



MAJOR HEART STUDY LAUNCHED IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

Actor Bill Maynard Pledges Support

ONE of the world's largest studies into the causes of heart disease, spearheaded by the University, has been launched in the East Midlands.

The research project, which is being funded by the British Heart Foundation, will examine the crucial hereditary factors that contribute to causing coronary heart disease and lead to thousands of premature deaths each year.

The study will be undertaken by a research team at the University and Glenfield Hospital and an appeal has been made for families with a history of heart problems to come forward to take part in the research. It was launched on January 27 at the Clinical Education Centre, Glenfield Hospital.

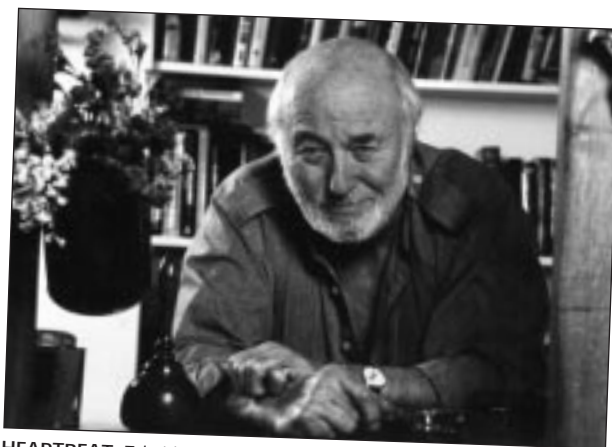
Project leader, Professor Nilesh Samani, Consultant Cardiologist at

Glenfield Hospital and Chair of Cardiovascular Medicine at Leicester University, explained 'This is a vital study which could help save

at least one close family member with coronary heart disease are ten times more likely to develop problems. One in two sufferers will have another close family

member who is also affected. At present, genetic factors are poorly understood and the aim of this project is to help us to pinpoint the genes which lead to the premature onset of coronary heart disease.'

Professor Samani added 'We need as many families where more than one brother or sister has suffered with a coronary heart



HEARTBEAT: Television personality Bill Maynard is supporting the University's heart study.

thousands of lives in the future. High blood pressure, diabetes, smoking and high cholesterol all increase the risk of coronary heart disease, but by far the biggest risk factor for an individual is whether heart problems run in his/her family.'

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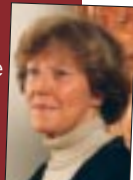
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Pic: Neville Chadwick.

PIONEERS: The research team members are, from right, Professor Samani, Julian Stribling, Dr Ravi Singh and Suzanne Coote (not pictured).

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BHF funds major Study

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problem, such as angina, heart attack, balloon angioplasty or bypass surgery, before the age of sixty five, to volunteer to take part in this study. We hope to enlist over 1,250 families in the East Midlands over the next two years. Working alongside colleagues in Yorkshire we are looking to recruit 2,500 families in total making this one of the largest studies of its type in the world.'

The British Heart Foundation has awarded an initial grant of £600,000 towards the costs of the research, which could reach over £2 million by the time it is completed.

Actor Bill Maynard, who plays Greengrass in the hit television series *Heartbeat*, was at Glenfield to formally accept the £600,000 on behalf of the project team.

Heart disease is the single largest cause of death in the UK, accounting for 170,000 deaths each year. One out of every five acute admissions to hospitals across the East Midlands is due to coronary heart disease, with some 4,000 premature deaths in the region being attributed to the disease annually i.e. one every two hours.

Families with two or more siblings who have had coronary heart disease (angina, heart attack, balloon angioplasty or bypass surgery) before the age of 65 are asked to participate by ringing Freephone 0800 7839374.



Pic: Neville Chadwick.

LIFE-SAVING: The Study into heart disease being spearheaded at Leicester could help to save lives.

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VALUED CONTRIBUTION TO BE RECOGNISED AT DEGREE CEREMONY

TWO people who, in very different ways, have made an invaluable contribution to education are to be honoured by the University.

The University will award the honorary degree of Master of Arts to Mrs Rachel Sullivan and the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters to Professor Barry Supple at the Postgraduate Degree Congregation to be held on February 8.

Mrs Rachel Sullivan began her work with the University's Adult Education Department in 1982 when she was appointed as a part-time tutor to develop a sculpture course for the blind and visually impaired. During the years that have followed, the course has developed into an energetic programme of art for people with other disabilities.

She has been involved in several Touch and See and Finding Form exhibitions, which have travelled to many museums, galleries and libraries in Britain, for which she has provided the education dimensions for the touch workshops which are held in conjunction with the exhibitions. She

has been particularly involved in fund raising for the Richard Attenborough Centre since the early 1990s and contributed greatly towards the development of the architectural brief for the new building.

Professor Barry Supple, FBA, has been Director of the Leverhulme Trust since 1993. After holding academic positions at the University of Sussex and University of Oxford (Reader in Recent Social and Economic History), he became Professor of Economic History at Cambridge in 1981, a post he held until 1993. He was Master of St Catharine's College, Cambridge, from 1984 to 1993. He has been a member of the Social Sciences Fellowship Committee of the Nuffield Foundation since 1974 and is President of the Economic History Society.

The honorary degrees will be presented by the University's Chancellor, Sir Michael Atiyah, at the De Montfort Hall in front of graduands and their families from around the world.

INCREASE IN POSTGRADUATE NUMBERS

STUDENTS reading for their Master's and Doctoral degrees will have years of study rewarded when their degrees are conferred on February 8.

A total of 960 students will receive their postgraduate degrees: this represents an increase of 38 % on last year's figures.

The first cohort of students reading for the MA in Comparative Policing and Social Conflict and the MSc in Forensic and Legal Psychology will graduate at the ceremony. Many of Leicester's graduands have attained their Master's qualifications by distance learning and, for some, the occasion of the degree ceremony may be their first visit to Leicester. The University is among the biggest providers of postgraduate distance learning courses in the country, with over 5,200 students registered on such programmes.

Leicester's standing as one of the foremost centres of postgraduate learning is also reflected by the fact that more than 50% of the total student population are postgraduates - the figure was less than 10% a decade ago.

The occasion will provide an opportunity for students, and their families, from around the world to gather at De Montfort Hall to receive their degrees, which will be conferred by the Chancellor of the University, Sir Michael Atiyah.

- Full details of the categories of degrees being awarded, see page 29.

PINNACLE OF SUCCESS

HONORARY Graduate of the University David Hempleman-Adams returns to the University on Thursday February 18 for the 1999 Convocation Lecture.

Dr Hempleman-Adams, who received an Honorary DSc in 1998, will provide an illustrated account of his expeditions in recent years. The title of his lecture is The Grand Slam.

Born in Swindon in 1956, he is a businessman by profession, a gold medallist of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and an accomplished mountaineer. On April 28 last year he reached the Geographic North Pole, having walked 600 miles across the frozen Arctic Ocean.

In doing this he became the first man to achieve the Adventurers' Grand Slam - a total of 11 major expeditions. He has climbed the highest summit on each of the seven continents and reached the North and South Geographic and Magnetic Poles.

The Lecture takes place at 8 pm in the New Building, Lecture Theatre 1.



RETURN TO CAMPUS: Dr Hempleman Adams will give the Convocation Lecture on February 18.

VETERANS TAKE ON OXFORD AGAIN!



POISED FOR SUCCESS: The 1963 University Challenge winning team from Leicester.

A COMMEMORATIVE University Challenge was held over the Christmas break featuring members of the very first team from Leicester University to win the intellectual quiz show.

John Hewitt, Madalene Moore (née Hall), Geoffrey Ford and Oliver Andrew beat Balliol College, Oxford, back in 1963.

But in the show televised on Christmas week – a special 35th anniversary edition – the past masters failed to make it a double when they pitted their wits against reigning champions Magdalen College, Oxford.

Leicester's veterans, who led 100 points to 85 at the half way stage, went down 145 to 220 at the final gong.

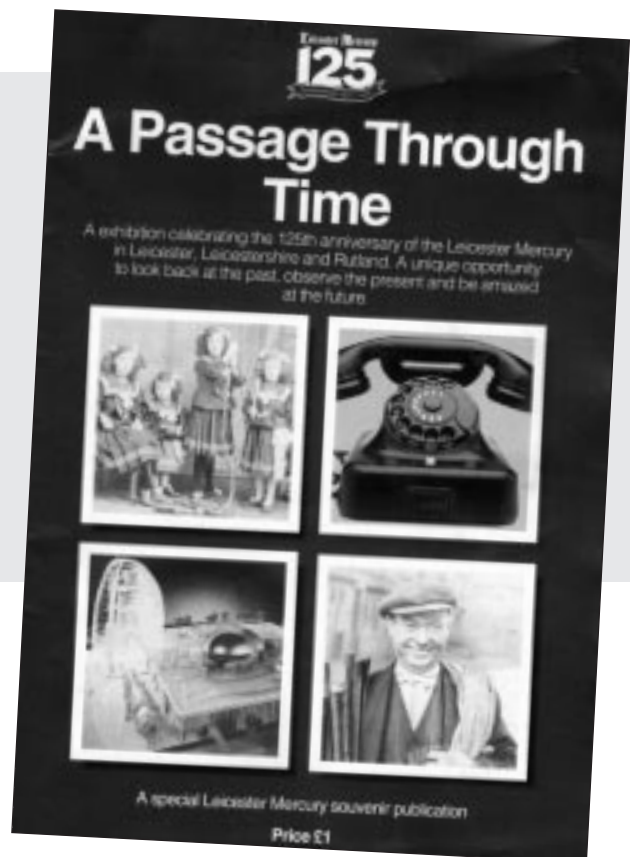
The first-ever winners, who had visited the University recently as part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, were supported by members of Convocation who travelled to the studios for the recording session.

HERITAGE CELEBRATED

AN exhibition celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Leicester Mercury in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is being staged at the New Walk Museum.

A Passage Through Time takes visitors through a Time Trail from 1874 to 2124! The exhibition features nine multi-media 'time trees' linked by over 100 display panels; a virtual reality exhibit and an opportunity to put yourself in the headlines.

Representatives from the University attended the launch of the exhibition on January 11.



BITING THE BULLET

A CONFERENCE probing the question of whether gun controls really have been effective in reducing firearm-related offences is being organised by the Scarman Centre.

The conference, 'Gun Control: Current Issues and Future Challenges' follows a two-year investigation into the subject of gun controls.

Researcher Kate Broadhurst said: 'There are many disgruntled target shooters who are annoyed that sports they enjoyed have in effect been prohibited following amendments to the Firearms Act.

'They cite the continued use of firearms in crime as evidence that gun control is futile in the fight against crime. Yet according to the recent Home Office publication of criminal statistics, the use of guns in crime is falling.'

Ms Broadhurst said that since the banning of handguns in the aftermath of the Dunblane tragedy some two years ago, gun control continues to remain a topic for heated and often emotional debate.

To broach some of these issues, policy makers, practitioners, academics, and the police will gather at the University on February 10. Professor John Benyon of the Scarman Centre said 'the conference will

provide an excellent forum for experts from a variety of backgrounds to discuss some of the current issues and future challenges of gun control in Europe, looking in particular at gun crime, the detection and prevention of illicit arms trafficking and the benefits and limitations of gun legislation'.

Kate Broadhurst added: 'it would be extremely naive to credit the reported fall in firearms offences to the handgun ban. There is no quick fix remedy to the complex issue of gun crime and violence but in organising this conference we hope to promote informed debate to contribute to the overall quality of future policy making in this area'.

RAMBLES, BRAMBLES AND BULLS

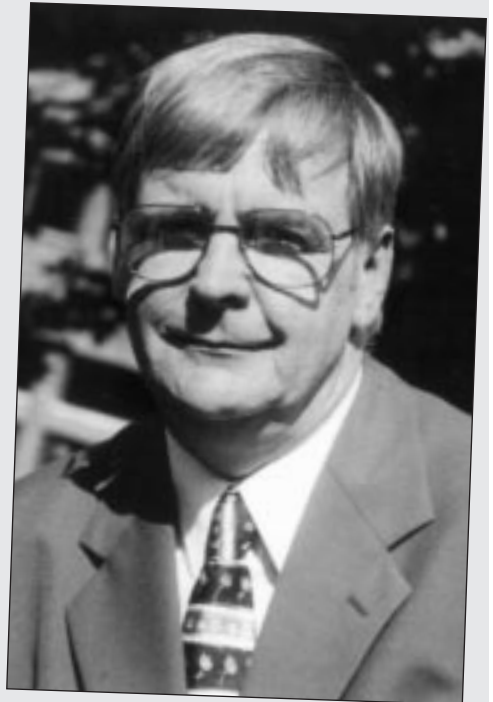
BRAMBLES, barbed wire and bulls are just some of the problems encountered by ramblers using public footpaths within our farming landscape. A recent survey revealed that close to a quarter of all footpaths in England and Wales have some sort of obstruction to impede access to those wanting to use them.

These and other matters were the subject of The Geographical Association New Year lecture at the University on 14 January. Geographical Association member Dr Griffith Warrilow said 'In this lecture titled 'Access to the Countryside' the speaker Carl Abram described his role of monitoring and improving the right to walk in and use the countryside.

'As Senior Countryside Officer for Lincolnshire County Council, Carl Abram was well equipped to relate the many amusing and not so humorous experiences of walkers and ramblers using our paths and bridleways'.

The lecture's subject matter is a hot topical issue. The Countryside Commission recently proposed opening up 9,000 miles of 'green lanes' to off-road vehicles, including routes that are footpaths or bridleways. This was contained in the paper 'Rights of Way in the 21st Century' which pleased the 4WD enthusiasts but upset the environmentalists.

