number of international students in Edinburgh.

**Dr Carola Hicks née Brown MA 1964 PhD 1968** Biography published in hardback in 2001 and paperback in 2002 of the artist Lady Di Beauclerk (an ancestress of the Princess of Wales) entitled 'Improper Pursuits'.

**Professor John MacKinnon MA 1965** Book published by Farleigh Dickinson University Press, in 2002, entitled 'Love, Tears & the Male Spectator'.

**Mrs Leila Moshiri née Naghavi MA 1965** Retired and working from home as a freelance translator; dividing time between UK and second home in France with trips to Iran and other parts of the world in between.

**Mr John Wild BDS 1965** Elected Chairman of the District Courts Association which represents Scottish Justices.

**Miss Judith Williams MA 1965** Recently retired and hopes to use time for travel and resume drawing/painting as well as see more of her friends.

**Mrs Christina M Caba née Fitz Roy BSc 1966** English Instructor at Izmir University of Economics, a new private university in Turkey that teaches all its subjects in English.

**Mrs Elspeth A Cummings née Fraser MA (SS) 1966** Retired teacher. Now a JP, Lay Magistrate, Board of Visitors HMP Magherry and SCF Schools Speaker.



Dr David B Stevens MBE MB ChB 1969 Still nuts about motorbikes. Awarded an MBE in June 03 for services to motorsport medicine on the Isle of Man.

**Mrs Eva Fox née Gal MA 1966** Recently retired as a Lecturer in German Literature at the University of York. Now runs a busy practice as a homeopath.

**Dr David Horne BSc 1966** Active in Food Science Research at Hannah Research Institute, Ayr. Awarded 2002 Marschall Rhodia International Dairy Science Award by American Dairy Science Assoc for research on milk proteins.

**Mrs Linda Strause née Liddell MA 1966** Moved to Santa Monica, CA to be closer to Pixel Envy, which is expanding. Son Greg is Visual Effects Supervisor and Colin is 3D Supervisor.

**Dr Yo Yuasa MB ChB 1966** Former President, International Leprosy Association (1993-2002). Received Damien-Dutton Award - Annual Award for Leprosy. Previous award winners include President JFK and Mother Teresa.

**Mr Robert J Forsythe MA 1967** Retired. Now a member of Board of Visitors, Wormwood Scrubs Prison and volunteer for Westminster Social Services helping mentally disordered offenders who have been detained by the Metropolitan Police.

**Ms Alison Gibb MA 1967** Freelance writer and marketing communications consultant. Keen double bass student for the last 5 years.

**Mrs Sheena Rosser née Denoon MA 1967** Runs own business [www.photosonthings.co.uk](http://www.photosonthings.co.uk) from home. Places photographs or artwork on different items, not the usual mousemats and mugs that you can get at Boots!

**Ms Christina L Anderson née Foster MA 1968** Son David recently graduated with an MChem from the University. The surroundings of the McEwan Hall have changed a great deal but the Hall itself is as beautiful as ever. A perfect setting for great occasions.

**Rev David J Houghton BSc (SS) 1968** Appointed as Rector, St George's Anglican Church in Paris, 2002. Bishop's Ecumenical Delegate in France.

**Mr Hamish Kirk MA (SS) 1968** Just taken up an appointment as Lecturer at King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals.

**Mr David McCulloch BSc 1968** Appointed Chief Operating Officer, Enodis Corporation, last year.

**Mrs Rosemary A Webb née Sharp BCom 1968** Runs a weekly let accommodation for business/leisure in Newcastle. Daughter, Shirley, graduated with a BSc in Mathematics in 2002.

**Mr Iain Archibald MA 1969** Works as a Consultant to Oasis, a service of the West End churches to the business community. Also works for Microsoft in Scotland.

**Mrs Theresa Archibald née Kieniewicz MA 1969** Having left London, is delighted to be back in Edinburgh with husband Iain and playing an active part in interdenominational church life.

**Mr David Easson MA 1969** Mathematics Teacher, Monifieth High School. Was proud to accompany 4 of his pupils to Glasgow last year to watch them win the first ever UK Entertaining Maths Team Competition.

**Professor Ronald B Hatch PhD 1969** Owner/Publisher of Ronsdale Press situated in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

**Mrs M B M Mockford née Whyte MA 1969** Having taken early retirement from East Sussex County Council, has set up a two-person web site design business ([www.pagination.co.uk](http://www.pagination.co.uk)).

**Professor Emeritus Prem Narain PhD 1969 DSc 1984** Recently received National Award in Statistics from the Government of India for lifetime achievement in statistics and statistical genetics.

**Prof P Pitt-Miller née Pitt MB ChB 1969** Currently Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of the West Indies, Trinidad. Recently promoted to Chair in Anaesthetics & Intensive Care.

**Mr Gordon Riddle MA 1969** Recently promoted to Property Manager for Culzean Castle and Country Park and responsible for the conservation, interpretation and presentation of the property for visitors.

**Mr Nicholas Rollin MA 1969** Project Manager and major contributor to the Oxford Spanish Dictionary. Has also recently revised the Oxford School Dictionaries in French, German and Spanish.

**Mr William Salmon MA (SS) 1969** Deputy Director, UK Hydrographic Office Taunton in charge of production of defence products and national nautical charts.

**Dr Shelton H Short III PhD 1969** Invited to participate in 'Summer on the Lawn', the University of Virginia's annual symposium, this year on the topic 'Thomas Jefferson and The West'.

**Mr Andrew G Webb BCom 1969 BCom 1970** Still professionally very busy in business but finds time to train and tutor Veterans Athletics Competition. Delighted his daughter graduated from Edinburgh (as he and his wife did) and particularly happy she now represents Scotland in athletics, following her father's footsteps.

**Dr Geoffrey Wilner MB ChB 1969** Emergency physician in Washington DC area. Currently writing, producing and acting in an independent full-length film.



**Professor Dayantha Wijeyesekera PhD 1969**  
The only Sri Lankan to hold the post of Vice Chancellor at two universities in Sri Lanka, having been at the Open University in Sri Lanka for 9 years, and currently in his second term at the University of Moratuwa.

## 1970s

**Mr Paul Craig BSc 1970** Currently managing an agriculture & rural development and project management company dedicated to challenge the causes of poverty worldwide.

**Dr Susan Craig-James née Craig MA (SS) 1970**  
'A Fractured Whole: The Changing Society of Tobago, 1838-1938', a social history of Tobago, to be published in 2003. Has been invited by UNDP to coordinate, write three chapters of, and edit the National Human Development Report for Trinidad and Tobago.

**Mr P K G Dunlop BSc 1970** Civil engineering contracting in China, Thailand and Singapore. Still sailing. Wrote, published and sold 'Street Names of Singapore'. Committee Member, Singapore St Andrew's Society.

**Mr William L Holden MA 1970** Back teaching after short retirement and crofting in lovely village of Cromore on the Isle of Lewis.

**Dr Elizabeth Oltenacu née Branford BSc 1970** Recently retired from Department of Animal Science. Continues to teach a distance learning course on feline genetics.

**Mrs Dorothy Saucy née Anderson BArch 1970** Leads a team of professional architects and engineers specialising in energy management projects for high tech companies. Married with 1 son, 3 step-children and 3 granddaughters.

**Mr Alexander Stevenson MA (SS) 1970 MBA 1987** Retired early for the second time! Undertaking voluntary work for Barnardo's in Edinburgh and still looking for gainful employment. Enjoying spending more time at the gliding club.

**Rev Howard G Taylor BD 1970** A winner of Templeton Award (\$12,000) for creating a new course on Science and Religion.

**Mrs Margaret Tong née Cowie MA 1970** Lives in California with husband Ricardi and together they run their own company Tarragon Consulting Corp.

**Mrs Jacquelyn C Chalmers née Miller BArch 1971** Currently managing the migration of the Scottish Parliament from their interim site to the new building at Holyrood.

**Mr Ian Colville BSc 1971** Self-employed builder and part-time tattie inspector (Seed Potato Production). 2 sons, one school age, the other doing National Service in Finland - wife is Finnish.

**Mr Leslie Moffat BSc (M) 1971 MB ChB 1974** Editor-in-Chief: Uro Oncology. Book published by Martin Dunitz in 2002 entitled 'Urological Cancer: A Practical Guide'.

**Ms Rozina G Visram MLitt 1971** Book published by Pluto Press in 2002 entitled 'Asians in Britain: 400 Years of History'. Also wrote the text for the British Library's website on using OIIOC resources.

**Mrs Patricia Butson née Osborn BSc 1972** After a long period as a self-employed lay inspector of schools in England, now works full-time in quality assurance in the Institute of Education at the University of Warwick.

**Mr Kenneth F Donald LLB 1972** Solicitor in private practice. Involved in Rotary Foundation work and Citizens Advice Bureau in spare time.

**Mr Ian Leslie BSc 1972** Recently left Vodafone to form a company to provide specialist consulting into the systems and software industry.

**Mr Colin R MacLean BSc 1972** Recently became Head of Children and Young People's Group, Scottish Executive.

**Dr John McGavin MA 1972** About to complete a three year spell as Head of English Department at Southampton University. Looking forward to more time for research into Medieval drama records in Scotland.

**Mrs Joan E McGavin née Macdonald MA 1972** Has been awarded a second grant by the Arts Council England, to be mentored by the poet Jane Draycott, to develop her own poetry.

**Ms Moira Newlan née Johnson MA 1973** Completely changed career - the Arts are poorly paid and don't mix well with raising a family late in life - now a massage therapist!

**Miss Margaret Bell MA 1974** Works in pharmaceutical industry. Active in Rotary and lives in Deep Love, a beautiful part of Northern Vancouver. Would like to find graduates from 1973-74.

