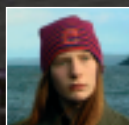




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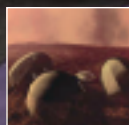
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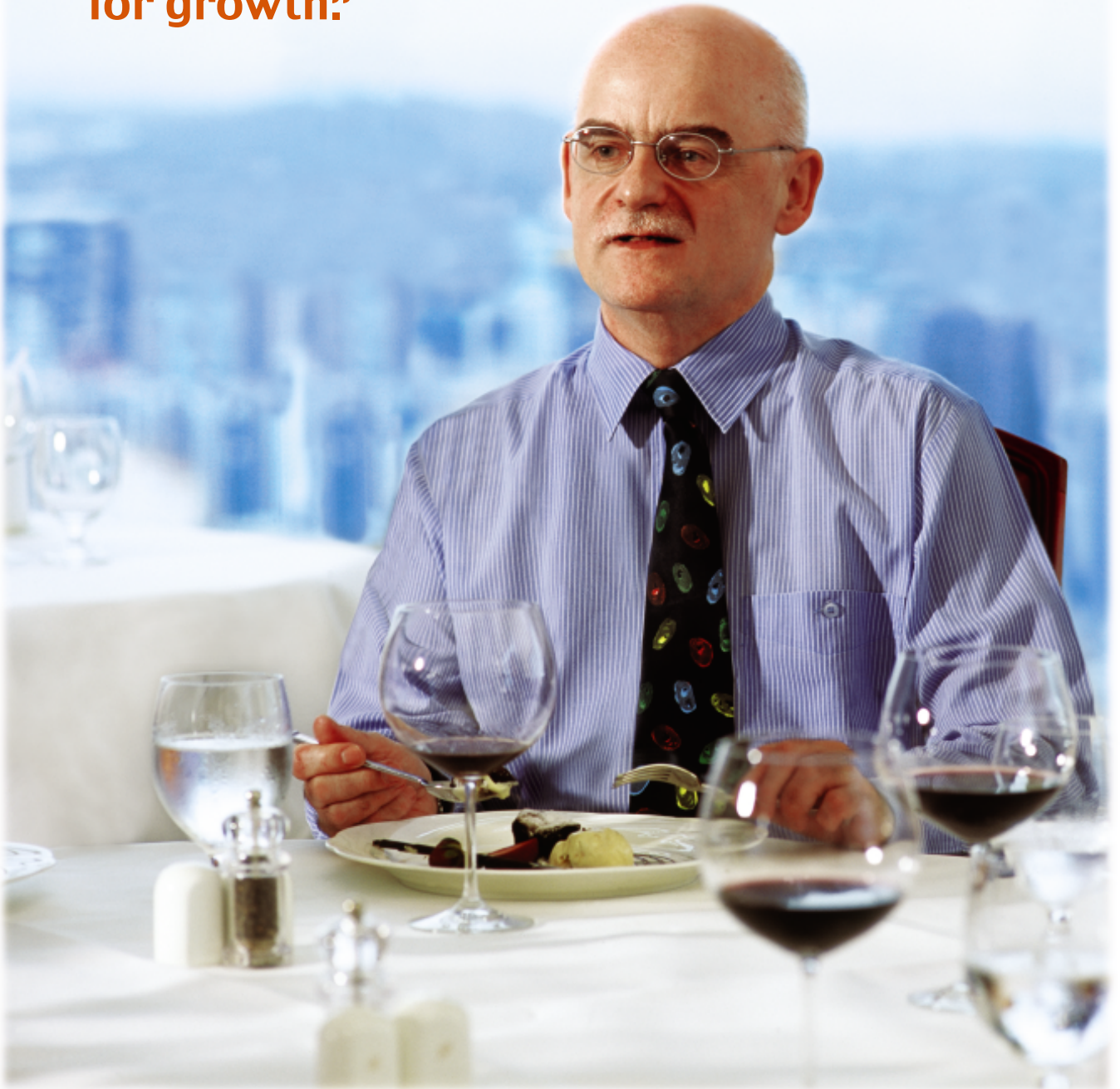
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Dear alumni As I write this we have just received the latest student application figures - the highest ever in the history of the University - including more from overseas than ever before. Our international research reputation continues to grow and our renown as a good place to work as well as to learn is spreading. This was highlighted recently when the USA's *The Scientist* magazine ranked the University of Dundee third in the world after surveying scientists on the best institutions to work in outside the USA.

What makes Dundee attractive to staff and students? Our aspiration towards excellence in research, teaching and learning is undoubtedly one part of the formula, but environment and quality of life are also vitally important.

We are doing a great deal at present to invest in the best possible environment for the future. An ambitious £160 million building programme encompassing the development of state of the art learning facilities and technology is a priority. An important step towards our new Campus 2009 was recently made, when the start of building work on the new Queen Mother building - to be the centre of computing research and teaching - was marked in a naming ceremony by HRH The Princess Royal.

This year the University has welcomed more members of the public to campus events, including the highly popular Saturday Evening Lecture Series, celebrating its 80th anniversary, and the inaugural Discovery Days introducing the excitement of cutting edge research by our newest professors to a wide audience. We hope to welcome you back to University events and offer you more opportunities to maintain your links with your University, as we continue on our journey discovering the future.

Alan Langlands
Principal and Vice Chancellor

Welcome to Dundee Reunited

What's happening at the University? Lots! You would be proud to see the progress being made: a growing international profile, the construction of new buildings AND we are bucking the Scottish recruitment trends with more new students than ever before. We hope you will come back and see for yourselves.

Our aim is to look ahead and give students the ideal environment to reach their full potential.

Although there are various fundraising campaigns underway to support our centres of excellence, the University has other needs too. There are two areas for which we are currently seeking support: Student Hardship Funds and enhancing our Teaching and Learning Environment.

This is your opportunity to play a part in helping your University. In September 2004 we will be launching our first Annual Giving programme and will be sending letters to a few alumni at a time to tell you

that a current student may be contacting you by phone so they can chat with you about what life is like as a student today, about specific needs of the University and how you can help. Did you know that donating as little as £10 a month over three years would mean £461.54 (UK tax payers) to the University when tax is retrieved? No gift is too small, it all adds up!

There is no pressure on you, our alumni, to either agree to the student's telephone call or to make a donation. However, if you do receive a letter, we believe you will enjoy the subsequent telephone conversation - an opportunity to reminisce about your time here in Dundee.

Best wishes,
Dianne Pemberton-Pigott
Head of Alumni Relations

PS If you are an employer, remember the quality of a Dundee graduate - our class of 2004 are seeking positions.



From left: Stuart McConnachie, Sir George Mathewson, Ian Cameron Black, Dianne Pemberton-Pigott and Murray Dunn at a reunion for alumni who entered the University in 1958.

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In the News . . .



Maths mastery - Professor Roger Fletcher elected Fellow of the Royal Society

Professor Roger Fletcher, Head of the Department of Mathematics, has been elected Fellow of the highly prestigious Royal Society for his mastery of maths, including formulae that helped put the earliest spacecraft in the 1960s into orbit. The numerous computer programmes based on his work, which are in widespread use today, are yet another testimony to the enormous significance and invaluable nature of his research.



To keep up to date with the latest news from the University visit the Press and Publications website at

www.dundee.ac.uk/pressoffice

Resolving international water disputes

Dr Patricia Wouters, Director of the University's International Water Law Research Institute (IWLRI), attended the Third World Water Forum in Kyoto (2003) – the world's largest meeting on water.

The need for a new "World Water Ethic", in which law plays a fundamental role was identified at the Forum. As the leading research institute in water law, and the only academic institution to offer postgraduate degrees in

water law and policy, the University played a key role. The IWLRI's Legal Assessment Model, integrating three principal disciplines – law, hydrology and economics – will be used to help resolve international water disputes and to develop national water policy consistent with international obligations.

The University hosts a biennial conference highlighting current issues in water law and policy. For more information see: <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/law/iwlri>

The water forum web site can be found at: <http://www.world.water-forum3.com/>



From left: Principal Sir Alan Langlands, Professor Charles McKean, Frank Gehry, Chairman of Court Larry Rolland and University Chancellor Sir James Black.

Frank Gehry's UK first with new Maggie Centre

World-renowned architect Frank Gehry visited Dundee for the opening of the Maggie centre – his first UK building – and was conferred with an honorary degree by the University of Dundee

Principal Sir Alan Langlands welcomed Frank Gehry to the University at the opening of the 'Breathing Space' symposium at the University's Visual Research Centre in Dundee Contemporary Arts. The symposium, which featured Frank Gehry, architects and cancer experts, addressed the aesthetic of cancer care.

The new Dundee Cake - a revolutionary 'recipe'

Researchers at the University have collaborated with a Dundee baker to manufacture a new type of flapjack. The 'recipe' could revolutionise the diagnosis of a symptom that impairs the body's ability to absorb and metabolise medication to treat conditions associated with Diabetes, Irritable Bowel Syndrome and AIDS.

The new flapjack is an original way to diagnose the rate of stomach emptying. Current methods employ radioactive tracers which make it too expensive and risky for large-scale screening but the Dundee technology is safe, accurate and cheap – as well as tasting good – all improvements on existing methods.



Local baker Alan Clark shows off his new 'Dundee cake'.

Pioneering wider access into Higher Education

2003 marked the 10th anniversary of the University's pioneering Access Summer School.