The event was organised by The Geographical Association, the Royal Geographical Society and the Geography Department of the University.



ACCESS MATTERS: Carl Abram.

NEW CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA BY DISTANCE LEARNING

THE Scarman Centre has launched a new Certificate and Diploma by distance learning.

It is now possible to begin studying at certificate level and potentially progress through all of the Centre's postgraduate courses, which range from the Certificate to PhD. The new Certificate and Diploma are based on the Centre's long-standing expertise in the area of security management combined with material from highly rated programmes offered by the Management Centre.

The first security management course was launched in 1989, and the first Master's programme at the Centre in 1991. Since then the courses have expanded and a number of students who have successfully completed Master's courses are now studying for their PhDs.

Dr Martin Gill, Deputy Director of the Centre, notes: 'the new Certificate and Diploma courses allow people to study without forsaking professional commitments. Students can gain practical skills and qualify to take higher level programmes at the Centre should they wish to'.

Lecturer Ivan Horrocks adds, 'the requirements of potential students have been to the fore when designing these courses. In particular the study period – twelve months for the Certificate and eighteen months for the Diploma – and highly competitive price, mean that we are offering a product which delivers exceptional quality and value for money when compared to similar courses available elsewhere'.

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KIDS ARE ON THE BALL!

HONORARY graduate of the University Professor Sir Harry Kroto FRS, who won the 1997 Nobel Prize for Chemistry, revisited the University to present a lecture and workshop to schoolchildren.

Around 100 pupils, aged 11-13, from Loughborough Grammar School, City of Leicester and Lancaster Boys School attended.



ENLIGHTENMENT: Professor John Holloway explains procedures to an attentive student at the workshop.



WISDOM: Sir Harry Kroto practically demonstrated his enthusiasm for communicating science to youngsters.

The event at the Fraser Noble Hall was the inaugural Christmas lecture for the Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society and was sponsored by the Leicester Mercury. It was organised by the Admissions and Student Recruitment section of the Academic Office.

Sir Harry and his American collaborators won the Nobel Prize for the discovery of a new form of carbon, C₆₀. This consists of carbon atoms arranged in a mixture of 12 pentagons and 20 hexagons, resembling a soccer ball.

It also resembles the geodesic domes made famous by the architect Richard Buckminster Fuller, hence the name given to the new molecule ñ Buckminsterfullerene, or 'Buckyball'.

Professor John Holloway, Dean of Science, said the junior workshop took the schoolchildren on a journey through space, shape and science, exploring the amazing world of fullerenes. He added that the day was a great success.



SUCCESS: Sir Harry Kroto with students who completed other tasks and enjoyed themselves in the process.



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PIONEERING £1.4m PROJECT PUTS INFANTS FIRST

STAFF at the University's Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology have been awarded a total of £1.4 million from the Medical Research Council to carry out pioneering research that could help save the lives of premature babies.

The researchers say the multi-centre, double-blind placebo controlled trial will test whether the treatment of women in preterm labour, or with ruptured membranes, with broad spectrum antibiotics (Augmentin and Erythromycin) improves the survival and development of children.

Establishing strategies for reducing pre-term birth is a current priority for perinatal medicine because preterm birth causes 85% of neonatal deaths (within the first month of life). It is also the commonest cause of neonatal disease, and long term neurodevelopment and respiratory disability in children. Each birth incurs the economic cost of neonatal intensive care, and social and economic cost for the affected families and for society.

Professor David Taylor, Head of the Department, said: 'There is now considerable evidence from observational studies that many preterm births occur as the result of subclinical (silent) infection of the chorio-

decidual space and amniotic fluid around the fetus.

'The elimination of this infection by the administration of antibiotics may therefore be expected to reduce the consequences of preterm birth either by prolonging the pregnancy and/or by reducing the deleterious effects of infection on the developing fetus.'

The Department has been running the ORACLE Trial since 1994 and has previously received £1.1 million from the Medical Research Council to support the Trial. 162 maternity units world-wide (138 within the UK) are collaborating and 7,300 women have been randomised to date. It is envisaged that the trial will be completed in mid 2000 when the estimated sample size of

10,000 women will have been achieved.

The grant employs seven full-time staff based in the Robert Kilpatrick Clinical Sciences Building and two full-time midwives are based at the Liverpool Women's Hospital and the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. An additional 75 part-time midwives work 3 hours week in maternity units all over the UK.

Sara Kenyon, Trial co-ordinator said: 'If giving a simple intervention such as oral antibiotics to women in this acute clinical situation does improve the survival and health of their children, it could have an enormous impact on children and families world-wide.'



LABOUR OF LOVE: The ORACLE Trial team in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, headed by Professor David Taylor.

SCIENTISTS UNLOCK THE CRYSTAL MAZE TO IMPROVE CANCER TREATMENT

SCIENTISTS in Leicester are using crystals to discover ways of making anti-cancer drugs work more effectively thanks to funding from The Cancer Research Campaign.

One of the major stumbling blocks in chemotherapy is that cancer cells can become resistant and no longer respond to treatment.

This is because some bigger molecules in the tumour cells protect the cancer by mending the damage done by chemotherapy. To get round this, doctors have tried a 'helper' drug which stops one of these big repair molecules from working. But in trials the mixture of chemotherapy and the 'helper' drug often proves too toxic for the patient.

Dr Peter Moody's work at the University of Leicester is looking at a crystal grown from this 'repair molecule'. The crystal can be used to find and create a 3-D image of its structure.

He says: 'Once we have a picture of the repair molecule's structure we can be crystal clear about exactly where the helper drug is attaching itself.'

'By studying this we hope to design an improved version of the helper drug which is even more powerful against the tumour's 'repair molecule' and less toxic to the patient.'

'Imagine the molecule is like a lock. We're studying it to find out exactly how it is made, so that we can find the right key, i.e. the helper drug, to fit,' he adds.

The team's work hopes to increase the effectiveness of the group of anti-cancer drugs which include Carmustine. This type of chemotherapy works by damaging the genetic information in tumour cells, which results in their death.

Brain tumours, melanomas (the most serious type of skin cancer) and Hodgkin's disease (a cancer of the white blood cells) are some of the cancers most commonly treated with this type of chemotherapy.

CHALLENGE FOR GPS OVER DIABETES

GPS FACE a major challenge in achieving planned national targets on diabetes care, according to a new study by a University clinical lecturer.

Dr Kamlesh Khunti's study of 169 practices caring for 18,480 diabetic patients found great variation in quality of care. He discovered that the proportion of diabetic patients who had received an annual measurement of the long-term control of diabetes was 78% in an average GP practice, but ranged from 19 to 100% between practices.

Average coverage for annual blood pressure checks was 78% (ranging from 33 to 100%). Only 43% of patients had levels in the target range identified by the UK Prospective Diabetes Study (7% or lower).

Dr Khunti, of the Department of General Practice and Primary Health Care, said: 'Overall care of patients with diabetes is suboptimal with around 40% of GP practice patients having a normal diabetes control. More resources will be required to employ staff, in particular nurses, to implement the recommendations of recent research evidence.'

UNCONDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NSSC

THE National Space Science Centre (NSSC) has been granted unconditional funding by the Millennium Commission, which in June 1997 conditionally agreed to fund the project with a grant of £23.25m.

The NSSC has now satisfied the Millennium Commission that all conditions have been met. This includes demonstrating that the project is on course to complete the matched-funding requirement that is stipulated by the Millennium Commission when awarding such grants.

Large sums of money will now become available to the National Space Science Centre for the first time, with 1999 set to see plenty of action in the Abbey Meadows area of the city as highway works and building on the

project get underway.

The East Midlands Landmark project will open in Leicester in February 2001, with its Challenger Centre opening ahead of the main visitor centre in Autumn 1999. The NSSC will provide a dramatic combination of leisure, education and research facilities under one roof.



UNIVERSITY LEADS CAMERA STUDY FOR BIGGER VERSION OF HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE

SCIENTISTS at the University have won a competition to come up with a design for a camera to be put on board the Next Generation Space Telescope.

Professor Martin Ward, of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, said: 'Such a camera will provide the kind of beautiful pictures we are used to seeing from the Hubble Telescope, but using a mirror with 10 times bigger area than the Hubble (equivalent to the size of a large living room).

'We can surely expect some amazing pictures. It will show us views of galaxies as they were at a distant time when the Universe was young, and perhaps give us clues on how solar systems and planets are formed.'

This study was commissioned by the European Space Agency (ESA), who it is hoped will join with NASA to build the Next Generation Space Telescope, for launch around 2007. The main industrial contractor in the study will be Matra Marconi Space (MMS).

The NSSC, in which the University is a principal participant, consist of five integrated and complementary core components:

- An 'Electric Sky' Planetarium, which will be one of the first planetaria to be built in the UK for over 20 years. At 58ft in diameter, the Leicester dome will be the largest outside London. It will be a state of the art multi-media theatre, equipped to show not only presentations of the stars as viewed from locations all round the world, but its surround video system will also provide shows giving you the opportunity to travel over the surface of planets, down black holes, under the oceans or through the centre of a galaxy. Up to two hundred people, seated in comfortable reclining seats, will be able to watch the shows.
- The Visitor/Exhibition Centre, which will use a mix of real space hardware and other artefacts, hands-on exhibits, direct output from satellites and other current space research operations, audio-visual simulations and simulations to explore space science, astronomy and the global environment.
- The Challenger Learning Centre, an educational facility unique in Europe providing exciting educational programmes based on simulating the experience of astronauts and ground control scientists.
- The CATSAT satellite – a special educational facility forming part of the NASA 'Student Explorer' programme, in which students, working with University research staff, build their own satellite.
- The Research Centre in space, astronomy and the global environment, providing links to international space programmes. It will ensure the Centre's continuing scientific vitality and innovation. It will house one of Europe's largest University-based space research groups.

NSSC FINANCE DIRECTOR NAMED

THE National Space Science Centre has appointed Peter Valentine FCA FCMA as its Finance Director.

Most of Peter Valentine's career has been spent in Financial Management, and he has been a main board member at every company he has worked for since the early 1970s.

Mr Valentine spent 17 years with Walkers Snack Foods Limited until his early retirement in 1997.

CHALLENGE OF LEARNING

THE National Space Science Centre has submitted a planning application to Leicester City Council relating to the temporary location of its Challenger Learning Centre which will open this Autumn.

A unique space age building has been specially designed to house the Challenger Learning Centre (CLC). For the first 16 months of its life, the CLC will have a temporary location on the grounds of Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College – near to the University's Space Research Centre, which is already part of the NSSC.



The building, 5m high by 41m in length, has been designed by Nicholas Grimshaw and Partners, the company which designed the main NSSC building. With its inflatable skin, the CLC will resemble a spacecraft, or a modular

settlement on another planet. This space image can be enhanced through lighting from the interior, appearing to make the structure shimmer. When the NSSC Visitor Centre at Abbey Meadows is complete, the existing Challenger Learning Centre building will be dismantled and relocated to the Abbey Meadows site.

The Challenger Learning Centre will be the first outside North America, where the CLC is already a proven concept in teaching and learning about maths, science, and technology, as well as teamwork and communication skills. Following extensive classroom preparation in schools, up to 40 children at a time will take part in simulations of space missions, sharing the experiences and challenges of scientists and engineers engaged in such missions. Each mission's programme has an exploration theme, with students working in various teams in mission control and aboard a space station. Missions take between two and three hours to complete.

Nigel Siesage, Principal Assistant Registrar at the University and the National Space Science Centre's head of educational programmes, commented: 'Challenger is a very exciting way indeed for children to discover science and work in teams. The concept has been well proven in America and we are now having the programmes specially rewritten to suit the UK's National Curriculum. Its significance to education in this country can hardly



ADVANCED: Students discover science in an exciting way.



EXCITEMENT: Children making use of facilities at the Challenger Learning Centre.

be overestimated, and we are naturally delighted that Challenger is being brought to Europe for the first time by the National Space Science Centre.'

Vance Ablott, of Challenger Center in the US, added: 'At Challenger Center, we firmly believe that education is everyone's business. This belief not only applies here in America, but to our friends abroad as well. That's why we are so pleased to be working with the National Space Science Centre in Leicester. Together, we are working to provide students and teachers around the globe an opportunity to embrace science, maths and technology education. After all, there are no limits or boundaries to human exploration.'

ROYAL VISIT TO SPACE RESEARCH CENTRE

HIS Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh will be visiting the University on February 26 as part of a day-long programme in the City and County of Leicester.

On his arrival at the Space Research Centre, he will be greeted by the Vice-Chancellor Dr Kenneth Edwards, Vice-Chancellor-Elect, Professor Robert Burgess, and Professor Alan Wells, Space Research Centre Director, who will conduct the Duke on a tour around the laboratories and design areas in the Space Centre.

Professor Wells said: 'The Duke's tour will include viewing the University's latest x-ray astronomy instrument, the EPIC X-ray Camera, which will fly next year on the European Space Agency's XMM mission, some recent results from Professor Llewellyn Jones' Earth Observation research programmes and design work, just commencing, on the Beagle 2 probe which is planned for launch to Mars in 2003.

'The Duke's visit also provides a new opportunity to present the contributions being made by the University to the National Space Science Centre, and the importance of the close links that have developed between the City of Leicester and the University through our co-operation in this challenging Millennium project.'

NEW RDA BOARD - POWERFUL MIX OF EXPERTISE

THE team chosen to spearhead the Regional Development Agency for the East Midlands has been announced.