**Dr Jane Everson MA 1974** Recently promoted to Personal Chair of Italian Literature, University of London (Royal Holloway).

**Mr Ralph Martin MTh 1974** Recently returned to UK after spell living in Hokkaido, Japan. Missionary work for OMF International.

**Dr Carey B Singleton PhD 1974** Published 'Reflections', a poetry journey to different parts of the world where she has travelled. Illustrations are by her god-daughter Kikka-Kukka Ranki, a professional Finnish artist.

**Mrs Shiel R Taylor née Harris MA (SS) 1974** Recently took over the headship of Fitzmaurice Primary School in Wiltshire.

**Mr Douglas Currie LLB 1975** Recently opened own law firm in Stoneham, Massachusetts concentrating on commercial and residential real estate.

**Dr Christabel Foster née Jenkins BSc 1975 MB ChB 1978** Spurred on by an exciting post in an academic hospital unit, has gone back to University to study for a Masters of Education (Adult Learning & Global Change) at UTS, Sydney.

**Mr Alasdair G Foster BSc 1975** Recently elected President of Contemporary Art Organisations in Australia.

**Mr David W Fyfe BSc 1975** Retired early after many years with Shell. Married to Anne with two daughters (21 and 19) and now working as part-time consultant. Still singing as well as ever.

**Mr Ian Harrower BSc 1975** Recently appointed Strategic Commodity Purchasing Manager, BAE Systems.

**Miss Catherine McCrindle MA (SS) 1975** Runs an English teaching business in the heart of Munich.

**Professor Roger O Makanjuola MPHil 1976 PhD 1978** Appointed Vice-Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria in July 2001.

**Mr Gary G Steel BCom 1976** Moved to Zurich with family in June, 2003 and working for ABB Ltd.

**Rev Stephen Blakey BD 1977** Set up own life coaching company and heads the professional body for life coaching in Scotland.

**Dr Steven Edwards MSc 1977 DVMS 1989** Visiting Professor of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Liverpool and Royal Veterinary College, University of London.

**Mr David T Gault MB ChB 1977** Consultant plastic surgeon. Has a major interest in reconstructing ears.

**Ms Zoe C Capernaros MA 1978** No longer lecturing as demands of combining development work on a course with a busy practice just too much!

**Dr Sylvie Chetty née Kamalkhani MSc 1979** Associate Professor in Marketing at Massey University and a Visiting Researcher at Uppsala University in Sweden. Has had several articles published in international journals.

**Dr Frederick Holton PhD 1979** Left the corporate world in 1998 to form own firm which provides writing, communications and training services to professional service firms, industry and non-profits.

**Ms Beverley McAinsh MA 1979** Newly appointed part-time Director of Living Spirituality Network.

**Dr Susan Scholey née Yeo BSc 1979** Single with 2 daughters. Hobbies include travelling, photography and tennis.

**Mr Robert Scott LLB 1979** Promoted Captain, Britannia Airways Nov 2002. Magistrate in South Cheshire. Amateur violin/viola player North Staffs Symphony Orchestra.

**Dr Robert Sproul-Cran PhD 1979** Currently spearheading a unique new international weekly television magazine programme showcasing Scotland to the world. Tartan TV has already broadcast a feature to the USA and Canada on EU Technopole and is currently working on features on EIS and ETTG.



**Mr Andrew J Trigger MA 1972** Works with a great team from Durham churches. He organises 'Amigos', a weekly drop-in for international students and scholars, which has met almost every Wednesday (including vacations) for 7 years.

## World Service...continued

## 1980s

**Mrs Barbara A Lee née Millar-Craig BVM&S 1980** Recently moved to Wanaka, the most beautiful part of New Zealand. Working part-time in Invercargill to keep retired husband supplied with essentials like fishing gear!

**Mr William McCrae BSc (SS) 1980** Moved to Perth, Australia in August 2001. Not wanting to waste the opportunity, we live at the beachfront. Has taken up surfing and scuba diving.

**Dr David Francis Urrows MMus 1980** Re-appointed to the teaching staff of Hong Kong Baptist University in 2001, teaching Composition and Music Analysis.

**Mrs Violet Aleco née Nur MSc 1981** Full-time student for a doctoral programme in Nursing at the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

**Mrs Jessica Christian Stiller née Christian BA 1981** Joint Author (with husband, Charles Stiller) of 'Iona Portrayed: The Island Through Artists' Eyes, 1760-1960'.

**Dr John de Banzie PhD 1981** Appointed Head of Biology Department, Northeastern State University in 2002.

**Mrs Fiona J Eggelhoefer née Campbell BSc (SS) 1981** Has lived in SE Asia for the majority of time since leaving university and spent the last nine years living and working in Singapore.

**Ms Helen Girran née Lammie MA 1981** Manager for Development of Start-up Enterprises at Business Link in London. Also studying for MSc in Economic Development. Married with 5 year old daughter.

**Mrs Elizabeth G Mackenzie née Nairn BSc 1981** Busy travelling to sailing venues around Britain with two daughters, who represented Team GBR in Tasmania for the Mirror World championships.

**Dr Alasdair Brown BSc 1982 PhD 1986** Currently working as Technical Manager for petroleum engineering consultancy company based in Houston.

**Mr Goetz Eggelhoefer BCom 1982** Regional Head of Global Market for SE Asia, Bank of America. Has been based in Singapore for past 9 years.



**Rev Spencer D Shelmire BD 1981** Busy helping to raise funds for suffering Christians in Zimbabwe. He is also fundraising for self-help projects for unemployed Christians in Bulgaria.

**Mr Nigel A Hawkes MSc 1982** Ordained Deacon, Church of England, June 2002 and now serving in 5 rural parishes in Oxfordshire.

**Mrs Pauline Kaye née Waight BSc 1982** Has been working for the Medical Research Council in The Gambia for three years.

**Mr Narayanan R Unnithan MSc 1982** After retirement, engaged in philanthropic activities. Working with a charitable organisation for rehabilitation of children suffering from cognitive and communicative disorders like autism, mental retardation, learning disability, etc.

**Mr Robert Vigers MPhil 1982** Established own company, SVA Property Auctions Ltd. Currently hold five/six auctions per year.

**Mrs Irene H Arnold née King MA (SS) 1983** Back in the UK after 3 years in the USA with husband's job at NATO HQ in Norfolk, Virginia. Still married to Bruce with 3 children - Michael (13), David (12) and Rachel (8). Full time Mum / homemaker, part-time carer.

**Mr Philip J Coutts MA 1984** Recently appointed Chief Sub Editor of the Scottish Daily Mail following the closure of Business AM newspaper.

**Mrs Margaret Godfrey MA (SS) 1984 Dip 1985** Currently working with a team of academic support advisers with staff and students. Teaching Fellow at Napier University for a further 5 years and looks forward to developing work with colleagues recruiting an increasingly diverse group of students.

**Dr Callum Henderson BSc 1984 PhD 1990** Working with recovering drug addicts. Completed sponsored cycle across Rwanda to raise £5000 for widows and orphans.

**Mr Jonathan L Lane BSc 1984** Recently joined Harris Corporation as Quality Manager for their expansion into Europe. Lives on Lake Constance, and works in Austria among the mountains.

**Dr Stuart Paterson MB ChB 1984** Working as a GP in sunny Perth (the Australian one). Still mad keen on playing Scottish and Irish traditional music.

**Mr Thomas Taylor BSc 1984** Recently joined Apache Design Solutions, a startup in the electronic design automation industry. Married with a 5 year old daughter.

**Professor Patricia S Wu MB ChB 1984** Married to John Lewis (PhD, 1990). 2 daughters - Catriona, 8 and Emma, 4. Works as an endocrinologist with Kaiser Permanente San Diego and on clinical faculty at UCSD.

**Mrs Amanda Lang née Hogg LLB 1985** After 20 years, back to full time study!

**Dr Mukesh Patel MSc 1985 PhD 1991 MD and CEO** at a GIS product company, Setu Cybertech, based in Ahmedabad, India. Remains on Board of Applitech Solution UK Limited.

**Mr Jayasiri Premaratne MSc 1985** Established a seed company and an Agricultural Consultancy firm in Sri Lanka named Agrolinks & Landmark Agro Seed.

**Dr Katherine Varvill BSc 1985** Looking after two young children and occasionally spends time wondering what to do when they are at school but currently no plans! Still scuba diving, mountaineering, sailing and travelling.

**Mr Peter A Wedderburn BVM&S 1985** Continues to run a busy companion animal veterinary practice in the Dublin area and resident vet on Irish breakfast television every week, which keeps him on his toes.

**Ms Tanya D Woolf MA 1985** Married Gus June 2002.

**Rev William D Brown BD 1986** Currently Chairman of Children 1st.

**Mrs Lesley George née Meldrum BSc (SS) 1986** Currently in Brazil on an assignment with husband and 15 month old daughter.

**Mrs Susan G Miculka MA 1986** Recipient of Amtrak's 2002 President's Service & Safety Award in the category of Champion of the Rails. This recognizes individuals for their contribution to enhancing the safety or quality of passenger rail services.

**Mrs Isabel Ortiz-Canavate née Campbell MA 1986** Currently living in Britain due to husband's job. Started MEd in Educational Administration with the Open University earlier in the year.

**Mr Philip Sawyer MMus 1986** Organist of St Mary's Collegiate Church, Haddington, East Lothian. [www.sawyermusic.co.uk](http://www.sawyermusic.co.uk)

**Professor George Shepperson CBE Form Prof 1986** Dr hc 1991 Awarded Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters, University of Malawi at Zomba, Malawi.