More than 750 students have passed through the Access Summer School since it opened at the University's Wider Access Study Centre in 1993. Of the 96% who completed the course, 78% have immediately won a place at the University of Dundee, while many others have taken up places at other higher or further education institutions. The Access Summer School's 2002 external examiner described the School as the best at what it

does in this country, stating, "Dundee has continued its high standards and maintains its position as a national leader in widening access."



Breaking new ground in cancer treatment

The University's Dr Barbara Spruce has been named as the winner of the first *Gannochy Award* from the Royal Society of Edinburgh, with a prize of £50,000.

Dr Spruce received the prestigious award for her groundbreaking work in the field of cancer treatment. She has identified an 'Achilles' heel' in cancer cells which may cause some of them to self-destruct, without harming normal cells. Cancer treatments developed as a result of this research will be largely devoid of side effects and could be used alone or alongside conventional cancer therapies.



Honorary degrees in 2003

Designer Stella McCartney and Nobel prize winning poet Seamus Heaney were among those who received honorary degrees from the University in the 2003 summer graduation celebrations.

Ms McCartney was honoured for her immense contribution to innovative design. She received her honorary degree at a special ceremony for design graduates in London.

Seamus Heaney received his honorary degree at a ceremony in Dundee and then delivered his only public lecture of the year to a capacity audience. Copies of his speech, entitled *Room to Rhyme* are now on sale, contact a.jconstable@dundee.ac.uk

See page 29 for more details.



Man on the moon

The 80th anniversary of the University's Saturday evening lecture series got off to a flying start, with lectures from a number of renowned speakers including Piers Sellers one of the few British born astronauts in NASA.

Piers' lecture covered the future of space exploration, explaining how NASA is aiming

to complete the exploration of the solar system and develop further manned expeditions to Mars and possibly beyond.

Due to popular demand, he also gave a special lecture to around 450 Dundee schoolchildren, who were thrilled at their opportunity to meet a real, live spaceman!

For further information about future lectures contact: events@dundee.ac.uk



Royal visit

The University was an important fixture on the itinerary of HRH the Princess Royal, when she made a flying visit to Dundee.

HRH The Princess Royal opened the Dundee Cancer Therapeutic Discovery Facility at Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, her first official engagement as Patron of Tenovus Scotland. She said: "I think that this facility and even its title 'Discovery', inspires a considerable amount of innovation and motivation.

"It has real potential for making giant strides in discovering not only about cancer but also

about ways to treat those people who have developed cancer."

HRH the Princess Royal also visited the main campus to unveil a virtual foundation plaque for the new Queen Mother Research Centre, which will research new technology to improve the lives of the elderly and disabled. The new building is dedicated to the memory of the Queen Mother, the Princess Royal's grandmother, the University's first Chancellor and a patron of the QMRC fundraising campaign.

Commenting on the new centre, the princess said: "I am delighted to name the Queen Mother Building. I know she was delighted with what we have in mind and I know I am delighted with the potential of this building."

Dundee - a career resource for life

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks and certainly, in the past, it was often the case that the 'tricks' which led you down a certain career path were the ones you stuck with for life.

But as the UK – and, indeed, many countries throughout the world – looks towards becoming a knowledge, rather than skills-based, economy, the need to continue to develop new skills, or 'tricks', has never been more important.

And that's where the University can help. Our commitment to your career development by no means ended when you graduated – we can help you to build upon your existing skill-set at every stage in your career.

The Vision: Towards 2007, a blueprint for the future of the University created by Principal Sir Alan Langlands, outlines the University's goals for the next few years – and providing professional development services for alumni is a key element. These initiatives will be headed up by Vice-Principal – and University of Dundee alumnus – Professor James Calderhead (Psychology 1972).

In terms of professional development for alumni, James cites the University's strong networking links as an invaluable asset.

"Communicating with our graduates is essential so that a fruitful relationship between the University and our former students can be maintained. One of my plans is the extension of lifelong learning services so that our graduates become lifelong students who can use the University as a continual resource. This of course ties in with the development of e-learning so that alumni scattered around the world can easily access the teaching resources we have on offer."

James adds: "The role of alumni in the future of the University is not to be underestimated. They are crucial not just in terms of the generous contributions they make but in terms of acting as ambassadors for the University and enhancing our already very enviable reputation in the UK and beyond."

As another key goal of the 'Vision' is to foster better links with alumni, the goal of welcoming back graduates for lifelong learning programmes is one that the whole University will be striving towards – including Graham Nicholson, who has recently taken up the post of Head of the Careers Service.

Graham explains: "While many universities will only provide a careers service for alumni during the first year after they graduate, the University of Dundee has always had a more 'generous' approach and we provide information and advice for all alumni, no matter how long it is since they left."

In the UK, it is only the university careers services that offer advice and information specifically for graduates. That makes the information on offer from the University of Dundee an invaluable resource for alumni looking for professional careers advice. Graham adds: "I am really keen to build on the University's links with alumni. And if there are any alumni with specific skills or knowledge that they would like to share with students then I'd love to hear from them."

And this idea of 'knowledge sharing' is an area that Graham is particularly keen to develop. "Alumni have invaluable experience in a wide variety of careers and this type of experience can be of major use to students who are thinking about the type of job they want to go for after graduation. Whether it's by making themselves available as a contact in a specific industry or providing advice for students, alumni are an invaluable source of knowledge for undergraduates and postgraduates, thinking about their next step."

So, whether it's two or twenty years since you left the University, why not think about re-affirming your links with us via the lifelong learning courses or the careers service? It could be your first step on the way to a whole new career or towards helping a Dundee student get that invaluable first step on the career ladder.



Is there life on Mars?

Since Neil Armstrong took his first historic steps on the Moon, the space race has been a source of major rivalry between the world's super powers and when the British led Beagle 2 mission set off for Mars in 2003 it captured the imaginations of people all over the world. Fred Goesmann (PhD Amorphous Materials 1992) was one of the team involved in the mission and although Beagle 2 didn't live up to expectations, he hasn't lost his ambition to seek out life in space.



Fred's involvement with the Beagle 2 mission actually came about more by accident than design. Having taken up a post at the Max-Planck-Institute for Aeronomy (MPAe) in Katlenburg-Lindau, Germany five years after completing his PhD in Dundee, his initial task was to work with the team developing a gas analysis system for the Rosetta Lander – part of the European Space Agency (ESA) mission

Rosetta. The Lander was scheduled to embark on a mission to a space comet, with their analysis system enabling investigations into how gas and liquids might reveal signs of life.

But when technical problems led to the Rosetta mission being postponed, Fred was offered an opportunity with the British mission. He said: "The space research community is very international. From an experimenter's point of view, the area we were working in with Rosetta was similar to the work being carried out by the team from the Open University. That was how a collaboration emerged for the Mars project."

Unfortunately, the fact that the team was unable to establish communication with Beagle 2 after it landed on Mars meant that the mission ground to a halt, and the analysis of the surface of the planet could not be carried out. But "it is very difficult to establish the true cause of the failure" according to Fred, because "there was no contact with Beagle 2 after separation."

While the media are quick to speculate on possible 'Beaglepups' or Beagles 3, 4 and 5' Fred has a more philosophical view: "I don't know if further Beagle missions will take place, but it would be a waste if the knowledge and experience gathered during the development, construction, and manufacture of the space-craft was not used at all. And I would like to be involved in future projects. I very much enjoyed working with our British colleagues and I hope they enjoyed the collaboration too."

Now that the excitement of the Beagle missions is over, Fred's attention is once again focused on the launch of the Rosetta Lander, which is targeting a comet called Churyumov-Gerasimenko. He explains: "This comet is rather unspectacular and barely visible to the naked eye, but it can still reveal information about the possibility of life in space."

According to Fred: "It's known that comets are composed of approximately 1/3 water, 1/3 silicate dust and 1/3 organic molecules and they are believed



Mars express in orbit around mars

to be very old objects which were formed at the very beginning of the solar system. So by examining them in our mission we'll address the questions of whether our water on earth is possibly cometary water and whether comets delivered the organic material which eventually led to the evolution of life."

This mission also poses different challenges from the Mars project. Fred explains: "With Beagle 2 one of the biggest worries was that the lander would crash. Although there is less chance of crashing onto a comet, the descent of the lander is trickier and so is staying on the surface because the gravity is so much lower."

Having been through the highs and lows of the Beagle 2 mission, it might be difficult to remain optimistic about the potential success of the next mission, but Fred sees these 'failures' as part of the experience.

"Disappointment is part of our work. As a physicist you either develop a tolerance for frustration or you find yourself another job! I think it's an integral part of working in research – after all if one knew in advance what was going to be discovered then there wouldn't be much point in going through the process. And that doesn't mean that moments of success are completely rare. For me, just being part of a project which has such high ambitions is rewarding in itself."

And, for someone who has spent much of his career thinking about life in space, that seems to be a very 'down to earth' attitude!



‘Eye surgeons are a rather conservative lot’ according to John Murdoch. A description which seems pretty incongruous, for someone whose idea of a holiday is to travel to Sudan for a couple of weeks to perform eye surgery in the back of an airplane. As one of only a handful of retinal specialists in Scotland, John clearly doesn’t fit the stereotype of the cautious surgeon. But it is his sense of adventure – as well as his skills as an eye specialist – that makes him the ideal ORBIS doctor.