Four highly successful women are included and the board is a strong mix of know-how from a range of perspectives in the region.

And chairman Derek Mapp will ensure a hands-on role for each member by assigning a specific key responsibility which directors will be charged with driving forward.

Derek Mapp said: 'I am delighted with the composition of the board. The directors are all high achievers in their own spheres and they are all totally committed to the very challenging task we face.'

Our aim is to make this region one of the most economically successful in Europe. We must transmit our enthusiasm across all sections of East Midlands' society. We include every single citizen within our remit – my board will be taking that message into the community.'

The Board will operate in a 'shadow' form until the official launch in April 1999. The Board members are:

Jane Bradford; Regional Managing Director Retail Banking Services, East Regional National Westminster Bank Plc. Previously head of the bank's small business services nationally. She is a Rural Development Commissioner, a member of the University of Derby Council and a founder member of Women in Banking and Finance.

Councillor Ted Cassidy is a member of Leicester City Council and of East Midlands Development Company. He is vice-chair of East Midlands Regional Local Government Association Planning Forum, is a trustee of the National Space Science Centre and sits on the Boards of the Phoenix Arts Centre and Haymarket Theatre in Leicester.

Councillor Graham Chapman; leader of Nottingham City Council who successfully oversaw the recent transition to unitary status. Has a PhD in Urban and Regional Development. His declared top priority in Nottingham is improving the city's education standards.

Councillor Martin Doughty; leader of Derbyshire County Council, chair of the Peak National Park Authority and chair of the Association of National Park Authorities.

Peter Gadsby; chairman of Birch plc – a house-building, construction, manufacturing and development group with 400 employees in

Nottingham, Leicester and Derby – which has grown in 10 years to a £65m turnover. Also vice-chairman and shareholder of Derby County FC.

Councillor Gillian Gardiner; member of Leicestershire County Council – where she is Liberal Democrat spokesperson for planning and environmental protection – and chairman of planning committee on Harborough District Council. She is also a member of the East Midlands Regional Local Government Association Planning Forum. Previously a lecturer in Land Use Studies.

Len Jackson; managing director of Pork Farms Bowyers, lives near Newark. He has 30 years' food industry experience and controls three manufacturing sites, employing 2,300 people, with an annual turnover of £120 million.

Dr Bob Middleton; director of Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, one of the county's larger voluntary sector development agencies. Has 25 years' experience in the rural and voluntary sectors. Is a member of various regeneration networks, including the East Midlands Rural Action Group and the

Coalfield Partnership, through which the Rural Community Council has been heavily involved in developing community resource centres in the coalfields.

Peter Moore OBE; managing director of Center Parks UK. He is a board member of the English Tourist Board and a member of the Ministerial Tourism Advisory Forum and of the CBI's Tourism Action Group. An international badminton player, he competed in the World, European and Commonwealth Games.

Pat Morgan-Webb; principal and chief executive New College, Nottingham. She is a director of Greater Nottingham TEC, a founder member of the East Midlands Regional Economic Development Forum and a member of the national Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and of the East Midlands Committee of the Further Education Funding Council.

Christine Wood; regional secretary of TUC Midlands Region is also a member of East Midlands Development Company and Mansfield 2010 and a founder member of East Midlands Economic Development Forum.

A further member from the business community is expected to be appointed before the end of the year.

Business Bulletin

NEW SECURITY JOURNAL LAUNCHED

A NEW Security Journal co-edited by staff at the Scarman Centre includes worrying independent evidence that crime is being made easy for offenders.

Lecturer Adam Edwards argues that policies to tackle organised crime are failing and reviews published evidence about criminal organisations having close connections with businesses.

Edwards claims: 'Crude stereotypes of 'Russian Mafia', 'Colombian Cartels', 'Chinese Triads' and 'Jamaican Yardies' etc., undermine an effective response to the threat of organised crime.

'Policy makers should stop concentrating on the supposed traits of gangs and examine their connections with businesses for which there is already much published evidence.

'There are relationships between 'licit' and 'illicit' entrepreneurs that provide opportunities for the expansion of organised crime. Strategies for disturbing these networks will be more effective than the expensive failures of law enforcement operations against so called 'empires' of 'underworld bosses', claims Edwards.

The journal also includes articles on shoplifting, vehicle theft from shopping centres and on the need for there to be guidance on the extent to which the jury should take note of 'expert' views.

BUSINESSES URGED TO TAKE MORE RISKS

A NEW journal aims to promote an understanding of risk management in business.

A recent Trade and Industry White Paper encourages businesses to take more risks, and for professionals to learn from academia. This new refereed publication provides just the forum to bring about these aims.

The editors are Martina McGuinness and Dr Martin Gill from the Scarman Centre. Dr Gill observes: 'We intend to make a difference – there is a lot that one can learn from the experience of others, whether it be good or bad, and in this journal we intend to show people how'.

The journal contains papers on ways of forecasting risks, ways of regulating risks, risk and the internet, and health risks related to smoking.

International Focus provides an in depth analysis and stories with an international dimension. Any stories or ideas should be sent to Jane Pearson, Press and Publications Office, ext 2440, fax 2485, e-mail: jhpl@le.ac.uk

INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

MONGOLIAN MOUNTAINS

DR DICKSON Cunningham, Geology Department, has received a grant of £10,500 from the National Geographic Society to study the Geological Evolution of the Mongolian High Altai.

The Mongolian Altai is one of the last great frontier areas for continental tectonicists interested in understanding processes of intracontinental mountain building and the way in which continents internally partition crustal deformation.

Fundamental questions, such as how a 4,000m high mountain range has formed in the centre of Asia, 2,000 km north of the Indo-Eurasia collision have never been answered, because of a paucity of previous research in this remote region.

Two seasons of field-based study in north-western Mongolia will be carried out investigating the major fault systems and other structures that have accommodated uplift of the range. This work will connect with four years of previous research on the Cenozoic evolution of the neighbouring Gobi Altai, Tien Shan and Hangay Dome regions and should lead to a new understanding of the crustal architecture of the altai and the network of active faults which pose a seismic hazard to people living in the region.



EXTENDING THE LINKS: Iranian officials visited the University recently to discuss sending PhD students to the University from Iran. Left to right : Mr Amir Nojournian (VP International and from Iran himself); Professor A Khodae, Chancellor of Education, Embassy of Iran; Professor Peter Fearon, Pro-Vice-Chancellor; Dr Jamshid Kohal, Consultant for International PR, Iran; Mr Tony Pearson, Director of the International Office.

LEICESTERSHIRE SIGHTS

THE Faculty of Law welcomed a group of visitors from Poland to the University in December.

Members of the Faculty of Law and Administration from the University of Katowice, Poland, attended a conference on Legal Convergence in the Enlarged Europe of the New Millennium.

This was the culmination of a three-year British Council funded research co-operation agreement between the two Faculties and was the first time that the British Council had sponsored a research agreement involving Polish and British law schools.

Over the three-year period, research collaboration involving up to twelve members from each faculty has developed through regular exchange visits.

At the conference sixteen papers were presented in the areas of European Law, International Law, Cultural Property Law, Intellectual Property Law and Legal Education. The papers will be published by Kluwer in Spring 1999.



TIME OFF TO EXPLORE: Polish visitors to the University take time to visit Foxton Locks.

EXPLORING SPACE

A GROUP of eight overseas journalists visited the University in December as part of a fact-finding trip to the NSSC, arranged by Leicester Promotions in conjunction with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The journalists, who are all based in London, represent publications from East and West Europe, as well as India, China, Japan and the Middle East.

They began their Leicester day at the University's Space Research



TAKING A BREAK: Visiting journalists to the SRC chatting with Professor Alan Wells (seated second from left), Professor David Llewellyn-Jones (standing, right) and Tony Richmond of the FCO (seated, right) before embarking on a tour of the Centre.

Centre, where Professor Alan Wells welcomed them and spoke about the Centre's research projects. Professor David Llewellyn-Jones then explained the work of the Earth Observation Suite.

Their visit ended – long before their interest waned – with a brief tour of the centre.

INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

COMPLIMENTS TO A 'UNIQUE CENTRE'

DURING a recent visit to Bahrain Dr Simon Bennett, of the Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order, was delighted to hear the Centre described in glowing terms by a Professor from the University of Kentucky, United States of America.

Over a live, fully interactive satellite link up between the Conference and the University at Kentucky, Dr Pamela Collins, Professor of Loss Prevention and Safety, told 150 delegates gathered in the conference hall that the Scarman Centre was "unique" in offering "an innovative distance learning programme in Security Management co-ordinated by Dr Martin Gill".

Dr Bennett, who also manned the Scarman Centre stand at the Conference Exhibition noted that following Dr Collins' fulsome praise, his stand was swiftly emptied of all its promotional material. He said: "This was quite a fillip and something the MSc Security Management Team team in the Centre can be proud of. Pam has a high profile with Middle East Security-oriented audiences."

Dr Bennett was attending the American Society for Industrial Security Annual Conference (Mid-East Chapters) to speak on "Architectural Surety – Defensive Building Techniques". His lecture was based on isomorphic analysis of the Beirut, Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam US Embassy bombings.



TRIBUTE: Dr Simon Bennett receiving the ASIS "Plaque of Honour" for his speech at the 1998 Conference in Bahrain from Mr Samir S Raslan, Regional Vice-President, ASIS Middle East Region.

FACT FINDING TOUR

A HIGH-ranging Tasmanian Government Minister visited Leicester University's School of Social Work to learn more about the UK Department of Health's approach to child protection.



IMPRESSED: Mrs Judy Jackson, NHA, Minister for Health & Human Services for the Government of Tasmania (third from left) visits the School of Social Work to see examples of policy in practice.

Mrs Judy Jackson, MHA, Minister for Health and Human Services for the Government of Tasmania visited the School of Social Work in January, when she met Professor Jane Aldgate, Dr Harriet Ward and other research staff involved in child protection.

The Leicester University School of Social Work works closely with the Department of Health, and has devised a series of "tools" to enable social workers and other agencies to forecast more accurately which families may need additional support services in order to promote the welfare and ensure the safety of their children. These tools will be adopted by local authorities across the UK.

As Minister in Tasmania, Mrs Jackson's portfolio responsibilities include youth justice, child protection and family support services. Following legislation in 1997, the Tasmanian Government marked a major shift in culture and practice in youth justice and child protection and care in the State towards a more supportive and collaborative approach to family issues and problems.

The new legislation will be proclaimed in July this year and project teams are currently developing the necessary systems, procedures, training and infrastructure required for the implementation of the legislation.

Mrs Jackson was impressed with what she had heard of the UK Department of Health's approach in these areas and was keen to see some examples of the work in practice.

EUROPEAN UNION

LEICESTER University students from far and wide in the European Union came together in December to meet the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs John Mugglestone at a SOCRATES/ERASMUS reception held in the Charles Wilson Building.

The University currently has 216 ERASMUS students from 75 European Universities in 14 countries. They are studying a range of subjects, including Archaeology, Biological Science, Chemistry, Economic and Social History, Economics, Genetics, Geography, History, History of Art, Law, Literature, Mathematics, Medicine, Modern Languages, Physics, Politics and Sociology.

The students were welcomed on behalf of the University by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Fearon.



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Out & About

DISTINCTIVE IMAGE

Leicester University's portering and security staff have recently been provided with new working overalls, in navy blue, consisting of a short jacket with a zip-up front and smart, durable trousers. For reception and other security duties, both portering and security staff are provided with blue shirts, a University tie and a V-necked pullover, on which is the University crest.

Jim Shaw from the Estates and Buildings Office explains: "The porters play a significant role in the day-to-day running of the University. Their duties are wide and varied, ranging from cleaning to security and reception work. These items of clothing are in addition to the traditional uniform provided for portering and security staff, which will continue to be worn, particularly for ceremonial duties such as degree congregations.

"By providing this clothing we very much hope to promote the image of the portering staff and to make them more visible to staff, students and visitors. We hope that this will encourage not only staff and students but also visitors to approach the portering staff with general enquiries or specific requests."

Focus on Ford

In January, Professor Martin Stannard, Department of English, was the invited speaker at the first Ford Madox Ford Lecture held at Senate House, University of London. In his lecture entitled *Reformations: Ford Madox Ford, Soldiers, and Transubstantiation*, Professor Stannard argued that transubstantiation, or 'the changing of one substance into another', is an obsessive theme in Ford's writing at the very heart of his literary impressionism and his cultural attitudes. Raising questions about possible influences on Ford's work, Professor Stannard analysed Ford's novel, *The Good Soldier*. The lecture was organised by the Ford Madox Ford Society.

OUT & ABOUT

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

An update from the Estates and Buildings Office

Attenborough Building:

Fire alarms

A number of false alarms in the Attenborough Building have been caused by steam from the cleaners' sinks setting off the smoke detectors. These detectors have now been changed to heat detectors.

Lift and paternoster

Since the start of term both the paternoster and the lift have suffered a number of interruptions to service. In some cases this has been caused by mechanical faults, but it is now apparent that there have been a number of incidents involving deliberate interference – in one case a sharp instrument was driven into the button panel of the paternoster. This is of course dangerous for the person concerned and could cause a hazard for other users. As it is not known who has been causing the damage the porters have been asked to be particularly vigilant and challenge anyone that they consider suspicious.



Seminar block – heating mains failure

The burst on the heating main between the two lecture theatres on Wednesday 6 January flooded the basement. With the aid of the new BMS system it was possible to alter the heating arrangements to maintain heat in the lecture theatres which were being used for the Geology conference. Full repairs have now been undertaken.