**Mr George Apperson MBA 1987** Recently married Miss Annie Harris Massie of Charlottesville, VA, USA. Currently living in Southeast USA.

**Miss Claudia Harding MB ChB 1987** Married to John, a GP. Appointed as a consultant surgeon in Chester in June 2001.

**Ms Claudia Ingham MSc 1987** Currently teaches Physical Science & Biology at an Arts Magnet School. Also instructs horseback riding students. If UoE alumni are in the Portland, Oregon area, she would be interested in hearing from them.

**Mr David McGrath MBA 1987** Has set up Sigen Ltd, Scotland's first commercial fuel cell company. [www.regentech.com](http://www.regentech.com) or [www.sigen.co.uk](http://www.sigen.co.uk)

**Ms Sarah Newman MA 1987** After a varied career as a parliamentary researcher, lobbyist, BBC policy adviser, research director, producer of television programmes and web editor, most recently wrote a microhistory of the Moorgate area of London. Married with one daughter, Isabella Alice Wood, born 22 January 2003.

**Miss Caroline Russell BCom 1987** Married Mehmet Alguel in 2002.

**Dr Anestis Symeonides PhD 1987** Senior Political Analyst, Political Section US Embassy, Athens. Two daughters.

**Dr John Cook MA 1988** Provided voice-over commentary, sleeve notes and extras for recent DVD release of Director Peter Watkins' famous 1964 BBC film, 'Culoden', with the co-operation of the Director himself (British Film Institute, January 2003). Co-author of forthcoming study of Watkins' life and career.

**Mr Andrew J Hanson Dip 1988** Resigned last year as Managing Director of HMZ/Harper Mackay Architects and formed Confederate Architects practising in Notting Hill. Elected on to the council of the RIBA Strategic Planning Group.

**Ms Lisa Miner JYA 1988** Employed as Physician Assistant in dermatology. Active in Scottish country dancing and step dancing.

**Mrs Julia O'Brien née Hall MA 1988** Married to Michael O'Brien with 1 daughter, Lily, born September 2001.

**Ms Sarah Ransome MSc 1988** Currently working in the Southwest as a reporter/producer for the BBC. Is still in

contact with a few friends from the Applied Linguistics course but would love to hear from others who shared happy memories of a hectic MSc year in 1988.

**Professor Dr Dan Shen PhD 1988** Deputy Director, Humanities Division, Peking University; Director, Centre for European & American Literatures, Peking University.

**Ms Evelyn M Simpson MA (SS) 1988** Lives in Zurich, Switzerland. 2nd child, Callum, born 31st August 2002 (Victoria is now 3).

**Mr Martin Sinclair BSc 1988** Life has changed with the arrival of first child, Iain, last March. Now discovering the delights of fatherhood.

**Dr Elizabeth Smyth MB ChB 1988** Consultant in breast surgery Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Honorary Senior Lecturer in surgery University of Aberdeen.

**Mr Kamel Ben Abderrazak MSc 1989** Chosen to be responsible for the New Seed Technology Testing Laboratory in the Tunisian central area - Sousse.

**Mr Cameron Bishop MA 1989** Recently qualified as a solicitor. Also married Catriona Kay on 11th October 2003 near Ramsey.

**Dr Stephen Donaldson BSc 1989 PhD 1993** Recently assumed global responsibility for R&D microbiology at Procter & Gamble.

**Miss Tansy Forrest MLA 1989** Living in Surrey. Working as senior landscape architect for Symonds Group.

**Miss Fiona Gemmell MA (SS) 1989** Just completed a year out back packing in Australia and New Zealand.

**Miss Sheila Graham BSc 1989** Recently returned from 4 years in Australia and currently living in London.

**Dr Deborah Kerr BSc (M) 1989 MB ChB 1991** Just returned from 2 year career break accompanying husband who was working in Naples. Now have two children under four and about to start to look for part-time work.

**Miss Sheena Stone MA (SS) 1989** Started up consulting business, Stone Marketing and PR, having left Caithness Glass.

**Mr Nicholas G Woodger BSc 1989** Vet Investigation Officer for Veterinary Laboratories Agency. Gained Royal College of Pathologists Diploma last year and first child, a girl, Keira Louise, born December 2002.

## 1990s

**Ms Thea Bredie-Aird MSc 1990** Set up Horsham Montessori School in 1996. Grew to full day care in 2001. Converting to Horsham Montessori Ltd this year, in preparation for opening second school in 2004.

**Mr Stephen J Chaundy MA 1990** Married Mariselle Martinez at Christ Church Vienna on 26th April. Continues as principal tenor at the Volksoper, Wien. Will be making his debut at the Norwegian Opera, Oslo as Don Ottavio in "Don Giovanni" February 2004.

**Ms L Friedman-Shedlov JYA 1990** Recently started a new job as an archivist for YMCA of the USA, at the University of Minnesota.

**Mrs Rachel A Greenfield née Spalton BMus 1990** Married to Brian with 2 children, James and Letitia and living on a busy dairy farm in Leicestershire. Teaches a thriving music teaching practice and involved in the community - church organist, parish choir, local primary school. Interested in hearing from music graduates 1989-91.

**Rev Matthew Ross LLB 1990 BD 1996** Currently Acting Depute Clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

**Mrs Katharine L Whitear née Banks MA 1990** Currently living in Germany and working with 'Youth With A Mission'. Married with 2 children, Amy and Rick.

**Mr Christopher Dixon BSc (V) 1991 BVM&S 1992** Along with wife, Nicola Halliwell, recently celebrated fifth year of own company in Hong Kong and the arrival of their second child (Sebastian Joshua Dixon).

**Mr Andrew Flynn BEng 1991** Currently working with Christian Vision helping to develop its transmission services to its present position as a major international broadcaster. Married to Tracy (a screenwriter).

**Mr Daniel R Marsh MA 1991** Working for the Garden and Leisure Group and living in Draycott, Somerset. Married to Caroline and spending most of their time renovating the cottage but always finding time for a beer or two!

**Mr Mark Miller JYA 1991** Lives with girlfriend, Angela and enjoys hiking and mountain biking. Belongs to a Buddhist meditation group.

**Mr Wviekpamare D Onocha MSc 1991** Director of Ecology in the State Ministry of the Environment, Delta State, Nigeria.

**Dr Elspeth Paterson BSc (M) 1991 MB ChB 1993** Currently working as a doctor (obs and gynae) in rural Pakistan, where women's health is very poor. The current world situation makes life very difficult for everyone in the country.

**Mr Gordon S Wise MA 1991** Publisher of the Brand, Media and Entertainment Division of Pan Macmillan, incorporating Boxtree, Channel 4 Books and Sidgwick & Jackson.

**Miss Laura Carson MA 1992** Currently in Japan with OMF International (an international Christian Organisation). Studying Japanese language and preparing for work with Sapporo International Church later this year.

**Mr Andrew Cunningham MA (SS) 1992** Qualified as an FIA in 2002, now living in Brighton with wife Anita and 2 year old treasure, Craig.

**Mr Anastasios Fytizas MBA 1992** Recently appointed Advisor to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture in Athens, Greece.

**Dr Xiangyang Li PhD 1992** Received an Honorary Fellowship from the School of Geosciences, the University of Edinburgh, February 2003.

**Miss Nancy Massaro MSc 1992** Currently teaching ninth through twelfth grades at a vocational high school preparing them for a career in the health field.

**Ms Joyce Yates MSc 1992** Currently working on community history. Married to Dr Jeffrey Hutchings and recently returned to Canada from sabbatical in Edinburgh. 2 year old daughter, Alexandra.

**Mr Andrew Arends MSc 1993** Successfully transitioned from Telecoms to health care. Currently manages programs that serve the indigent chronically ill. Shortly to be getting married.

**Ms Marie-Claire Bakker MA 1993** Recently moved to Ireland to start own manufacturing consultancy business.

**Dr Kirsty Duncan née Godfrey PhD 1993** Although born in Toronto, has turned into a confirmed Scotophile. Is a highland dancer, Fellow of the Scottish Antiquarian Society, member of St Andrew's Society of Toronto and Fellow of the Scottish Dance Teacher's Alliance. Also plays the bagpipes.

**Mr Phillip P Elliott BVM&S 1993** Currently completing MSc in Wild Animal Health at the RVC and Zoological Society of London, with a view to finding employment in veterinary conservation field work.

**Miss Jutta Frense MA 1993** NGU 1991 Finally qualified as an Accountant (ACCA). As a treat for having survived another 5 years of studying will take a 6 week break to see a bit of the world.

**Mr David McFarlane BCom 1993** Currently works in the electronics industry in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Recently married to Carmela.

**Mr Osmond Mugweni MSc 1993** LEAD (Leadership for Environment and Development) Fellow and an ASHOICA Fellow since October 2002. www.lead.org, www.ashoica.org.za

**Miss Anna Partridge MA 1993** Now mother of two children, Maia and Holly. Full-time mum now - for the time being! Still does the odd translation job.

**Miss Cina Wertheim Doctoroff née Wertheim JYA 1993** Management Consultant (Monitor Group) in Boston, Mass. Having heard endless stories of Edinburgh, her (then) boyfriend surprised her with a trip to Scotland and proposed to her on Arthur's Seat!! They married in 2002 and spent their honeymoon in Tanzania on safari and in the Seychelles.

**Mr Donald Barlow MA 1994** Still living in Edinburgh, working as an investment manager after a couple of stints in Glasgow and another year as a full-time MSc student. Avoiding marriage/kids for as long as possible!

**Mrs Gaynor Bartolome née Butler MA 1994** Enjoying rugged life in the highlands with Jaime, bilingual baby Gabriela and German Shepherd Mora! Still teaching and loving it. Jaime's into IT. Life is good!