ORBIS was created to preserve and restore sight worldwide, working in partnership with local health professionals to improve the quality of eye care available for people in developing countries. Launched in 1982, ORBIS and its unique Flying Eye Hospital has trained 54,000 local medical professionals who have gone on to share their new skills with others and give 16 million people back their sight – and their future. As one of a number of international Ophthalmologists working with ORBIS, John has contributed to these impressive statistics.

Having first spotted an advert for ORBIS as a final year medical student at Dundee, it wasn’t until several years later while working in Manchester that John was recruited for his first trip. ‘Someone had dropped out of the programme at the last minute and ORBIS had contacted the hospital to find out if anyone would like to go over to Sudan. I had already taken four months unpaid leave to work in Sudan that year, so I knew what to expect and jumped at the chance to go back.’

Since that first trip, he has participated in projects in Outer Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Ethiopia and Jordan. Although ORBIS has no political affiliations and remains an impartial provider of aid, the realities of working in countries with unsettled political climates are always evident. ‘There have been occasions when I’ve been travelling through some of these countries and have come upon checkpoints that are manned by 12 year old boys with machine guns.

‘We can’t begin to understand the thought processes of leaders in countries where this type of thing is happening – you just try to make a difference by example.’

Flying doctor

How did you spend your last holiday? Rest and relaxation is usually at the top of the agenda for most people, but for Dr John Murdoch (Medicine 1984) the idea of spending two weeks on the beach is anathema. As a voluntary ophthalmologist for the charity ORBIS, he spends his holidays travelling to some of the world’s poorest countries to perform – and teach – life changing eye surgery.



Above left: John with one of his ORBIS eye patients and above with Uzbek laser doctors

But working for ORBIS has its lighthearted moments as well. ‘In Outer Mongolia the national sport is wrestling – the whole wrestling team was brought in to get their eyes checked out. It was like treating the Manchester United of Outer Mongolia!’

At the heart of ORBIS’ sight saving work is their Flying Eye Hospital, a DC-10 aircraft converted into a state-of-the-art teaching facility. It carries a clinic for laser treatment and an operating theatre where local doctors can attend surgeries performed by volunteer surgeons. That means that while he is carrying out an operation, John is being watched – and asked questions by – up to 100 students. For most people, performing an operation as delicate as eye surgery, in front of such a huge audience would be a daunting task. Characteristically, it is a challenge that John takes in his stride: ‘I find playing my guitar on stage more terrifying than operating in front of a large group of people!’

This might be just as well for ORBIS, which can rely on his confident ‘performances’ of eye surgery to help them continue with their life-changing work.

For more information about ORBIS, visit www.ukorbis.org



Celebrating 21 years of Fine Art

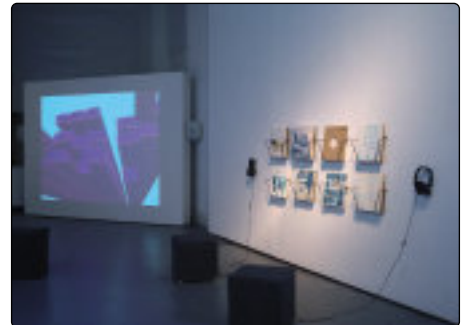
Michael Jackson was riding high in the charts, John Travolta was strutting his stuff as Tony Manero in *Staying Alive* and Margaret Thatcher had led the Conservative Party to another election victory. George Orwell's vision of a nightmare, totalitarian society seems a long way from the reality of the year 1984 and the creativity, free-thinking and innovation banned from the Orwellian world were being illustrated nowhere more clearly than at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design where the first class of Fine Art students were graduating. *Katherine Beattie* spoke to three artists who have come out of the School over the last 20 years



Dalziel+Scullion, *Birch Trees*



Dalziel+Scullion, *Drift*



Mark Wallace, *Outer City Blues*

In 1983 the School of Fine Art was created, bringing together the departments of Drawing and Painting, Sculpture and Printmaking. As a Fine Art graduate of 1984, Matthew Dalziel was among the first to emerge from the newly established school. Since then, he has gone on to make a name for himself as one half of Dalziel+Scullion, an internationally acclaimed artistic partnership. But it could have been very different if he had followed his original plan: "I was going to be a potter in the Highlands!"

Selling ceramics to American tourists is a long way from exhibiting at high profile galleries from Glasgow to New York, and Matthew credits his shift in artistic direction to the influence of his tutors at Duncan of Jordanstone: "Alistair Ross spoke to me about specialising in sculpture and that influenced my choice of course. Another big influence was Gary Fisher – around that time Gary had just exhibited in the British Art Show and it was really inspiring to be taught by someone who was a player in the contemporary art scene – it made me think that it was a possibility for me as well."

That possibility has long been a reality. And it was as well-established artists that Dalziel+Scullion relocated to Dundee in 2000 to set up their art

practice within Duncan of Jordanstone. Working in photography, video and sculpture, their work looks at the natural world and nature. Matthew describes it as focusing on: "the complex relationship that contemporary mankind has with the 'natural' world, our shifting environment and the increasing urbanisation of the population."

As well as his own practice, Matthew also tutors current Fine Art students at Duncan of Jordanstone – which gives him a unique insight into how the School of Fine Art has changed over the last 21 years: "Young artists are less naïve now" he thinks, "perhaps partly because tutors encourage them to think about the audience their work addresses. Over the last 20 years the art world has become a machine and artists have to engage with it."

For Lucy McKenzie, a Fine Art graduate of the 90's, the Duncan of Jordanstone experience was also integral to her early development as an artist. She says "I found great freedom in not having to live up to any shadows from the past, of having to conform to a particular type of art production, or being surrounded by people desperate to be the next big thing."



Dalziel+Scullion, *Another Place*



Lucy McKenzie, *Brian Eno*

“I greatly appreciated the encouragement we were given in regards to talking and writing about our work regularly. This is something absolutely necessary in today’s art culture and I have continued to write about my work and that of others’

Since graduating, Lucy’s work has been exhibited at the 2003 Venice Biennale and at Tate Britain in London, amongst others, and she has also curated a number of international exhibitions. 2004 sees her working at the Van Abbe Museum in Eindhoven, at Cabinet in London in May at the Talbot Rice Gallery in Edinburgh and in Brussels, but the influence of Duncan of Jordanstone remains a pervasive one: “I continually return to source material, and ideas from the time I was at art school, so it never feels like a real intellectual departure, even if the form of my work changes frequently.’

As a graduate from the first class of the new millennium, Mark Wallace has been influenced by new developments at Duncan of Jordanstone. He was the first artist to release a record from Discparc, the college record label which was created in recognition of the many artists and musicians currently making exciting audio work

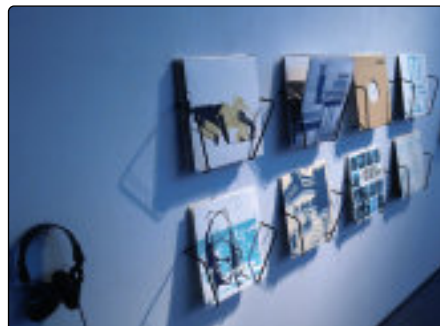
An avid record collector since childhood, he says “I was first introduced to art through the pop art of record sleeves – I see a record sleeve as a blank canvas and it’s a way to introduce art to an audience that don’t engage with what’s going on in galleries and other institutions.” He hopes to combine these areas in the future, to create music that can be both listened to and displayed in a ‘gallery of record sleeves’.

Like Matthew and Lucy, Mark’s work has reached an international audience and his film work has been shown all over the world, from America to Poland, Germany, Ireland and throughout the UK.

Although the work of all three artists has clearly evolved since their time in Dundee, their four years in the School of Fine Art was fundamental in helping them realise their potential as artists. And with the School of Fine Art – and Duncan of Jordanstone as a whole – continuing to nurture the creativity of young artists, it’s likely that Fine Art graduates will continue to contribute to the Scottish – and indeed the international – art scene for many more years to come.



Lucy McKenzie, *Decemberism*



Mark Wallace, *Create your own world*



Lucy McKenzie, *The integrity gap*

Investing in intellectual capital for the future - Sir George Mathewson, Chairman, Royal Bank of Scotland Group



“Don’t try to predict what the future has in store – remain flexible and open minded and take the breaks when they present themselves” That’s the advice of Sir George Mathewson (above), Chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group. Since completing his PhD in Electrical Engineering at the University in 1964, he has been a key player in the fields of engineering, economic development and financial services. Today, he is using his position to help hundreds of students from social inclusion areas enter Higher Education.

“I didn’t foresee a switch from research into general management, far less a move from engineering into economic development and then financial services.” says Sir George. “Had anyone told me that in November 2003 I would be standing in front of an audience of more than 1,200 business leaders and VIPs at London’s Grosvenor House Hotel to receive a business ‘Oscar’ for my contribution to banking, I would have thought they were mad.”

But having decided early on not to map out a rigid career path, he has lived out that ideology. A move to the United States in the late ‘60s provided him with experience of managing research and development programmes in avionic systems and also with the chance to take an MBA – a qualification which at that time gave him: “a head start over most of my contemporaries back in Britain.”

Upon his return to the UK, Sir George joined 3i (then ICFC) a venture capital bank, rising up the ranks until he left to take up the post of Chief Executive at the Scottish Development Agency (the forerunner of Scottish Enterprise) in 1981. Six years later he was headhunted to join the Royal Bank of Scotland Group as Director of Strategic Planning and Development. Since he stepped up to become Group Chief Executive in 1992, profits have increased some 1,000 fold from £6 million to just over £7 billion.