Vaughan College:

On Thursday 26 November the contractor excavating for the drainage in connection with the alterations at Vaughan College severed the incoming power cable. It was possible to run the emergency power for a short while but classes were cancelled for the rest of the day. East Midlands Electricity Board were able to reinstate the supply during the night, though other premises in the area had to be shut down to enable the work to be undertaken.

Laboratory refurbishment programme:

It is understood that HEFCE will not be inviting separate bids for this programme this year but will look at projects submitted through the JIF programme, which might satisfy their criteria but fall slightly short of a JIF award. It is likely that any such projects will be of relatively low value.

Site resurfacing works:

The roads around the rear of the main site were resurfaced during the Christmas vacation.

Simon Britton
Director of Estates and Buildings

OUT & ABOUT

ADULT EDUCATION

Period of development

Vaughan College's Spring Term programme includes a weekend course on Victorian and Edwardian Churches. After a day in College on Saturday 20 March, tutor Dr Geoff Brandwood and his students set off to visit churches in East Leicestershire and Rutland on Sunday 21 March. The course will explain the social and religious background to the greatest period of church building since the Middle Ages, looking at the architects involved and the variety of buildings they created.

The cost of lunch on both days and coach travel is included in the fee. Closing date for enrolments is 12 March.

Double the interest

Taking Saturday Schools on the same day in March are two members of the University's staff. Dr Sean Lawrence (Physics and Astronomy Department) explains about Weather, Climate and El Nino on 13 March, whilst Dr Nigel Foreman (Psychology Department) takes a course on Virtual Reality and Its Application in Teaching. Dr Foreman's course should be of interest to anyone who wants to know what VR is and how it can be used, and in particular teachers and those concerned with education.

- Phone 0116 251 7368 for full details of these courses.

CENTRE FOR LABOUR MARKET STUDIES

Making a connection

The latest in the Centre's series of working papers is now available. No 22, *Organisational Characteristics and Skill Formation in Britain: Is there a Link?*, by

Professor David Ashton and Dr Alan Felstead. Drawing on a nationally representative survey of British employees, the paper

Centre was one of the consultants, and had an important input in Chapter Five.



HIGH VICTORIAN: Tur Langton church, built to a design by Joseph Goddard in 1965-6, photographed by Dr Geoff Brandwood.

provides – for the first time – strong and robust empirical support for such a linkage.

- Email Sarah (salg1@le.ac.uk) for a copy.

Making a contribution

The 1998-9 World Employment Report has been published by the International Labour Office (ILO). This Report contains the latest international overview on the relationship between employment and training and covers globalisation, technological change and changing skill demand, national training systems, state involvement, training and competitiveness, women and training, training and the informal sector. The

CENTRE FOR QUEBEC STUDIES

Off to an excellent start

The 1998-99 programme of the newly-established Centre for Quebec Studies commenced in November with a challenging lecture to staff and students given by Jocelyn Létourneau.

Professor Létourneau, a teacher of history at Laval University and a Senior Research Fellow at the University's Centre d'études interdisciplinaires sur les lettres, les arts et les traditions, is the author of numerous books and essays on contemporary Quebec society. He gave a cogent and penetrating analysis of the new perceptions and aspirations at the heart of contemporary Quebec nationalism. Also present was M. Emmanuel Kattan from the Délégation générale du Québec in London, which is generously supporting the Centre.

The Centre's programme continues this term with a lecture by Professor Guy Laforest, also from Laval University, who has published widely on Quebec and Canadian politics, and a programme of Quebec films to be shown in collaboration with Phoenix Arts.

- The Centre's web site can be found at <http://www.le.ac.uk/ml/quebec/>



WELCOME VISITOR: Professor Jocelyn Létourneau (centre) with Christopher Rolfe, Director of the Centre for Quebec Studies, and Céline Gagnon, Administrative Secretary.

CAREERING ALONG – A Popular Member of Staff

At a recent reception held to celebrate Viv Burgess's 28 years of service to the University, John Bonner was happy to recall his impressions of her – in particular the time when Viv worked for him during his years as a Pro-Vice-Chancellor...

Starting in the Academic Office – which, looking at her now, she must have entered straight from school – Viv Burgess progressed on a rising curve from working for Pro-Vice-Chancellors to finish in the School of Education.

The many who are here today, from all levels and areas of the University, testify to the impact she has made. There are three reasons why she will be missed. First, her loyalty. Always ready to protect and defend those for whom and with whom she worked, she was someone who could be trusted. Many of us will be able to recall occasions when she intervened to help a colleague in trouble. Second, her high standards. Whether drafting letters and memoranda, answering the telephone, or greeting visitors, she was anxious to get the tone as sympathetic and warm as possible, without missing any detail or making the smallest mistake. Hearing her speak on the telephone to an angry neighbour complaining about noise in a student residence, or greeting a stranger who had stumbled by accident into the Pro-Vice-Chancellors'

offices, was to learn a lesson in high diplomacy. Third, her sense of humour. Laughter was never far away. She took her work seriously – but never too seriously – and was ready to swap a good story with anybody.

It is less well known that she was an early pioneer of flexi-time. Her work was never skimped or delayed, but you never knew when she did it: very early in the morning before you arrived, or very late in the evening after you had left. She could put in tremendous bouts of speed – whether when driving her car, or rushing down the corridor to catch the post, or mowing her lawn in the dark. And there were those bags. She never arrived, or left, without at least five of them. Who knows what she kept in them?

John Bonner

- Viv Burgess is delighted with – and grateful for – the warm and friendly messages and her presents. She says, "my great good fortune has been to enjoy 28 years at the University, and this has been entirely due to everyone I've worked for and come into contact with". In a letter expressing her thanks to friends and colleagues for their kindness, generosity and good wishes, she now admits to a frisson of excitement as she contemplates the possibilities ahead, which she hopes will be utterly pleasurable and entertaining.

HOMELESSNESS

Leicester University students have been involved in helping the homeless for many years, fundraising through Rag and the University Charities and providing practical help through Contact, the student community action group. Clare Taylor recently visited Leicester Nightshelter to find out more about the useful contribution our students make in this demanding area of work...

The Nightshelter is situated in New Walk. It accommodates homeless people overnight; doors open at 5.00 pm and close at 9.00 am. Clients pay £18 per week for bed and three daily meals. In addition to nightshelters, the Council has several hostels around the city catering for single homeless people, families and single women with children. People will come into hostels for a variety of reasons including marital breakdown and domestic violence. Many of the clients seen at the Nightshelter have mental health difficulties.

Our students work on a voluntary basis in various areas; in kitchens they help to prepare and serve food, and they also assist with administrative tasks. At Christmas, and other festive times, students can be found at the shelter attempting to bring some joy into lives of those less fortunate than themselves.

Children are often involved in homelessness. A parent fleeing from a physically threatening relationship may take children away quickly, leaving friends and favourite toys behind and moving to strange accommodation, a new school, a totally different environment with related psychological consequences.

When they are ready to move on to independent living, clients may be offered council housing. However, homeless people rarely have financial backing or family support and so move into unfurnished accommodation without the means to obtain basic necessities. This is where University staff can help.

Do you have any unwanted household items? Furniture, ornaments, bedlinen, towels, pots and pans or cutlery? The Nightshelter can also make good use of used clothes, particularly men's clothing and shoes. Border House, the hostel for families, requires children's games, books and toys.

If you can help in any way, please contact the Student Welfare Centre in the Percy Gee Building, telephone 0116 223 1185, or call the Nightshelter direct on 255 5152.

Clare Taylor
Senior Welfare Officer



INSPIRING PERFORMANCE BY THE CHILINGIRIAN STRING QUARTET

The Chilingirian String Quartet were the guest performers at a concert on 3 October 1998 in the Richard Attenborough Centre to mark the tenth anniversary of the death of Professor Arthur Humphreys.

The Chilingirians, one of the UK's leading string quartets, rose wonderfully to the occasion. In the first item, Haydn's exceptionally original Quartet in C major, Opus 54 No 2, the players kept us on the edge of our seats over how they would go into the dramatic silence after the loud opening of the first movement. It comes many times, sometimes the silence is filled with a witty tag. The players varied what they did according to the context.

The rest of the concert was just as absorbing. After the Haydn came Tchaikovsky's String Quartet in D major, Opus 11, and Beethoven's final Quartet, Opus 135 in F major. The Tchaikovsky seemed to be full of ballet music and accordingly fired the imagination with wonderful fairy-story images. The Beethoven had a warmth and vividness that transcended the ill-health and other problems endured by Beethoven when he wrote it.

It was hard to imagine any encore that would be suitable after the Beethoven. Yet the performers played one, by a composer whose music had not so far been heard at the concert – Mozart; the slow movement of his Quartet in D major (K575), with its glorious solos for the royal cello-playing dedicatee of the work. It was a moving and inspiring way to end the evening.

Michael Sackin





REFRESHING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING: *The T-Party*, by Debbie Lee, a *Tongues of Diamond* exhibit.



A STITCH IN TIME: *Icecreams by the Lighthouse*, machine embroidery by Linda Miller.

VISUAL TREATS AT THE CITY GALLERY

A new City Gallery exhibition, **Tongues of Diamond**, commences in the Main Gallery on 18 February. It brings together the work of five female artists with a common interest in the myths and metaphors of various stratas of society.

Opening in the Craft Gallery on the same day is a wonderfully figurative **show of papier maché, machine embroidery and wooden figures** by Julie Arkell, Linda Miller and Lynn Muir.



CLASSIC ROMANCE

A romantic meal, followed by classics, played by the London rose for every sweetheart in Hall's answer to where to go Day. Call 0116 254 1225 to book.



GET YOUR TICKETS FOR FANTASY HALL

Danced by skating couples, Russian Ice, Montfort Hall appearance can be pre-ordered 'Cinderella'.

Win free tickets following to Barbara not later

Name a music.

Competition winner

The prospect of an enchanting evening became reality for Graham Benskin from University's Gardens Section, who, as winner of the De Montfort Hall competition in the last issue, claimed his free tickets to January's Johann Strauss Orchestra concert. He said afterwards, "it was a fantastic evening".

THE SCENE AHEAD...

- Sir Nigel Hawthorne (an honorary graduate of Leicester University) is to play **King Lear** in Shakespeare's play of the new season at Stratford.

JAZZ ON SATURDAY

Featuring jazz pianist John Southgate and saxophonist Ned Bray with Punita Gupta, sitar player, and the tabla of Madhkur Kothare, **Jazzindo**, at the Richard Attenborough Centre for Disability and the Arts on Saturday 6 March, create spontaneous music that's full of swing and surprise.

- Ring 0116 252 2455 for details and tickets.



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PLAY WITH PASSION
When Betty climbs into the attic and later on to the roof, memories of a past love come flooding back. Even her son, who is getting married that morning can't get his mum to come down from the roof. As the nosy neighbours gather below to witness the exciting events on the roof, Betty makes a decision that will change her life. **A Passionate Woman**, written by Kay Mellor, author of the ITV series *Band of Gold* and BBC's *Playing the Field*, commences at the Haymarket on 25 February, with final performances on 20 March.

- Party prices on 16 March (pay by 20 February) are available for DSCR members – ring 0116 288 5350 for booking details.



COMPETING FOR LAUGHS

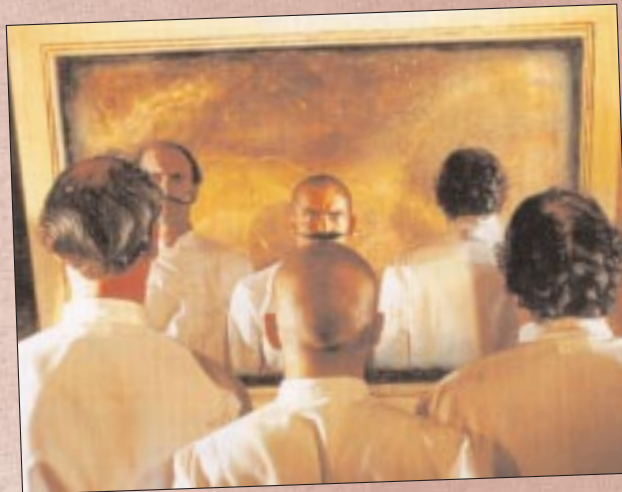
- Terry Pratchett fans can flock in February to **Leicester University Theatre's** production of **Wyrd Sisters** in the Attenborough Theatre on 18, 19 and 20 February at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available in the Percy Gee

Building, 12.30 - 3.30 pm weekdays, or from the University Bookshop.

- Something of a tradition at Leicester's Y Theatre (situated in the YMCA building on East Street) is the **Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year Competition**, one of the events in the Leicester Comedy Festival 1999. Catch some of the best semi-professional comics in the country there on 18 February – or maybe even enter by ringing 0116 255 6507.

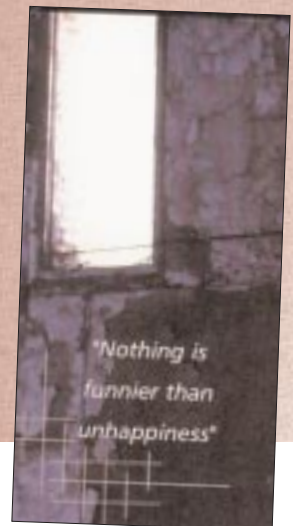
- **The Barbers of Surreal**

celebrate 100 years of Egg Shampoo with a unique mix of comic theatre, film, animated sets, gadgets, cartoon and visual trickery provided by the company Forkbeard on 17 February at Phoenix Arts (box office 0116 255 4854). "...A consummate, side-splitting treat", says *The Sunday Times*.