**Miss Philippa Bradbury BMus 1994** Recently returned to Yorkshire. Now enjoying teaching class music to 10-18 year olds in Leeds and living in Harrogate.

**Mr Alistair H Cowper LLB 1994** Married Harriet Hunter in November 2002. All Alumni should feel free to contact him if they are in Grand Cayman.

**Dr Hildegard Feinendegen NGU 1994** PhD in English Literature (University of Bonn) in 2002.

**Rev Dr George Hollingshead JYA 1994** Recently retired from Associate Pastor, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA (USA).

**Mrs Rosemary Laxton MBA 1994** Early retirement. Since then has been working with husband Mike in their social work/management/policy/research consultancy - Phase 3.

**Mr Reuben M Lemunyete MSc 1994** Registered with a community development organisation that helps pastoralist communities of Samburu District in northern Kenya improve their livelihoods.

**Mrs Laura Lemunyete née Sather MSc 1994** Working on community development projects mainly with women's groups. One duty is monitoring camel health in a camel

project. Also facilitating a meat and milk preservation project for income generation and food security items using cow, goat and camel products.

**Miss Katherine McKalip JYA 1994** Living in Missoula. Finishing thesis for degree in Environmental Writing (M.S.). Working as an editor and a part-time florist.

**Dr Piotr Pisarewicz NGU 1994** Obtained PhD in Economics from University of Gdansk, 2002.

**Mr Adrien K Raymond MSc 1994** Currently Head of Breeding and Reproduction Section, DVS, Ministry of Agriculture Malaysia. Also National Co-ordinator for Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources.

**Mrs Lucy Siggers née Beresford-Stooke MSc 1994** Had a baby, Molly Beatrix, on the 17th of September, 2002.

**Ms Sydney Van Atta MSc 1994** About to earn PhD in Political Science from Cornell University. Hoping to secure employment soon, possibly even back in the UK.

**Mr Alexander Zwing NGU 1994** Completed PhD in Geophysics in June 2003. Became a father to a daughter on 1 February 2003.

**Miss Katherine Aird BSc 1995** After 2 years at Carlton, has recently joined the BBC and will be continuing to produce interactive TV for Sky and Freewiew. Lives in London with partner of 6 years, Jim.

**Miss Julie Anderson BSc 1995** Now 2 years into Doctorate in Primatology. Director of Colobus Trust primate conservation project Kenya and recently presented a new six-part documentary series on Scottish Wildlife for BBC Scotland (aired Spring 2003 on BBC2).

**Mr James Banks MSc 1995** Married to Louise Donaldson (BEH Honours, 2001). Assistant Vice-President Loan Officer with Bank of Hampton Roads.

**Mr Johan Berg LLM 1995** After 3 years as an advisor at the Norwegian Ministry of Justice (main interests: human rights and international cooperation) has recently become a junior judge in the city court in Oslo.

**Dr Rakesh Bhabutta MSc 1995** After 3 years on a project team that has reviewed and reorganised primary healthcare for the Army (the theory), has been fortunate enough to be sent to Edinburgh to implement part of the work (the practice) as Commander Medical in Headquarters 2nd Division.

**Mr Rajiv Bhatia MBA 1995** Recently elected to the Management Committee of the Tax Free World Association (TFWA) in Cannes, Oct 2002, to represent the liquor category (scotch whisky included) as part of the wine and spirit companies for two years.

**Ms Sharon Cahill MSc 1995** Graduated with a PhD in Psychology from Glasgow Caledonian University last year. Birth of Nathaniel - August, 2002.

**Ms Sarah Carter JYA 1995** Very excited to be living her dream of becoming a doctor here in the US.

**Mr Peter Cochrane BEng 1995** Joined Weir Group in 2002 after working for Babcock International Group for almost 7 years. Has 2 children.

**Miss Caroline Earp MA 1995** Married Greg Taylor (BSc Hons Maths) on 23rd March, 2002 in Fyvie Castle, Scotland.

**Ms Virginia Gray MA 1995** Living with partner, Colin, in Perth, Australia. Is the Administrator for The Centre for Forensic Science at the University of Western Australia.

**Mr Stephen Hammond BSc 1995** Works in export tax, involved in UK and US tax. Married Sheila in December 2002. Now living and working in Reading.

**Miss Rachel Hazell MA 1995** Teaching workshops in Sri Lanka, Shetland and the Isles of Scilly. Also, first solo exhibition "Island Journals" opened September in Shetland.

**Mrs Lavinia Kilbride MA (SS) 1995** Just completed an MSc in Advanced Professional Development at Moray House, graduating in July 2003.

**Miss Ingeborg Kuyenhoven LLM 1995** Currently working at BP's Dutch upstream and downstream business units in The Hague as a legal advisor/advocate (attorney).

**Mr Benjamin Parker MA (SS) 1995** Working full-time as an osteopath. In the process of setting up own practice. Married to Sophie Williams (BSc Nursing, 1993) with a son, Lewin, born July 2001.

**Dr Mujib Rahman PhD 1995** Professor, and Head of Department of English and Applied Linguistics, University of Peshawar. Has successfully supervised 2 PhD students, the first ever PhD degrees in English awarded by the University of Peshawar.

**Mr Alexander M Townend BSc 1995** Married to Francis and recently celebrated the birth of their son Rufus. They're living in Oxford but missing Edinburgh!

**Mr Keith R Welch MA (SS) 1995** Recently returned from spending 5 months in South America during which time participated in a 3 month Raleigh International Expedition in Southern Chile.

**Miss Anne Wolfson MA 1995** Married Gary Waters (Architect, South African) on 5th April 2003 at Lennoxlove Estate, Haddington, Scotland.

**Dr Nicholas Barraclough BSc 1996** Awarded PhD from University of Nottingham in May 2003. Spent the summer surfing in central America and is now working as a Post-Doc at the University of St Andrews.

**Dr Shari Cohn-Simmen née Cohn PhD 1996** Married to Dr Martin Simmen (BSc 1988, PhD 1993) with one daughter, Hannah. Lecturer in Biomedical Sciences.

**Mrs Victoria Diekmann née Groning MA 1996** Married Hubertus-Emmanuel Diekmann, a lawyer, earlier this year.

**Mr Christophe Dupin NGU 1996** Working as a Librarian for the British Film Institute. Also completing a PhD at Birkbeck College London.

**Miss Alyssa Montooth NGU 1996** Teacher of the year 2002-03 for school (faculty of 83 persons). STAR teacher three years running (award for excellence in teaching).

**Ms Miriam J Nabor MA 1996** Working for Dutch NGO, Warchild Netherlands, setting up and running community arts therapy programmes for war affected children in areas such as Sudan, Kosovo and Georgia. Between missions, based in London as freelance theatre designer and arts education worker.

**Mrs Karen Pandya née Price BSc 1996** Married in September, 2002 to fellow geophysicist. Still working for Veritas, but moved from off-shore to office position, in PSDM division.

**Mr Benedict Ramsay MA 1996** Served in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Sierra Leone, Brunei and Honduras.

**Mr Ian M Suddaby MA 1996** Still the same commercial archaeology. Still the same poor pay and unpredictable fieldwork timing. Don't recommend this job to students!

**Ms Ruth Urquhart née MacDonald MBA 1996** Daughter, Rachel, born 5th September 2002, weighing 9lb 6oz. Will she follow in her Grandad, Granny and Mum's footsteps and graduate from the University of Edinburgh?!



**Ms Linda Klaamas LLM 1997** Married Robert Oliver on 21st September 2002 in Brampton, Ontario, Canada. Her first film-short finished shooting last December.

**Dr Leighton Walker MB ChB 1996** Recently passed the first part of the Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists. Has started an MSc in Statistics.

**Mr Bharat Adhikari MSc 1997** Currently working as a Technical Forester in the Forestry Department, Nepal.

**Dr Susanna Ahluwalia née Ahlstrom MSc 1997** Lives and works in Nairobi, Kenya. Married to a general surgeon and has one daughter (now 11 years old). Has been linked to the Aga Khan Hospital, Nairobi since 1998 promoting clinical research and running research method courses voluntarily.

**Mr Peter A Boakye-Yiadom MSc 1997** Owner and CEO of a veterinary hospital and pharmacy in Kumasi, the 2nd biggest city in Ghana, which provides clinical and advisory services to farmers.

**Ms Cynthia R Fairweather LLN 1997** Legal Advisor, Office of the Prosecutor, UN International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

**Mr Christoph B Glatt LLM 1997** Completed LL.D at Freiburg University in early 2002. Currently working as a solicitor in solvency law field at Feb Rechtsanwalte, Mannheim (Germany).

**Mrs Elizabeth Graham MSc 1997** In training with husband to become overseas missionaries.

**Miss Katherine Grainger LLB 1997** Rowing World Championship Gold Medal 2003.

## World Service...continued

**Mr Anson Martin BEng** 1997 Living and working in Shanghai, China on a 2-year secondment with Tyco Electronics as Business Development Manager (Asia). Married Gayle Robertson on 6th September 2003.

**Ms Emma J McKean MA** 1997 Currently teaching Modern Studies at Alloa Academy.

**Dr Laura Miller BSc** 1997 Moved to Nebraska, USA for job as post-doctorate for USDA. Got married January 2003.

**Mrs Hannah Orr née Smith BVM&S** 1997 Hannah & Nigel Orr (MEng 1995) celebrated birth of first child, Samuel Peter Orr on 18th March 2003.

**Mr Piers Pepperell BVM&S** 1997 Still large animal vet. Working on a programme for the BBC combining veterinary work and country cooking, called 'From Stable to Table'.