So, what is the secret of his success? Sir George believes that: “It is much better to respond quickly to changes in the market than to plan and prepare for one scenario. Try not to guess what is ahead.” He adds: “If I have a skill it is that I can pick good people.”

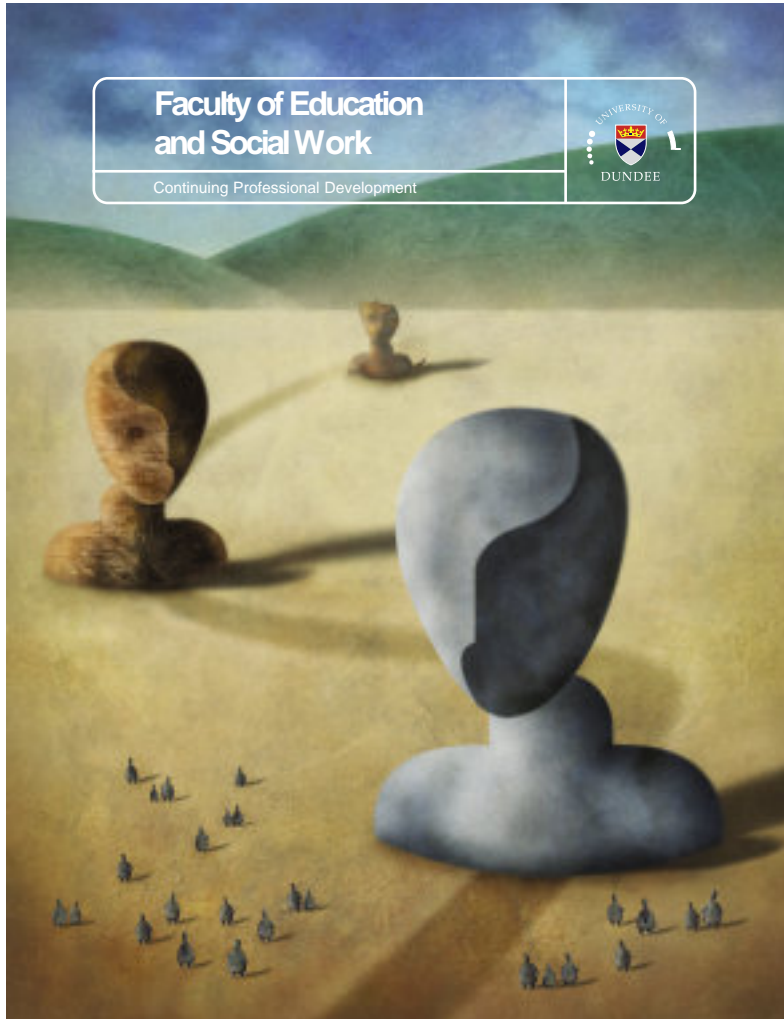
Reflecting on his career, one of the initiatives he is most proud of is the provision of over £1.7 million to help widen access to five of Scotland’s leading universities. Dundee, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St Andrews will each benefit from £240,000 to support student bursaries and £100,000 to support their summer schools.

Sir George explains: “The initiatives form part of the Royal Bank’s long-term programme to support social inclusion through targeted investment in the community and in education. We will help around 2,000 pupils – 300 attending university and 1,700 attending summer school – who for economic or social reasons may not have considered or been able to attend university.

“I have benefited greatly from the university education I received. I’d like as many other people as possible to have the same chance.”

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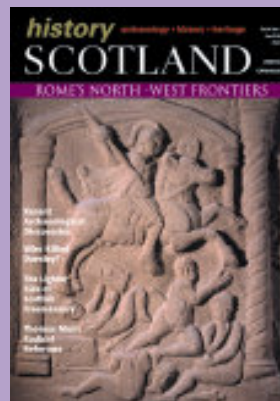
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You are invited to attend The Annual Meeting of the Graduates' Council and the 'Discovery' Lecture on Saturday 26 June 2004 at Bonar Hall, Park Place, Dundee

A Reception and Buffet, hosted by the Lord Provost, will take place after the Lecture at City Chambers Dundee



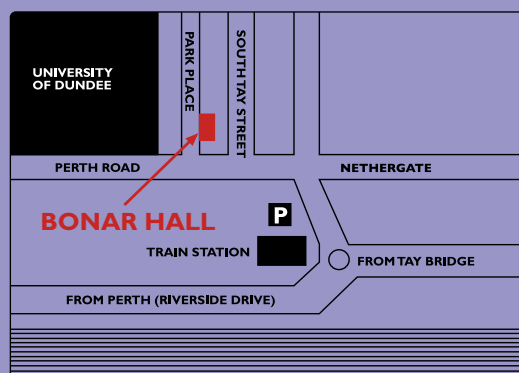
Itinerary

3.30pm registration and coffee
 4.00pm Annual Meeting
 Interval
 5.00pm Principal's address
 6.00pm 'Discovery' Lecture

'New Beginnings are in the Offing'

By Professor Richard Demarco OBE

As the Lecture will be open to the public, tickets for the Civic Reception will be issued to those graduates who confirm their attendance before Friday 18 June. If transport is required it must be booked in advance.



For tickets and transportation contact:

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Parking will be available on campus

Papers for the meeting will be available on the day or in advance from the Alumni Relations Office or on www.dundee.ac.uk/externalrelations/alumni/gradcouncil.htm

Message from your Convener



Anne Reynolds
Convener

As you will have noticed there will be an alteration to our Annual Meeting and 'Discovery' Lecture programme this year.

This change was prompted by best practice recommendations contained in the second report of the Nolan Committee for greater openness by all local public spending bodies. Graduates' Council was invited by the University Court to consider opening the Principal's Report to the public and Business Committee members had no hesitation in agreeing to this innovation. We have therefore re-scheduled the timing of the meeting and have placed the Principal's Report as the last item on the agenda.

Another change is that the agenda, minutes and the detailed schedule for the day will not be provided within this section of the magazine but will be available from the Alumni Relations Office on request, on <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/externalrelations/alumni/gradcouncil.htm> and, of course, on the day of the meeting.

The University of Dundee has a strong reputation for forward thinking and for excellence in teaching and research across its seven faculties. The promotion of the University is of paramount importance to the Graduates' Council and support from graduates is vital, particularly in the present climate of shifting funding patterns. The University has recently appointed new members of staff to work on fundraising with alumni and public relations teams providing additional support. Committee members are pleased to support new University initiatives, one of which is the Annual Fund and telethon campaign of fundraising from alumni.

We have been extremely grateful for your donations in the past to our own Graduates' Council Fund and we hope you will continue to help in raising money for these worthwhile projects.

Have you been back to visit Dundee since your graduation? As a member of Graduates' Council you are entitled to attend the Annual Meeting and air your views. You may also consider putting your name forward for election to the Business Committee or for election to one of the Court Assessorships. Why not contact your graduate friends and colleagues, come to the meeting and lecture and spend the weekend in Dundee reminiscing over old times and catching up with news?

Over the years the 'Discovery' Lecture series has attracted well-known and exciting figures and we are delighted that this year Richard Demarco has accepted our invitation. Visionary and enthusiastic champion of contemporary art, Professor Demarco's lecture is not to be missed.

I look forward to seeing you at the Meeting and Lecture.

Anne Reynolds MA (Hons) 1987

Graduates' Council Business Committee

"The Graduates' Council shall have power to make representations to the Court on all matters affecting the well-being and prosperity of the University." Statute 20(4)



Business Committee members

Members of the Business Committee

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David M Gauld	2006
Brian Gegan	2006
Maurice Golden	2006
Louise Keane	2005
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Catherine M Phillips	2004
Larry A L Rolland (Chairman of Court)	ex officio
Anne Reynolds (Convener)	2004
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William O Wilson (Court Assessor)	ex officio
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Dr Frank A Zwolinski	co-opted



Maurice Golden, David Gauld and Brian Gegan elected 2003



The winning team from the GC Superteam Sunday Sports Challenge with the graduates council sports trophy 2004

Three vacancies exist on the Business Committee and nominations are now invited from candidates to fill these vacancies for the normal three year period.

A vacancy for an Assessor on Court will be available in 2005, applications for which must be received by 31 December 2004. Further details and application forms can be obtained from the Alumni Relations Office.

Further information on Graduates' Council business, events and dates will be published on our web page

<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/externalrelations/alumni/gradcouncil.htm>

Graduates' Council Fund

The Fund needs your support. Can you help?

This Fund assists graduates and undergraduates with worthwhile projects where other sources of funding have been unsuccessful or have proved inadequate.

Disbursements in the last year :

£1,000 to the University's Institute of Sport and Exercise Excel Sports Scholarship Programme

£500 to Victoria Ashford, a third year Environmental Science student, for an expedition to Indonesia

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Negotiating peace in Sudan

Since even before its independence in 1956, Sudan has been ravaged by civil war. But the end of the 'forgotten war' is at last on the horizon – and as the British ambassador to Sudan, His Excellency Mr William Patey (MA Modern History, 1975) has played an important part in the peace process.



The conflict between the Arab Muslim government in Khartoum and rebels from the mostly animist and Christian south has resulted in a war that is one of the longest and costliest in African history, claiming some 2m lives, uprooting 4m people and making Sudan's population of internally displaced persons (IDPs) the largest in the world.