SAMUEL BECKETT DOUBLE BILL

Sample a stunning double bill at Nottingham Playhouse for three nights only from 11 March. James Bolam and Alistair McGowan feature in an outstanding cast for **Endgame**, and John Neville appears in Beckett's solo meditation on laughter, regret and loneliness, **Krapp's Last Tape**. **Endgame** will have already been running from 24 February.



FEATURE

'THE FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS'

THE Vice-Chancellor Dr Kenneth Edwards voiced his confidence in the future of Leicester University during an address to members of staff from across the University.

In his final Open Meetings for all staff held on January 11 and 12 Dr Edwards reflected on past developments and achievements and he commented on future progress. Dr Edwards, who retires in September after 12 years as Vice-Chancellor, will be succeeded by Professor Bob Burgess, currently Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Warwick University.

On a personal note, Dr Edwards said: 'It has been a great privilege to be a part of the University of Leicester for these past 12 years – these have been very exciting times.'

'I very much value the support I received and discussions I had with staff in a friendly and constructive manner. I think this University has a hell of a lot going for it – one of the problems is that that we have not been shouting enough about how good we are.'

During his address, Dr Edwards compared the University's standing in 1987/88 with that of 1997/98. He presented the following statistics:

	1987/88	1997/98
Total student numbers	5216	15,199
Full-time students	4,789	8,657
Part-time students	427	1,263
Distance learning students	0	5,279
Total income	£36.674m	£113.792m
Research income	£6.843m	£25.185m
Total expenditure	£37.025m	£114.153m
Deficit for year	£0.351m	£0.361m
General reserve	£0.622m	£6.082m
Departmental Balances	0.764m	£10.434m

Dr Edwards said these figures illustrated how the University had changed – it was now a bigger University with a very different student composition from 10 years ago. In particular, there are now 5,279 distance learning students compared with none in 1987/88. Postgraduate students now account for more than 50%, whereas the figure was less



PROGRESS: Leicester has gone from strength to strength.

than 10% a decade ago. He said the University was on a reasonably sound financial basis with substantial reserves and healthy departmental balances compared with 1987/88.

Looking to the future, he said the Government had predicted an expansion of student numbers by 61,000 within the next two years of which only 6,000 would be on full-time degree programmes. Efficiency gains over the next academic year would amount to less than 1% and would be just over 1% for the following academic year, 2000/1. Dr Edwards said a total of £600m was

also available nationally over 3 years for universities to bid for research infrastructure improvement. This Joint Infrastructure Fund could provide for new buildings, improvements to labs and equipment to enhance research.

Bids to the Joint Infrastructure Fund, which have been submitted or are being prepared, include Phase II of the Space Research Centre; the development of an Arctic Radar facility; the creation of a Biomedical Sciences Research Building; as well as bids in Engineering, Environmental Sciences and Social Sciences. The outcome of these bids would determine the future shape of the University, said Dr Edwards.

Dr Edwards also spoke of the immediate short-term developments at the University. This included the bid for the Joint Medical School involving Leicester and Warwick Universities which would provide 120 additional postgraduate medical places. Graduates from the biological sciences and related disciplines could apply for the 'fast-track' medical degree to be completed in four years.

Dr Edwards commented upon the Research Assessment Exercise for 2001 and expressed his disappointment that no-one from Leicester had been selected to chair panels for the Exercise.

Dr Edwards cited the following as the challenges for Higher Education in the future:

- widen participation
- improve employability skills of graduates
- expand continuing professional development
- contribute to life-long learning
- expand applied research
- contribute to economic regeneration
- reduce social exclusion

Dr Edwards said there was an increasing expectation from Government and society for universities to maintain the traditional activities of undergraduate teaching and curiosity-driven research, as well as engage in the above activities. But he added: 'With a University of this size, we cannot be expected to do all of these things. We have to concentrate on niche areas. These niche areas will be determined by considering what we are good at and what is in demand.'

Dr Edwards said the University's strategic review had established the following key issues:

- We will maintain our position as an undergraduate residential university attracting good quality students
- We will build on our success in providing distance learning postgraduate courses based on our research expertise
- We will maintain our position in research

Dr Edwards spoke of the increased competition in the HE sector in particular the creation of 'virtual universities'. He said Leicester's distance learning provision could also be viewed in this light.

After a series of questions that touched upon short-term contracts; changes in adult education; graduate schools; inter-university collaboration and TQA assessments, the Vice-Chancellor received a round of applause from the staff.



GEOGRAPHIES OF THE FUTURE REVEALED AT LEICESTER

THINKING about geographies of the future was revealed as more than an armchair exercise at the annual conference of British Geographers which was held on the campus in early January.

Over a period of three days, participants were involved in some 430 paper presentations and panel discussions on a range of possible futures – from climate change and its relationship with land surface change, through new geographies of employment and regional governance, to developments in urban transport and information technology.

The whole of the staff from the Department of Geography was involved in organising this prestigious conference, although Dr Johnathan Young (as Local Secretary), Mr David Orme (as Financial Co-ordinator) and Mrs Margaret Robinson (as Conference Administrator) must take the main credit for the smooth operation and success of proceedings.

What then of future geographies? A flavour of the answers provided can be gained by tracing the contributions to the conference of some of the academic staff in the Department of Geography.

Three broadly defined aspects of the future were investigated. The first concerns future climatic change and its consequences. Dr Sue McLaren and Dr Dominic Kniveton, for example, convened a full day of papers which linked climate change to land surface change. The most dramatic contribution was a climate model that predicted the onset of another glacial episode following an initial greenhouse-gas warmed phase.

In a parallel session convened by Professor Tony Parsons, consideration was given to how climate change might influence the global hazard of soil erosion – here much depends on how successfully 'sustainable' farming systems can be introduced into different countries as they become drier/wetter. Modelling future physical systems was also the focus of the papers organised by Dr Francis Mayle, although on this occasion in relation to plant communities. Variations in atmospheric carbon dioxide seem likely to change the composition of much of our 'natural' vegetation, including, in the UK, forests, moorlands and wetlands. Investigating these ecological phenomena through aerial photography and remote sensing (satellite imagery) was a theme of Professor Andrew Millington and Dr Jane Wellens' two-day programme of papers. They were able to report

A review by Dr Ian Bowler of the annual conference of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers held at the University on 4-7 January.

on their research project in Bolivia which is examining changes to humid tropical forest, dry deciduous forest and savannas. How we might visualise such futures using computer simulations was the theme of Professor Peter Fisher's session on 'virtual geographies'. Virtual reality techniques enable us to 'visit' past, present and future places without the necessity of moving out of the laboratory!

The second theme concerns likely human experiences as we move into the next millennium. For example, Dr Anna Bee convened a session on the

potential of the Internet for shaping our future 'Information Society', with potential consequences for such matters as the way we are governed, how humans form communities and the effect on children's development of access to the internet (known technically as computer mediated communication).

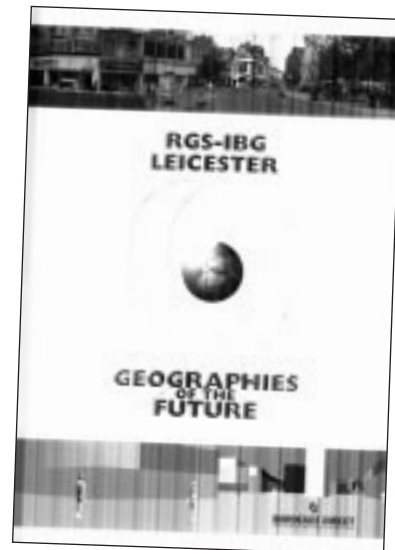
In contrast, the future of public service provision was examined by Mr Chris Taylor, especially the new patterns of social exclusion that are emerging through the operation of quasi-markets in areas such as education, skill training and health services.

At the wider global scale, Dr Richard Smith showed how legal and banking services will be provided for us through globally organised businesses. People's future experiences were also considered in the session convened by Dr Martin Phillips on 'millennium ruralities'. It appears that we can expect an increasingly urbanised countryside containing the type of retailing, manufacturing and service provision at present associated with towns and cities. There is also the prospect of a higher level of rural resettlement than we are currently experiencing. How the post-socialist areas of Europe will shape up in the new millennium was discussed in Dr David Turnock's symposium, where the removal of present levels of insecurity and disorientation appears far from assured.

The third theme concerned the interface between the physical environment and human experience at present and in the future. Foremost were the dozen reports on the Jordan Badia Research and Development Programme with which Professor Andrew Millington and Dr Jane Wellens are associated. At issue is population growth in a semi-arid environment, with consequences for the future of an essentially pastoral society. This requires the monitoring of groundwater quality, soil moisture and vegetation dynamics on the one hand, and land colonisation, the industrial potential of clay minerals and environmental degradation on the other.

This rich mixture of presentations received a pleasing level of attention from the national press. Full and half-page reports were carried for each day of the conference by the *Guardian*, *Times*, *Telegraph* and *Independent*. As always they tended to pick out the novel and the contentious and missed the wide range of supporting activities such as the guest speakers (Mr Tariq Ali, Professor Michael Watts, Professor Ron Cooke), the poster presentations, the sponsored meetings (Direct Wines of Reading and Severn Trent Water), and the field excursions (Leicester as an Environment City - led by Dr Alan Strachan, and The National Forest – led by Dr Francis Mayle).

All visitors, however, could not but be impressed by the way in which all parts of the University responded to the exacting and demanding challenge of one of the largest three-day conferences seen on campus. Staff in the Conference and Accommodation Offices contributed considerably to a most successful conference.



TAKING A BREAK: Professor Tony Parsons, Dr Geoff Robinson, Dr Rita Gardner (Director of RGS-IBG) and Professor Peter Fisher.

SET99 Events @



Leicester University

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

Department of Physics and Astronomy
Free public lecture on the science of extraterrestrial life
Monday 8 March • 7pm-8.30pm • Lecture Theatre 1, New Building

THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL ROADSHOW

Department of Physics and Astronomy
Schools' Lecture (ages 12-13) • 8-12 March

SINGING IN THE RAIN

Department of Geography - Explore the Rainfall Laboratory
Open to schools and public during a day in SET Week (12-19 March) • Booking essential

ELECTRONIC ATLAS OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

Department of Geography
Exciting insights into the two counties for students of all ages and members of the public
Contact Jacky Wetzig for details

INTO THE UNDERWORLD

Geology Department
University 'Time Team' takes roadshow to schools in Leicestershire to demonstrate surveying techniques • 8-12 March

ENERGY SHOW

School of Education PGCE Students working with SHELL Education
Venue Snibston Discovery Park (Tel: 01530 510851) • Various times during SET Week

ALIENS

Department of Physics and Astronomy
Radio Leicester science questions with a panel of experts
Sunday 14 March, 2.00pm • Snibston Discovery Park (Tel: 01530 510851)

FROM CLUSTERS TO NANOROBOTS

Department of Physics and Astronomy
Lecture on the Physics and Technology of Nanoscale Materials
Demonstrations, computer animations and slides
Tuesday 16 March, 7.30pm-8.30pm • Bennett Lecture Theatre 1

ORIGINS OF THE UNIVERSE

Department of Physics and Astronomy
Lecture at Sharnbrook Upper School, Bedfordshire • Tuesday 16 March

FLUORINE, THE TYRANNOSAURUS REX OF THE ELEMENTS

Department of Chemistry
A demonstration lecture about fluorine for the Northamptonshire Cluster Group of Schools
Friday 19 March

EARTHQUAKES

Department of Geography
Lecture at Skegness Grammar School • Thursday 25 March

March '99

For more information on any event contact Jacky Wetzig, 0116 252 2674

Full Details of SET events at Leicester University are on our website: <http://www.le.ac.uk>

We are looking for contributors to this section. If you wish to review the cuttings, please contact Barbara Whiteman on ext 2676.

CUTTINGS

Hundreds of cuttings pour into the Press Office at Leicester University from around the world chronicling the activities of staff and students. Dr Rosemary Sage, from the School of Education, review a selection from recent weeks.

1999 dawns and we whirl into the last waltz of the 20th Century with the Millennium beckoning us with enticing new pleasures reported in this month's press.

The scene was set by a glorious Christmas sunrise that 'took people's breath away all over Leicestershire' (*Leicester Mercury*, 22 December). A picture of silhouetted flats and the Sparkenhoe Street mosque against a brilliant flame sky captivated readers. This dawn phenomenon was explained by Professor

models of the famous Krotto C60, which won Sir Harry the 1997 Nobel Prize for Chemistry. The fact that the carbon molecules resemble a soccer ball proved motivating, and Professor Holloway, Dean of Science here, pronounced the whole event 'highly successful' (*Leicester Mercury*, 17 December).

Further exciting challenges are afoot, or more precisely a-pedal, as Leicester University student, Liz Lezmore, prepares for a 350 km bike journey to the promised land of the Middle East. She aims to raise money for medical research into lung diseases such as bronchitis and asthma, and is arranging a Red Balloon Ball at Leicester's Grand Hotel in January (*Leicester Mail*, 17 December). Contact can be made via the British Lung Foundation on 0171-8315831.