**Ms Tracey I Rammell BEng** 1997 Became Chartered Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 2002. Married in February 2002. Divorced in February 2003.

**Mr Keith J Scott BEng** 1997 Currently working in South Wales. Has been married to Lisa for 2 years and they recently had their first child, Iona.

**Mr Robin Soetermeer BCom** 1997 Currently working for a German car manufacturer and studying personnel management.

**Mr Thomas M Stengel NGU** 1997 Recently moved to Belgium.

**Mrs Rachel Armstrong née Fawcett BD** 1998 Currently working and living in Edinburgh. Married to Simon and had beautiful baby boy, Nathan, in July 2001.

**Mr Antoine Bouin NGU** 1998 Has been working in Tanzania for the last 4 years, a wonderful experience but is looking forward to moving to a different country.

**Miss Elizabeth Bramlett MSc** 1998 Recently undertook a career change from internet developer to teacher of high school sophmores (age 15-17) at a prestigious private school in the USA.

**Miss Susan Cheyne BSc** 1998 Currently in Indonesian Borneo working towards a PhD at Cambridge University, collecting behavioural, social, ecological and vocal data on gibbons undergoing rehabilitation with a view to returning them to the wild.

**Miss Catherine Cosgrave LLM** 1998 Currently on one-year leave from work to travel around New Zealand.

**Ms Claire Foulton** 1998 Recently worked as a Postdoctoral Research Assistant in the Department of Solar Physics, Royal Observatory of Belgium.

**Dr Jonathan Goulding MSc** 1998 In Melbourne from August, 2003 working in A&E, returning to UK in 2004 for Oxford SHO Medicine rotation.

**Miss Nicola Hendry BSc** 1998 Currently working for South Ayrshire Council as a Community Education Worker - one Post Grad Diploma later! Living with Paul and daughter Kimberley and currently completing out-building project!

**Mr Jeremy Hopkins MA** 1998 Currently based in Southern Somalia - war-torn and without a government for 12 years. Job is challenging but great fun and extremely interesting.

**Mr Jens Kuderer LLM** 1998 Admitted to the Bar (District Court Stuttgart) last year.

**Dr Paola Magrini LLM** 1998 Currently Consultant in the RED area of the Department for Innovation & Technology, Italy. Area of expertise: e-government.

**Miss Ruth O'Donnell MA** 1998 Currently taking a year's sabbatical to improve languages and travel in South America.

**Mrs Sarah Ross née Paxton BD** 1998 Completed MTh (Ministry) and now studying for MSc/Dip Childhood Studies.

**Mr Robert J Currie LLM** 1999 Assistant Professor at Dalhousie Law School, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He and wife Donna now have two children: Meg (3 1/2) and Katherine (born Jan 03). Rob can be reached at robert.currie@dal.ca.

**Dr Marcio Fernandes** Currently working as a Lecturer at UNIMEP, a Brazilian University.

**Mrs Tatyana Gupta née Tsakounova BCom** 1999 Married in March 2002 to Kapir Gupta. Completed PhD Autumn 2003.

**Miss Lisa Haggart MSc** 1999 Married Andy Hower on 28th December 2002 and living in Greenwich, London. Currently working as a freelance consultant. Andy works in publishing and photography.

**Mrs Dawn Hartmann née Mackay MA** 1999 Married a Canadian on 18th January 2003 and planning to move to Vancouver in 2004. Plans to use graduate qualification in multi-media.

**Mr Christopher Johnson MA** 1999 Completed first version of ten minute video showcase under stage name Ivan Inversion and the Headstanding Song in February 2003.

**Miss Caroline Martin BSc** 1999 Currently in Stratford-Upon-Avon with the RSC playing Lucy in 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Also appearing in two BBC dramas.



**Mr Seong Kim MBA** 2000 Works for same company as Kevin Oh and Junichi Kogure, General Cologne Re. at LA, Tokyo and Seoul branch respectively. It's great experience to work with these guys at the same company.

**Mr Ewan McIntosh MA** 1999 Currently teaching the students of tomorrow as a French teacher at Musselburgh Grammar School. Engaged to Morgone from Le Haire, France.

**Miss Laura Rennie BSc** 1999 Recently returned to university to study veterinary medicine. Direct entry into second year.

**Miss Emma Swainson BSc** 1999 Currently a year into Arabic language training, living in Jordan and attending the University of Jordan in Amman, prior to a posting in the Middle East with the FCO.

**Miss Sarah Tweedie BSc** 1999 Ran the 2003 London Marathon for MS.

**Mr Ari Alibhai MA** 2000 Recently awarded Bedingfield Scholarship to finance BVC from Gray's Inn. Has secured pupillage which commenced September 2003 with Hollis Whiteman Chalmers.

## 2000s

**Miss Louise Armitstead MA** 2000 Living in London and writing for the business section of the Sunday Times.

**Miss Caroline Aspinwall BSc** 2000 Currently living in London whilst undertaking a PhD in microbiology of photosynthetic prokaryotes at UCL.

**Miss Ines Fialho Brandao MA** 2000 Graduated from New York University in Near Eastern Studies/Museum Studies. Returned to Portugal permanently in July 2003.

**Ms Rebekah Gronowski née Zerfahs BD** 2000 Currently studying for MSc Archaeology at the University. Involved in local community affairs and wider issues of drugs awareness and rehabilitation, disabled access to buildings and transport and Scottish politics.

**Miss Laura Hutchings MA** 2000 After graduating, planned and executed a motorbike and sidecar expedition from London to Beijing via Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. Two of team of six were also Edinburgh graduates, Rory Fyfe and Sarah McVittie.

**Ms Catherine Kane BA** 2000 Woman Connect is a national project working with Women's organisations in England to provide access to the internet and overall development of the women's voluntary sector. Website - [www.womenconnect.org.uk](http://www.womenconnect.org.uk)

**Mr Stephen Marks MA** 2000 Now in third year Doctorate on Clinical Psychology Course. Would be happy to be contacted by undergraduates interested in a career in clinical psychology.

**Miss Eleanor Maxwell MA** 2000 Selected for Bertelsmann Fellowship - one of 5 successful candidates worldwide. The Reinherd Mohn Fellowship - enables her to spend a year in Europe/Asia/US working on executive project - defined by Chairman + CEO which will be presented to Bertelsmann AG Executive Board.

**Mr Alasdair Mitchell BSc** 2000 Recently returned from 3-month sabbatical in Whistler, Canada, training to become a snowboard instructor. If anyone even has an inkling to do something like that, he can highly recommend it. Change your life.

**Miss Rizana Mohamed Mahroof MPH** 2000 Currently working on stored-product entomology at the Department of Entomology at Kansas State University.

**Miss Lucy Monhemius BSc** 2000 Recently obtained an MSc in Conservation at UCL. Since then, has worked for the Bat Conservation Trust, and as a Ranger for two local councils.

**Miss Sadie Speers MA** 2000 Working in theatre, mainly West End touring venues as a technician/stage manager. Taking time off to go back to college - has just got back from working in New York.

**Mrs Elisabeth Stenhouse née Grant BD** 2000 Recently accepted as a candidate for ministry in the Church of Scotland.

**Dr Syaiful Anwar PhD** 2001 Head of Soil Conservation, Jakarta - closely watches tropical rain forest extraction as extraction without careful operation could cause soil and forest degradation and, in turn, desertification to occur.

**Mr Taha Barma MA** 2001 Started with Schroders Solomon Smith Barney last year with the Energy Markets Team in the European Investment Bank.

**Miss Lara Baxter BCom** 2001 Tax Trainee with Wilkins Kennedy. Awarded the ATT (Association of Tax Technicians) Lexis Nexis Prize for attaining the highest total mark in its national taxation examination.

**Miss Anna L Bedford MA** 2001 PhD scholar and Assistant to the President at St. Mary's College, Maryland, USA. Taught a 3rd year undergraduate course at the college in the summer - the youngest ever upper-division faculty to do so, at age 23 years. Marrying Josh Davis at Airth Castle, Scotland, in December 03.

**Mr Bradford Berger MSc** 2001 Recently had a book published based on his Master's Thesis 'Extinction Dynamics and Evolution of a Survivability-Based Multi-Level Food-Web Model' in Volume 16 of the International Journal of Modern Physics B; with colleague Dr Christopher Boultu at Heriot-Watt University.

**Miss Katherine Eagles MA** 2001 Returned to university to study Broadcast Journalism. The course lasts until May and she has already made her debut on Virgin Radio!

**Miss Elizabeth Elliott MA** 2001 Currently studying for a PhD in English Literature at the University.

**Miss Anja Fiedler MA** 2001 Recently completed an MA in Politics and Administration at the College of Europe and is now working there as an assistant tutor.

**Mr Justin Kastner Dip** 2001 Recently completed a PhD at the University of Guelph on nineteenth-century food safety related disputes. Has moved back to the US.

**Miss Katherine Keen MSc** 2001 Marrying Mr Richie Sands, a graduate of Napier & Heriot Watt Universities, on 8th May 2004.

**Miss Mariam Orkodashvili MSc** 2001 Lives and works in Georgia delivering lectures at Tbilisi State University.

**Mr Panajotis Papadopoulos MSc** 2001 Has been working in the International Payments Department of Probank S.A. in Athens, Greece since June 2002.

**Miss Rose Astor MA** 2002 Living and working in Paris for foreseeable future and working on a documentary. Currently working for the Bridgeman Art Library.

**Miss Tamsin Blyth BSc** 2002 Won the British Pharmacology Society Award for the best Pharmacology student last year. Now studying Veterinary Medicine.