It seems incredible that a country that has become so synonymous with war is close to achieving peace, but William is confident that the end of the war is in sight. "We are very close to an agreement which would bring an end to the war and open up the prospect of a new Sudan emerging backed by the international community. I have been working closely with both parties along with the London based UK Special Representative for Sudan to assist the process."

So how did he make the journey from Modern History student at Dundee to key player in the peace process of Sudan?

Although these days William is often described as an arabist – a connoisseur of the Arabic countries – he admits that: "During my student days my only connection was a holiday to Egypt with a fellow student." That fellow student was Vanessa Morrell, whom he subsequently married.

But it was William's involvement in student politics that eventually influenced his career choice and stood him in good stead for the role of ambassador in later years. He explains: "I look back on my active participation in the Students' Association as particularly influential. My involvement with the Chile Solidarity campaign at the University when Allende was overthrown in 1973 enabled me to explain, many years later as a British diplomat, why this was important to a British government, most of whom, like me, were students in the 70s.

"I think the public speaking that I did as a student has given me the confidence to get up in front of most audiences and speak off the cuff, which I often have to do as a diplomat. I am often required to talk knowledgeably on many subjects from environmental problems to weapons of mass destruction. My degree gave me a grounding in constitutional issues and the development of democratic institutions. I spend a lot of time with foreign leaders discussing such topics."

William's career with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has spanned nearly 30 years. Between 1999-2000 he held the position of Head of



Dr Abdel Nabi Ali Ahmed, Secretary General of the Umma Party and an alumnus of the University with William Patey and Vanessa Morrell another alumna and William's wife.

Middle East with responsibility for, amongst others, Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia, a post which he describes as "one of the most demanding and interesting jobs I have had". His appointment as Ambassador to Sudan in September 2002, however, was "clearly the high point so far". As for the future, he says "I would like to play a part in bringing peace to Sudan and thereafter would hope for another appointment as Ambassador."

More recently, William's links with the University have been re-established. He explains, "I have recently volunteered to act as a focal point for an alumni association and I understand there are over 30 Sudanese alumni."

The opportunity for the University of Dundee to engage in an educational and cultural exchange programme with universities in Sudan is also a possibility. William says "If Dundee were interested in linking up with Sudanese universities I would certainly want to help. I work very closely with the Director of the British Council in Sudan who takes the lead on this.

"Sudan is, I hope, about to enter a new phase in its history with the prospect of the end of the longest running civil war in Africa. In view of the historic role played by many Scots here it would be personally satisfying to see my alma mater playing a role in Sudan's future."

Pioneering medicine in Newfoundland

When Phyllis Duncan graduated in Medicine in 1948 Britain was immersed in the gloom of the post-war years and the seismic shifts of the 1960s were light years away. But whilst society has undergone something of a revolution since then and the teaching of undergraduate medicine in the '40s seems primitive in comparison to today's move towards online and virtual learning, many of the core skills have remained constant. Dr Duncan told *Katherine Beattie* how she has used the skills she learned in Dundee over the course of her career.



Phyllis in 1949.

For a woman in the 1940s it was unusual enough to be entering the world of Higher Education, but to be taking up a place to study Medicine was virtually unheard of. Fortunately, as a child, Phyllis was surrounded by positive role models: "When I was growing up our family doctor was female and visited our home regularly and one of my aunts was a nursing missionary so the idea of medicine was before me from a young age." But it was after the head teacher from a neighbouring school told her: "if you go into medicine you'll be needed after the war" that Phyllis decided on her vocation.

Having won a scholarship to enter the course – "I had to try for a scholarship as my family had no money" – she arrived in St Andrews to begin her studies. In those days, the University of Dundee was still a college of the University of St Andrews and medical students spent their first two years in St Andrews, choosing either to remain there for the following three years or to move to Dundee. Phyllis chose to come to Dundee, a decision which she looks back on gladly. "On many occasions I have blessed the teachers in Dundee – 'Somy' Alexander, the surgery Professor who prepared us to cope with anything in an emergency with the minimum of equipment, Madam Fairley in obstetrics and gynaecology and Professor Adam Patrick in medicine. They taught us well and insisted that we learn the basics."

And it was those 'basics' that were to prove invaluable over the course of a career which was far from conventional.

After marrying in Baghdad in 1952, Phyllis moved to Shropshire with her husband and then in 1957 they decided to 'try their luck' in America. Tragically, Phyllis' husband died that same year, but rather than returning to the UK she took up a post in Canada, establishing a school health service for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Describing this time she says "I worked at the school and got to know a lot about the country, its history and its people until I remarried at the end of 1960."

Twelve years later, in 1973, she returned to take up General Practice in the Outport of Trinity, Trinity Bay, a place that had only been accessible by boat less than 10 years before. When Phyllis arrived, Trinity was still vulnerable to extreme weather conditions and poor transport links – which meant that as the local doctor she was working in some gruelling conditions.

It's difficult to comprehend that as little as 30 years ago the residents of Trinity were still very much at the mercy of the elements. The nearest cottage hospital could take seven or eight hours to reach in bad weather – which was frequent – and in winter some of the roads could not be travelled at all.

Phyllis explains: "For diagnosis I had to rely on 'old fashioned' medical training – the history of the patient, what I could find clinically and the family history. How I treated the patients depended on the weather and the road conditions. Several times I could not send a patient to the nearest hospital because they would have died in the first half hour of the journey, so often I would have to make house calls every two hours until the patient was stabilised. Thanks to the training I received at Dundee Royal Infirmary this sort of medicine came easily.

"Several times I had to contact the Highroads Department and ask them to plough out a house for me so that I could visit a patient inside. Once I had to pull a patient on a door that I had taken off its hinges to an ambulance waiting 1.5 miles away. More than once a snow plough had to go ahead of the ambulance to get the patient to hospital."

Phyllis retired in 1988 and then left Newfoundland to move closer to her family in Brandon, Manitoba in 2001. Since her retirement, she has seen how changes have affected the doctors practising medicine in the Outports:

"Now there is a hospital within 1.5 hours drive away. It offers a good range of diagnostic facilities and there is help from electronic media. But the problems of geography will always remain and the doctors who have been taught certain fundamental skills, as we were at Dundee in the 40's will still find that this aspect of their training is invaluable."



An iceberg off the coast of St Johns – close to where Phyllis lived during her time as a doctor in Newfoundland.

Postcards

Southern hospitality



Ronnie Anderson, a 1999 law graduate, currently working in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, was recently host to Dr Tony Parker's American Studies students on a two week trip to the US.

Arranged by the University's Alumni Relations team, the fourth year students met Ronnie at his workplace and were taken to some of the most happening bars and clubs in Atlanta afterwards.

Ronnie explained: "I met the students and took them to my workplace - CheckFree Services Corporation where, after indulging in the free cafeteria, I gave them all a tour of the extensive facility, including basketball courts, bowling alleys and so on. It's like a holiday camp. They seemed to be amazed by it - which is why I brought them there - to show how some US businesses operate and how different it is from life in the UK."

Ronnie works in the law department of CheckFree but is not a registered lawyer in Georgia. He would have to go to law school again to practise in the state. However, he is planning to take the New York Bar exam this year that will allow him to practise corporate law in Georgia.

Hope for Africa



A 1980 dental graduate has just selected Rwanda and South Africa for Rotary International's fundraising efforts. Gordon McNally, The President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland for 2004-05, has chosen, as one of his two 'preferred projects' which are actively promoted to all clubs, to form a partnership with Hope and Homes for Children to support orphans in Rwanda and South Africa.

Gordon visited Rwanda in June 2003 and reported: "My visit to Rwanda was fascinating, tiring, humbling and at times harrowing but was a time I will never forget. There is absolutely no doubt that there is a great need for the work that is being done by Hope and Homes for Children (HHC).

"I met many of those being assisted by HHC who are very grateful for the support being given. Perhaps more importantly however they appear to be in a much better condition than others I saw who are not enjoying such assistance and of whom there are a great many.

"I was invited to speak at the Rotary Club of Kigali-Virunga at their weekly meeting, held jointly for the occasion with the Rotary Club of Kigali, where I was able to outline our hopes and aspirations for the project. I also held a meeting with the Rotary Club of Butare, home to the National University.

"As a nation, Rwanda seems to have come a long way since the genocide of 1994, although that is never far away as a result of the numerous genocide memorials sited throughout the country. Speaking with the local Rotarians, they are enthusiastic about the country's future. It is a poor country and always will be by our standards - the average annual income is \$260. However, although it is a poor country, many of its people enjoy what in their culture is an acceptable standard of living."

Surestart in Singapore

From Dundee to Durham and Stockton on Tees to Singapore, Julie Rattray, who left Dundee in 2000 with a 2:1 and a PhD in Psychology has entered academia and found her self teaching students about child development in Singapore and Hong Kong.

The Borders lass who made her way through her degree with the help of her friends reading psychology texts to her, has found that blindness has not hampered her academic career, although, as she explains, it takes quite a bit of forward planning.

Julie is now lecturing at Durham University's Stockton on Tees campus where she teaches education students child development; how children motivate themselves, their self-understanding and self esteem. She travelled this spring to teach some Durham students studying in Hong Kong and Singapore and enjoyed the adventure.