Liz prefers her challenges on the flat, but ex-Leicester University student, Captain Jaisham Mahan, sets his Millennium target to climb Everest and scale the heights of South Georgia with the Army Medical Services team. The *Aldershot*

Mail recently reported that

Jaisham has won a Young Achiever's Award for his investigation into the effects of altitude on mountaineers' sight. His research has taken him to Mt Kenya and Kilimanjaro in East Africa, as well as the mountains of Turkey and Zimbabwe. Recently, he climbed Mt Elbus in Russia, which at is the highest peak in Europe, only just opened up to international mountaineers. His passion for climbing started at Leicester University. I suppose he was one of those abseiling students that entertain you as you stagger out of late night lectures from the School of Education!

Millennium challenges were very much in sight at an International Conference focusing on geography issues reported in *The Times* and *Telegraph* on 7

January. The theme was 'Geographies of the Future' and attention was attracted by papers on pollution control and traffic management. Dr Knowles, of Salford University, had a strong message asserting that better buses 'will fail to part Mondeo man from his car'. The bike-riding and peak-climbing 'missionaries', Liz and Jaisham, had better get to work for pollution as well as medical research!

Top Gear TV Presenter, Quentin Willson, son of the late Emeritus Professor of German at Leicester University, has another bash at car drivers, believing they become cocooned in their vehicles and got carried away thinking they are above the laws of the land. Those of us who drive need to pay more attention to our driving skills to reduce problems on the road. Quentin is somewhat of a driving expert having owned and driven over 2,000 cars! He developed his passion whilst a student at Leicester University, turning up for lectures in a succession of jaunty sports cars (*Birmingham Mail*, 30 December).

However, speed and pace isolate many people and Human Communication International spell out their vision of the future in *Communication Matters* (12 December). A Conference entitled Inter-cultural Communication takes place on Saturday 24 April, at which Dr Martin Cortazzi from this University, is the key speaker along with his wife, Lixian Jin, from De Montfort University. They aim to outline how communication works in various multicultural and intercultural contexts. The programme includes

The Diana, Princess of Wales Awards for Communication, approved by Her Majesty the Queen. The day ends with a demonstration of how the Indian classical dance style of Bharat Natyam from the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India introduces new concepts of expression and communication (enquiries to the School of Education on 0116-2523688). Thus, Leicester University promises to be in the news celebrating the good things in life and contemplating a better future in the new Millennium in which we give priority to quality and effectiveness of communication in order to improve the lot of people world-wide.

What the Papers Say suggests that Leicester University has both the will and the way to develop and implement many different challenges in the next thousand years. The news of the past weeks, in a variety of local and national press, confirms this and puts Leicester at the forefront of major developments in a number of very different fields.



GOOD COMMUNICATIONS: Dr Martin Cortazzi from the School of Education will explain at an April Conference in the University's Fraser Noble Hall how communication works in various multicultural and intercultural contexts.

Llewellyn-Jones, of Leicester University's Space Research Centre, as due to particles in the upper atmosphere associated with high humidity. This gives truth to the old saying 'Red sky in the morning, shepherd's warning' as rain was on the way to provide sparkle in large drops for the last few days of the year.

Eyes were further fixed on the skies when Sir Harry Krotto landed at Leicester University for the Inaugural Christmas Lecture on space, shape and science, arranged by the Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society. Sir Harry, an honorary graduate of Leicester, enlightened and entertained the audience on stars in the universe and the shape of complex molecules. By the end of the day, the children were busily building

PRESSING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Stephanie Young, an MSc graduate from the University's Centre for Labour Market Studies, was recently interviewed by Olga Wojtas of the *Times Higher Education Supplement* for a feature which appeared in the issue of 25 December on the importance of training for Scottish economic development. Stephanie, who is the first Director of Lifelong Learning in Scotland, would like to see the establishment of a Minister for Learning in Scotland.

She is the co-author of a book published by Routledge entitled *Changing Vocational Education and Training: An International Comparative Perspective*.

BOOKS

TELEVISION AND THE PRESS SINCE 1945

Dr Ralph Negrine, Centre for Mass Communication Research

Documents in Contemporary History Series,
Manchester University Press,
December 1998, £35.00 (hardback), £12.99 (paperback)
Available from the Bookshop
ISBN 0 7190 4920 2 (hardback), 0 7190 4921 0 (paperback)

This volume of documents provides a comprehensive account of the development of the British media from 1945 to 1998. Using a broad selection of extracts from both official and unofficial documents, it traces the story of the growth of television and newspapers in British society.

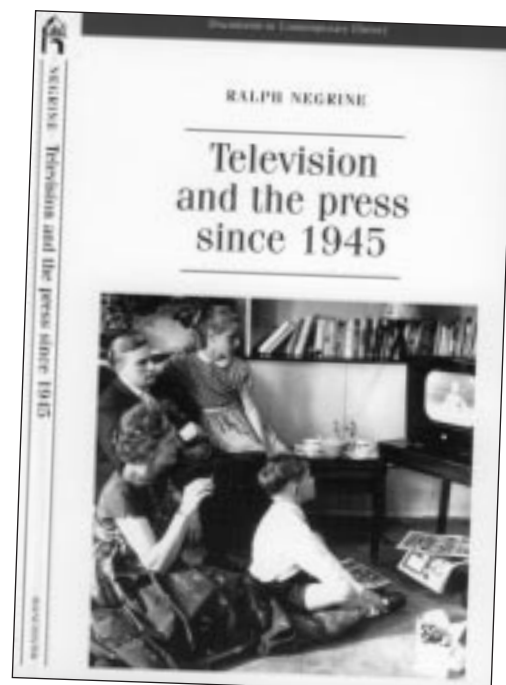
Each of the extracts has been selected to give an insight into the ways in which media

developments were understood at different stages and the sorts of issues and problems which concerned those who had to review or legislate on these matters.

The introductory chapter sets the background to the period and to the study of the history of the media. The next three chapters look

thematically at the development of terrestrial broadcasting, the advent of cable and satellite, and the development of political broadcasting. The final two chapters focus on the development of the press and its changing role in society.

• Dr Negrine is a Senior Lecturer in the Centre for Mass Communication Research.



REGISTERING A CHANGING PICTURE: The cover photograph of the book, *Television and the Press Since 1945*, is of a family watching television in the 1950s.

AMERICA, RUSSIA AND THE COLD WAR, 1941-1998

Professor John W Young, Department of Politics
Second Edition, Longman Companions to History,
Longman, December 1998,
£14.99 (paperback)

Available from the Bookshop
ISBN 0 582 36901 0

In 1993 Longman published John Young's *Companion to Cold War and Detente, 1941-91*. Now, five years later, Professor Young has revised and updated the original book to take account of recent, momentous events.

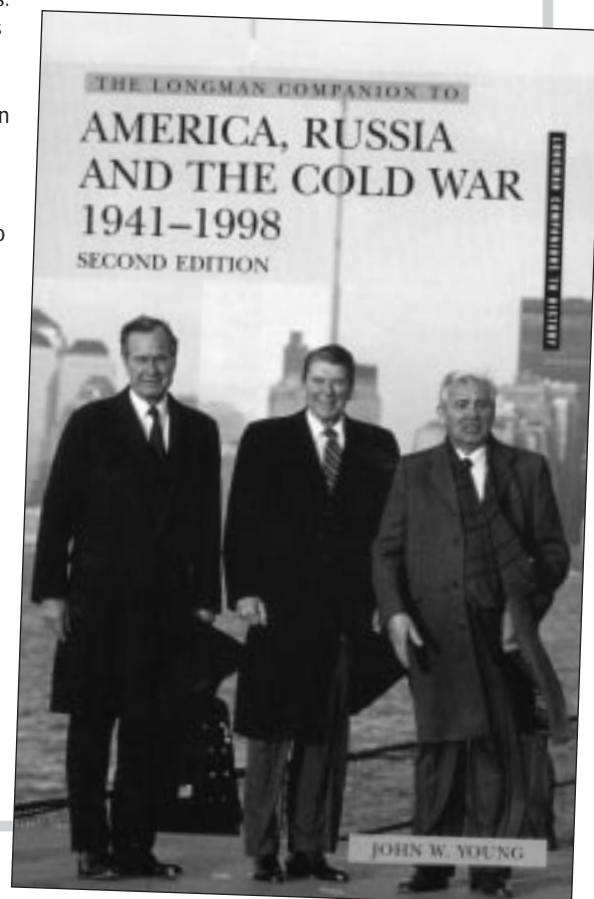
Although the Cold War is a chapter of history that has ended, nevertheless we all still live with its effects and its legacy. As ever the book surveys East-West relations, in all their manifestations, from the Grand Alliance of the Second World War to the aftermath of the collapse of the Soviet Union in the 1990s. Now reset and redesigned (but with the original structure retained) the book includes:

- a major **Chronology**, now set out in 14 stages, which draws together all the different aspects and theatres of the Cold War into a single 'narrative'
- concise accounts of over 70 **Crises and Conflicts**, and their significance
- notes on all major **Conferences and Summits** in the period and 43 **Treaties and Organisations**
- lists and dates of the key **Office-holders**
- concise **Biographies** of over 100 major political figures of the Cold War

'Young has provided a quick and dependable way into the issues of this era for the novice and a means of checking less well-known details for the expert. Even for the well-informed this volume contains new insights.'
Intelligence and National Security (of the First Edition)

- a **Glossary** of terms
 - statistical data on the US/Soviet balance of **Strategic Nuclear Weapons** 1956-79
 - Eight **Maps**, including two new maps for this edition; and an annotated **Bibliography** now brought fully up-to-date.
- Though centred on the international policies of the USA and the USSR, the book throws light on almost every aspect of postwar international history from the rise of Mao's China to the Bosnian civil war, ranging from Vietnam to Angola, from Afghanistan to Cuba, from Margaret Thatcher to Kim Il Sung. Undoubtedly it will continue to be an invaluable aid to anyone interested in the history and politics of modern times.

The book's cover shows George Bush, Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, during the latter's visit to New York in December 1988.



BOOKS

REGIME AND SOCIETY IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY RUSSIA

Selected Papers from the Fifth World Congress of Central and East European Studies, Warsaw, 1995
Edited by Ian D Thatcher, Department of History
Macmillan Press, January 1999, £45 (hardback)

Available from the Bookshop
ISBN 0 333 69554 2

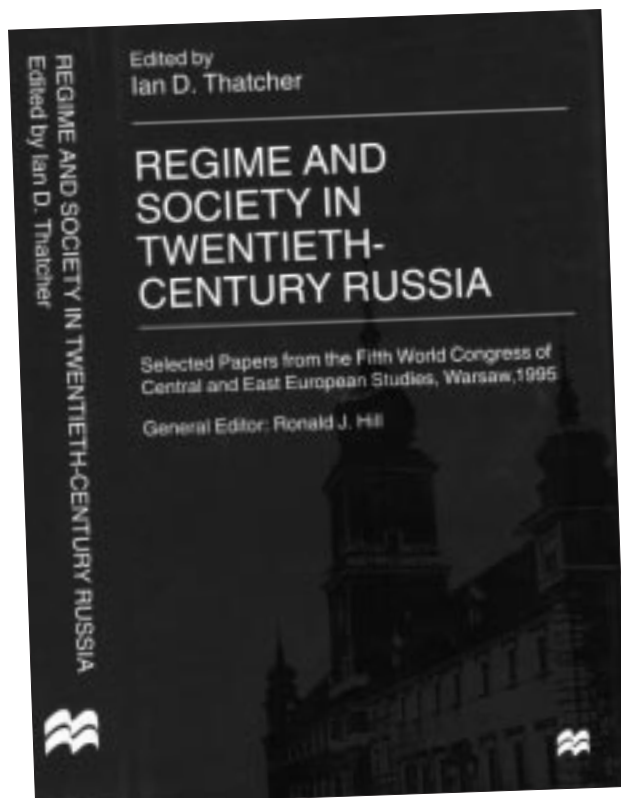
This book contains fresh approaches to the interaction between regime and society in twentieth-century Russia. It provides:

- a new definition of 'totalitarianism' in order to understand the relationship between government and governed;
- a re-examination of Leopold Haimson's famous thesis of crisis in pre-revolutionary Russia from the perspective of the latest findings;
- a first look at Trotsky's writings on the Duma – Russia's parliament – introducing a 'democratic' Trotsky radically different from the familiar 'demon';
- a fascinating analysis of twentieth-century Russian constitutionalism, showing the extent of progress made;
- a debate on the extent of Lenin's contribution to the building of the Soviet dictatorship;
- a revelation of the decision-making process that produced the Lenin cult.

Several papers highlight the alternative visions to authoritarian governments produced by Russian economists, historians and writers. These visions were either foolishly repressed and contributed to the fall of the Soviet system, or provide a vital element of the contemporary Russian democracy.

The book is one of a series, *Selected Papers from the Fifth World Congress of Central and East European Studies, Warsaw, 1995*, edited for the International Council for Central and East European Studies by Ronald J Hill, Professor of Comparative Government at Trinity College, University of Dublin.

- Ian Thatcher lectures in twentieth-century European history.



PEOPLE

PROFESSOR SIR ALAN HODGKIN, OM

A memorial service for Professor Sir Alan Hodgkin, who served as Chancellor of the University of Leicester between 1971 and 1984, has been arranged for Saturday 24 April at 2.00 pm in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge.

DR D T WILLIAMS

A memorial event for Dr Danny Williams will be held at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 10 March in Lecture Theatre 3, New Building.

OBITUARIES

The University has learnt, with regret, of the death of the following:

MR K PAGE

The musician Kenneth Page – violinist, violist, conductor and artistic director – died on 3 January 1999, aged 71.