**Mr Roberto Righi MSc** 1998 Currently working at the Department of Psychology (UEMG/Funedi). Also coordinates a mental health project in Minas Gerais (City: Sarzedo). Just started working as a Lecturer in a postgraduate scheme at the same university. Misses Edinburgh and its people and culture.

**Miss Lauren Brown MA** 2002 Currently in Beijing for a year to teach English and has joined two fellow University of Edinburgh graduates at a school called Guo Mao.

**Mr Charles Campbell JYA** 2002 Graduated from the University of Chicago in June 2003.

**Miss Sarah Hart MA** 2002 Moved to London, started working for an international development charity and hopes to apply for a Masters in development studies in a few years time.

**Miss Miranda Lindsay-Fynn BSc** 2002 Recently qualified as RYA Yachtmaster. She crossed the Atlantic in spring 2003 from Cape Town to Martinique via St Helena & Ascension. (5900 nautical miles). She is currently in the Mediterranean sailing yachts.

**Miss Maha Mahyuddin BEd** 2002 Currently serving government as payback for scholarship (in Malaysia). Would love to return to Edinburgh for future studies.

**Mrs Malin Masterton BSc** 2002 Currently studying ethics for one year so that in January 2004 she can start a PhD in bioethics in Uppsala.

**Dr Helen McBreen PhD** 2002 Worked as a Research Associate at CCCR before moving to Osaka, Japan to continue entrepreneurial research with a two year old Japanese start-up, Digital Fashion Ltd, designing cutting edge software for the fashion industry. Exciting job and fantastic cultural experience.

**Miss Gemma Perkins MA** 2002 Currently studying for a PGCE at Jordanhill.

## 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>



I am looking forward to seeing you at the Half-Yearly Meeting of Council on Saturday 14 February, when we shall hear the Principal's annual address on the state of the University as he presents the Annual Report for the session 2002/2003. The meeting will be followed by the General Council Lunch in the Playfair Library Hall, when our Guest of Honour and after-lunch speaker will be Alexander McCall Smith, Professor of Medical Law at the University, and creator of *Mma Precious Ramotswe* and *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*. This promises to be a most enjoyable occasion.

Planning is now at an advanced stage for the summer half-yearly meeting on Saturday 26 June 2004 when, for the first time, we hold a meeting of Council outwith Edinburgh. It will be held at Birkbeck College, University of London, which is within easy reach of King's Cross and Euston railway stations. We are delighted that another of our most distinguished members, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, who is also currently President of the University's Development Trust, has agreed to be Guest

of Honour and after-lunch speaker. While I am sure that the occasion will appeal to our many members in the south of England, mainland Europe and North America, I hope that many living in Scotland and the north of England will also come and support us in London. Please put the date in your diary now. Further information can be found on page 39 of this *Billet*.

The Business Committee is picking up the threads of business after the University's long hot summer vacation, and is looking forward to the beginning of the next session, which will be the first of its newly-structured sessions beginning in mid-September, with the Annus Academicus beginning on 1 August. The Business Committee has unanimously agreed by resolution that Council should move with the University Court and adopt the new academic year now. It also agreed that its present members, and those elected in February 2004 under the present constitutional arrangements, should be deemed from 2004 to take up their terms of office on 1 August and to demit office on 31 July. The Business Committee also lays before you a motion that tidies up future election procedures for Council's Assessors on the University Court and for members of the Business Committee. I should like to thank most sincerely the members of the Constitutional Standing Committee, and especially its Convener, Sheila Kirk, for their extremely hard and detailed work in this regard. The Standing Committees have

reviewed their roles and remits in the light of the restructured University.

At meetings with the Principal and the Officers of the Students' Association (EUSA), the General Council Officers have emphasised the need for more and better communication from the University and its Colleges on events that members of Council can support by their attendance, and the continuing need for improved communication and facilities for Life Members of Teviot House. I hope to be able to report further on these matters in February 2004.

I record my sincere thanks to our outgoing Court Assessors Robert Bertram and Christina Vaughan-Griffiths, Standing Committee Conveners John Cameron and David Lamb, and Business Committee members Norma Allen, Jane Cheape, Niall Martin, Fiona Rait, John Mayer and Leon Pompa. Their commitment to, and work for, the Business Committee has been greatly appreciated. In their places I welcome to the Business Committee, Court Assessors Robin Blair and Gavin Scott, and Committee members George Allen, William Bowie, Carole Clarke, Gavin Douglas and Anne Paterson. I am grateful to John Manson and Ian Smith for assuming the roles of Conveners of (respectively) the Academic and the Finance and Services Standing Committees for the new year, and to Sheila Kirk and Ann Sutherland for continuing as Conveners of the Constitutional and the Public Affairs Standing Committees. Margaret Tait continues as a Court Assessor for a further two years.

**The General Council will meet in Room G175, School of Law, Old College, on Saturday 14 February 2004 at 10.30am.**

#### SUMMARY AGENDA

1. Result of the Election of Members of the Business Committee
2. Minutes and Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of the General Council held on 28 June 2003
3. Report of the Business Committee
4. Motion
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
8. Adjournment

A full Agenda is given on pages 37 to 39.

#### MEET OLD FRIENDS - MAKE NEW FRIENDS: SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2004

*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 40 and inside of rear cover for details)

## POSTAL ELECTION

#### CANDIDATES FOR POSTAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The following nominations have been received for the election of five members to serve until 31 July 2008:

##### **Dr Frances Dow, MA 1969**

*Proposed by Peter Freshwater, MA 1964, MCLIP, FSA Scot*

*Seconded by Professor (Emeritus) R E Asher, DLitt 1992, BA, PhD, FRSE, FKSA, FRAS*

A graduate and member of staff for nearly 30 years. I was Dean of Arts and Vice-Principal. I currently serve on the Marshall Scholarships Commission and the Council for the Regulation of Healthcare Professionals. I am committed to the highest academic standards and to fostering the alumni community worldwide.

##### **Mr Neil R Hynd, BArch 1969, LVO, FRIAS, FSA Scot**

*Proposed by Peter Freshwater, MA 1964, MCLIP, FSA Scot*

*Seconded by Alan M Johnston, MBA 1989*

Currently serving the University Business Committee as a co-opted member, I now welcome this opportunity to serve a fully elected term. My experience within the Scottish Executive and other public committees gives me a useful perspective on the University, its development and its contribution to Edinburgh city life.

##### **Mr Charles Frederick Yeaman Lawson, BSc 1963, CA, FSI**

*Proposed by Neil R Hynd, BArch 1969*

*Seconded by Alan M Johnston, MBA 1989*

Fred Lawson gained scholarship from Cargilfield to Glenalmond. Rescued Charities Queen after St Andrews kidnap. Started Lawson Securities. After stockbroking, he worked for Coutts, Bahamas. Completed Munros. Stood for Westminster, Holyrood and Europe. Trustee Bield Housing, Editor Rotary Bulletin, learning Spanish, HCEG golfer. Married to Susan, 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren.

##### **Mr Lorimer David Maurice Mackenzie, MA 1964**

*Proposed by William Alastair Paterson Weatherston, MA 1957*

*Seconded by A M Bell, BL 1961*

Thirty-seven years in public service in UK and Europe provide me with a large experience of the diversity and challenges of higher education. I still act in an advisory capacity on enterprise education. I wish to put this experience at the disposal of the University and General Council.

##### **Mr John Geoffrey Sharps, MA 1958, BTh, MEd, MLitt, CPsychol, AFBPsS, FRGS, FRSA**

*Proposed by James Morrison Noble, MA 1958*

*Seconded by John MacArthur, MA 1958*

A former member of the Business Committee, a life member of the Graduates' Association, of the Union, and of the Library, I welcome and pledge my full support for the Court's commitment to the Nolan Public-Life Standards and Principles (Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty, and Leadership).

##### **Mrs Patricia Spark, MA 1953**

*Proposed by F Marion Firm, BCom 1963*

*Seconded by Sheena Margaret Gordon-Rogers, LLB 1968*

Trained as a medical social worker and was a VSO in Africa in my youthful past. Married, and while bringing up two daughters, recent graduates of different universities, I did voluntary work interspersed with continuing education classes. Latterly, for nine years, I worked in a hospital community care team.

##### **Ms Diana Webster, MA 1971, Dip Lib, MCLIP**

*Proposed by Ann M Sutherland, MA 1960*

*Seconded by Muriel J F Smith, BEd 1973*

Worked in EU Library, Royal Scottish Museum and National Library of Scotland, becoming Head of Map Library in 1999 – the result of six lectures on map history at EU inspiring a passion for early maps. With less to juggle as family grows up, I have more time to offer.

##### **Mr Ian Wotherspoon, MA 1969, MBA, PhD, FSA Scot, MCFI**

*Proposed by Peter Freshwater, MA 1964, MCLIP, FSA Scot*

*Seconded by Dr Richard S Denison, MBChB 1965, FRCGP, DCH, DORCOG*

A graduate in Scottish Historical Studies, Ian Wotherspoon has spent much of his life in Asia and the Pacific where he worked in change management and finance. He is now a volunteer manager with Barnardo's Scotland in Edinburgh. His interests include the University's past and present connections and influence abroad.

*A Voting Paper is enclosed and should be completed and returned in the pre-paid envelope addressed to Development & Alumni. Please tick the box on the envelope flap to indicate that your Voting Paper is enclosed. Details of candidates appear on page 36.*

# FULL AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 14 FEBRUARY 2004

## 1. Result of the Election of Members of the Business Committee

### 2. Minutes and Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of the General Council on 28 June 2003

Present: Mr Tam Dalyell, Rector, in the Chair; Professor Andrew A Calder, Head of the Division of Reproductive & Departmental Sciences, School of Clinical Sciences and Community Health, College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine; Dr Ann Matheson, Secretary of the General Council; Mr Peter B Freshwater, Convener of the Business Committee; and 65 other members.