Helping Julie by reading her mail, checking powerpoint presentations for lectures and guiding her around campus is her assistant Glynn who is funded by the government agency Access to Work

When her lecturing schedule allows, Julie is assessing the effects of the Surestart initiative, aimed at improving educational prospects for children under five in areas of poverty and asking if it is showing tangible benefits for families. Co-ordinating some of her students' research, Julie is also pleased that some of her research students are based in the Far East so she can meet them to discuss their work over a Singapore sling several miles from Stockton on Tees.

Science success

'Amateurs built the ark – professionals built the Titanic'. For anyone who's ever been afraid of trying something new, Nicole Zitzmann's philosophy is an inspiring one – and it's the mantra that she has used to spur herself on over the course of her career.

Since graduating with an MSc in 1994 and then a PhD in Biochemistry in 1997, Nicole has forged a successful career in science, holding posts or fellowships at a number of prestigious institutions such as the Oxford Glycobiology Institute, The Royal Society, Linacre College and Wolfson College, Oxford. Her current post is as a group leader of the Virus Research and Proteomics group in the Oxford Glycobiology Institute and Biochemistry Lecturer at Christ Church College, Oxford.

As a successful woman working in the fields of academia and science – two areas notoriously under-represented by women – it is not just in her research that Nicole is charting new territory. But her hard work has paid off, both in terms of the discoveries she is making into antiviral strategies and in the form of a Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship from the Royal Society – a Fellowship aimed at encouraging young women to stick with their career in science, rather than giving up because of struggles in balancing personal and working life.

Nicole's research group is currently working on various aspects of Hepatitis B and C, HIV/Aids, human platelet biology, scarring and uveal melanoma. And on a completely different note, she is also head coach of the Men's Boat Club at Oxford.



Where are they now?

1941

John Forfar (MBChB) has been awarded the Presidential Medal by the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health for the part he played as President of the British Paediatric Association, in transforming that Association into a Royal College.

1943

Isobel W Fraser Ross (BSc & MBChB) is now retired and living in South Africa, looking forward to joining the Alumni Group there.

1953

Wendy Hogg (BSc) has been Chair of Preston Primary Care Trust (NHS 3 star Trust) since April 2002.

1954

Brian A Wilson (BSc Eng) is Executive Vice President/Technical Director of Wilson Composite Technologies Inc in Folsom Northern California - a specialty business making linerless composite cryogenic tanks for the U.S. Air Force. These are used in launch vehicles and space transportation.

1963

Alfred Malocco (Dip. Design), former architect, has launched a career as an artist, with his first exhibition in December 2002. Further information at: www.maloccoart.com

1968

William G C Boyd (BSc) and (PhD 1972) is Dean of Science at University of Bristol.

1969

Prof J Hubert Lacey (MBChB) and (MD 1988) is Chairman of the Dept of Psychiatry at St George's Hospital Medical School, University of London.

1970

David Grant (Dip Design) set up Highland Stoneware (Scotland) Ltd in Lochinver in 1974. He was first graduate in ceramics with a Dip AD.

1972

Iris P Dunbar (Dip Design) has worked in London for the past 31 years originally teaching, but now director of a private interior design school. www.design-school.com

1973

John Pater (BSc) has been, since 1982, Managing Director of Anatomic SA, a distributor of electronic and electrical active, passive and electromechanical components and subsystems with offices in Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao and Lisbon.

1975

Mrs Betty Bott (LLB) was appointed District Procurator Fiscal for Dundee on 1st September 2003.

Ian J O MacEachern OBE (MSc): In late 2001, following two years as Director of Recruitment & Marketing for the Royal Air Force, Ian took up his current appointment as Director of Corporate Governance for the Ministry of Defence with responsibility for the development and implementation

of a business risk and reporting framework across the Department's 300,000 strong organisation.

1976

Philip Gawthorpe (MA) has been working as Managing Director of Aon Corporation Risk Services in Chicago since 1996.

1977

Spyridon Pappagrigoriou (MSc) has been Managing Director of Enveco SA in Greece since 1992. Enveco SA is a company providing consulting services in the field of environmental protection.

1978

Kevin Ison (BSc) was appointed in July 2003 as UK & Ireland Business Unit Manager for Manufacturing Solutions Division of Autodesk.

1979

Harin H Dias (MA) is working as a Senior Manager with HSBC Holdings plc, currently based in London, and is married to Linda, a Belgian graduate of Antwerp University. They have a son aged 13.

1985

Derek L McKenzie (BSc Eng) has been a Director of Stratem (Management Consultancy Company) for the past 12 years with responsibility for two of the company's four divisions including operations in Wales.

Gary Peters (MA) is Editor/Supervisory Analyst, Equity Research for Lehman Brothers Pan European Research, London.

1987

Stuart Lewis (LLB) is Head of European Portfolio Management within Loan Exposure Management Group of Deutsche Bank, London.

1988

Hussien Al-Gunied (MSc) is Deputy Minister - Environment Affairs in Ministry of Water & Environment in Republic of Yemen. Hussien has recently become organiser for the Alumni Group for Sudan/Yemen/Oman.

Alastair Nicol (MBChB) is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and is currently spending a year on a Clinical / Research Fellowship in Sports Medicine in Melbourne, Australia. His time is split between the Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre and doing research into Shock Wave Therapy at the University of Melbourne.

Simon Dunkerley (MA) has worked as a Senior Financial Advisor with Medical Sickness Society since 2001.

1991

Chris van der Kuyf (BSc) is President and CEO of VIS Entertainment Ltd and was awarded '2003 Ernst & Young - Scottish Region - Young Entrepreneur of the Year' award.

1993

Sukhjeevan Matharu (BEng) is working freelance as a Senior Systems and Database Designer for the Union Bank of Switzerland, Zurich.

Joan Sumner MBA has extended her business horizons applying management development to Driving Abroad courses! Check it out on www.soogate.com

1994

David K Chadwick (MSc) is living in Botswana and has recently married. He has written four science textbooks for use in the local Junior Secondary School. He and his wife also run a business selling imported clothes.

Jeetesh M Bhardwa (MBChB) is working as an Urology Research Registrar with Barts and The London NHS Trust.

1995

Neil Birnie (LLB) and Paul Easto (BSc Town & Reg Planning) have set up successful Edinburgh based company, Wilderness Scotland Ltd, a specialist tour operator offering walking, sailing and adventure holidays and tailor-made experiences in the most remote and beautiful regions of Scotland. Winner of the 2003 Shell Award Scotland - Best Business Demonstrating Ecological Sustainability and Young Entrepreneurs of the Year award for Highlands and Islands in 2003. See www.wildernessscotland.com email: info@wildernessscotland.com

Lt Gary Macquarrie (BEng) is serving as a Naval Lieutenant on HMS Richmond.

Isaraya Sukcharoen (MMedEd) is a Group Captain in Royal Thai Air Force and has been actively involved in coordinating its undergraduate medical student programme which is being run in collaboration with Chulalongkorn University. He has also been Head of the Anaesthesia and Operating Room of Bhumibol Adulyadej Hospital since 2001.

1996

Jennifer Tooze (LLB) has now completed LLM and PhD, been called to the bar and taken up training in barristers chambers and the Home Office.

Mette Thorsen (LLM) has been a Lawyer in one of the largest Norwegian law firms, Wiersholm, Mellbye & Bech since 1997.

Claire E Clarke (nee McCollum) (MA) is a Sport Reporter/Presenter for Ulster Television and also co-Presenter for UTV Live at Six.

1997

Stephen Garland (BAcc) is Senior Head Waiter at Gleneagles Hotel. In June 2003 he was invited to meet Prince Charles at a lunch in Palace of Holyroodhouse to celebrate the contribution of young folk to Scottish tourism.

Daniele Barberis (PhD) is Legal Affairs Manager/Mines for the Mining Business Unit of the French Nuclear Company, Compagnie Generale des Matieres Nucleaires (COGEMA).

Will Ryder-Davies (BAcc) is travelling overseas before resuming teaching again in Suffolk. He previously visited Uganda and jointly founded UK based children's charity, Softpower Education, with Hannah Small.

1998

Andrew Seck (PhD) is currently employed as General Manager Commercial for the Sakhalin Energy Investment Company Ltd. based in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia. Sakhalin Energy is the project operator for the 10 billion dollar integrated oil & gas project in the Russian Far East known as the Sakhalin II Project which is building Russia's first LNG plant.

Rafael Akopov (LLM) is Deputy CEO and Executive Board Member of Interros Holding Company (a large private company - main activity investments management) in Moscow.

1999

Shona Ferrier (MA) is Parliamentary adviser for the Law Society and stood in elections in May 2003 for the Lib Dems.

Stefani Dailly (MA), sister of Scottish footballer, Christian Dailly, is now based in Aberdeen, working on Grampian TV News programme, North Tonight and reporting on sport.

Dario Arias (LLM) works in Exploration & Production and New Projects for Petrobras Bolivia SA - Legal Advisor, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

Lucy McKenzie (BA Fine Art) has shown at the Venice Biennale and Tate, Britain where she is included in the current Art Now Programme – see www.lucymckenzie.com.

Kathryn Cowan (MA) and Gavin Doherty (BSc) became engaged in Amsterdam in November 2002 and are to be married in August 2004. They are travelling in Australia for the year prior to the wedding.

M Yolanda Diez-Andino (MA) is working as an Incentive & Commission Analyst in IBM Spain. She has recently become organiser for the Alumni Group in Spain.

Christine V Helliard (PhD) has taken up the part-time post of Director of Research at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS). She is a senior lecturer in Department of Accountancy & Business Finance at University of Dundee.