Ken began playing at the University in 1961 as violinist in the Archduke Trio which was formed that year along with the cellist, Oliver Brookes, and pianist, James Walker. The Trio, which was appointed to Leicester



three years later, is – so far as one can discover – the longest-serving resident ensemble in a British university. A year later, the Voces Intimae Quartet (VIQ) gave its first performance at a lunchtime concert on 23 November. On 11 November last year, Ken, with the VIQ, gave what was to be his final

chamber-music concert.

The Archduke Trio's appointment also included instrumental teaching one day a week, and it was characteristic of Ken that he let little stand in his way, including, as it turned out, a visit to the specialist in November 1998 that would confirm that he had cancer. In his teaching he expected and usually gained the loyalty of everyone with whom he worked. His experience in this field was considerable, and his flexible approach allowed him to cater for the individual needs of students.

Indeed, it was always music of quality that appealed to Ken. He was a very fine viola player as performances of the Telemann Concerto and Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante demonstrated. In the mid 70s, both my predecessor, Andrew Wilson-Dickson, and I wrote ensemble pieces that included a viola part for Ken.

While maintaining a freelance career, Kenneth Page led a busy and versatile musical life that included membership of the then Midland Light and frequent performances with the BBC Welsh Orchestra. He was often asked to join ad hoc orchestras at Birmingham University and elsewhere.

In 1957 he helped set up and eventually ran the Orchestra da Camera (OdaC), now one of England's senior chamber orchestras. Ken steered the orchestra from its earliest days in Birmingham Art Gallery to venues right across the Midlands, from Songs of Praise to regular concerts at Aston and Leicester Universities and, most recently, a residency at Loughborough University. In recognition of his services to music Kenneth

PEOPLE

Page was awarded honorary degrees from both Aston and Leicester Universities. The management of OdaC will continue in the safe hands of his wife, Brenda, and daughter, Rosalind.

From 1959-1985, Kenneth Page guided and conducted the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra through a vast repertoire which included six Mahler symphonies of which Numbers 2 and 6 received their first Leicester performances in the De Montfort Hall; the Eighth, which was the subject of a BBC 2 documentary programme, was performed in the Royal Albert Hall.

What defined Ken's playing was its musicality; its sense of style and, very importantly, an awareness of the music's construction – its form, its interrelationships. With his natural sense of leadership and authoritative tone, he guided the listener through a composer's, often intricate, creation.

Ken was generous: he created opportunities for many musicians, soloists as well as rank-and-file players; he encouraged composers to write for him, including Trevor Hold, Andrew Wilson-Dickson and James Walker and myself, as well as the Midlands- (now Canadian-) based Philip McConnell.

Of Ken's enormous contribution to concerts at Leicester, I retain a special affection for an evening devoted to the music of the Leicester composer Benjamin Burrows, and to a similarly devised occasion celebrating the centenary of Peter Warlock's birth. In two successive years he persuaded the exemplary clarinettist Jack Brymer to join the VIO in performances of quintets by Mozart and Brahms.

No-one who knew Ken will fail to have recognised his humour – humour, particularly of situations. You had only to mention the harp for him to recount the tale of the harpist, locked out of Lichfield Cathedral, listening to the piece she should have been playing; or how this same musician, by rolling over in bed, caused the death of Brahms – her dog. There was not, it seemed, a piece of music for which Ken did not have a story.

We have lost a fine musician who will be sorely missed. Our thoughts go out to Brenda, who gave Ken every support, and to their son and daughter, Julian and Rosalind.

Anthony Pither

MR C H PORTER

Charles Hyatt Porter died suddenly on New Year's Eve, 1998. He was born in Kirby Muxloe in 1924 and he moved to Highfields, Leicester when he was four. He attended Coleman Road School and Alderman Newton's Boys' Grammar School from 1936 to 1940. After school, he was employed as a Statistics Clerk with Leicester City Transport until he volunteered in 1942 for the Fleet Air Arm. Most of his service was spent on aircraft carriers. When the war ended, he was in the Far Eastern theatre, based in Australia.



After demobilisation in 1946, he followed a course in Business Studies at the Leicester College of Art and Technology, and then worked in the administrative sections of the Leicester General and Isolation Hospitals before joining the University's Bursar's Office as a Chief Clerk in

December 1963, a position he held until retirement in June 1989. He was in the Bursar's Office at an exciting time of growth and development. Along with a variety of tasks – mainly financial – he was for a time responsible for the management of the Student Houses.

Charles was an active member of the Departmental Staff Common Room Association from the beginning, and was in charge of the tennis and badminton evenings throughout his service and for a number of years after he had retired. A long-standing DSCR Committee member, he was Chairman for seven years. He also served on the University's Catering Committee.

A keen sportsman – he had been a Junior Swimming Champion at Alderman Newton's and had played rugby after the war for Westleigh RFC – he maintained his interest in swimming with an enthusiastic group of DSCR members during regular sessions at local baths.

With his wife, whom he married in 1949, Charles shared a love of walking and the seaside. His favourite holiday haunts over the years were Wells-next-the-Sea and the North Norfolk Coast. He loved animals, occasionally spending time as a voluntary helper at the Animal Aid Kennels in Thurmaston. In conversation with Charles, frequent topics were the two cats and the squirrels that called round at home in Pine Tree Avenue.

It was a mark of the man that no-one had a harsh word to say about Charles. He was a conscientious colleague and a trustworthy and loyal friend who will be sadly missed. He is survived by his wife, Margaret.

Terry Garfield

MR J ORGILL

John Orgill died suddenly on Wednesday 30 December 1998. Mr Orgill joined the University Gardens Section in 1947. Although he was very happy working in that Section, he felt an indoor job would suit him better in the years leading up to his retirement, and so, in 1972, he transferred to the post of Hall Porter in the Fielding Johnson Building. John retired on 30 January 1987.

Many colleagues will remember John's cheery but professional approach. He brought an air of confidence and authority to the position, greeting staff with a cheerful 'good morning' even on the bleakest of days. In John's time, there was no desk in the reception area, and certainly no cosy office. The Hall Porters stood in that area, often feeling the effects of the cold winter wind. John would remain cheerful – whatever the weather.

He will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends at the University.

Jim Shaw

MR R O D LEWIS

Richard Lewis, who was awarded an LLM in Law and Employment Relations with distinction and graduated in July 1998, died suddenly and unexpectedly on 15 December 1998. Richard was a trade union lawyer of great perspicacity and considerable insight. A warm and open man of great personal energy and vitality, his death at the age of 32 seems all the more shocking.

Colin Bourn

Information about the death of a member of the University's staff or a student (past or present) should be given to Vivienne Paul, the Registrar's Secretary, who will ensure that the details are disseminated throughout the University via CWIS. Her telephone number is 0116 252 2411.



ESTATES & BUILDINGS OFFICE - GROUP BUSINESS TRAVEL INSURANCE

There is an increasing requirement for business travel abroad and I am aware that some members of staff take out policies in their own name on a 12-month basis to obtain unlimited travel cover, owing to their business and personal travel patterns. Individuals should scrutinise policy details extremely carefully regarding cover and exclusion clauses, as such packages may only be Holiday Care policies for which there could be exclusion clauses for business travel or certain types of business activity, eg manual work, high risk activities.

The University provides Business Travel Cover for members of staff or students who are undertaking a journey on University business which involves travel outside England, Scotland and Wales for the duration of each individual visit.

The basis of cover provided under this plan, which covers the age group 16-75 years, is summarised below, and it should be noted that this is in addition to the benefits provided by the University's Employers' and Public Liability policies.

PREMIUMS:

Duration	Europe £	World Wide £
3 days	5.00	9.00
5 days	6.00	10.00
9 days	7.00	12.00
16 days	9.00	14.00
23 days	11.00	17.00
1 month	13.00	20.00
2 months	21.00	32.00
3 months	28.00	43.00
4 months	35.00	55.00
5 months	41.00	65.00
6 months	48.00	75.00
7 months	54.00	86.00
8 months	62.00	98.00
9 months	69.00	110.00
10 months	77.00	124.00
11 months	86.00	138.00
12 months	94.00	153.00

These premiums, effective from 1 August 1998, are at a competitive Group rate that benefits from the University's extensive travel pattern and claims experience record.

BENEFITS:

1 Personal Accident	up to £20,000
2 Medical and Emergency Travel Expenses	up to £5,000,000
3 Baggage	up to £2,000
4 Money	up to £1,000
5 Cancellation/Curtailment/Travel Disruption/ Replacement	up to £2,000
6 Hijack	up to £250 per day
7 Personal Liability	up to £2,000,000 any one occurrence
8 Hospital Benefit	20 days @ £50, 345 days @ £15
9 Travel Delay	up to £240
10 Legal Expenses	up to £25,000
11 Passport Indemnity	up to £500

NOTES: Benefit(s) excludes cancellation etc. arising in connection with pregnancy within 2 months of expected date of confinement. Excess of £20.00 applies in respect of benefits 2, 3 and 4 each and every claim.

NOTES:

- (i) Cover for journeys in excess of twelve months can be arranged on the completion of a medical questionnaire and a quotation can be obtained on request.
- (ii) Increase in Personal Accident cover over £20,000 costs £2.50 per £10,000 cover up to a maximum of £50,000.
- (iii) The policy does not provide cover for holidays, but where a visit abroad comprises business and holiday activity, special one-off policies can be arranged for which the University will be responsible only for the business element of the premium.
- (iv) Cover can be arranged for partners/children accompanying staff on business trips.

The University retains the Master Group Policy and a certificate is issued which can be used as proof of cover being in force (particularly important in respect of the Medical Expenses cover) and provides contact information for the International Assistance Services. **To arrange cover or discuss any aspect of travel insurance** contact Sue Kilburn, Principal Clerk (5629) or Jenny Jones, Chief Clerk (2508) with details of itinerary, inclusive dates and department/ research expenditure code to be charged.

Despite reciprocal medical arrangements between European Community countries, adequate cover is essential for peace of mind.

DAVID MASTERS - Estates and Buildings Accountant (2505)



NOTICES

SENIOR COMMON ROOM

Annual Subscription

Members are reminded that the annual subscription for the SCR is now due. The subscription rate has remained constant for several years but increasing costs, especially in the purchase of newspapers, has meant that the subscription rate needs to increase. At the last AGM a modest increase from £11 to £12 was agreed. From this month onwards, subscription contributions will be switched from an annual payment to an automatic monthly deduction from your salary at £1 per month. Anyone who wishes to withdraw from the SCR should contact Mrs Janice Lydall, Estates and Buildings Office (ext 2506).

CHRISTMAS CARD CHARITY APPEAL

Instead of exchanging Christmas cards within the University, members of staff in the University's administration raised £303.82, which has been donated to the Leicester Royal Infirmary CARIS Appeal. The money has been paid into the CT Scanner Appeal, which will help to improve scanning facilities at the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

DEVELOPING LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

The Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE) has recently published two reports. The first, *Developing Key Skills through Work Placement*, by Brenda Little of the Open University, deals with a subject high on the agenda of the Government, business and academia. It notes the role quality work experience can play in developing key skills, and suggests some good practice and some questions that might be asked by employers, students, universities and colleges.

Continuing Professional Development is a key component of lifelong learning and the case studies in the second of these new reports, *Partnership for the Professions*, notes how organisations and higher education can work together to support individual development.

• Copies of these reports can be obtained from CIHE, 344-354 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8BP, telephone 0171 855 9712, email cihe@btinternet.com. The *Key Skills* main report costs £10, the *Key Skills* summary and *Partnership for the Professions* are free.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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FORTHCOMING INAUGURAL LECTURES

Tuesday February 16

The Construction of Geographical Information. Professor Peter Fisher, Professor of Geographical Information. 5.30 pm. Lecture Theatre 1, The New Building. Open to the public and free.

Tuesday March 9

Taxing the Intellect - Educating Tomorrow's Doctors. Professor Stewart Petersen, Professor of Medical Education. 5.30 pm. Lecture Theatre 1, The New Building. Open to the public and free.

THE 1999 CONVOCATION LECTURE

Thursday February 18

'The Grand Slam' – an illustrated account of David's expeditions in recent years. Dr David Hempleman-Adams. 8.00 pm. Lecture Theatre 1, New Building.

Tuesday February 9

Lunchtime Soundbite: Leics Arts Music Students – chamber music and more. 12.45 pm. Sandwiches, soup and refreshments on sale from 12.45 pm. Richard Attenborough Centre.

Tuesday February 9

Leicester Early Modern Seminar: Women and Neighbourhood 'Policing' in Early Modern England. Bernard Capp, University of Warwick. 5.30 pm. History of Art Slide Room, Attenborough 1707.

Wednesday February 19

Department of Economic and Social History Lunch Time 'Brown Bag' Seminar: Market or empire? British settler societies in the international economy. Dr Bernard Attard. 12.30 pm. Attenborough 802B.

Wednesday February 10

Lunchtime Concert: Student recital. 12.45 pm. Music Room, 10th Floor, Charles Wilson Building. Admission free.

Wednesday February 10

The Stanley Burton Centre for Holocaust Studies Lecture: He Saved Ten Thousand Jews: the Story of Thomas Foley. Michael Smith. 5.15 pm. Lecture Theatre One, The New Building. All welcome.

Wednesday February 10

Evening Concert: The fourth in a series of six concerts given by The Lindsays. 7.30 pm. Fraser Noble Building, London Road. For more information contact the Department of Music on 0116 252 2781.

Thursday February 11

Lunchtime Soundbite: Pete Castle – singer of traditional English songs, teller of traditional tales. 12.45 pm. Sandwiches, soup and refreshments on sale from 12.45 pm. Richard Attenborough Centre.