The Rev. Russell Fountain, deputising for the Chaplain to the University, opened the meeting with prayer.

#### 2.1 Minutes and Matters Arising from the Meeting on 8 February 2003

The Minutes of the meeting on 8 February 2003 were approved.

#### 2.2 Report of the Business Committee

Mr Freshwater, Convener of the Business Committee, gave his report. He drew attention to the fact that this was the first meeting to be chaired by the new Rector of the University, Tam Dalyell MP, and on behalf of the members, he warmly welcomed him to the General Council.

The Convener referred to the *Billet*, and its design treatment. Because of the short time-scale between the February and June meetings of Council, Communications & Public Affairs had decided to defer the redesign of *Edit* until the issue for the next meeting in February 2004.

The Business Committee had continued to be actively concerned with the University's strategy on student admissions, and had received an excellent presentation by Vice-Principal Gordon Kirk, Convener of the University's Admissions Strategy Group, at its May meeting. The Convener commended articles on the subject in the University *Bulletin* for April/May 2003 and June/July 2003, also available

in electronic form in the *eBulletin* (issues for March and June 2003) on the University's website.

The Business Committee had taken an interest in the proposal to transfer the Reid Music Library from Alison House in Nicolson Square to the Main Library in George Square. Plans, in consultation with music staff and students, were in hand to enable the Music Collections to be brought together in the Main Library, and to be used in soundproof rooms with recordings and with musical instruments. The Convener referred to the Talbot Rice Gallery exhibition 'Object Lessons', which focused on the University's museum, gallery and library collections built up over 400 years, and said that a very enjoyable private viewing had been held for members of Council and their friends on 26 June.

The Convener welcomed the appointment of Professor Helen Hayes, Vice-Principal (Information Services) at the University of Melbourne in Australia, to the post of Vice-Principal for Knowledge Management and Librarian to the University from September 2003. He also welcomed the proposal to create a post of Vice-Principal for Development and Director of Development & Alumni. The new Vice-Principal would also become Registrar to the General Council.

The Academic and Finance and Statistics Standing Committees had continued their rounds of briefing meetings and discussions with the Heads of Colleges and of University Support Services. The Constitutional Standing Committee was reviewing Council's electoral procedures. The Public Affairs Standing Committee had been concerned with the University's museum, gallery and library collections. All the approved Millennial Plaques had now been installed, and this was noted with pleasure, especially that in honour of Charles Barkla, Professor of Natural Philosophy. The reports by the Conveners of all four Standing Committees were included in the Annex to the *Billet*.

The Officers of the General Council had been honoured to represent the University and the Principal at the Edinburgh Science Festival Service in the High Kirk of St Giles on Sunday 6 April. The Officers also planned to seek a meeting with the Principal to identify other ways in which Council could be seen actively and positively to support the University in the City and elsewhere.

Plans for the Half-Yearly Meeting on 14 February 2004 in Edinburgh were in place. The guest speaker at the General Council Lunch would be Alexander McCall Smith, Professor of Medical Law in the University, and creator of Mma Precious Ramotswe and *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*. Plans for holding the June 2004 Meeting in London were also well under way. The meeting was likely to be held in the new conference suite at Birkbeck College London. The proposal to hold a London meeting had been enthusiastically welcomed by the Edinburgh University Club of London. It promised to be a great occasion.

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 Dates of future meetings of the General Council

The 2004 General Council Meetings would be held in Edinburgh on Saturday 14 February and in London on Saturday 26 June 2004. Any motions for discussion at the General Council Half-Yearly Meeting on 14 February 2004 should be received in the General Council Office by 26 November 2003, and any motions for discussion at the General Council Half-Yearly Meeting on 26 June 2004 should be received in the General Council Office by 7 April 2004.

#### 2.4 Dates of forthcoming Elections

The election of five members of the Business Committee to serve from 1 September 2004 to 31 July 2008 would take place in February 2004. Nominations on forms available from the Secretary of the General Council should be received in the General Council Office by 26 November 2003.

# NEW BEGINNINGS

**2.5 Presentation by Professor Andrew A Calder, Head of the Division of Reproductive & Departmental Sciences, School of Clinical Sciences and Community Health, College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine**

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I am delighted to be able to welcome you here to Little France to the new Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, our new home. If I have a theme for you this morning, it is the theme of change. The Medical School in Edinburgh is proud to acknowledge the links in its origins with the University of Leiden. It was from Leiden that four of Herman Boerhaave's pupils came back to Edinburgh to join with Alexander Monro (Primus) to establish the Medical School in 1726.

The very first building to accommodate the Infirmary was in Robertson's Close, before moving to a purpose-built infirmary in Thomson's Yards. This hospital served for a considerable time until it was replaced in 1870 with the Infirmary, with which I am sure we are all familiar, and which we rather sadly parted company with just over a month ago. The Veterinary School was originally a private institution set up by William Dick in 1832 in St Andrews Square. The University began offering degrees in veterinary science in 1911, and Summerhall was built and opened in 1917, with formal affiliation with the University in 1934, and the establishment of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in 1964.

In the old Royal Infirmary there was a continued need to try to improve the fabric and the accommodation. The Infirmary had all sorts of little additions and things squeezed into every conceivable nook and cranny in order to continue to function because there had been a great expectation going back decades for a new Royal Infirmary. What did happen eventually was the construction of what was to be phase 1 of a new Royal Infirmary on Lauriston Place, which remains. The Eye Pavilion remains, but the rest of the site has been sold off. The Western General Hospital will continue to be a very important component of the Medical School. The Lauriston Building will remain as a Lauriston Clinic, the Eye Pavilion and, for the time being, the Sick Children's Hospital and Summerhall.

The construction on this site has been very different in that the Infirmary component has been constructed as a private finance initiative, costing £180M. The hospital is owned and run by the Consortium, and the Lothian University Hospitals NHS Trust effectively rents the premises from that Consortium. That has been controversial. The Chancellor's Building was built with a direct grant of approximately £50M from the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council. In addition, the University has recently been re-organised into three Colleges. Our College is the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine with Professor John Savill as the Vice-Principal and Head of College. The Faculty of Medicine has disappeared after 276 years, and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine has disappeared as well. The College is made up of four Schools, and there are also four directorates that cross the Schools.

Next month we will have the graduation of the first cohort of students who have been through the new Edinburgh Medical Curriculum. The philosophy of the new curriculum is for core knowledge but a much greater emphasis on clinical and communication skills.

Together we have very nearly 1,200 medical students and more than 500 veterinary students, with an additional 1,000 postgraduate students in research and taught degrees. In the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) we have continued to enjoy the highest possible rating, and in the most recent exercise in 2001, hospital-based clinical medicine got the 5\* rating, shared with only two other medical schools in the UK. So, there is a huge emphasis on research. We take the view in Edinburgh that in both medicine and veterinary medicine we teach these clinical subjects in a research-rich environment. We now have eight interdisciplinary research centres, with an annual SHEFC funding budget of just over £36M. They form a critical mass of properly trained, research-driven clinicians and scientists, who work together in an integrated way within the clinical setting here in the Royal Infirmary and in the Vet School, supported by the very latest technology. There will also be a new Institute for Medical Cell Biology here at Little France, which will bring together the Centre for Reproductive Biology, which has within it the Medical Research Council Human Reproductive Sciences Unit, the MRC/University Centre for Inflammation

Research and the Centre for Cardiovascular Science, which has a Wellcome Trust Cardiovascular Research Institute. These three have been put together in the belief that these are our three stars in the firmament of Edinburgh medicine and research. The Institute is costed at £52M, and I am delighted to say that not only are we nearly there with the research fundraising, which has been principally driven by Professor Sir David Carter and the past Dean of Faculty, Professor Colin Bird, but the University has given the green light to the construction of the entire Institute as planned.

I hope you will have a chance to enjoy the facilities of the Chancellor's Building, which we think is really a wonderful facility. In the foyer there are three splendid portraits of Sir James Young Simpson, Lord Lister and Dr Andrew Duncan, remembered in Edinburgh in the context of the Andrew Duncan Clinic. The commission to create the tapestry, 'To a Celtic Spirit', by the artist Alan Davie, with funds from the Morton Trust led to the re-opening of the Dovecot Studio within Donaldson's School for the Deaf. I thought it appropriate to finish my talk by mentioning the tapestry because in a sense it symbolises the tapestry of all the different components that come together to form our objectives in medical and veterinary education: the scientists, the clinicians, the laboratory technicians and the patients. That tapestry is something that we are enormously proud of in Edinburgh. We have a very great opportunity to do very good work here, and I think that 'To a Celtic Spirit' is quite a good title for this, because what we will continue to try and do is to embody the great Scottish traditions for education, for compassion and for service to the community.

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

## **2.6 Any other competent business**

No matters were raised.

## **2.7 Adjournment**

The Motion by the Convener of the Business Committee that, for the purpose of considering matters which may be transmitted to the General Council by the University Court or any other business of a competent nature, the Business Committee be empowered to act on behalf of the

Council, and that this meeting be adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Business Committee, was approved.

The Rev. Russell Fountain closed the meeting with a benediction.

### **3. Report of the Business Committee**

#### **4. Motion**

*Preamble:* The Business Committee on the advice of the Constitutional Standing Committee has revised Section 5 of the 'Constitutional Arrangements' (February 2003) of the General Council. The objectives of the revision have been:

(1) to clarify and update General Council election procedures in line with current best practice as advised by the Electoral Reform Society and the Electoral Reform Ballot Services.