2000

Barry Fenton (LLB) graduated as a Flying Officer from RAF Cranwell (198 Initial Officer Training course) and is now training as a pilot.

Guglielmo Volpe (PhD) is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at London Metropolitan University.

2001

Malcolm Archibald (MA) published a fictional book on the Boer War, entitled 'Soldier of the Queen', in August 2003.

2002

Kevin Hoskin (MA) is currently working as an Assistant Economist with the Office of the Rail Regulator in London.

2003

John (Jack) Wells (PhD) retired from BT after 43 years and, at the age of 61, spent 10 years at University, completing an Access Course, BEng (Hons), MSc and finally PhD in 2003. Jack is now on a list of University honorary lecturers and will be assisting with BEng 3rd year Communications for the Dundee Bridging Course (formerly Singapore Bridging Course).

M Sufian Miah (MBChB) is a doctor at the ENT Surgery at University Hospital Aintree in Liverpool.

Efterpi Theologou (MA) has returned to Greece and is working as a Secretary at PDC Ltd.

Yvonne Cargill (MA) has taken up a Lecturer position with Angus Council.

Laura Duffy (MBChB) is a doctor at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee.

Heather MacNiven (BA Fine Art) is working as a Designer with Calligrafix.

Jonathan Farmer (BA) is working as a Social Worker with Angus Council.

Claire Fraser (BN) has moved to London to work as a Paediatric Nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Louise Robertson (MA) is working as a Department Manager with British Home Stores.

Harriet Cheesbrough (MBChB) is a PRHO at Southern General Hospital, Huddersfield.

Yasin Okhai (LLM) holds the position of Director with Unibev Ltd in Dundee.

Alexandra Owen (MA) is working as a Police Constable with West Yorkshire Police.

Angela Murray (BN) is an Infection Control Nurse with the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust.

Christopher S Waker (MA) works as a Sub-Editor with DC Thomson in Dundee.

Ginika Akunna (Dip HE Nursing) is a Staff Nurse with Tayside Universities Hospital NHS Trust.

John Otindu (BN) is working as a Principal within the Kenya Medical Training College.

Andrew Gordon (BArch) works as a Part III Architect with Kennedy Fitzgerald and Associates.

Fiona Melville (BAcc) is an Events Assistant with Skyline, London.

Donna Phillips (BN) is working as a Senior Staff Nurse at Perth Royal Infirmary.

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Scott M Lindsay (BArch) works as a Graduate Assistant with Simpson and Brown Architects in Edinburgh.

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Natalie Blane (MBChB) is a Junior Medical Officer in Perth Royal Infirmary.

Sandra M Kinnear (Diploma Adult Nursing) is working as a Staff Nurse with North Glasgow NHS Trust.

Lorna Angus (BN) is a Staff Nurse with Gartnavel General Hospital in Glasgow.

Maggi Fenwick (MA) works as a Music Skills Tutor at the White Top Research Centre in Dundee.

Gwen David (MBChB) is a PRHO at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee.

Matthew Gubbins (PhD) works in the Fisheries Research Services Marine Laboratory in Aberdeen.

Roger Kewa Avinaga (LLM) holds the position of Senior Economist within the Department of Petroleum and Energy in Papua, New Guinea.

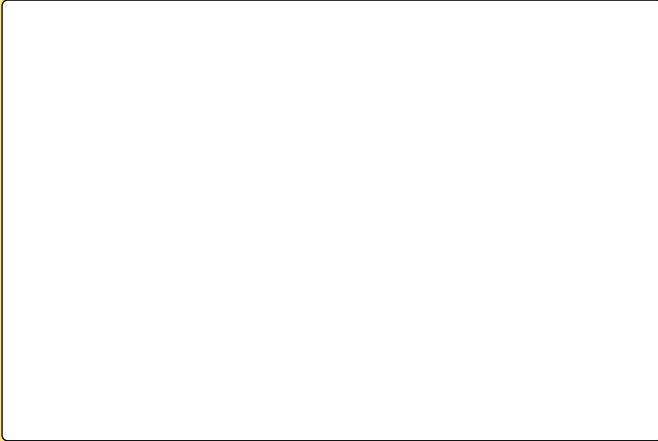
Kelly Murphy (MA Food & Welfare) is working as a Young Person's Support Worker with East Fife Women's Aid.



From time to time we may want to send information to you on faculty courses or events – so let us know where you are and what you are doing.

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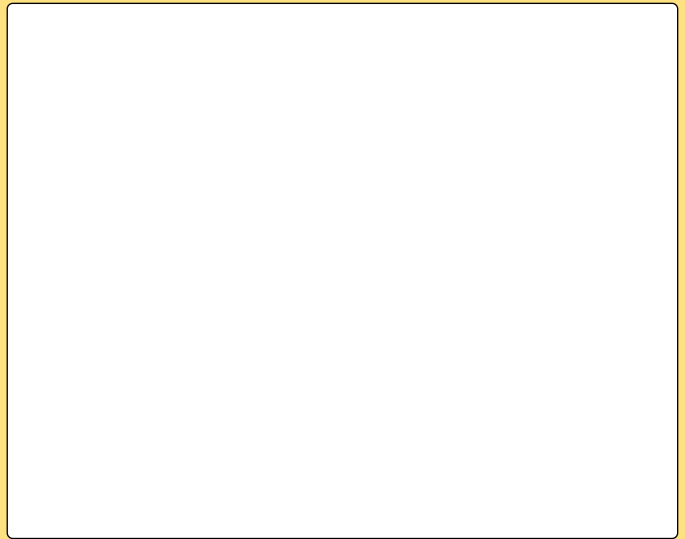
Reunions



➔ In October 2003, a group of Mexican alumni met up in Mexico City. Ricardo Lopez Barrera (LLM International Business Transactions 2001) organised the dinner, which was attended by

➔ The class of 1983 medics held a 20 year reunion in November 2003 at Peebles Hydro. 49 alumni attended the event, which was organised by Gavin Bartholomew.

Mauricio Garate (LLM International Business Transactions 1999), Luis Morales Aldana (MSc Technology of Concrete & Construction Management 1991), Virginia Hidalgo (Medical Research 1997), Cyrano Mena Farfan (MBA 1999), Floretta Sanchez (Diploma in Business Administration 1999), Socorro Baez (CALs 2003)



➔ A reunion for members of staff in the department of accountancy and business finance and BAcc, BFin and MAdmin alumni covering three decades was held at Downfield Musical Society in June 2003.

➔ A reunion for alumni who entered the University in 1958 took place in September 2003. The event was organised by R Murray Dunn, with a reception on University campus and then lunch in St Andrews the following day.



➔ The launch of the University of Dundee London alumni club took place in July 2003 at the Estorick Collection of Modern Art.



➔ Class of 1978 Medics held a reunion in September 2003.

Forthcoming Reunions

Bejants/Bejantines of 1964 in Science, Maths, Physics, Engineering and Law Those who remember Mike Day and Susan Macdonald are invited to a reunion on 2 and 3 October 2004 in Dordogne, France.

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Engineers 1981

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MBA Reunion

To be held 15-16 October 2004 at the Apex Hotel, Dundee.
Contact: Roger J Killick rjkillick@talk21.com

Dundee Class of 1994 Medics Club
10 year reunion will be held at the Hilton, Dundee 15/16 October 2004.

Contact: Mike Frost
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Ball for London alumni

To take place on 25 September 2004.
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Engineering Conference 2005

An engineering conference is being planned for Spring 2005. It will take place at the University and all interested alumni are invited to attend. For further details contact alumni@dundee.ac.uk

1979 Medics 25 year reunion

To be held 12/14 November 2004 at the Old Course Hotel, St Andrews.
Contact: Douglas Colville -
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1972 Graduating Year

Further information from Patrick Powell
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- faculty
- qualification title
- course title

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Marriages

Geoffrey Carr (BDS 1970) and Melissa Reid were married on 29 May 2002 at Cromlix House Chapel, Perthshire.

Stephen Cable (BSc 1996) and Gail Bowers (BDS 1998) were married on 25 October 2003 at Rookery Hall in Cheshire.

Eleanor Doddy (BSc 2000) and Graham Fiddler were married on 9 August 2003 in Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Jan Warren (MA 1989) and Alec Mollison (BSc 1953) were married on 8 June 2002.

Andrew Miller (BSc 1981 & PhD 1987) returned from Hong Kong to marry Minnie Miranda, from Narvacan in the Philippines, in the University Chaplaincy on 7 June 2003. University Chaplain, Fiona Douglas, performed the ceremony.

Estelle McFadden (MBChB 1996) and Andrew Godfrey (MA 1995) were married on 12 May 2001, with many fellow graduates attending the reception.

Tim Leonard (MA 1998) and Helen Rooney (BDS 1999) were married in Belfast on 30 August 2003.

Births

Anna Marjasoo (MA 1994) and Andrew Carter (BSc 1993) were married in 1997. They have a son, Elliot Thomas, born September 2002 and daughter, Alice Eestli, born in 1998.

Claire Berry (MBChB 1998) and Gareth Clarke (BAcc 1996) were married on 8 September 2000 and now have a son, Kian, born on 22 March 2003.

Alison Thomson-Graham (MA 1995) and Steven Hallissey (BAcc 1995) were married in July 1998 and now have a daughter, Charlotte Angel, born in April 2002.