Thursday February 11

Psychology Department Invited Speaker Seminar: Spatial orientation and the human hippo campus. Dr Robin Morris, Institute of Psychiatry. 1.00 pm. Room 210. Coffee will be available from 12 noon onwards in the Staff Common Room. Everyone welcome.

Thursday February 11

Department of English Local History Seminar: The Essex gentry 1381-1450: county community or county of communities? Mr Christopher Starr. 2.15 - 4.00 pm. Seminar Room, Marc Fitch House, 5 Salisbury Road. Please notify Mrs Pauline Whitmore on 0116 252 2762 the day before as spaces are limited.

Thursday February 11

Department of Economics Staff Seminar Programme: Return to the core and globalisation: two sides to the same coin? Professor David Kelsey, University of Birmingham. 4.30 – 6.00 pm. New SR 324.

Thursday February 11

Geographical Association Meeting: Soil Erosion on Agricultural Land. Professor Anthony Parsons, University of Leicester. 7.30 pm. Bennett Building. Non-members welcome.

Friday February 12

Centre for Urban History Seminar: Subscriber Democracy Reconsidered: Monument-Building in Early Nineteenth Century Baltimore and Liverpool. Joshua Civin, Merton College, Oxford. 2.15 pm. Seminar Room, Centre for Urban History, 108 Regent Road.

Saturday February 13

Evening Concert: Beethoven & Poulenc. 7.30 pm. Fraser Noble Building, London Road. Tickets £6 (£4; £2). For more information contact the Department of Music on 0116 252 2781.

Monday February 15

Royal Society of Chemistry Lecture: Molecular Compounds of Group 13 Metals: Life at the Limits of 'Stability'. 4.00 pm. Lecture Room C, Department of Chemistry.

Tuesday February 16

Lunchtime Soundbite: Operatic duets, arias, boys and girls in opera. 12.45 pm. Sandwiches, soup and refreshments on sale from 12.45 pm. Richard Attenborough Centre.

Wednesday February 17

Lunchtime Concert: Peter Cropper (violin), Ian Lake (piano). 12.45 pm. Fraser Noble Hall. Admission Free. This concert has been made possible with funds from the Ernest Mathieson Bequest.

Thursday February 18

Lunchtime Soundbite: Sara Norris (mezzo-soprano) and Moira Finch (piano). 12.45 pm. Sandwiches, soup and refreshments on sale from 12.45 pm. Richard Attenborough Centre.

Thursday February 18

Department of English Local History Seminar: A New People: the social and geographical mobility of English Catholics in the eighteenth century. University of Wolverhampton. 2.15 – 4.00 pm. Seminar Room Marc Fitch House, 5 Salisbury Road. Please notify Mrs Pauline Whitmore on 0116 252 2762 the day before as spaces are limited.

Friday February 19

Centre for Urban History Seminar: Contesting communities: 'town' and 'gown' in Cambridge, c1560-1640. Alex Shepherd, St John's College, Oxford. 2.15 pm. Seminar Room, Centre for Urban History, 108 Regent Road.

Tuesday February 23

Lunchtime Soundbite: Nick Kirk sings original modern ballads. 12.45 pm. Sandwiches, soup and refreshments on sale from 12.45 pm. Richard Attenborough Centre.

Tuesday February 23

Leicester Early Modern Seminar: The Eclipse of Majesty: Royal and Aristocratic Building in England from Henry VIII to George IV. Simon Thurley, Museum of London. 5.30 pm. History of Art Slide Room, Attenborough 1707.

Wednesday February 24

Department of Economic and Social History Lunch Time 'Brown Bag' Seminar: Women in the regional economy: the East Midlands 1700-1830. Penny Lane, Centre for Urban History. 12.30 pm. Attenborough 802B.

Wednesday February 24

Lunchtime Concert: Sounds of Korea. 12.45 pm. Music Room, 10th floor, Charles Wilson Building. Admission free.

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Wednesday February 24

Astronomy Group: An Open Night will be held at the Observatory on Manor Road at 7.00 pm. Open Nights are restricted to members of the University staff and their families. Please book through the Astronomy Group Secretary on 2073.

Wednesday February 24

Evening Concert: The fifth in a series of concerts given by the Lindsays. 7.30 pm. Fraser Noble Building, London Road. Tickets £10 (£7.50; £2.50).

Wednesday February 24

Leicester Physics Centre Lecture: The X-ray Vision of the Future: X-ray Telescopes and X-ray Astronomy in the 21st Century. 7.30 pm. Lecture Theatre A, Physics Department. All members of the public invited.

Thursday February 25

Lunchtime Soundbite: Jazz combo. 12.45 pm. Sandwiches, soup and refreshments on sale from 12.45 pm. Richard Attenborough Centre.

Friday February 26

Leicestershire Classical Association Meeting: 'Mussolini and Ancient Rome'. Professor T J Cornell, University of Manchester. (Joint meeting with Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies). 12.30 pm. Attenborough Building. Refreshments, provided by CLIO (student classical society), in the foyer from 4.15 pm. For more information contact Janet Bradford on 0116 252 2777.

Saturday February 27

Evening Concert: Haydn: The Seasons. 7.30 pm. The Church of St James the Greater, London Road. Tickets £6 (£4; £2). The Music Department acknowledges assistance from the Sheila Spire Bequest in the promotion of this concert.

MARCH

Monday March 1

Royal Society of Chemistry Lecture: The Book, the Disc and the Future. Professor P W Atkins, University of Oxford. Lecture Room A, Department of Chemistry.

Tuesday March 2

Lunchtime Soundbite: Potpourri of chamber music from Leicester Grammar School. 12.45 pm. Sandwiches, soup and refreshments on sale from 12.45 pm. Richard Attenborough Centre.

Wednesday March 3

Lunchtime Concert: Jo Conquest (flute), Gaetan Le Divelec (oboe), Nést Harris (piano). 12.45 pm. Music Room, 10th Floor, Charles Wilson Building. Admission free.

Thursday March 4

Lunchtime Soundbite: Daniel Jones and Leicester University Big Band. 12.45 pm. Sandwiches, soup and refreshments on sale from 12.45 pm. Richard Attenborough Centre.

Friday March 5

Centre for Urban History Seminar: Billy Blue: Power, Popular Culture and Mimicry in Early Sydney. Ian Duffield, Edinburgh. 2.15 pm. Seminar Room, Centre for Urban History, 108 Regent Road.

Tuesday March 9

Lunchtime Soundbite: Sheila Mosely and Peter Burnham. 12.45 pm. Sandwiches, soup and refreshments on sale from 12.45 pm. Richard Attenborough Centre.

Tuesday March 9

Leicester Early Modern Seminar: 'Congregations now discontinued if they had Ministers there is a likelihood of great good': the Settling of Modern Dissent. David Wykes, Dr William's Trust and Library. 5.30 pm. History of Art Slide Room, Attenborough 1707.

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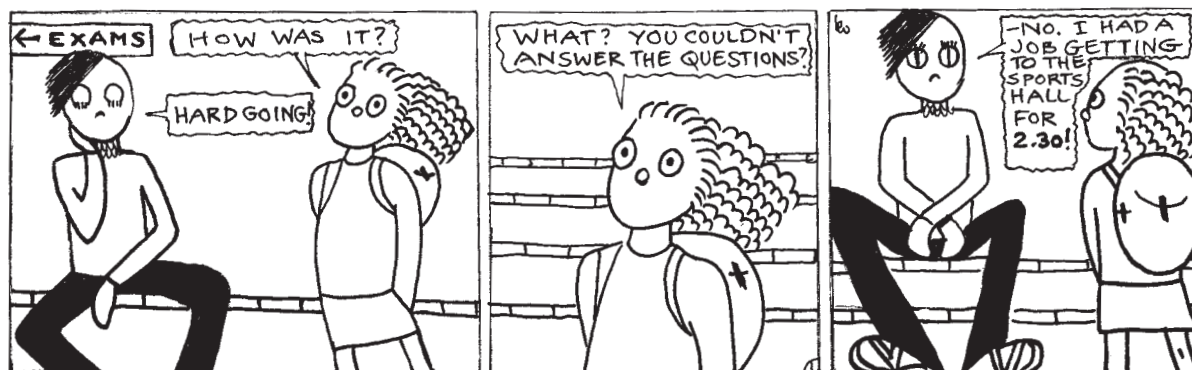
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Research degrees, Master's degrees in English Literature and Literary Research, Historical Studies, Landscape Studies, Modern Literature: Theory and Practice, Museum Studies, Post-Excavation Skills, and Victorian Studies.

Faculty of Science

Research degrees, Master's degrees in Earth Observation Science, Geographical Information Systems, Mineral Exploration, Molecular Genetics, and Systems Engineering.

Faculty of the Social Sciences

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Technology, Social Research, Sociology of Sport and Sports Management, the Study of Security Management, Training, and Training and Human Resource Management.

Faculty of Law

Research degrees, Master's degrees in Criminal Law and Justice, European and International Trade Law, Human Rights and Civil Liberties and Legal Studies.

Faculty of Medicine and Biological Sciences

Research degrees, Master of Research, Master's degrees in Forensic and Legal Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Medical Statistics and Information Technology, and Molecular Pathology and Toxicology.

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FINGS AIN'T WHAT THEY USED T'BE

Dr Julie Coleman of the English Department is researching into the development and impact of the Cant and Slang dictionary tradition. Here she looks at some of their more dubious consequences...

ENGLISH dictionaries of cant and slang existed long before their serious counterparts. From the sixteenth century, compilations of underworld slang were published as a public service. Elisha Coles' *New English Dictionary* of 1676 had this advice: 'Tis no disparagement to understand the Canting terms. It may chance to save your throat from being cut, or (at least) your pocket from being pickt.' Such dictionaries, however, could be seen as textbooks for crime, especially theft.

Parcels and luggage were an obvious target, and children were 'innocent' accomplices. Richard Head in *The Canting Academy* (1674) suggested that, when you go out begging and fortune-telling, you might tie your child to your back. Then, while you're poring over someone's palm, your child can lean over and steal the ornaments from their hats!

B.E.'s *New Canting Dictionary* (1698) recommended waiting until you saw a child sent to deliver a package. Then, 'ask them to take a message for you to a lady across the street. There is a reward for them, and you will look after the package while they carry out this

mission. As soon as their backs are turned, of course, you make off with your booty'.

Another ploy in winter-time was to use an accomplice and meet coaches coming into town (*The Whole Art of Thieving Discovered*, 1786). One would dress up as a porter to help unload the luggage when the coach stopped at the inn, while the other remained further back to make off with it once you were out of sight.

Perhaps the most elaborate (and the most topical) ruse was contained in George Parker's *A View of Society and Manners in High and Low Life* (1791) – how to win the Lottery! This required four accomplices working together. One was detailed to listen to the lottery numbers being drawn in the Guildhall, London. He then rushed to the street-corner outside, where a second was waiting on a horse. The horseman would ride post-haste to the West End where a third man was stationed outside a lottery office. He would slip the numbers to the fourth, a decently-dressed woman who had been waiting inside for some time. Knowing that she had been waiting, the clerk was happy to take her numbers for the draw. Result: a Jackpot!

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Clues Across

- Comical trophy, variegated like Joseph's coat (13)
- Weird melody, without middle notes, heard in Alps? (5)
- Grandma's crying 'Stuff!' (7)
- The year's wild, wild emotionalism (8)
- Addict is sure to get into trouble (4)
- Within two days, one is cheated (3)
- Some creature's back-plate (6)
- Sought water and put out the fire (6)
- Better farming direction (3)
- A buck is pale grey (4)
- Clear ice off, to reveal a vegetable (8)
- The end of the beam is dispersed in my radar (7)
- Beat to begin the dance (5)
- The alternative name, backed by supporter in principle (13)

Clues Down

- Disturbed chaps, only, stay – on one's couch? (13)
- Female farrier was famously beleaguered (9)
- Dead-end outcome for fifty accused (8)
- Rank controlled the detectives (6)
- Talking bird who makes the galleries, so to speak (4)
- Member of Foot, not directed westward! (3)
- Inconsistent actor: 'I don't cry freely' (13)
- Supplied by unpaid support? (3)
- Is a lesson disrupted each term? (9)
- Maid is misleadingly modest, but ultimately in charge (8)
- See translation for 'resin' (3)
- Leave an instruction to hairdresser? (6)
- A pretty show (4)
- Regret being cruel at heart (3)

PRIZE CROSSWORD 30 SOLUTION

Across: 1 Blue murder. 7 Ache. 8 Balaam. 9 Team. 10 Onside. 12 Embellishment. 14 Halfheartedly. 16 Patina. 18 Path. 19 Tailor. 20 Zinc. 21 Hodgepodge.

Down: 1 Battleship. 2 Exam. 3 Unadulterated. 4 Demonstrative. 5 Ransom. 6 Shed. 8 Barbel. 11 Entryphone. 13 Endear. 15 Flinch. 17 Acid. 18 Polo.



The lights shine out from the buildings occupied by the Chemistry Department during the dark days of winter. The undergraduate courses reflect what is going on in the world of chemistry, and research progresses in major areas such as the synthesis of anti-cancer drugs, new catalyst materials, new electro-optical devices and n.m.r. imaging.

- Photograph by Colin Brooks, Central Photographic Unit.



EYE SPY COMPETITION

LIGHT WORK

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January Competition Results:

Dr Raymond Dagleish from the Genetics Department was the winner of a film and free processing, courtesy of the University's Central Photographic Unit. The picture (right) was of part of the Richard Attenborough Centre for Disability and the Arts, situated on Lancaster Road.