*Nomination Forms have been amended to include a warning that false statements could render a nomination invalid, and provisions have been made in Section 5 for appropriate action to be taken in such circumstances.*

(2) to harmonise the provisions of Section 5 with the new academic year which takes effect from 2004.

*Periods of office of members of the Business Committee have been amended to begin and end concurrently with the relevant academic year, which now begins on 1 August and ends on 31 July.*

(3) to clarify that the procedures for amendments to the 'Constitutional Arrangements' apply to the whole of the 'Constitutional Arrangements', and not solely to Section 5.

*The clause that was previously 5.13 has been removed from Section 5, and forms a new section on its own (Section 8).*

*Motion:* The General Council approves the amendment of Section 5 of the 'Constitutional Arrangements', and the creation of a new Section 8 to the 'Constitutional Arrangements', all as tabled at the meeting.

Proposed by the Business Committee

#### **Additional Constitutional Matters:**

Council's attention is drawn to a further change in the 'Constitutional Arrangements' in Section 4. Section 4 is an extract from University Ordinance No.198, and cannot be amended without amendment of that Ordinance.

As a consequence of changes in the academic year, the University has in this academic session required to amend other parts of that Ordinance that do not form part of the 'Constitutional Arrangements'. In the normal course, the University informed us that this Ordinance was being changed. The procedures for changing ordinances are that a new Ordinance, approved by the Privy Council, is required. This is a significant and lengthy process.

At the time of intimation, the Constitutional Standing Committee was in the process of updating the 'Constitutional Arrangements', as outlined above. It is desirous to have continuity in Nominations Forms for election of Business Committee members and Assessors. Altering the Nomination Form for Assessors (which effectively forms part of Ordinance No.198) would require a new Ordinance, and since the University was already embarked upon amending Ordinance No.198, we thought it expedient to include our desired amendments within the University's own procedures. Some urgency attached to the matter. As the University has taken some significant steps towards implementing the new academic year, we did not wish to delay the University, and, therefore, relying on Section 2.1. of the 'Constitutional Arrangements', whereby the Business Committee is empowered to act on behalf of Council, we requested that a change to our 'Constitutional Arrangements' to include the new Nomination Form, with related procedures, be included in the University's new Ordinance No.205. This has been done, and the full text of all the requested amendments is available as shown below.

*The full text of the amendments is mounted on the General Council's website at [www.general-council.ed.ac.uk](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk), and may also be obtained, on request, from Mrs Jean Gibson, Assistant to the Secretary of the General Council, The University of Edinburgh, Charles Stewart House, 9-16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT. Tel: +44 (0)131 650 2152. Email: [General.Council@ed.ac.uk](mailto:General.Council@ed.ac.uk). Copies of the full text will also be available on the day of the General Council Half-Yearly Meeting on Saturday 14 February 2004.*

#### **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**

#### **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 26 June 2003. General Council members may either collect the Annex from half-an-hour before the Council meeting or request it by post from: Mrs Jean Gibson, General Council Office, The University of Edinburgh, Charles Stewart House, 9-16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT. Tel: +44 (0) 131 650 2152; Email: [General.Council@ed.ac.uk](mailto:General.Council@ed.ac.uk)*

#### **GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING IN LONDON SATURDAY 26 JUNE 2004**

The Half-Yearly Meeting in London in June 2004 will be an historic event, since it will be the first occasion on which the General Council of the University of Edinburgh has met in a location outside Edinburgh. A warm welcome is extended to all members of the General Council. The Meeting will take place in the new Conference Centre of Birkbeck College, University of London, on Saturday 26 June 2004. The Centre is easily accessible from Euston and King's Cross railway stations. The Meeting will begin at 11am, preceded by coffee from 10.30. Lunch will be held at 1pm, following a sherry reception at 12.30, and a warm welcome is extended to members of the General Council, other alumni, partners, family and friends. We are delighted that the after-lunch speaker will be Sir Malcolm Rifkind, President of the University's Development Trust, and that Principal Timothy O'Shea has agreed to attend the Meeting and Lunch. The Edinburgh University Club of London, through its President, Ms Rosalind Topping, is kindly arranging a programme for the rest of the day, and details of this can be found elsewhere in the current issue of *Edit* (page 27). Further information about the General Council London Meeting, and precise details of location, will be mounted in due course on the General Council website at [www.general-council.ed.ac.uk](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk), so please keep a regular eye on the website. Detailed information will also, of course, appear in the summer 2004 issue of the *Billet* within *Edit*. We greatly look forward to welcoming you to the London Meeting.

## 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 **2005**  
 Registrar: Joanna Storrar, BA, MBA, Acting Director of Development and  
 Acting Secretary of the Development Trust **ex-officio**

### General Council Assessors on the University Court:

Margaret Tait, BSc **2005**  
 Robin Blair, MA, LLB **2007**  
 Gavin Scott, BCom, CA, MBA **2007**

### Business Committee:

Convener: Peter B. Freshwater, MA, MCLIP, FSA Scot **2004**  
 Vice-Convener: Alan Johnston, MBA, CChem, FRSC, CBiol, FIBiol **2004**

A Convener of Academic Standing Committee:  
 John Manson, BSc, MS(Calif), PhD **2004**  
 F Convener of Standing Committee on Finance and Services:  
 Ian Smith, MA, DipMS, MIMIS **2004**  
 P Convener of Public Affairs Standing Committee:  
 Ann Sutherland, MA **2004**  
 C Convener of Constitutional Standing Committee:  
 Sheila Kirk, BA, LLB **2005**

### 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**  
 C Sir Kenneth Scott, KCVO, CMG, MA **2004**  
 P Neil Hynd, LVO, BArch (co-opted) **2004**  
 A David Burton, BSc **2005**  
 P Helen Campbell, MA **2005**  
 F T Finlay Marshall, MA, FFA **2005**  
 F Ian Miller, OBE, LLB **2005**  
 A R E Asher, FRSE, DLitt, BA, PhD **2006**  
 P Michael Conway, MA **2006**  
 C Ralph Parkinson, MA Geography (Hons) **2006**  
 C Graham Rule, BA, FRAS, FRSSA, FRMetS, FSA (Scot) **2006**  
 P Roger Windsor, MBE, MA, BSc, BVM&S, MRCVS **2006**  
 C George Allen, BL **2007**  
 F William Bowie, BSc **2007**  
 A Carole Clarke, MA **2007**  
 A Gavin Douglas, RD, QC, MA, LLB **2007**  
 F Anne Paterson, BSc **2007**

Assistant to the Secretary: Jean Gibson



**Before the General Council Lunch on 28 June 2003, left to right:**

Mr Alan Johnston (Vice-Convener of the Business Committee), Dr Michael Shea, CVO, DL, who gave the after-lunch address, Mr Tam Dalyell (Rector), Professor Andrew Calder (Head of the Division of Reproductive & Departmental Sciences, School of Clinical Sciences and Community Health, College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine), Mr Peter B Freshwater (Convener of the Business Committee), and Dr Ann Matheson (Secretary of the General Council).

## The February 2004 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 14 February 2004 in the Playfair Library Hall, Old College. Professor Alexander McCall Smith (above) 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

If you would like to attend the next General Council Lunch, please complete and return the form on the inside of the rear cover no later than Monday 9 February 2004.

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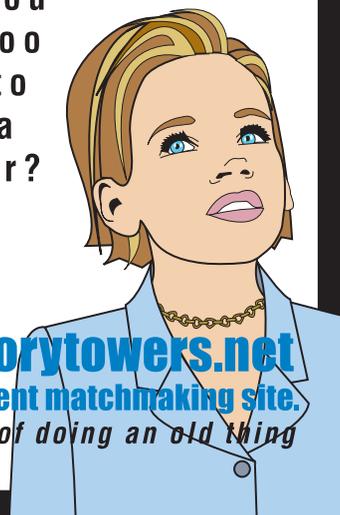
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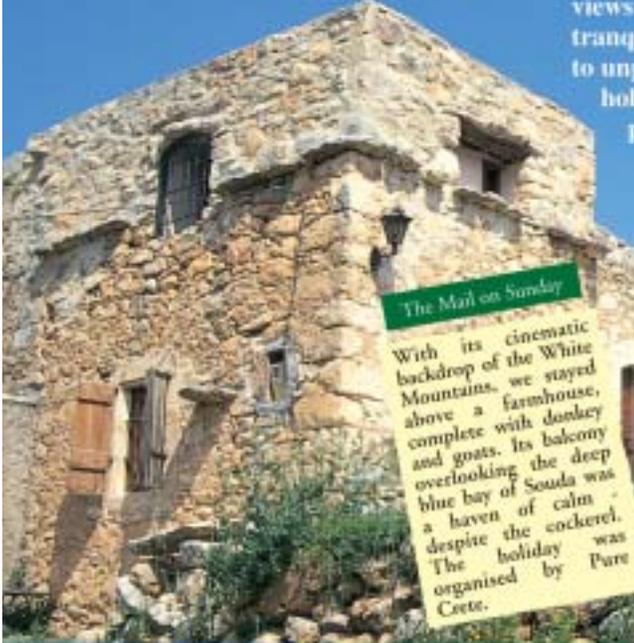
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### The Mail on Sunday

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Nominations for the election of five members of the Business Committee are given on page 36 of *Edit*. Please ensure that you use your opportunity to vote in the interests of the General Council and the University.

**The enclosed Voting Paper should be returned, by noon on 12 February 2004, in the pre-paid envelope addressed to Development & Alumni.**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH GENERAL COUNCIL**  
Election to the Business Committee  
VOTING PAPER

Order of preference	Name of candidate in order of preference (use full name)
1st	
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