Caroline Reid (nee Gray) (BDes 2000) gave birth to a daughter, Anya, in April 2002.

Gillian Wilkinson (nee Tilson) (MA 1993) and Alan (Punky) Wilkinson (MA 1992) have a son, Andrew, born on 27 January 2003.

Nga Hoang Hong (LLM 1999) now has a daughter, Vu Hoang Thai Uyen, born on 19 March 2003.

Pet Laverick and Martyn Twigg (BSc Town & Reg Planning 1991) now have a son, Christopher James Anthony, born on 28 August 1998 and daughter, Jessica Sumalee, born on 13 May 2000.

Elaine Campbell (MA 1995) and Cormac Convery (MBChB 1996) were married on 19 July 1999 and their son, Joseph (Joe) was born on 6 July 2001.

Alistair Main (MSc 1995 & MBA 1996) and wife, Alison, now have two sons. Matthew Beattie was born on 16 May 2002 and Jonathan Laurence on 8 December 2003. Alistair is a member of the Business Committee of Graduates' Council.

Helmi Marjasoo (MA 1991) and Joshua Livingstone (BAcc 1991) are now married and have 3 children, Hannah born in 1991, Daniel in 1998 and Louisa in May 2003.

Deaths

Mark J Ballantyne (MBChB 1996) 23 June 2002.

Cedric J Cannon (Diploma in Fine Art 1949) (no date provided).

Jahn (Jack) Catto (MA 1938) November 2003.

Simon Copland (LLB 1995 & Dip Legal Practice 1996) October 2003.

David Dorward (MA & LLB 1951) December 2003.

Hans F Freundlich (BSc 1949) 3 June 2003.

Malia G Haglund (PG Cert Nursing 2001) 9 May 2002.

Robert J King (BDS 1964) November 2002.

Albert Knight (Diploma in Fine Art 1948) December 2003.

David M Lund (Diploma in Design 1957) May 2002.

Norman S Reid (MA 1935) 30 July 2002.

Dr Ann R Sanderson (BSc 1927) April 2003.

Ronald M R Sturrock (BSc 1948) 19 January 2003.

Ann-Margaret Trimble (Diploma in Nursing 2001) 12 January 2002.

Agnes (Nan) E Wade (MA 1988) September 2003.

Ronald G Walker (LLB 1973) 18 September 2002.

Lord Perry of Walton (Hon Grad 1975) 18 July 2003.

Mary S Duthie (BSc 1942) January 2004.

Dr Margaret M Gow (MA 1941) January 2004.

APOLOGIES

Ross McLelland (BDS 1984) was incorrectly listed in the Deaths Section of last year's magazine. Ross is very much alive and in practice in Aberdeen.

Alumni Groups

Get involved with your local alumni group and you can:

- network
- participate in events
- socialise

and much more, with fellow Dundee alumni.

If there is no alumni group organiser currently listed for your area then please contact us. We can tell you if a group is forming or how to start an alumni group yourself.

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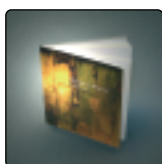
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Seamus Heaney

Room to Rhyme



Nobel Laureate and internationally renowned poet, Seamus Heaney, delivered a remarkable and memorable lecture in our *Greatest Minds Lecture* series in July 2003 as part of our graduation celebrations. *Room to Rhyme* was the only lecture delivered by the poet in 2003.

Mr Heaney has now given the University of Dundee permission to publish this unique and wonderful lecture in a limited edition hardback book, in order to help us raise money to build a centre of research excellence for diabetes and tropical diseases.

The book has been designed by Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design graphic designer, David Herbert and contains images of specially commissioned art by artist (and DJCAD lecturer) Brigid Collins. Brigid's interpretation of the text are a beautiful evocation of the inspirations attributed by Heaney as the catalyst for his poetic vision.

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Top: The architects' vision of the Queen Mother building, which will house the QMRC. Middle: The architects' vision of the CIR. Above: TICR patron and new University rector Lorraine Kelly opening the first completed TICR research rooms at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee.

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diabetes, two of the fastest growing epidemics in the developing and developed world respectively.

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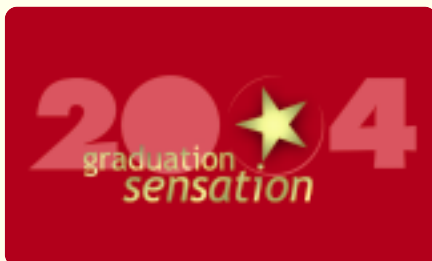
And if you would like to donate a gift or help us raise money for any of these appeals, please contact Joan Concannon, Director of External Relations on + (44) (0)1382 345 565 or email jconcannon@dundee.ac.uk

Alumni and staff summer party – don't miss Summer Sensation 2004

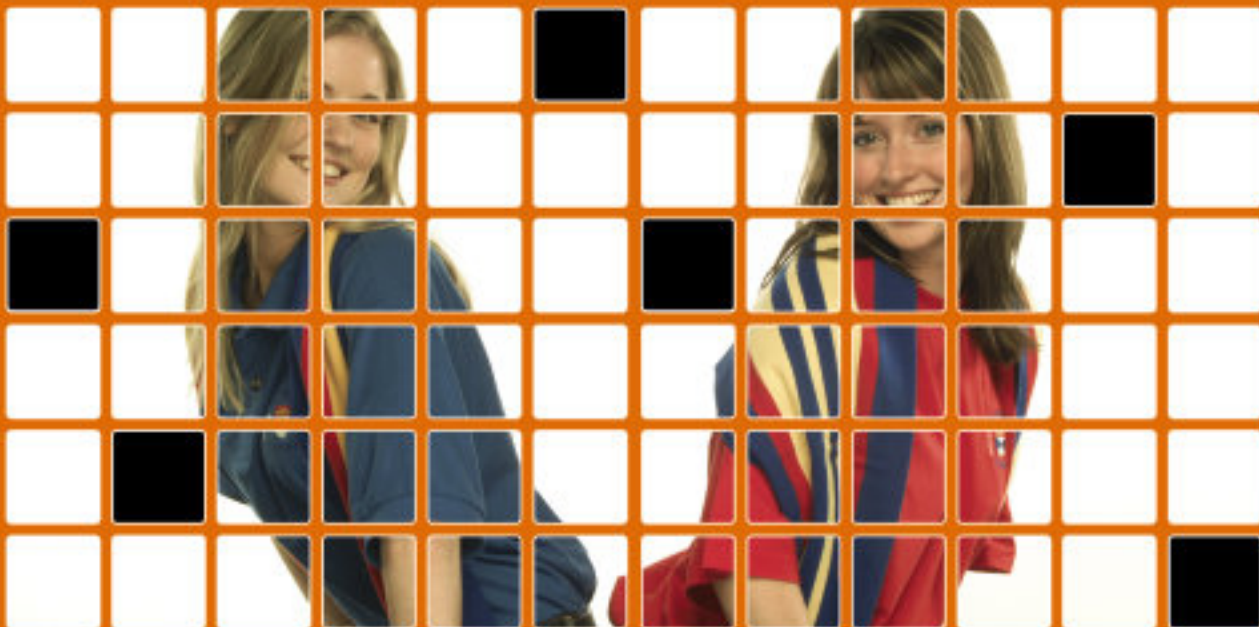
With live music, an outdoor funfair, AND a ceilidh it promises to be the event of the summer – and even bigger and better than last year.

Date: 2 July Tickets: £15 per person

Summer Sensation is the ideal place to get together with your University friends. Why not book a table for a group reunion? If you need assistance tracking down old friends the alumni relations office is happy to help – contact alumni@dundee.ac.uk.



For further information about tickets, contact: Michael Marra, Events Officer, email: m.j.marra@dundee.ac.uk, telephone (01382) 348046



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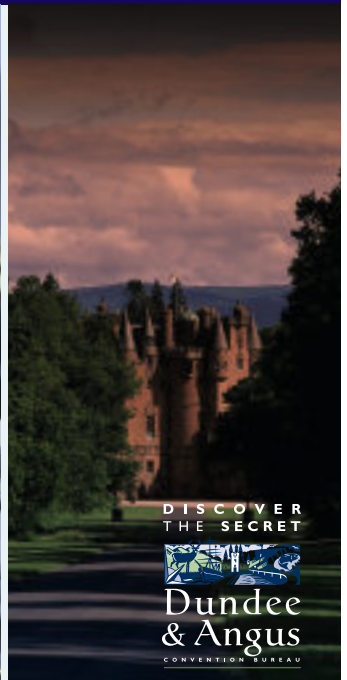
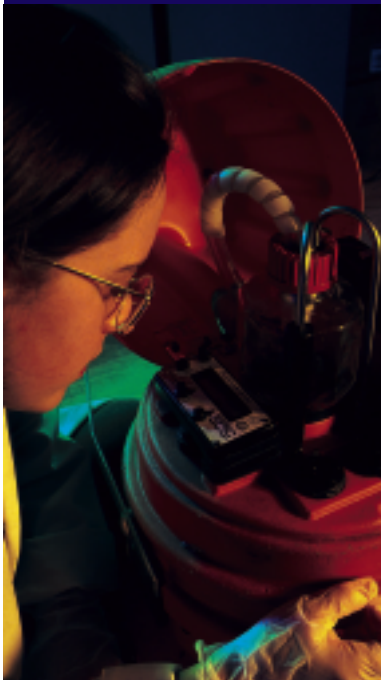
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